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Prison Guard Held For Bringing In Marijuana

David Mills, warden of the West Tenn. State Penitentiary at Fort Pillow, has charged one of his correctional officers, Anthony Blake, with possession of about 11 ounces of marijuana and its introduction into the prison.

Mills says the marijuana was discovered June 19th in a routine search of officers reporting for duty.

Blake is on administrative leave, pending a disciplinary hearing July 3rd.

School Board Sets Registration Dates

The Lauderdale County Board of Education set the registration dates for 8 to 10 a.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. August 4th for Ripley Primary, Ripley Elementary, Halls Elementary, and Halls Junior High Schools and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for grades 6-8 at Lauderdale Middle School. Ripley Primary School will hold a parent orientation meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. Aug. 5th.

Students new to Lauderdale County will register from 8:30 a.m. until noon July 29th at the school they will be attending. All new students will need to bring their Tennessee Health Card, Social Security Card, Terra Nova Test results (in-state students only), Birth Certificate, proof of custody papers (if applicable), and records from previous schools.

First day of classes will begin Aug. 8th except for the following:

Kindergarten classes will phase in August 8th, 11th

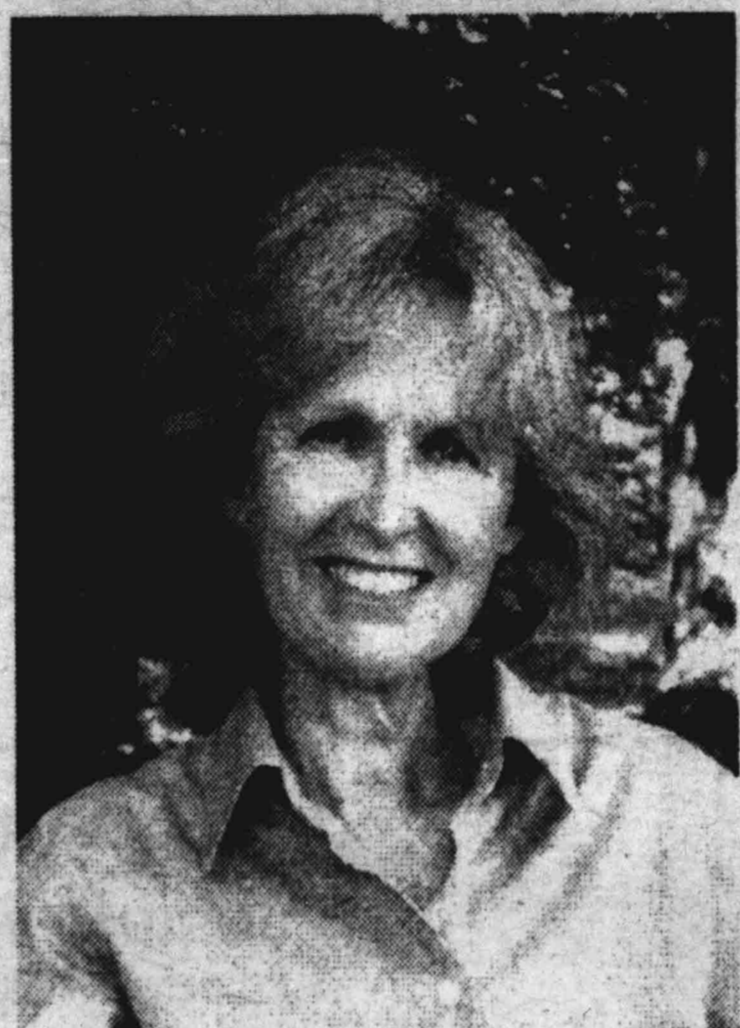
through 14th, with all students attending by August 15th. Parents will be notified as to which day or days their child will attend. Children should be five years old by Sept. 30, 2003. First grade students will phase in August 8th and 11th, all first grade students will attend by August 12th.

Ripley High School will register beginning July 31st with seniors from 8 to 10 a.m. and juniors from noon to 2 p.m. Sophomores and second year freshmen will register from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 1st. Freshmen will register Aug. 4th at 8 a.m. and stay all day with dismissal at 3 p.m.

Halls High School will register seniors from 8 to 10 a.m., juniors 10 a.m. to noon, and new students from 1 to 3 p.m. July 28th. Sophomores will register from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 1st. Freshmen will register Aug. 4th at 8 a.m. and stay all day with dismissal at 3 p.m.

The current school board policy concerning dress code will remain in effect during the 2003-04 school year. The code regarding all shirts and blouses being tucked in will be enforced. Parents should purchase school clothes with this in mind.

Candidate



LINDA WEEKS, of Curve, has announced her candidacy for the position of board member of the Forked Deer Electric Cooperative in District 3. The election is to fill the vacancy left since William Carter retired after 21 years of service.

"Our family membership in the Forked Deer Electric Cooperative began April 23rd, when my grandfather, Rozelle Turner, received his membership certificate for the Co-Op for the house and farm on the Curve Nankipoo Road. I am very pleased to continue that tradition as a Co-Op member in that same family homeplace.

I teach at Dyersburg State Community College and my husband, Bob, teaches at Halls High School. We have two married daughters, Whitney and Sarah. I am on the board of directors for Dyer County Literacy and have been on the board and served as treasurer for the Lauderdale County Council of Arts.

The role of the Forked Deer Electric Co-Op is an important part of Lauderdale County history and should continue to be an important part of growth and development in the county as we move into the 21st century. It cannot be

Classic Car Show



EXHIBITORS at the Halls Street Festival celebration Classic Car Show were, in forgotten, however, that the nature of the cooperative has not changed; it is comprised of the members who receive services through the cooperative and have the right to elect a member to represent them on the board. I hope those members who live in District 3 will come out and vote for me at 7 p.m. July 8th at the East Lauderdale Fire Station at Curve," said Weeks.

upper photo, Nelson Young, of Halls, with his 1929 Model A Ford; Milton Williams, of Halls, in middle photo, displaying his 1930 Model A. Ford, which he restored; and, in lower photo, Mike Pennington, of Halls, and son, Hal Michael, of Lewisburg, shown with Mike's 1972 Stingray Corvette.

Mr. Young also displayed his 1955 Pontiac, 1966 Ford Mustang and a 1950 Ford pickup, all of which he restored.

Obituaries

Mrs. Hubbard

Rachel Marbry Hubbard, 80, of Covington, mother of Richard Hubbard, of 300 Porter's Gap Rd., died Monday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Solo Church of Christ.

She was the widow of Arnie Lee Hubbard, Jr.

Survivors include another son, Tony, of Covington; a daughter, Lucille Corey, of Brighton; brothers, J. C., Jimmy, and Paul Marbry, and three sisters, Lucy Hubbard, Judy Graham, and Sue Flynn, all of Covington; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Collinsworth

Maxine Collinsworth, 82, mother of Kay Hendrix, of Halls, died Saturday in Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were Tuesday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview.

She was a member of Southside Assembly of God.

Widow of Clyde Collinsworth, she leaves another daughter, Connie Davenport, of Dyersburg; a sister, Edna Brewer, of Batesville, Miss.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Leland Stewart

Leland Stewart, 62, of Covington, father of LaCay Crew, of 28 Gause Lane, Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Hawkins Cemetery at Burlison, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

He had been a truck driver. Survivors include eight sons; four other daughters; his mother; four brothers; five sisters; and 35 grandchildren.

Margie Beard

Margie Louise Beard, 78, of Covington, retired after 29 years with Master Casual Wear in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Covington Care.

Rites were Friday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Munford Cemetery.

She was a member of Durhamville Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, The Rev. James William Beard; sons, James "Merle" Beard, of Covington, and Glenn Allen Beard, of Munford; daughters, Charlotte Kay Jones and Daphne Louise Weir, of Covington; two sisters, Gertrude Slaughter, of Covington, and Mildred Freeze, of Athens, Ala.; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Billy Woodard

Billy Wilford Woodard, 62, of Ripley, a salesman for Cole's Lumber and Hardware, died Tuesday of last week in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

A member of Olive Branch Baptist Church, he was a 32nd degree Mason.

He leaves a daughter, Julia Olds, four brothers, Garey, Jerry, Tucker, and Wayne Woodard, and a sister, Shirley Bennett, of Ripley; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Nicholson

Marjorie LuAnn Nicholson, 44, of Dyersburg, sister of Louise Perciful, of Halls, died Friday in the Methodist Healthcare/University Hospital in Memphis.

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

She had been a maintenance worker for Volunteer Inn.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford Burns Nicholson; a son, Roy, of Dyersburg; one daughter, June Denise Sellers, of Corinth, Miss.; brothers, Robert Melton and Forrest Moore, of Dyersburg; other sisters, Brenda Bullock, of Millington, Judy Joyner, of Dyersburg, and Lois Walker, of Trezevant; and five grandchildren.

Loistine Tyus

Loistine Springfield Tyus, 58, of 1311 Lambert, Memphis, sister of Janice Farmer, of Ripley, died June 20th in the Overton Park Healthcare Center in Memphis.

Lewis & Sons Funeral Home, of Memphis, had charge of services.

Survivors include one son and three daughters, of Memphis; seven brothers; five other sisters; and 12 grandchildren.

Ann Johnson

Ann Johnson, 63, of Kennett, Mo., sister of Martha Savage, of Ripley, and Mary Jones, of Halls, died June 25th at her residence.

Services were at 2 p.m., June 27th at McDaniel Funeral Home Chapel, in Kennett, with burial in Memorial Gardens, in Kennett.

She was born November 12, 1939, in Halls, to William Vaughn and Clara Stewart Vaughn.

Other survivors include two sons, Richard Johnson and Andy Johnson, of Kennett; one daughter, Lori Baker, of Memphis; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Keith Hill

Anna Christine Roach Hill, 41, of Somerville, sister of Quinton C. Roach, of 1251 Hyde Rd., Ripley, and of Charlotte Haymond and Martha Bowers, of Ripley, died Friday in her home.

Rites were held Sunday in Somerville, with burial in Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

She was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Hill; sons, Brian Trusty, of Bolivar, and Bradley Trusty, of Sacramento, Calif.; daughters, Kelsey and Rachel Trusty, and Caitlin and Kristin Hill, of Somerville, and Crystal Hendrix, of Brownsville; other brothers, Norris Roach, of Somerville, and Leslie Roach, of Detroit, Mich.; other sisters, Brenda Newman, Dessie Fike, and Dorothy Baskin, of Covington, and Susan Shelly, of Atoka; and a grand-daughter.

Mrs. Cunningham

Elizabeth Irene Cunningham, 69, of Halls, widow of Johnny Cunningham, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Elon Baptist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She had retired from Tupperware in Halls.

She leaves a son, John Michael Cunningham, of Halls; a daughter, Kathy Forsythe, of Friendship; a half-brother, Drew Doss, of Greenville, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

J. R. Eskridge

James Robert Eskridge, 71, of Farmington, Mo., a brother of Lynn Eskridge, of Ripley, and of Charles "Butch" Eskridge and Margaret White, of Halls, died Friday in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

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

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of Amvets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a friend who looked after him, Janet Kiemp.

J. W. Harrison

James Wallace Harrison, 74, of Ripley, retired from the Lauderdale County Hwy. Dept., died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at noon Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

Widower of Mary Lucille Harrison, he leaves a son, Gene, of Lakeland; a daughter, Charlotte Palmer, of Poplarville, Miss.; a brother, Amos, of Pope, Miss.; sisters, Frances Ammons, of Memphis, and Joyce Fitzgerald, of San Francisco, Calif.; a half-sister, Eldridge Childress, of Ripley; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Why do writers write?
Because it isn't there.**
—Thomas Berger

Larry R. Boyce

Larry Royce Boone, 51, of Paris, brother of Ann Webb and Betty Smith, of Halls, died Friday in Henry County Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in the Antioch Cemetery at Springville, Ridgeway Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; three sons; one step-daughter; five brothers, Earnest and Speck Boone, of Dyersburg, Roy Boone, of Memphis, and Rick and Terry Boone, of Baton Rouge, La.; and two grandchildren.

Divorces

Wendy Goode Bendzus vs. Joseph Richard Bendzus.

Latwana Currie Stenson vs. Christopher Shawn Stenson.

Thomas Richard Pipkin vs. Sandre Jennings Pipkin.

Amy Leah Smith vs. Antonio Boxin Camacho.

Concord Locals

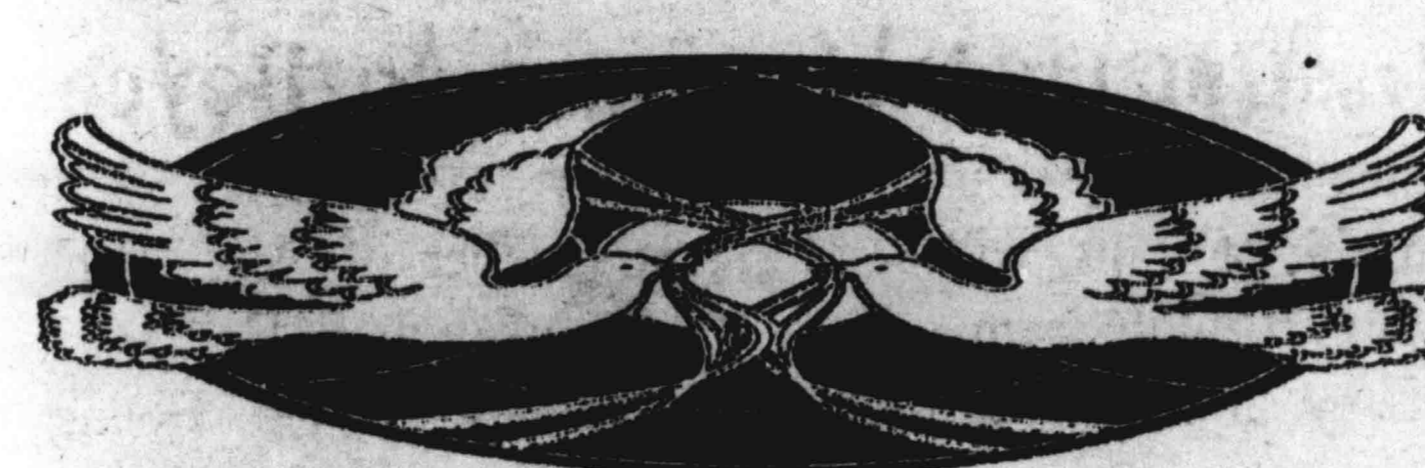
By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson and Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue attended the Newman reunion at the Fraternal Order of Police building in Ripley Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Heath, of Alamo, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Williams visited Louise Fennel in Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Amy Borey and Mrs. Jimmy Howard, of Memphis, visited their father, Winston Carmack, Saturday.



Church Happenings

Crossview Baptist Church will hold a special patriotic worship service at 6:30 p.m. Sat., July 5th as the church choir presents "In God We Trust". A fellowship meal will be at 5:30 p.m. before the service and cold watermelon, family time, and games will follow after the service. The choir will be directed by music director and pastor, The Rev. Roy Harkness. The public is invited.

Enon Baptist Church at Nankipoo will hold its Vacation Bible School entitled, "Kingdom Caper: Cracking the Character Code", from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. July 14th through 18th. The public is invited.

Whitefield Assembly of God Church, 5796 Conner Whitefield Rd., will hold a 4th of July musical celebration, entitled "Sweet Land of Liberty", at 7 p.m. Sat., July 5th and at 10:40 a.m. Sun., July 6th featuring the adult sanctuary and kids choirs. A nursery will be provided and a potluck meal will be held after the Sunday morning service. Mike Tomlinson, pastor, invites the public.

New Beginning F.W.C. Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold a free community cook-out to celebrate our freedom from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. July 4th with games and activities. The public is invited.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:05 p.m. July 6th through 10th for ages 3 through 18 and adult classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fri., Aug. 1st, dinner provided, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd, lunch provided. The theme is The Great Kingdom Caper, Cracking the Character Code. Van service is available. The public is invited.

Women of Lauderdale County will sponsor a women's retreat, entitled "Women Ministering to Women" beginning at 9:30 a.m. Fri., July 11th through 3 p.m. Sat., July 12th at St. Columbo Conference Center in Bartlett. To make registrations or for cost and information, call Sis. Laverne Harris, 836-9884.

Ripley Church of Christ will hold an area-wide youth devotional from 7 to 8 p.m. Mon., July 7th with Wade Hunt as guest speaker. Stephen Snell will serve as song director. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All youth are invited.

Henning First Assembly of God Church, 620 Graves Ave., Henning, will hold a Kids Crusade at 7 p.m. nightly July 7th, 8th, and 9th with Terry and Laurie Latimer, as guest evangelists. The theme is "Round Up for Jesus". There will be puppet skits, stories, and prizes. The public is invited.

Light House Family Church, Praise and Worship Center, 328 S. Washington St., Ripley, will offer a Biblical course of study at 6:30 p.m. nightly beginning Wed., July 2nd and continuing each Wednesday in July. The course is entitled, Welcome to the School of the Prophets, instructed by Dr. Ray Self, of Jacksonville Theological Seminary, Olive Branch, Miss. The study is designed to equip, edify, and advance the body of Christ. Mack and Evelyn Henry, pastors, invite the public. For more information, call 221-3398.



In ancient Egypt, where men shaved for cleanliness as early as 3000 B.C., both kings and queens sometimes wore a false beard as a symbol of royalty.

Truth is always exciting. Speak it, then. Life is dull without it.

—Pearl S. Buck

A word from the heart goes straight to the heart.

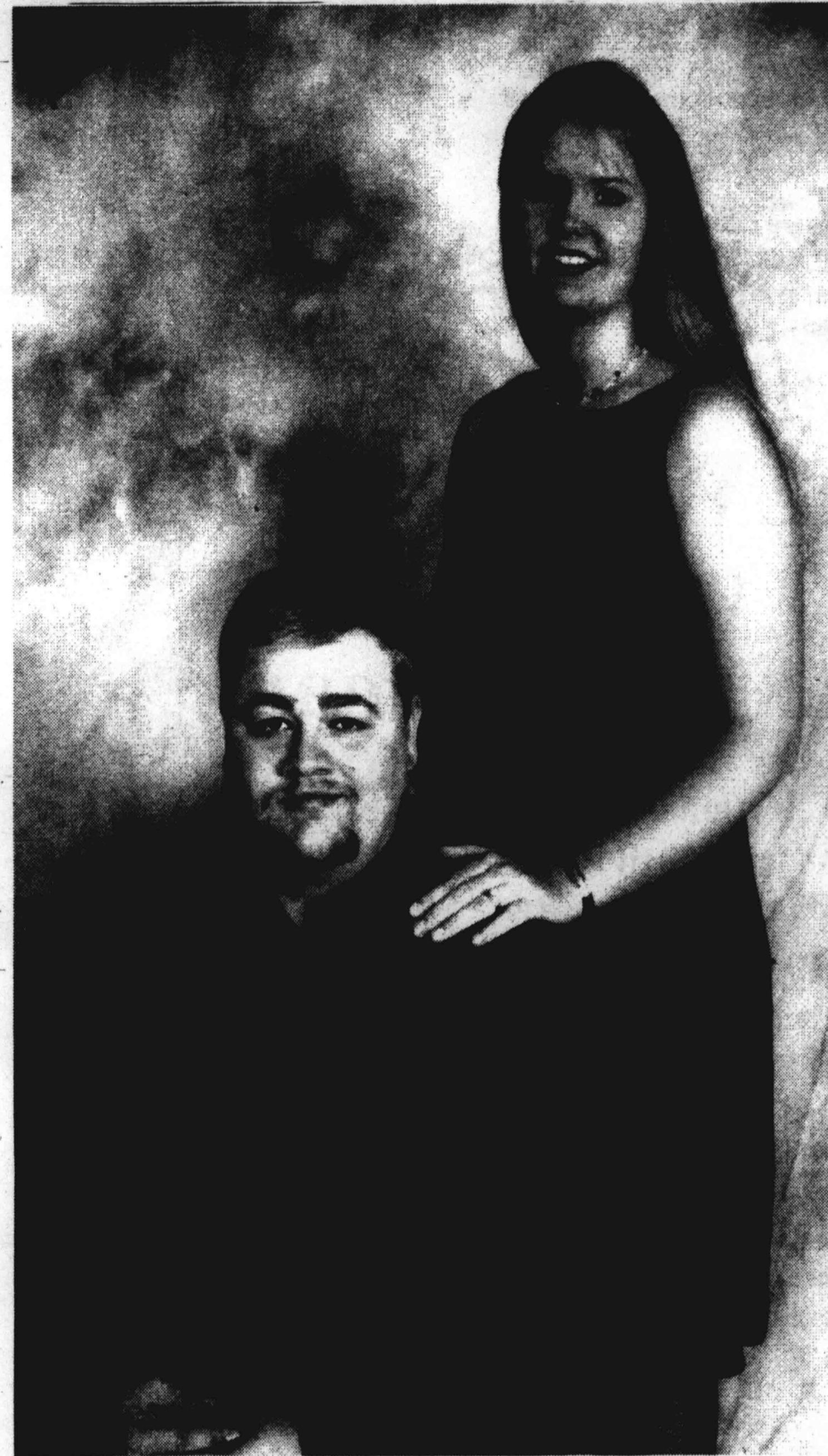
—Abbe Huvelin

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Marriages



TAMMY RUTH REECE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Reece, of Halls, will marry Benjamin Burruss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burruss, of Medina, at 8 p.m. July 5th at the home of the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hardin, in Medina.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Wright and the late Billy Hunter Reece, of Halls, and Neta Cotham, of Dyersburg.

She is a 2003 distinguished honors graduate of Crockett County High School.

The groom-elect is also the grandson of Mrs. Louise Burruss, of Jackson, and the late Brice Burruss.

A 1996 graduate of Gibson County High School, he is a degree seeking machinist at Porter Cable.

The couple will reside in Medina.

Homes Needed For Exchange Students

The Pacific Intercultural Exchange, a non-profit organization, is looking for 25 Tennessee families to host high school students, ages 15

to 18 years old, from Germany, Mexico, Thailand, South Korea, Vietnam, China, Russia, Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan for the 2003-2004 school year.

The students are pre-screened, speak English, and have medical insurance and their own spending money,

June 21 - Larry Joe Ditto, 44, to Tammy Lynn Baker, 33, by Thomas E. Sanders.

June 24 - Robert Clifford Miller, 40, to Cassandra Jones, 34, by Janice C. Craig.

June 25 - David Leslie Rogers, 59, to Theresa Diane Goforth, 46, by Rev. Don Medford.

June 26 - David Jason Garrett, 29, to Tanya Renee Street, 29, by Rev. Jerrell Dawson.

Jamie Maurice Hensley, Jr., 40, to Tracie Louise Hensley, 35, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

June 27 - Philip Glen Arwood, 44, to Sherry Kay Roebuck, 43, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Florencio Castro, 34, to Elisha Roxanne Bane, 24, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Jonathan Henry Milburn, 24, to Pamela Jo Ditto, 35, by LaJoy Currie.

Anniversaries

July 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Page Box, Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodley, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pridmore, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kerley, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams.

July 4 - Mr. and Mrs. James Judkins.

July 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Adron Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. James Crowder.

July 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fain.

July 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buntin.

July 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Rozelle Criner, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Dunham.

July 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Pat Smith.

to cover clothing, school supplies and entertainment.

Host families provide a home, meals and a place to

August Vows Slated



DAKENA NICOLE EISON, daughter of Royce and Linda Lane, of Ripley, will marry Larry James Adams, son of Larry and Aliece Adams, of Halls, at 3 p.m. Aug. 23rd in Mount Zion Baptist Church at Double Bridges.

A 2000 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect is the granddaughter of Minnie L. Eison, of Halls, and Mae Lane, of Gary, Ind.

A 1998 graduate of Halls High School, the groom-elect is the grandson of Gertrude Jones and Lillie Mae Adams, of Halls.

Scholarships For Bird and Spence

have been awarded to two Lauderdale County students.

Will Bird, son of Allen and Janice Bird, of Halls, a sophomore agricultural education major, received an Allie Vee Fly Blankenship scholarship.

Guy Spence, son of Will and Katie Spence, of Halls, a sophomore agricultural business major, received a Tom McCutchen scholarship, Betsy Ross FFA scholarship, Fred and Marie Colvett Scholarship and the UT Board of Trustee scholarship.

Judy Rayburn, director of admissions, at the University of Tennessee at Martin, announced that scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year study and sleep. Though host families are not paid, they can claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution on their income tax.

For further information, call PIE, 877-534-3144.

June Vows Pledged



MR. AND MRS. LARRY DITTO were married June 21st with a pool wedding at their home on Emerson Road.

The bride, the former Tammy Baker, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Conrad. She was given in marriage by her father.

The groom is the son of Roy Ditto and the late Mrs. Ditto.

Attendants were Amanda and Chad Reed, children of the bride, Sam and RoseMary Conner, and Sarah Neal.

Southern Nights band provided music for guests, who were treated to a pool party and food.

The couple will reside in Gates.

Elizabeth Pugh At Conference

Elizabeth H. Pugh, of Halls, president of the Lauderdale County Chapter of the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association, participated in a comprehensive two-day leadership conference at the Knoxville Marriott, June 27th through 29th.

The conference, sponsored by the UT National Alumni Association, re-

volves around a series of "how to" workshop sessions and seminars, designed to inform alumni leaders of their roles and functions in the various programs of the National Alumni Association.

Keynote speaker, James "Jim" Duke, Jr., of Memphis, president of the Alumni Association, reported that alumni participated in more events this past year than ever before, and gave more through the annual giving program than in previous years.

The event is held each year for new members of the

Birthdays

July 3 - Jimmy Best, Jerry Best, Jane Snell, Rod Maples, Jennifer Osteen, Gaylon Smith, Angie Winkler, Ainsley Crawford, Shelia Newman, Loudean Cross, Robbie Ward, Chase Castellaw, Donald Ward, Barry Bates, Rachel Seigler, Shayne McKee.

July 4 - Ellen Jackson, Shannon Little, Memory Crain, Theresa Green, Kelley Hensley, Dr. Elaine McNally, Leanne Fisher, Jeff Donaldson, April Ward, Jana Elmore, Noah Bing, Cathy Cherry.

July 5 - Melissa Daniels, Elaine Parker, Hannah Richards, Dan Henderson, Debbie Snipes, Ginny Hankins, Bree Burns, Brandy Layne, Robin Wyrick, Sam Webb, J. C. Trobaugh, Delene Spray, Mickey Cihfield, Nesbert Jackson, Anne Sherrod, Demetra Carmack, Thelma Agee, Denise McLemore.

July 6 - Janice Rose, Roger Herron, Anita Ward, Kelly Crook, Nell Jennings, Elisabeth Ray, Raven Smith.

July 7 - Chase Tillman, Julie Neal, Kerry Carmack, Ricky Horvath, Shania Rogers, Polly A. Dziedzic, James Cannon, Barbara Blakely, Brad Haynes, Robin Ward Taylor, Stephen Taylor, Cindy Teetzen.

July 8 - Jen Hassell, Rachel Nelson, Buddy Bates, Lynn Gay, Amy Taylor, Carmen Barnett, Rhea Swims, Deavin Bradley Kent, Debbie Sunrow.

July 9 - Ricky Thurmond, Ross Steelman, Justin Ivey, Cade Crawford, Jill Jackson Odom, Emery Rogers, Melissa Nanney, Erin Nanney, Nancy Moore, Kelly Stanley, Barry Lee Britt, Jr., Shirley Smith.

Board of Governors, Women's Council, Public Affairs Committee and alumni chapter officers and leaders from throughout Tennessee and the nation.

Making a success of the job at hand is the best step toward the kind you want.

—Bernard M. Baruch

August Nuptials Planned



JENNIFER BETH MEEKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meeks, of Halls, will marry James Scott Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Nelson, of Ripley, at 4 p.m. Aug. 2nd in Fowlkes Baptist Church in Dyersburg, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. LaVerne Crews, of Dyersburg, the late Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Crews, the late W. C. Meeks, and the late Waverly Meeks.

A graduate of Halls High School, the bride graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in business management.

She is employed by Randstad North America as a staffing agent.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nelson, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dempsie Harrison.

A graduate of Ripley High School, he graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in civil engineering.

He is employed by Ripley Gas and Water Department as a civil engineer.

The couple will reside in Halls.

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Project Completed



EDRIC OWEN, landowner, left, and Bernice Crain, Cane Creek Watershed District board member, right, examine a grade stabilization structure, built in the spring, under the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture project.

Crain stated that grade stabilization structures, constructed under the program in the past year, have done much to eliminate excessive erosion, improve water quality, reduce flooding downstream and improve wildlife habitat.

He also pointed out that the Cane Creek Watershed District is especially appreciative of the assistance provided by Doug Taylor, regional administrator, for the TDA, for supervision of the project, and to staff of the local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office for providing technical assistance needed to design and install the Best Management Practices.

New "Fax" Law In Effect July 1st

Senator Mark Norris announced that the Tennessee "Do-Not-Fax" program will go into effect July 1, 2003, to provide relief to consumers from unsolicited fax transmissions.

Established this year by the 103rd Tennessee General Assembly, and signed into law by the Governor, the

Public Cast Vote Best Tomato Art

The public is invited to attend the 4th Annual Tomato Festival Tomato Art Exhibit and Competition July 10th, 11th and 12th in the Art Mall, on the square in Ripley.

The show will feature a large exhibition of tomato-related art by local and Mid-South artists.

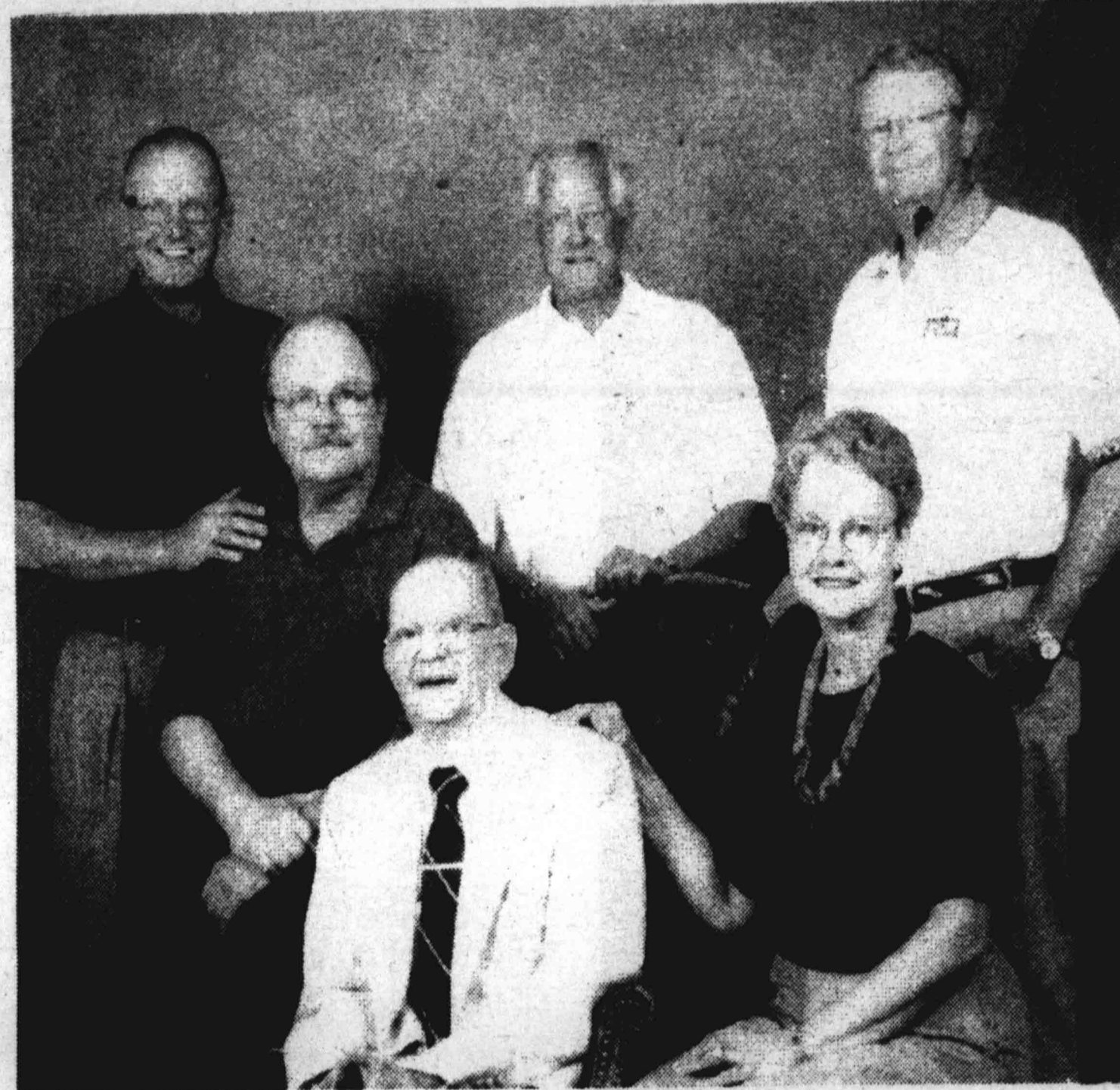
A popular feature of the exhibit, "You are the Judge of the Best Tomato Art," invites the public to stop by and cast a vote.

Members of the West Tennessee Association of Artists invite the public to the award presentation and reception Sat., July 12th, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call the Art Mall, 635-1891.

program is designed to prohibit organizations and persons from sending "any material advertising the commercial availability or quality of any property, goods, or services transmitted by fax" to persons within the State of Tennessee, without prior consent of person receiving the fax.

The new law requires organizations or persons, from which unsolicited faxes originate, to establish and print on each faxed page a

Celebrating Birthday



ERNEST JACKSON, seated center, of Ripley, formerly of Halls, celebrated his 93rd birthday June 28th. His children, seated, Tom Jackson, left, of Trenton, and Betty Ray, right, of Ripley, and in rear, from left, Bob Jackson, of Houston, Tex., Rod Jackson, of Flushing, Mich., and Joe Jackson, of Cordova, along with other family and friends, celebrated with dinner at Olympic Steakhouse in Ripley.

toll-free telephone fax number that consumers may use to notify the sender, by return fax, of their desire to be removed from the sending of the organization's fax list.

A violation occurs if the organization continues to fax the person after being notified by the consumer to stop.

The program will be implemented by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), who also administers the state's Do-Not-Call telephone solicitation program.

The Tennessee General Assembly has empowered TRA to impose a civil penalty, of up to \$2,000 per occurrence, to organizations that willfully violate the new law.

"We stand fully behind the TRA in the implementation of this worthwhile program, and encourage citizens to report violations to the TRA," said Senator Norris.

For further information, visit TRA web site, www.state.tn.us/tra, or email Tennessee.Do-Not-Fax@state.tn.us.

County Receiving Additional Funds

Governor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Homeland Security Director, Jerry Humble, announced that the State of Tennessee has received an additional \$29.1 million in grant funds from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security.

Like earlier funds of \$11 million in May, most of the new money will be dispersed to all 95 counties, to be used to help first responders improve their ability to deter, and if necessary, respond to situations involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats.

Lauderdale County will receive \$81,303.

The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is never want where the mind is satisfied.

—Lucretius

Pianist



HALEY C. NICHOL, daughter of Jeff and Debbie Lemons Nichol, of Addison, Ill., and granddaughter of Wesley and Jackie Lemons, of Ripley, performed at the Granquist Music Competition June 21st, competing against five other musicians. She played *Sonatina No. 2 in G Major* by Kuhlau and earned a first place trophy.

Haley, while visiting her grandparents during the week of June 8th, attended Woodville Baptist Church and performed a mini concert on piano and violin for the members.

She is the great-granddaughter of Rose Tannhauser, of Melrose Park, Ill., and the late Carmon Lemons, of Halls.

Invitational Visual Art Exhibit Coming

The Lauderdale County Council of Arts will host an Invitational Visual Art Exhibit, featuring a gallery of mixed mediums, July 10th through 31st, in the lobby of the Bank of Ripley, 134 N. Jefferson, on the square.

The exhibit will be open Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sat., July 12th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the tomato festival.

For further information, call 635-1230 or 635-9541, or visit www.LCTN.com.

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Halls Undefeated Team



MEMBERS of the Halls Dixie Youth, 11-12 years old, Yankees include, in front, from left, C. J. Barham, Eathan Arthur, Jerry Patrick, Casey Hogue, and Robert Stiles; in middle, Deshawn Johnson, Albert Nelson, Craig Davis, Michael Coley, and Ira Bradley; plus, in rear, coaches, Tray Coley, Tracy Davis, and Jeff Hogue. The team was undefeated in the regular season and won the city tournament, finishing the season with a 15-0 record.

Alternate Rate Plan Counters TVA Rate

Southwest Tennessee Electric, a member of the 157 consumer-owned municipal and cooperative utilities that make up Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA), and who purchase wholesale power from Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), is campaigning with other Valley distributors to promote a rate plan that will fairly distribute the environmental responsibility of paying \$365 million annually for the next 10 years to meet

costs of federal air quality standards. Scheduled to go into effect in Oct., the current TVA plan will increase rates for all Southwest residential, commercial and non-manufacturing companies, while reducing rates for a small class of manufacturing industries.

"Although we share TVA's commitment to preserving the environment, we believe the responsibility for generating the revenue necessary to meet these federal standards should be shared by all customers," said Harold DePriest, TVPPA chairman of the board. "Under the current proposed plan, a two

percent reduction would be given to only a small number of manufacturing customers."

TVPPA and its distributors recently issued a counter proposal to the TVA board of directors that was rejected.

Included in the plan was a temporary surcharge added to all wholesale customer bills that would be terminated, once sufficient funds had been acquired to pay the environmental compliance.

It also proposed continuing efforts already in place to offer targeted credits and incentives to promote existing business growth, attract new industry and fuel local economies throughout the seven-state service area.

Over the next several weeks, TVPPA leaders will testify before regional congressional representatives about this issue and promote an alternate rate plan.

Daughter Visits Europe



MRS. PATRICIA PATRICK, of Memphis, right, in rear, daughter of Eugene Meeks, of Halls, returned from a 16-day trip to Europe with her daughter and cousins, in front, from left, Ashley Ammons, Tish Martin, and Melanie Meeks, and left, in rear, Mindy Meeks. They are pictured at the Martyrs Memorial in Oxford, England. The family members visited Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England. A highlight of the trip was a production of "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Summer Junior Ranger program

The Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge will have a five-hour junior ranger session, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., July 12th, for children, ages six to ten, who are interested in the outdoors and natural resources.

Attendees will learn about wetlands, watersheds, pollution, native plants, what biodiversity is all about, test water, make animal casts and work in the backyard habitat

unit to improve homes for fish and wildlife.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the Refuge Visitor Center, one mile west of Hwy. 22, near Walnut Log. Children should wear long pants and closed-toed shoes, and bring a lunch, some snacks and a hat.

The session is limited to six participants. Call 731-538-2481 for an application form, or for additional information about the summer Junior Ranger program.

If needed, an additional session will be held Sat., July 19th.

Obituaries

Carlton Wilson

Carlton Wayne Wilson, 64, of Brighton, retired welder, brother of Marvin Wilson, William "Bud" Wilson, and Oma Archie, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in the Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

He was the widower of Joyce Helms Wilson.

Survivors include daughters, Louise Wiseman, of Brighton, and Marie Jackett, of Covington; and other brothers, Bobby, of Covington, and Tommy, of Chicago, Ill.; another sister, Shirley Williams, of Gallaway; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Simmons

Martha Simmons, 89, of Dyersburg, mother of Claude Simmons, of Ripley, died Sunday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

A Baptist, she was the widow of William Simmons.

Survivors include other sons, George, of Alamo, and Tommy, of Dyersburg; a sister, Thelma Permenter, of Dyersburg; 11 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Cordia Privett

Cordia Crinn Privett, 81, of Alamo, mother of Glen and Joe Privett, of Gates, died Saturday in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Monday in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, with burial in Cairo Cemetery.

A retired garment worker, she was the widow of Oneal Privett.

Survivors include other sons, Neal, of Humboldt, and Charles, of Mulberry, Fla.; three daughters, Betty Black, of Alamo, Carolyn Skaggs, of Memphis, and Vicky Kendrick, of Martin; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Robt. H. Scates, Henning's Postmaster, Mayor

Robert Hulon Scates, 92, of Ridgely, former Henning postmaster, alderman, and mayor, and former Lauderdale County Commissioner, died Saturday in Veterans Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in New Haven Cemetery at Ridgely.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ridgely.

He leaves his wife, Nellie Hoppers Scates, and a daughter, Betty Blythe Feltus, of Ridgely; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. H. W. Riley

Mary Ophelia Riley, 95, widow of Henry W. Riley, and half-sister of John M. Gillon, of 685 Wilkes Road, Gates, died Friday in Oakwood Center in Dyersburg.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Billy Mack Riley, of Jackson; a daughter, Marjorie Davenport, of Dyersburg; another half-brother, Waylon Gillon, of Maury City; a half-sister, Virgie Spann, of Friendship; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Jimmy Griggs

Jimmy L. Griggs, 67, of Olive Branch, Miss., brother of Michael Griggs, of 338 S. Jefferson, Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital De-soto in Southaven, Miss.

Rites were held Sunday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Dr. Joan Griggs; a son, Jimmy, Jr., of Huntsville, Ala.; a daughter, Shelley Howell, of Cordova; a step-son, Daniel Rosser, of Tusculumbia, Ala.; a step-daughter, Betsy Torres, of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Shirley Parker, of Bartlett; and six grandchildren.

David Cox

Manual David Cox, 58, of 3966 Edith-Nankipoo Road, employed by Connell Body Shop for 25 years, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were held Sunday in Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery.

He had served in the National Guard.

He leaves his wife, Barbara Littles Cox; a son, David, Jr., of Covington; a daughter, Carmen Naylor, of Halls; step-sons, Charlie Pilkington III, of Halls, and Joseph Pilkington, of Ripley; a step-daughter, Monica Oglesby, of Ripley; brothers, Bobby Cox and Cleveland Broglin, of Ripley, and Walter Cox, of Henning; sisters, Kathy Cox, of Ripley, and Wanda Scott, of Knoxville; four grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Willie M. Fields

Willie Mae Fields, 86, of Henning, homemaker, died Sunday, of pneumonia, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for noon Saturday at New Hope C.M.E. Church, in Henning, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, in Covington, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include four sons, Everett Fields, Otis Fields and Bob Fields, all of Ripley, and Joe W. Fields, of Prattville, Ala.; four daughters, Lillian Fields, of Henning, Jennie Mary Betts, of Memphis, Roberta Montgomery, of Nashville, and Clastella Hickman, of Knoxville; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Jack Johnson, of Maury City, was a Friday dinner guest of the Floyd Emersons. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson visited their son, Roger

Rick Byars

James Richard "Rick" Byars, 52, of Henning, formerly of Union City, died July 1st in an automobile accident.

According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Byars, southbound on Highway 51 near Halls, was driving a 1990 Ford F150 pick-up at approximately 2:30 p.m. when he veered off the road and struck an unoccupied, disabled, 1995 Toyota 4 Runner. His vehicle landed in a ditch. Byars was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, where he was pronounced dead.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Thursday of last week at White-Ranson Funeral Home in Union City.

Born Aug. 21, 1950 to the late Ralph and Doris Helen Byars, he married Kandyce K. Byars, who survives him.

He was the site manager for Barker Bros. in Covington for three years and had been a Union City Councilman for four years in Ward 4. He was a member of Union City's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was an honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He had been chairman of the Obion County Red Cross board for eight years and was honored on his 50th birthday by the Union City Fire and Police departments as an honorary firefighter and police officer.

Other survivors include a son, Jamie Byars, of Union City; daughters, Darcy Cross, of Jamestown, and Jackie Morgan, of Henning; three brothers; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

Emerson, in Regional Hospital in Jackson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue were July 4th dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis in Nesbit, Miss.

Mrs. Donald Hartman and granddaughter, of Columbus,

L. A. Pattat

L. A. Pattat, 89, of Brownsville, retired fire chief of the Brownsville Fire Dept., father of Leon Pattat, of Ripley, died Monday at Haywood Park Community Hospital.

Services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

He was a member of Poplar Corner Baptist Church and a Mason.

Other survivors include two daughters, Lucille Boyett, of Memphis, and Lillian Lomax, of Germantown; one step-son, Joseph Lane, of Covington; one step-daughter, Judy Mullen, of Humboldt; two sisters, Adaline Yelvington, of Mason, and Frances Booth, of Oakland; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Popular Corner Baptist Church or charity of choice.

Annie J. Odegaard

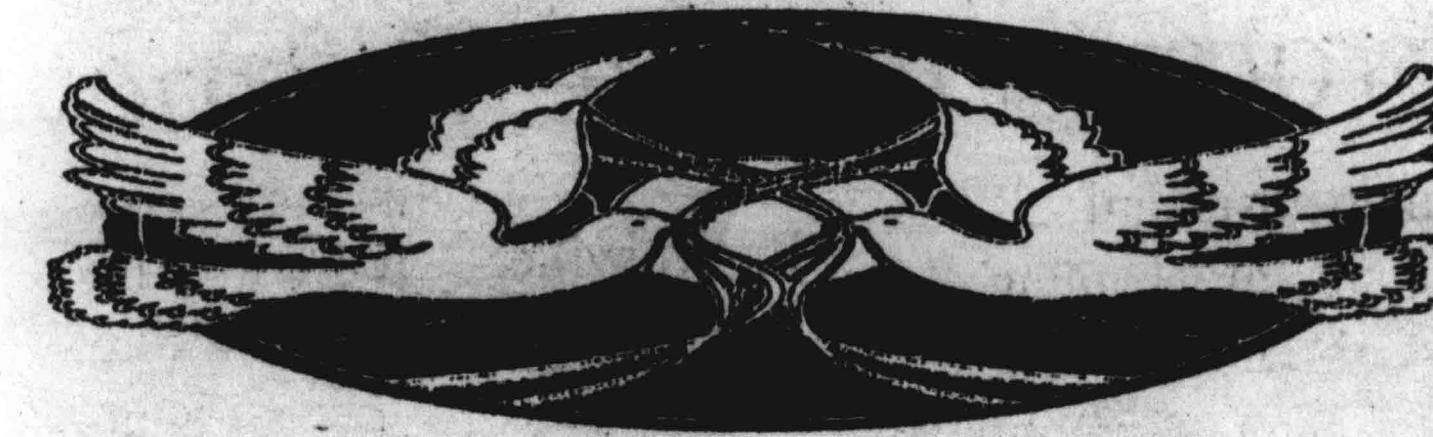
Annie Jean Odegaard, 68, of Ripley, homemaker, died Monday, at her residence.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

She was a member of Crossview Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, Richard Odegaard; two sons, Dennis Odegaard, of Tampa, Fla., and Ricky Odegaard, of Fleetwood, Penn.; three daughters, Jenny Lane, of Ripley, Brenda Isbell, of Atoka, and Cynthia George, of Virginville, Penn.; two sisters, Carolyn Wildman, of Booneville, Miss., and Jo Ann Williams, of Ruskin, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Koontz, of Middleton, Wisc., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.



Church Happenings

Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, Highway 19, at Arp, will hold its revival at 7 p.m. nightly July 13th through 16th with the Rev. Joe Johnson, of Brighton, as guest speaker Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The Rev. Billy Morphis, pastor, will deliver the message Monday night. A time of fellowship and reunion will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday night. The public is invited.

Enon Baptist Church at Nankipoo will hold its Vacation Bible School entitled, "Kingdom Caper: Cracking the Character Code", from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. July 14th through 18th. The public is invited.

Lightfoot United Methodist Church will hold its revival at 7 p.m. nightly July 13th through 16th with guest speaker, Scott Alford, son of the Rev. Jim Alford, former minister of Ripley First United Methodist Church. Finger foods will be available after the service Sunday and Wednesday nights. The Rev. Wendell Smith, pastor, invites the public.

The Greater Harvest C.O.G.I.C., 176 Randolph St., Ripley, and the Redeemer Singers, formerly known as Heaven Bounds, of Ripley, will sponsor an appreciation program for their musicians at 6 p.m. Sat., July 12th at the church. Special guests include Nelson Chapel and Antioch-Curve choirs, of Ripley; Men of Faith, of Gates; Gospel Divine, of Henning; Sunset Travelers, of Dyersburg; Slim & Victory-Aires, of Brownsville; Divine, of Jackson; Smith Sisters, of Maury City; and many others. Elder Felix Moore, pastor, invites the public.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold its Vacation Bible School for adult classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fri., Aug. 1st, dinner provided, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd, lunch provided. The theme is The Great Kingdom Caper, Cracking the Character Code. Van service is available. The public is invited.

Women of Lauderdale County will sponsor a women's retreat, entitled "Women Ministering to Women" beginning at 9:30 a.m. Fri., July 11th through 3 p.m. Sat., July 12th at St. Columbo Conference Center in Bartlett. To make registrations or for cost and information, call Sis. Laverne Harris, 836-9884.

Disciples for Christ Baptist Church, 31 Garrett Ball Rd., in the Woodville Community, will hold homecoming services beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., July 13th with The Watchmen performing. Worship service will begin at 11 a.m. with Danny Hutcherson, pastor, delivering the message. A fellowship meal will be held following the service. The public is invited.

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., July 12th featuring The Watchmen. The public is invited.

Praise Temple Community Church, 157 Washington St., downtown Ripley, will have a guest speaker, Dr. Ellena Gooch, at 11:30 a.m. Sun., July 13th. Garie V. Andrews, pastor, invites the public.

Cotton Roundtable Live On The Web

The annual July Cotton Marketing Roundtable, set for Fri., July 18th, 7:30 a.m., central time, will be broadcast live on website www.nybot.com.

The annual event is sponsored by the New York Board of Trade, Ag Market Network, Certified FiberMax and Farm Press Publications.

A panel of cotton experts will discuss today's cotton market, including crop conditions, domestic demand exports and farm policy.

Thirty minutes prior to the meeting, a banner will be posted on the website. Click on Ag Market Network to participate in the live simulcast.

The Lauderdale County Extension office will be participating in the program.

For further information, call 731-635-9551.

Light House Family Church, Praise and Worship Center, 328 S. Washington St., Ripley, will offer a Biblical course of study at 6:30 p.m. nightly beginning Wed., July 2nd and continuing each Wednesday in July. The course is entitled, Welcome to the School of the Prophets, instructed by Dr. Ray Self, of Jacksonville Theological Seminary, Olive Branch, Miss. The study is designed to equip, edify, and advance the body of Christ. Mack and Evelyn Henry, pastors, invite the public. For more information, call 221-3398.

Curve Baptist Church will hold its summer revival at 7 p.m. July 14th through 18th with Dr. Joe Wright as guest speaker. For further information call 635-1372. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God, 133 Halliburton, will hold a youth rally at 6 p.m. July 12th with Nic Hill as guest speaker. Special music will be provided by Foot. Refreshments will be served after the service. A camp meeting will be held at 7 p.m. nightly July 13th through 18th featuring Nic Hill, Sunday through Thursday nights, and Bishop Neil, of East St. Louis, on Friday night. For more information, call Tracy Henson, pastor, 635-4484. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C. O. G. I. C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its youth day program at 3:30 p.m. July 13th with Elder Richard Johnson and Greater Bethel C. O. G. I. C., of Union City, as guests. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., 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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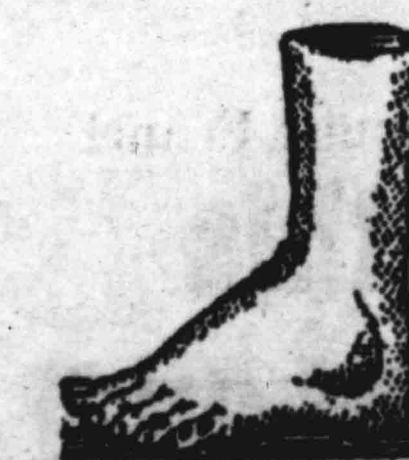
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Flag Day Celebration Meeks Family Brothers In State Tourney Holds Reunion



PARTICIPANTS of the Flag Day Celebration, at Veterans' Museum in Halls June 14th, taught appreciation for the flag and expressed the important place it holds in our democracy.

April Wright and Dorothy Bridges read excerpts from "I am the Flag," the Presentation of Colors and Pledge were given by Boy Scout Troop #63, and the Halls Community Club Patriot's Chorus sang patriotic music.

The Fort Prudhomme D&R, led by Liz Craft, Regent, presented the flag retirement ritual for faded and/or torn flags, using one flag. The Halls Girl Scout Troop will retire the remaining flags at a regular meeting.

The Rev. John Compere, of Westside Baptist Church, gave the Prayer of Dedication, and the chorus and guests closed with "God Bless America."

Mounted Security Guards



LAUDERDALE COUNTY RESIDENTS, from left, Frank Keller, Pat Keller, Josh Johnson, Mickie Downs Allred, Kelly Downs, John Bishop, Kirk Kissell, and Johnny Stephens, plus, not pictured, Phillip Kissell, Aleshia Childress, and Mindy Harrison, worked as mounted security officers for Alpha & Omega Services, Inc. at the Bonaroo Music Festival June 9th through 16th in Manchester. The Lauderdale Countians were part of the largest peacetime Mounted Calvary in history with over 60 mounted troopers from all over the United States for the week long event. The duties included security for the 450 acres of camping, peacekeeping of approximately 120,000 patrons of the music festival, and assisting local law enforcement and medical emergency services.

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Mr. and Mrs. James Meeks, of Halls, hosted the annual Meeks family reunion July 5th. Thirty-four family members were present, and everyone enjoyed a potluck meal and sharing family photos and stories.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cook, of Goshen, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Toombs and Laura Patterson, of Mesquite, Tex.; Jim Wagoner, of Hobbs, N.M.; Robert Meeks, of Senatobia, Miss.; Richard Meeks, of Southaven, Miss.; Melody Stiek, of Cabot, Ariz.; Robin Meeks, of Springfield, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Williams and children, Dylan and Karlie, and Melanie Meeks, of Hickman, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Dorrence Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ammons, Stephanie Ammons and Patricia Patrick, of Memphis; Linda Beard, of Dyersburg; Eugene Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Ranny Carmack, Karen and Michelle Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, Mrs. Christine Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meeks and Molly Meeks, all of Halls.



LEAMOND ARTHUR, left, 14, and **Freeman Arthur**, right, 8, sons of Glen and Rita Arthur, of Edith, will compete with their teams at the USSSA West Tennessee State Tournament. Leamond, a catcher for the Germantown Giants, took a victory over 8 of the 12 tournaments. The Giants will put the focus on the USSSA World Series July 21st - 27th in Oklahoma. Freeman, catcher, pitcher, and outfielder for the Memphis Tigers, helped the team with a record of 41 wins, 2 ties, and only 7 losses. Their USSSA World Series will be held July 15th - 20th in Kansas City, Mo.

See you at the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival this weekend!

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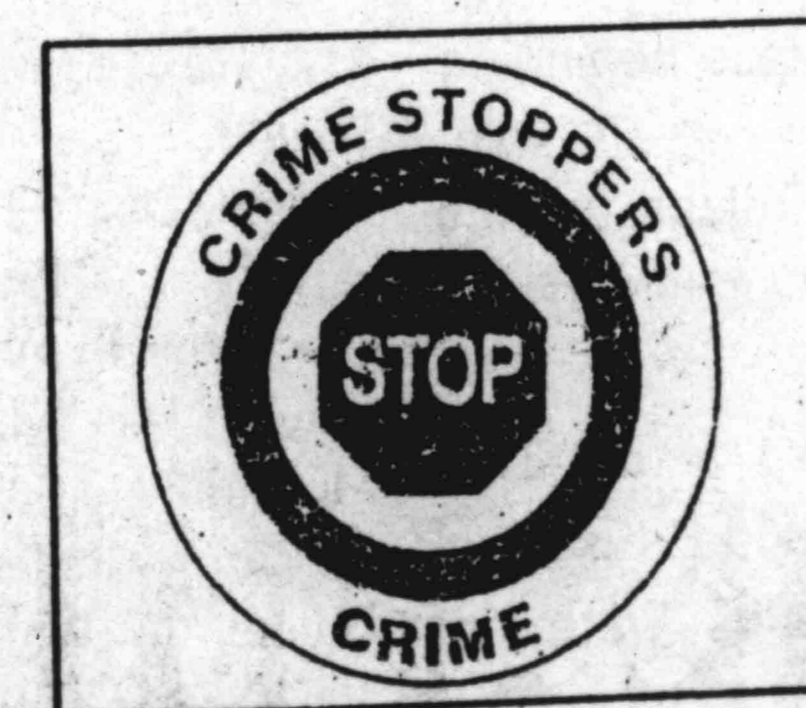
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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Say What You Mean And Mean What You Say

For some reason our current society has found the need to confuse everyone with what they really mean by using slang as a way to communicate. The use of simple English to engage in simple conversation is slowly becoming a thing of the past. Now a days everything is either awesome, cool, wicked or a killer when the word good would work just as well.

It is time for us to revolt and to take back simple conversation. Enough of trying to translate "slanguage" and let's get back to saying what we mean and meaning what we say. I know it will cause some "uncoolness", but I really don't care. I have been uncool for so long folks are beginning to say I'm starting to frost over. But, I'm tired of being embarrassed by not knowing how to understand "slanguage." Today if something is good, the younger generation describes it as bad. To acquire something means to steal it, a killer is not someone who kills, but

someone with good taste as well as a ladies' man.

Personally, I don't want to be known as a killer or someone who acquires items that are not mine. If that is cool I wish to remain slightly warm. Slang is destroying our language and us "old fogies" are feeling like we have landed on another planet.

Another area of meaning what you say and saying what you mean is in the naming of restrooms. For some reason, restaurant owners think it is somewhat classy to give cute names to their facilities when using the simple terms ladies or men would work just as well. Cowgirls & cowboys I can understand, but some of the other terms they use can be quite embarrassing as well as uncomfortable if you know what I mean.

I have been able to understand most gender signs on restaurant doors such as Buys and Gulls at seafood places, Hombre and Para damas at Cuban eateries, as well as Him's and Her's in a down-home cooking establishment in Mississippi. However, every now and then I have to stop and think just where it is I am supposed to go when I see signs

that don't just say MEN and WOMEN. One mistake on understanding which room is which-and it could become a day that I may never forget, as well as others of the opposite gender who may be present.

I recently heard of this very thing happening to a gentleman who had a problem with figuring out the restroom signs. During a dinner party at a recent convention in a far off city, Ed (the name has been changed to protect the guilty) excused himself from the dining table in search of the men's room. He was soon to find himself confronted by two marked doors that gave him a moment of total confusion. One was marked with the word "Greeks," and the other had the word "Trojans" on it.

Completely confused and in need for immediate help, Ed stopped a busboy going by. As he turned and faced my confused friend, Ed said, "Excuse me. I need to use the restroom and I'm totally confused." He pointed to the doors in front of him and said in a half-hearted smirk, "Which one should I use? Am I a Greek or a Trojan?"

With somewhat of a strange grin on his face the young man looked at Ed and said, "Well actually, you are neither. I believe the management would prefer for you to use the restroom facilities down there." He pointed to a door down the hall which was marked with large lettering that spelled out the word MEN in bright gold coloring.

As the busboy tried to

50th RHS Reunion Slated For Classes Abstinence Teaching Coming To Schools

Members of the Ripley High School classes of 1952 and 1953 are sponsoring a 50 year reunion August 2nd at Rolling Hills Country Club. Members of the RHS Classes of 1951 and 1954 and related classes are welcome. Deadline for reservations is July 19th. For further information and cost, call Charlotte Hubbard Rush, 635-2932.

Right Choices of West Tennessee, a rural abstinence initiative and outreach of Life Choices Pregnancy Support Center, of Dyersburg, has been awarded a 3-year federal grant to help develop and implement a four-county abstinence education program for approximately 14,000 students, grades 6-12, according to Tommy G. Thompson, Health and Human Services secretary.

"When adolescents become sexually active, it can have negative effects on their physical and emotional health," Thompson said. "These grants create an environment within communities that supports teens in their decision to remain abstinent until marriage."

Right Choices of West Tennessee will be implemented in Lauderdale, Crockett, Obion and Union City School systems, beginning this fall.

For further information, call Alicia Ladd, or Melodee Chapman, 731-286-4135.

Land Transfers

June 27 - Charles K. White to Malcolm Moore and Marie Moore, Dist. 12, tract.

Gary L. Paris to Gynecal Buckner, Dist. 12, 6 lots.

Robert E. Stewart and Mina E. Stewart to L. A. Pennington and Mary Evelyn Pennington, Dist. 6, 9.387 acres.

Owen M. Toomey and Gail M. Toomey to Cendant Mobility Financial Corp., lot.

Cendant Mobility Financial Corp. to Robert P. White and Bobbie W. White, Dist. 2, lot.

June 30 - Marshall Langley and Jo Ann Langley to Alex Pipkin, Dist. 14, 0.5 acres.

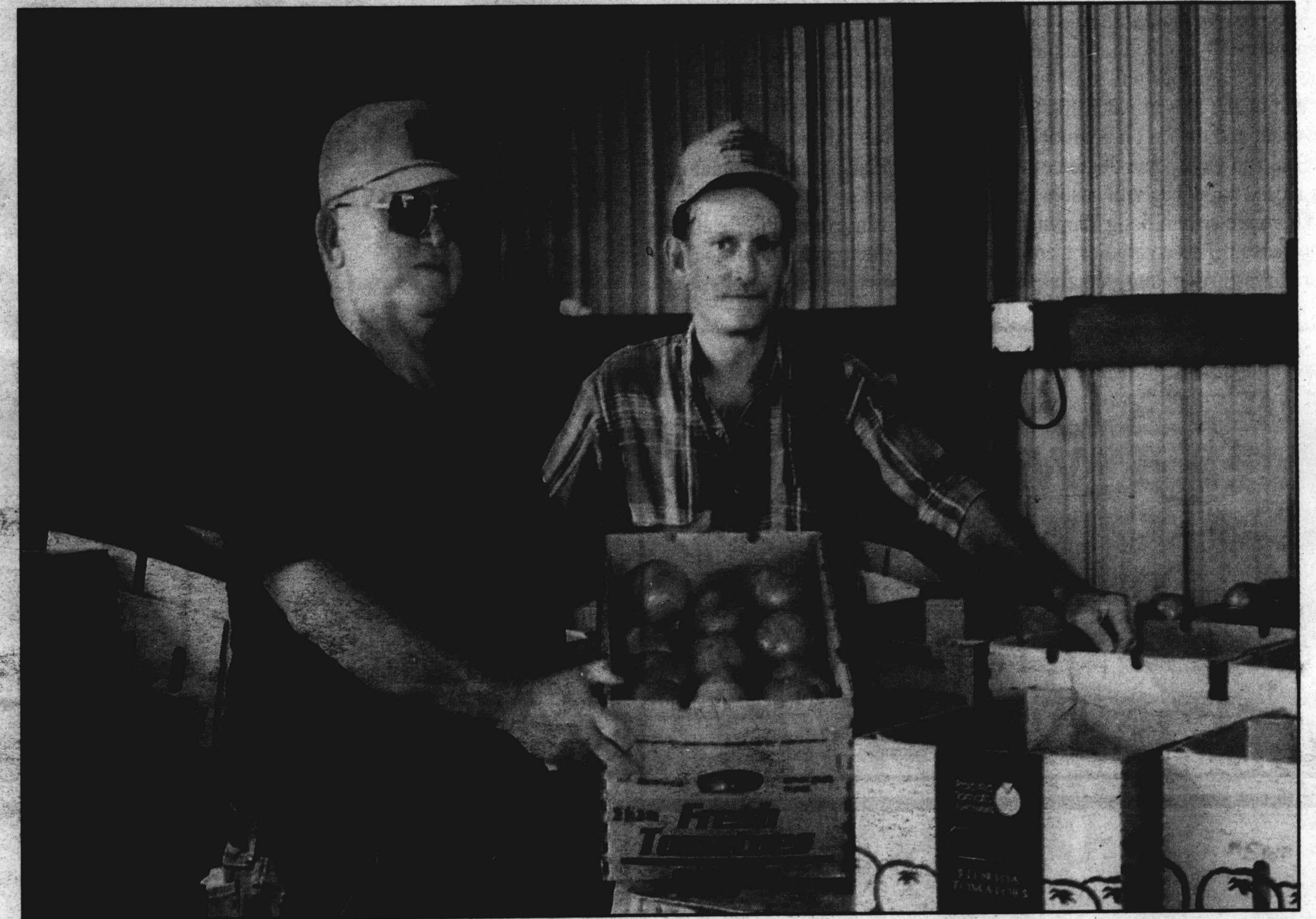
Jerome Williams and Sons, Inc. and Williams Jerome and Sons, Inc. to Clabern G. Johnson and Pansy Johnson, Dist. 3, 121.35 acres.

Calvin L. Elder to J. Carlton Drumwright, Sr., Dist. 2,

composé himself while he stumbled down the hallway with tears streaming down his face and Ed's face beginning to turn a bright red, he said, "Greeks and Trojans are the names of our private dining rooms."

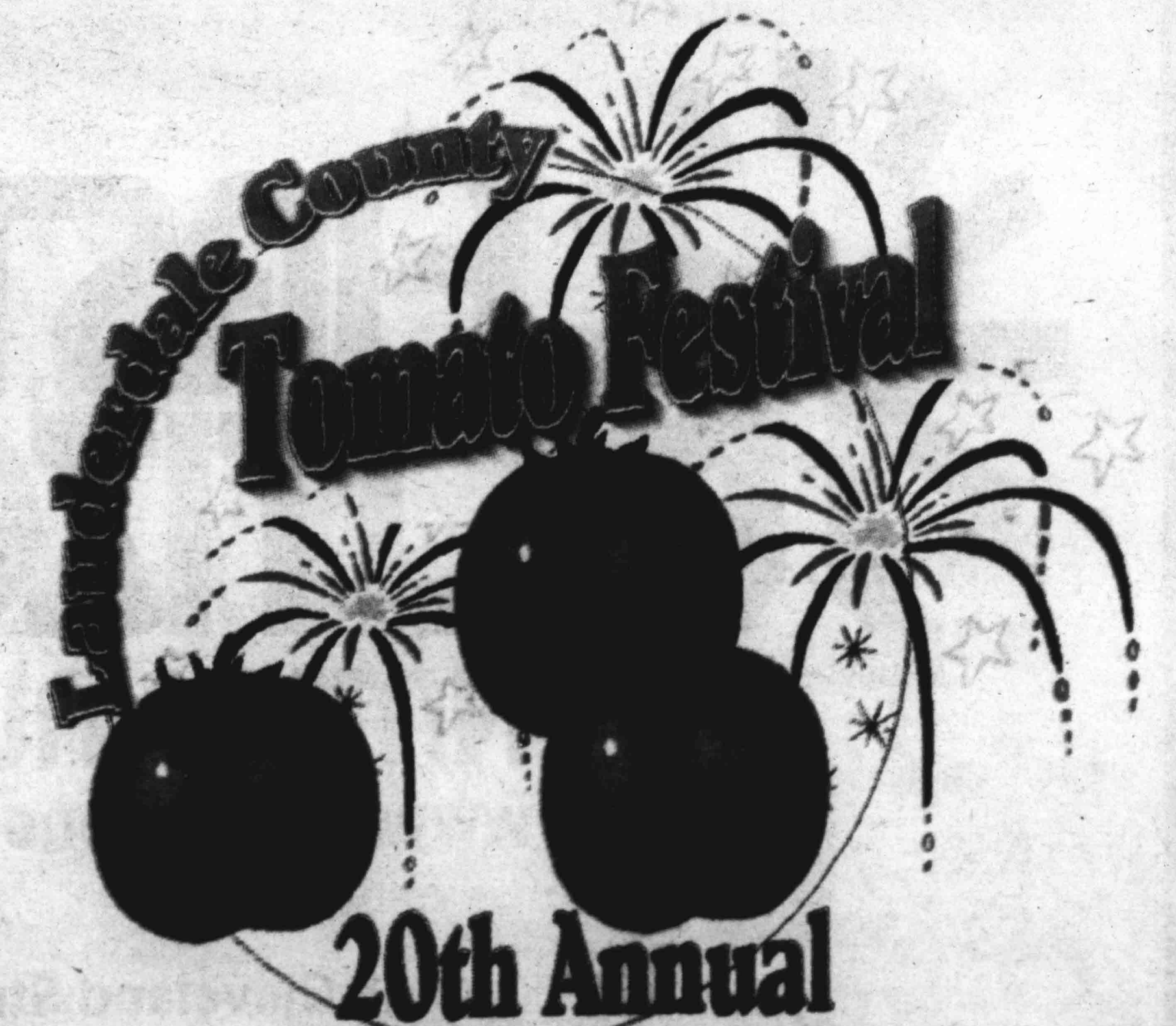
See what I mean. That was not cool and Ed is lucky his other friends were not with him or it could have been a very "awesome" moment to have lived down. Now isn't that a "killer" of an experience?

2003 Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Tomato Farmers of The Year



RUSSELL KIESTLER, left, and his brother, LYNN KIESTLER, right, were named Lauderdale County 2003 Tomato Farmers of the Year. The brothers raise Mt. Spring and Florida 47 tomatoes on 35 acres. "We've been farming all our lives," said Russell, and we have farmed together for 25 years. Their crop is delivered to Missouri, Indiana, and Middle Tennessee.

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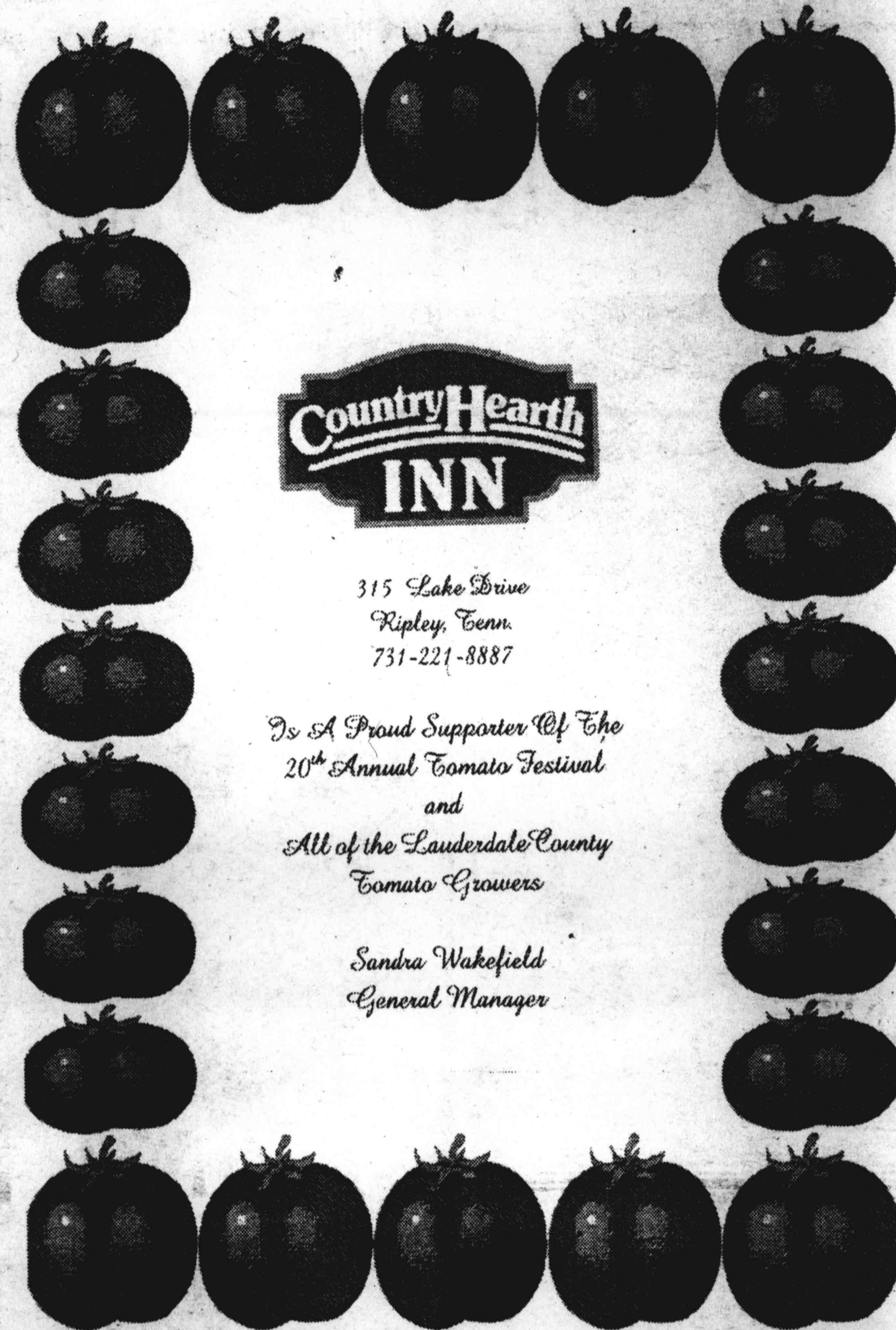
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To achieve the full tomato flavor, allow the fruit to fully ripen on the plant. Wait until it is deep red, or whatever final color the tomato is to be. Remember that once harvested, no additional sugars will go into the fruit. To harvest, gently hold the tomato and twist the tomato so that the stem separates from the vine. It is easy to damage the plant by pulling the entire fruit cluster off of the plant. Take the fruit one at a time unless you wish to remove the entire ripe cluster. Tomatoes are best stored at room temperature. It is absolutely unnecessary to place a ripe tomato in the refrigerator. Tomatoes will store on a kitchen counter for several days. At the end of the season when frost is predicted, all green tomatoes can be harvested and placed on a windowsill for future use. Most will gradually turn red and have some degree of tomato flavor. Placing unripe tomatoes in a closed paper bag will hasten the ripening process.

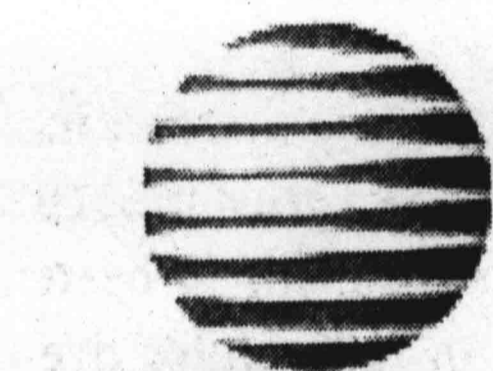
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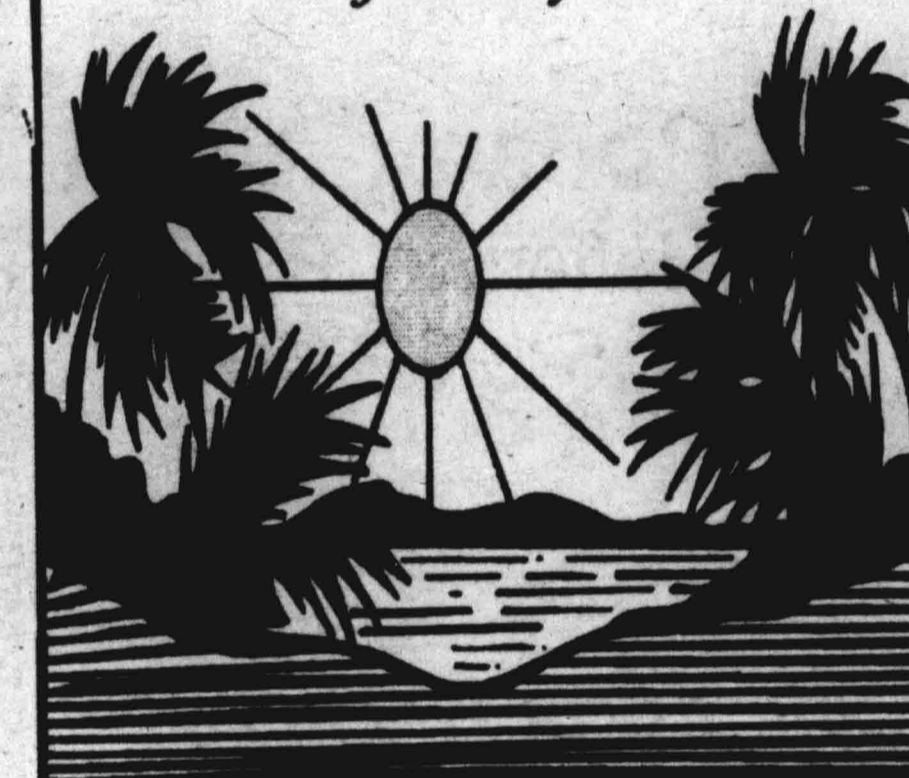


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1/4 c. finely diced tomato	1/4 c. solid shortening
1/4 c. dried basil	1/2 c. milk
1/2 c. dried oregano	

Preheat oven to 425°. Saute onion in oil in a small skillet until tender. Add tomatoes. Cook about 1 minute. Remove from heat and add basil and oregano. Mix flour and pepper in a bowl. Cut shortening into flour. Stir in milk and tomato-basil mixture. Dough will be sticky. Drop by tablespoons, 2 inches apart, onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake about 10 or 12 minutes. Makes about 16 biscuits.

*Elaine Jones
Curve-Woodville*

TOMATO ROLLS

1/4 c. tomato juice	1 pkg. yeast
1/4 c. sugar	1/4 c. lukewarm water
1/2 c. shortening	3 1/2 c. plain flour, sifted before measuring
2 tsp. salt	
1 egg, well beaten	

Heat tomato juice and pour over sugar, shortening and salt in a large mixing bowl. Let stand until lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup of lukewarm water. When first mixture is lukewarm, stir in beaten egg, yeast mixture and flour. Cover and place in refrigerator overnight. Take out and knead with flour and make into rolls and place on a well-greased pan. Let rise for 3 hours. Bake in preheated 375° oven for 20 to 30 minutes. This can also be baked into 2 loaves of bread, just bake a little longer.

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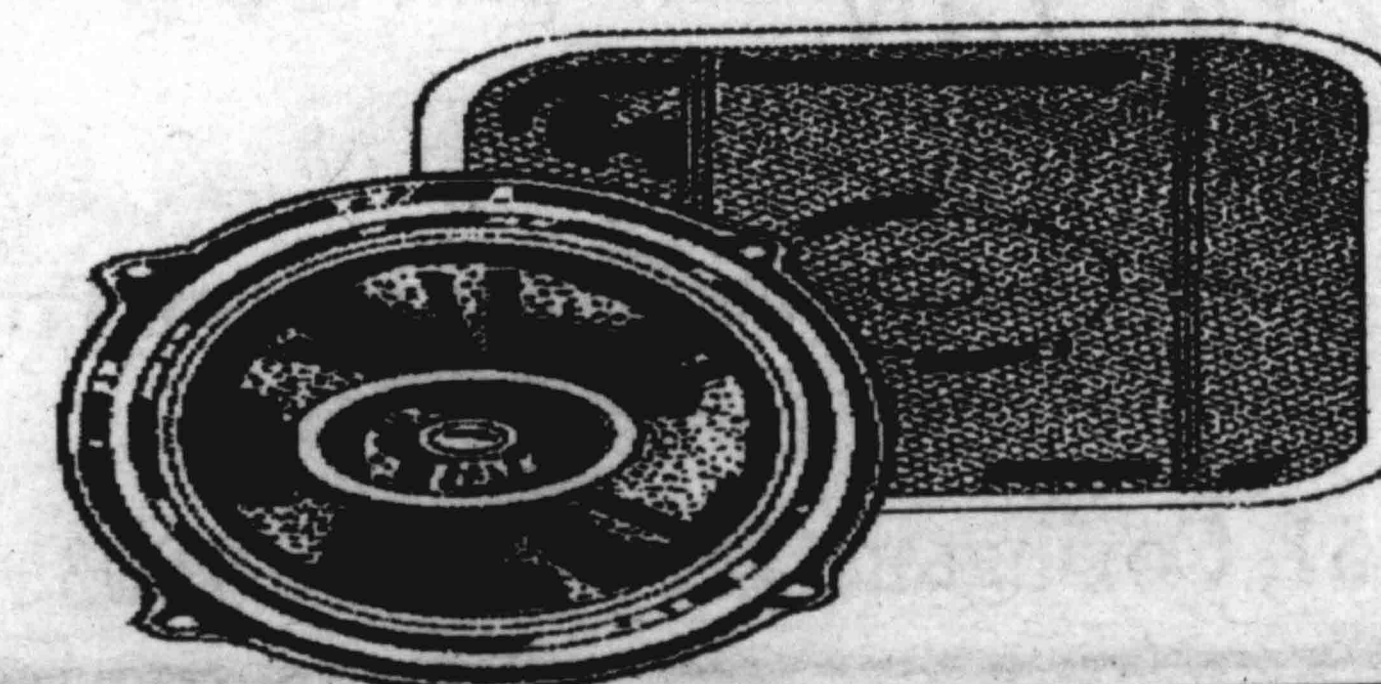
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Chill tomatoes and onions, but not too much. Slice the tomatoes and onions fairly thin (we used about 1/8" but this can be varied up to about 1/4"). The thin slicing exposes more area to the dressing and makes the salad easier to eat! Alternate slices of tomato and onion of approximately equal diameter.

Pour the dressing over the slices and let stand a bit if you like a marinated flavor. This can be extended in the refrigerator for more flavor if you like.

Crumble bleu cheese on top to taste at serving.

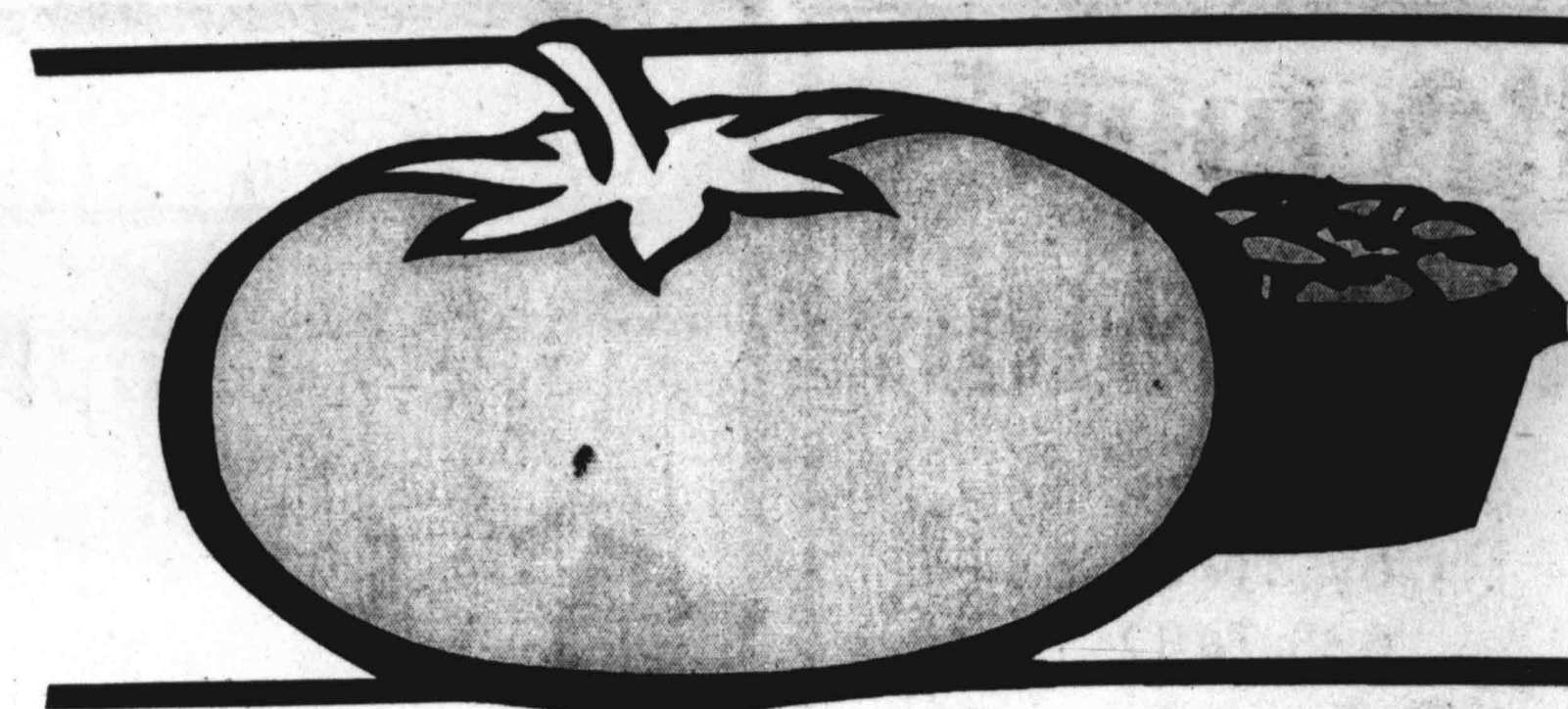
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1 can black-eyed peas, drained
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1 bunch green onions, chopped
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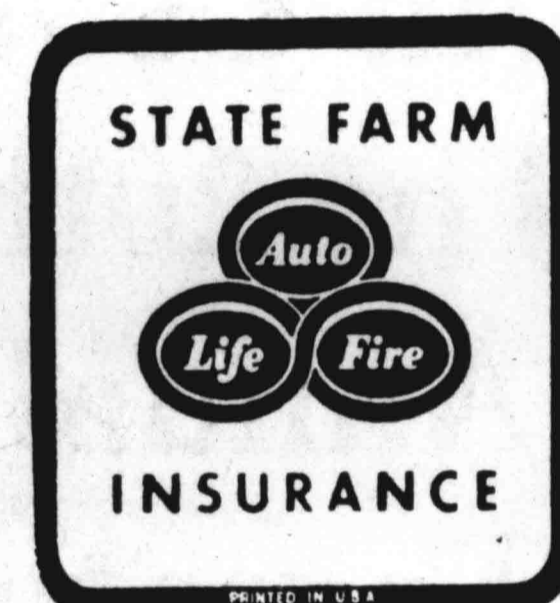
1 bell pepper, chopped
chopped ripe tomatoes (add last)
cold slaw dressing
salt to taste

Mix all together.

Earline Gay
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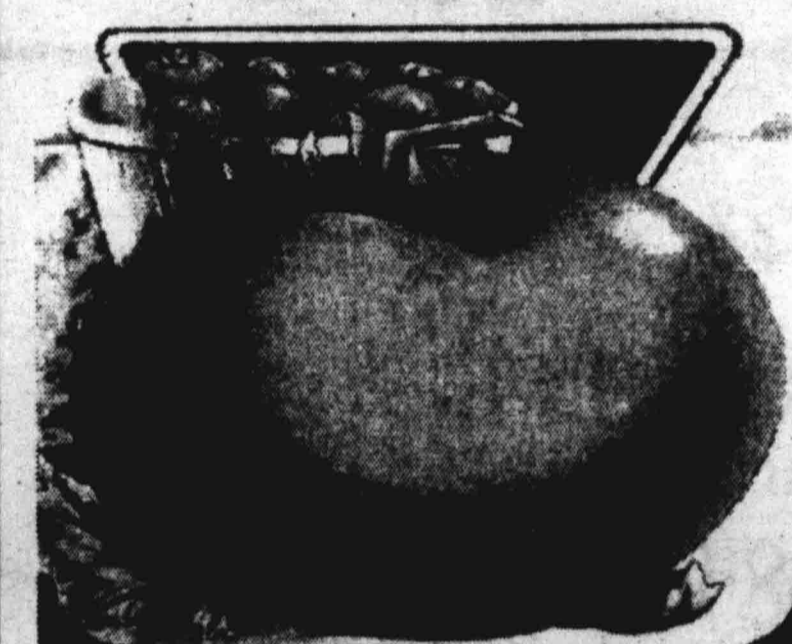
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Did you know?

The tomato is the world's most popular fruit!

The tomato is the world's most popular fruit. And yes, just like the brinjal and the pumpkin, botanically speaking, it is a fruit, not a vegetable. More than 60 million tons of tomatoes are produced per year, 16 million tons more than the second most popular fruit, the banana. Apples are the third most popular (36 million tons), then oranges (34 million tons) and watermelons (22 million tons).

Tomatoes were first cultivated in 700 AD by Aztecs

and Incas. Explorers returning from Mexico introduced the tomato into Europe, where it was first mentioned in 1556. The French called it "the apple of love," the Germans "the apple of paradise."

Tomatoes are rich in vitamins A and C and fibre, and are cholesterol free. An average size tomato (148 gram, or 5 oz) boasts only 35 calories. Furthermore, new medical research suggests that the consumption of lycopene - the stuff that makes tomatoes red - may prevent cancer. Lycopene is part of the family of pigments called carotenoids, which are natural compounds that create the colors of fruits and vegetables. For example, beta carotene is the orange pigment in carrots. As with essential amino acids, they are not produced by the human body. Lycopene is the most powerful antioxidant in the carotenoid family and, with vitamins C and E, protect us from the free radicals that degrade many parts of the body.

The scientific term for the common tomato is *lycopersicon lycopersicum*, which means "wolf peach." It is a cousin of the eggplant, red pepper, ground cherry, potato, and the highly toxic belladonna, also known as the nightshade or solanacae. There are more than 10,000 varieties of tomatoes.

Tomatoes are used in many food products, including, of course, tomato sauce (ketchup), pasta and pizza. According to a Steel Packing Council survey of 1997, 68% of chefs use canned tomatoes for convenience, quality and flavoring.

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TOMATO CLASSIFICATION

There are three ways to classify tomatoes. They are fruit shape, earliness to mature and color. Tomatoes are quite diverse and many gardeners enjoy growing several types. There are five major fruit shapes. From the smallest to the largest, they are cherry, plum, pear, standard and beefsteak. The National Garden Bureau found numerous cherry varieties available to gardeners. They are defined by weight in the range of 1/4 to one ounce. Cherry tomatoes are produced in clusters like grapes but have a tendency to crack if not picked regularly. The plum and pear tomatoes are the fruit shapes as described and weigh between 2 to 6 ounces. Normally they have meaty interiors, thick fruit walls and less gel than others. The standard tomatoes are round to globe shape weighing 4 to 8 ounces. The beefsteak size can be 2 pounds or more depending upon variety. The shape is usually oblate.

Tomatoes are categorized by their maturity date. The number of days to maturity means the number of days from planting outdoors to expected ripe fruit. Tomatoes can be early, mid-season or late. Early tomatoes will ripen from 55 to 65 days from transplanting. Mid-season is considered 66 to 80 days for ripe fruit. Late types require over 80 days to ripen. Tomatoes are colorful, ranging from creamy white through lime green to pink, yellow, golden, orange and red. The major differences among the colors are the flavors. Pink, yellow and orange are milder tasting than most red varieties. We have been led to believe that the yellow or orange tomatoes have less acid content but this is not necessarily true. People taste less acid in these colors.

NOMENCLATURE

The botanical name for tomato has changed several times. Its earliest name was *Lycopersicon* or literally, wolf peach. Once the tomato was placed in the *Solanum* (*Solanaceae*) family, the botanical name changed to *Solanum lycopersicon*. Today the tomato is known as *Lycopersicon esculentum*, literally edible wolf peach.

BACON AND TOMATO SALAD

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| 2 c. (8 oz.) elbow macaroni (uncooked) | 1 tsp. capers |
| 1/2 c. mayonnaise | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 c. vegetable oil | 1/4 tsp. pepper |
| 2 Tbsp. wine vinegar | 4 slices cooked and crumbled bacon |
| 2 Tbsp. ketchup | 2 tomatoes, cut into wedges |
| 2 Tbsp. grated onion | 8 hard-boiled eggs, quartered |

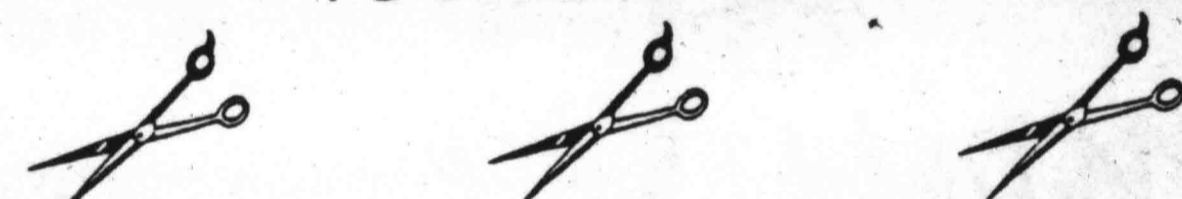
Cook elbow macaroni according to directions; drain well. Cool (rinse with cold water to cool quickly; drain well.) Combine cooked macaroni and mayonnaise. Blend oil, vinegar, ketchup, onion, capers, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Pour seasoned dressing over macaroni mixture; toss lightly. Chill. Add bacon pieces before serving and mix well. Garnish with tomatoes and hard-boiled eggs.

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All of us, along with the rest of our surrounding area, realize there is no tomato taste like Lauderdale County tomatoes.

We want to thank the ones who help to put the festival together for their hard work and wish them continued success.

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SOWING SEED

Many gardeners start their tomato plants from seed. This allows gardeners a wider choice of tomato varieties than if purchased as bedding plants. Tomato seed should be sown indoors 6 to 12 weeks before the last expected frost date. Most seed will germinate in 5 to 12 days. For maximum germination, the soil temperature needs to be warm, about 70 to 75 degrees F. Use a prepared, sterile germination mix as the growing media. Place this media in containers with holes for drainage. Water the media thoroughly and allow to drain. Sow seeds on the media and cover lightly with media or vermiculite. Mist the top of the media and cover with newspaper or plastic to prevent the media from drying out. Keep in a warm place and check every day for germination. When seeds have sprouted, remove the cover. Place in a sunny location, keep seedlings warm and water regularly. After a week or two transplant young plants into small 2 inch individual peat pots filled with a sterile soil-less growing media. Dig out plants, carefully separate and disturb the roots as little as possible. Make hole in media, place plant into hole and push media next to plant to hold it upright. The plant can be planted deep, to the first leaf stem. Roots will develop along the buried main stem. Provide as much direct sunlight as possible. Up to twelve hours of light is desirable at this stage. Gardeners can use grow lights to supplement the natural sunlight. The plants may stretch or get leggy if they do not receive enough direct sunlight.



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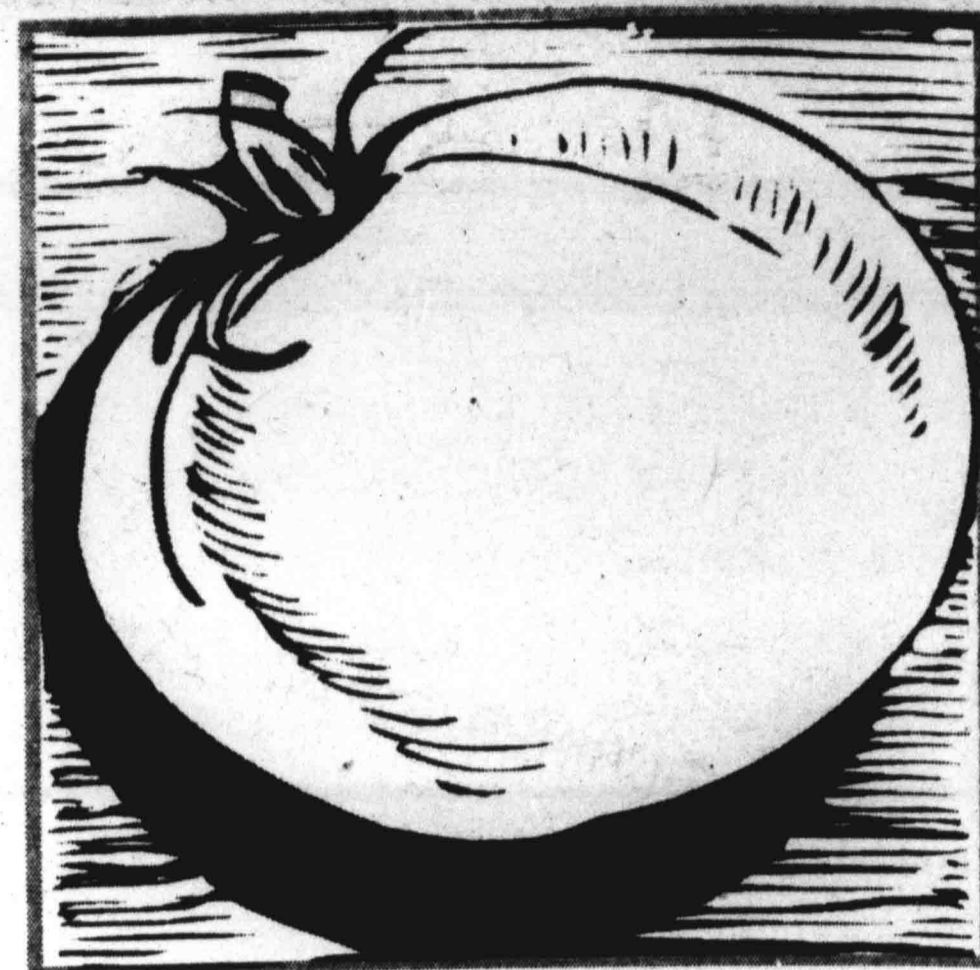
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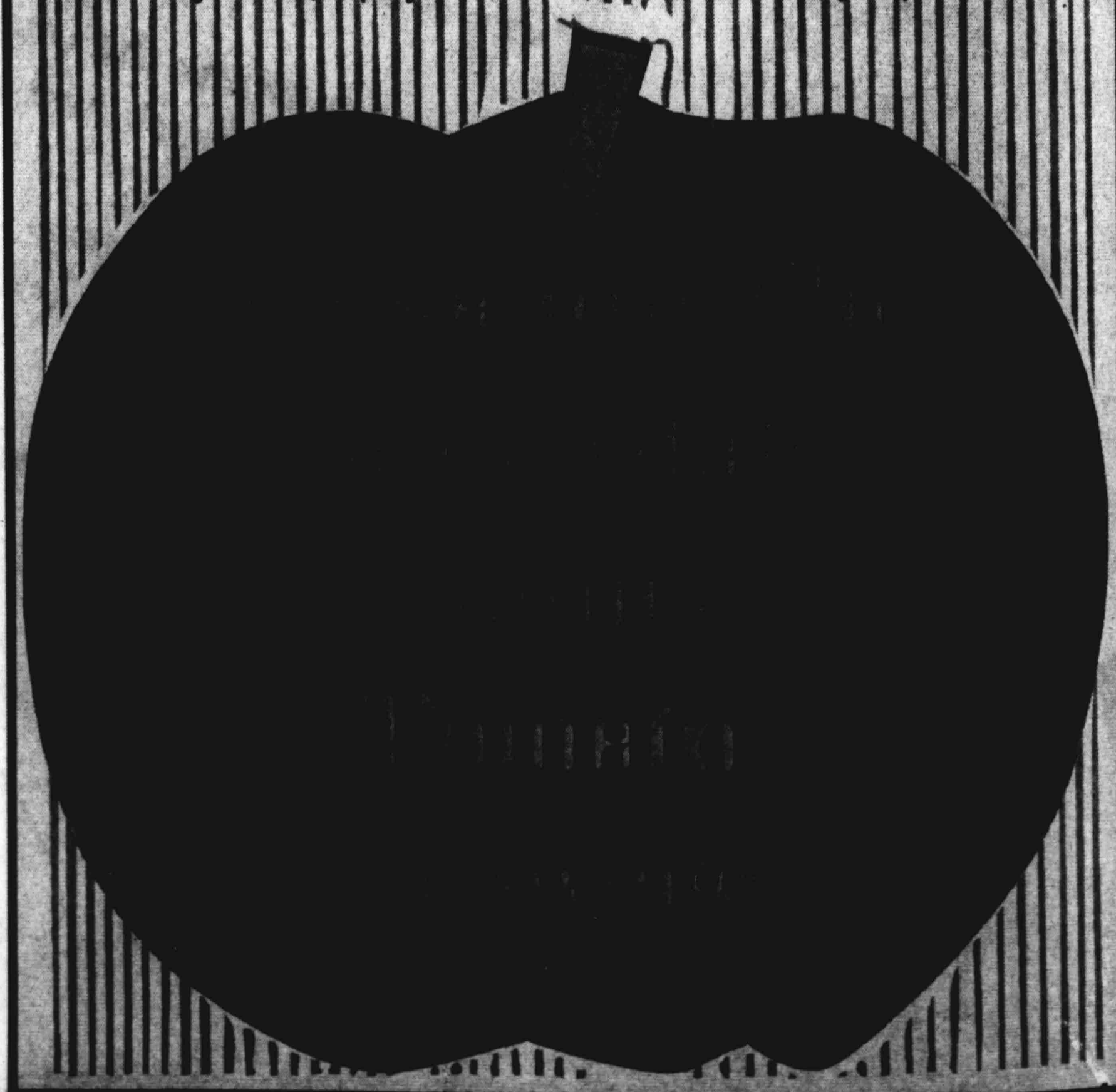
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TOMATO TIPS

Tomatoes are always more favorable when served at room temperature.

Refrigeration can kill tomato flavor and prevent ripening. However, when we get so many tomatoes ripe at the one time, we almost have to refrigerate them to slow the spoilage. But for better taste, avoid long-term refrigeration.

If using tomatoes for sandwiches, slice from top to bottom instead of crosswise. There will be less juice to make the bread soggy.

When preparing green tomatoes for frying, slice them early, sprinkle with salt and let stand awhile. The salt will pull a lot of the juice from the tomato, providing you with a crisper fried green tomato.

To seed tomatoes, cut tomato crosswise in half. Holding one tomato half at a time, squeeze gently. Use a finger to twist and loosen the seeds from pulp.

To peel tomatoes, core and cut a shallow cross at one end of the tomato. Submerge in a pot of boiling water for 15 seconds. Immediately immerse in cold water and peel.

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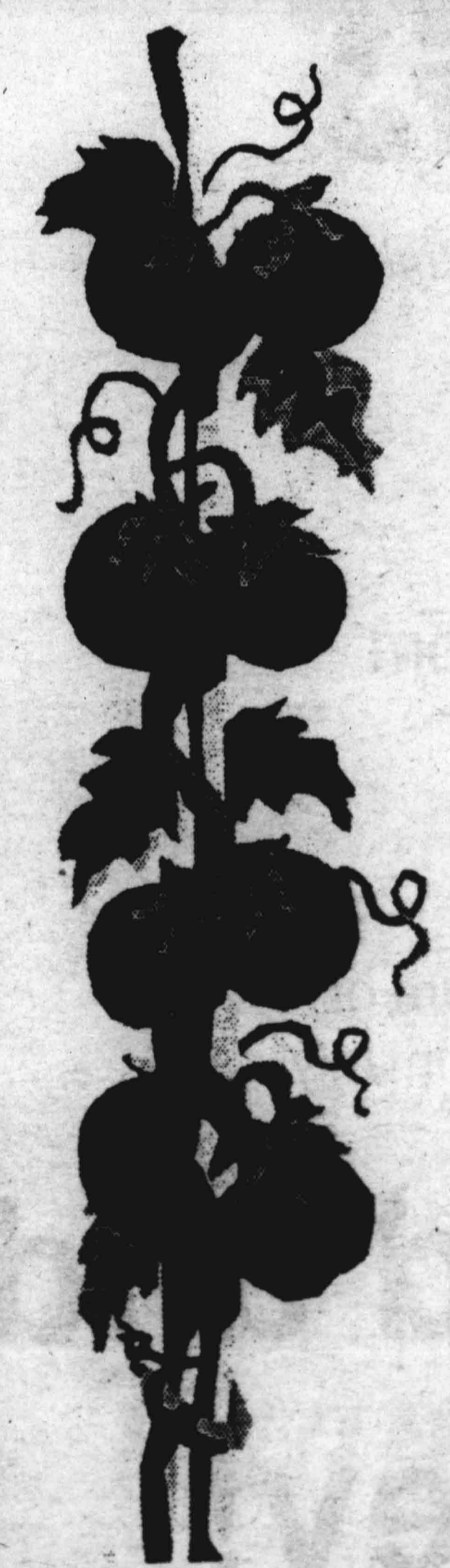
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HISTORY

The tomato originated in the Andean Mountains of South America. The Inca people living in the area did not cultivate the tomato. The tomato traveled over 2,000 miles north of its center of origin to Central America where the pre-Mayan people first domesticated tomato plants. The Aztecs were the first people to cultivate, eat and name the tomato - tomatl or xtomatl. It was the wild cherry size tomato *Lycopersicon esculentum* var *cerasiforme*, from which modern tomatoes are descended. The species is still found growing wild throughout the New World Tropics. Cortez and his explorers are credited with finding the tomato in an Aztec market around 1520 and transporting the seed to Spain. In 1522 Italy was under Spanish rule and they introduced the tomato to Naples, Italy where it was cultivated.

The earliest written records of the tomato are in herbal books. Botanists placed the tomato in the nightshade family, which includes many poisonous plants. People thought tomatoes were poisonous also and the Herbal books said "this plant is more pleasant to the sight than either to the taste or smell because the fruit being eaten provoketh loathing and vomiting." Tomatoes were not eaten in England during the 1500 and 1600's because of the belief that they were poisonous.

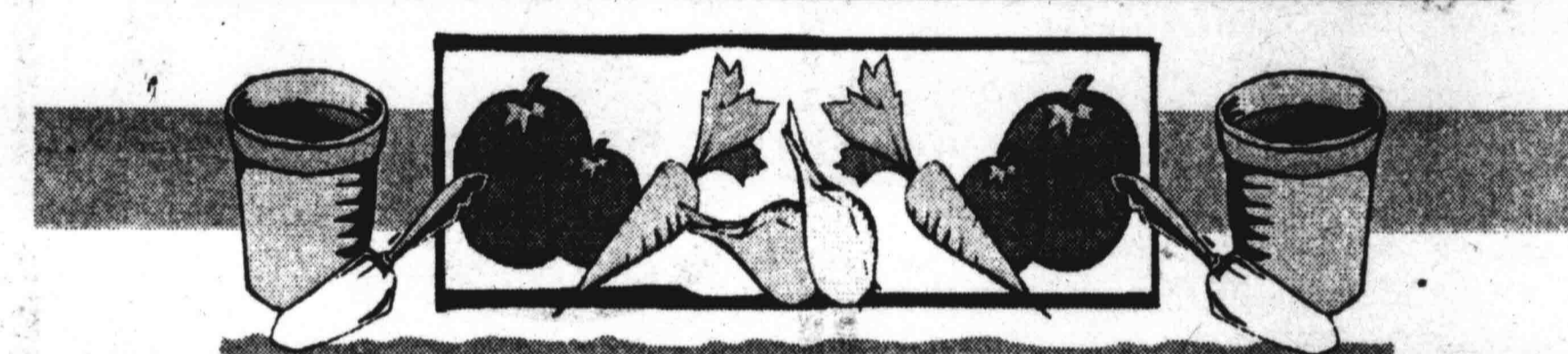
Colonialists brought many plants from Europe back to the New World and the tomato was one of them. Thomas Jefferson raised them as an ornamental plant at Monticello in 1781. They were not being eaten.

It wasn't until the 1830's that people in North America began to relish tomatoes as food. Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson is credited for an event that changed opinions about tomatoes. In Salem, New Jersey in 1820 Colonel Johnson staged an event to eat a basketful of tomatoes at the local courthouse. An audience gathered to watch the colonel die. Colonel Johnson's physician warned that he would, "Foam and froth at the mouth...double over with appendicitis...if wolf peach is too ripe and warmed by the sun...exposing himself to brain fever." Colonel Johnson

survived and slowly people began to accept the tomato as food. In 1835 tomatoes were regularly available in local markets in North America. The most popular uses were in preserves, pickles and catsup. Many cookbooks of the era highly recommended cooking tomatoes for at least three hours so that the "raw taste" would be lost.

In the 1880 James Vick's Flower and Vegetable Catalog, Rochester, New York, there were 6 distinct types of tomatoes from seed offered to gardeners. A significant tomato breeding company in the 1880's was Livingston Seed Co. of Columbus, Ohio. This company bred 'Golden Queen' an early, large, smooth fruited, golden yellow tomato. W. Atlee Burpee listed 'Golden Queen' in their 1888 Farm Annual catalog. Burpee's catalog described 'Golden Queen' as "handsome yellow slices making a beautiful contrast in dish with the red tomatoes." Burpee listed twenty two tomato varieties for sale in 1888 with unusual names such as 'Acme,' 'Essex Early Hybrid,' and 'Nesbit's Victoria.'

A new development in the history of the tomato occurred in 1949 when W. Atlee Burpee introduced the first F1 Hybrid tomato, 'Big Boy.' Bred by Dr. Oved Shifriss, 'Big Boy' offered gardeners earliness in a large, smooth red tomato. It was an instant success for both Dr. Shifriss and W. Atlee Burpee. Since 1949 thousands of hybrid tomatoes have been bred and introduced. The most significant breeding accomplishments have been the multiple disease tolerances bred into tomatoes. These tomatoes tolerate diseases such as fusarium wilt or root knot nematodes that would kill other tomato plants. Because of these tolerances there is less need for fungicides or pesticides to kill insects that spread diseases.



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- 1984 - Unknown
- 1985 - Unknown
- 1986 - Bruce Little
- 1987 - H. M. Tims & Neal Crain
- 1988 - Unknown
- 1989 - Johnie Ford & Steve Watson
- 1990 - Bruce Little
- 1991 - Neal Crain
- 1992 - Barry Connell
- 1993 - Unknown
- 1994 - Unknown
- 1995 - Unknown
- 1996 - Unknown
- 1997 - Mike Voss
- 1998 - Johnie Ford
- 1999 - Herman & Neal Simpson
- 2000 - Coy Summar
- 2001 - Jimmie "Hur" Summar
- 2002 - Chris & Billy Hall Lankford
- 2003 - Russell & Lynn Kiestler

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TOMATO CULTURE – (PLANT GROWTH)

There are basically two types of plant growth for tomatoes. They are determinate and indeterminate. You can select the habit that is best for your garden use. Indeterminate growth means varieties grow, blossom, and produce tomatoes throughout the growing season until killed possibly by frost. The continuous growth produces many main stems all capable of flowering and producing fruit. Because of the abundant lush growth, pruning indeterminate plants is highly recommended. To support the plant growth and to keep tomatoes off garden soil, the National Garden Bureau recommends a stake for tomato plant support. Plants can be easily trained to the stake for vertical growth. The best combination of pruning and staking is to remove all but two growing stems and loosely tie the stems to the stake. To identify an indeterminate plant, look at the main stem. This can be identified by the growing tip at the top or end of the stem. In a normal plant, there are three leaf stems growing from the main stem. Above or below the three stems you will find a flower cluster. This pattern is repeated over and over on the main stem.

Indeterminate plants may be pruned to harvest larger tomatoes. Without pruning, plants produce smaller tomatoes but more of them. To prune, pinch out suckers. These are shoots that develop in the "U" between the main stem and a branch. Pinch out these shoots. This is best done by hand, pinching the shoots between fingers.

Determinate tomato plants are relatively compact and produce a full bushy plant. These plants will reach a predetermined height or number of fruit clusters and not grow beyond it. The plants flower, set fruit and ripen in a short time so that the main harvest is concentrated into a few weeks. This may be ideal for gardeners who wish to can or preserve the fresh tomato harvest. Instead of three leaf stems and a flower cluster, determinate varieties have two leaf stems and a cluster.

There is a third type called semi-determinate which is a bushy plant but will set and ripen fruit over a longer period of time than a normal determinate. The AAS Winner 'Celebrity' is a semi-determinate or semi-determinate plants is to NOT prune and place a cage around the tomato while still quite small. The plant grows filling the cage. Gardeners need only pluck ripe fruit. It's as easy as growing a petunia from a bedding plant.

COMBINATION VEGETABLE SALAD

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| 3 tomatoes, coarsely chopped | 3 medium onions, coarsely chopped |
| 3 green peppers, coarsely chopped | 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | 1 tsp. salt |
| ½ tsp. freshly ground pepper | ¾ c. red wine vinegar |
| 2 Tbsp. salad oil | |

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Chill, covered, 4 to 6 hours. Makes 8 servings.

Jan Herrmann
Key Corner FCE

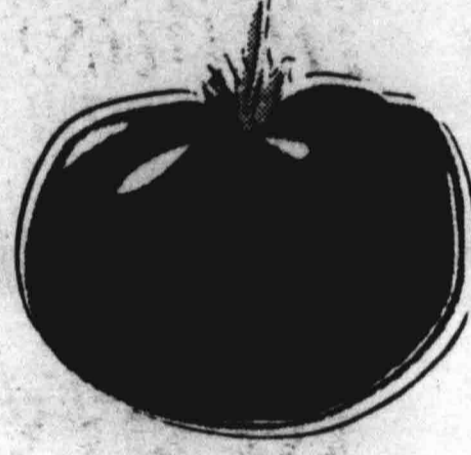
Quantities to Buy

The quantities of tomatoes to buy for different purposes can be easily calculated.

Unit of Purchase	Quantity	Yield
1 pound	3 medium or 4 small	4 servings
1 bushel	56 pounds	About 18-24 quarts canned

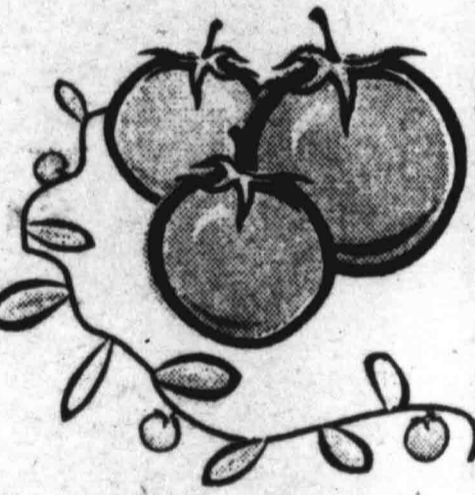
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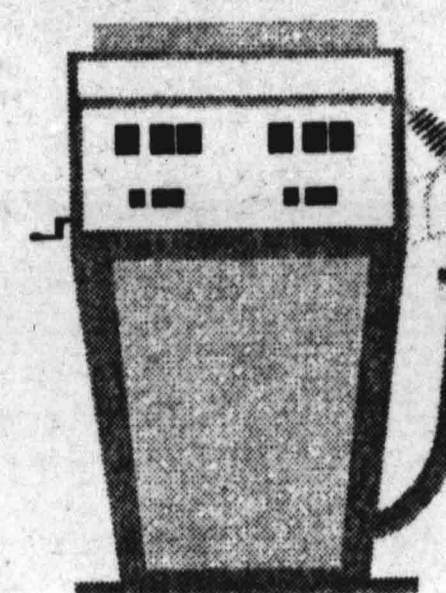


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SPINACH STUFFED TOMATOES

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| 8 oz. fresh chopped spinach | 1 oz. chopped green onions |
| ½ oz. fried bacon | 2 large tomatoes, cut in half and insides scooped out |
| 1 egg | |
| 1 c. shredded cheese | |

Saute spinach in olive oil until limp. Cook bacon in the microwave until crisp. Crumble the bacon. Choose the type cheese you prefer (mild, choose Velveeta; medium, choose Cheddar and strong choose Feta). After spinach is soft, let cool. Drain as much oil as possible and put in mixing bowl. Add the cheese, onions, bacon and egg. Mix well, adding a dash of oil as needed to help mix well. Fill each side of the tomato with ¼ of the mixture. When ready to serve, bake the tomatoes in a slow 250° oven so that the cheese melts in the middle. The mix can be made a couple of days in advance, but don't stuff until ready to bake.

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Chapter No. 154]

PUBLIC ACTS, 2003

CHAPTER NO. 154

HOUSE BILL NO. 987

By Representatives Roach, Fitzhugh, Vincent

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 936

By Senator Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, to designate the tomato as the official state fruit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

4-1-3__.

The delicious tomato, *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*, is designated as the official state fruit.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 5, 2003

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2003

Jimmy Naifeh
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

John S. Wilder
JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR

SUBSTITUTIONS

She didn't have potatoes,
So she used a cup of rice.
She couldn't find paprika,
So she used some other spice.
Tomatoes weren't in season,
So she used tomato paste.
The *whole* can, not a cup, dear.
She couldn't bear to waste.
And now she isn't speaking.
She's convinced I pulled a fast one.
So don't ask for my recipe.
That one was the last one.

Author Unknown

Tomato Festival Fun

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TOMATO PRESERVES 1

- 3 c. chopped ripe tomatoes
- 1 small box lemon jello
- 2 c. sugar

Cook tomatoes and sugar 15 minutes. Remove from heat and add the dry jello. Stir well and seal in canning jars. Refrigerate.

Jane H. Connell
Extension Agent

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- 1 tomato, peeled, seeded and cut into strips
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen peas, parboiled
- 2 tablespoons fresh green chili strips
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh cilantro or parsley
- Lettuce leaves

In a bowl, toss tomato strips, peas, chili strips, lemon juice and cilantro or parsley. Cover and chill. Serve on a bed of lettuce. **Yield:** 1 serving. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 1 vegetable, 1/2 starch; also, 61 calories, 48 mg sodium, 0 cholesterol, 12 gm carbohydrate, 3 gm protein, 1 gm fat.

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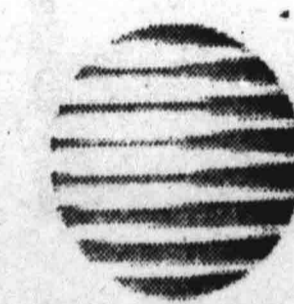
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2003 Tomato Festival Royalty



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.



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, Kataline Blakely, daughter of Alison Blakely and John Blakely; and page, Addison Carmack, son of Demetra Carmack.

TOMATO DUMPLINGS 1

1 qt. cooked, chopped tomatoes	1 tsp. salt
1 jalapeno pepper, chopped	3 Tbsp. bacon drippings
2 cans (10 count) biscuits with butterflakes	(optional) pepper to taste

Bring tomatoes to boil. Add jalapeno and seasonings, including the bacon drippings if used. (Herbs such as parsley or oregano can be added, if desired.) Pinch small pieces of biscuits. Drop into tomatoes. Simmer until done.

Lynn Brackin
Secretary Agricultural Extension Service



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.

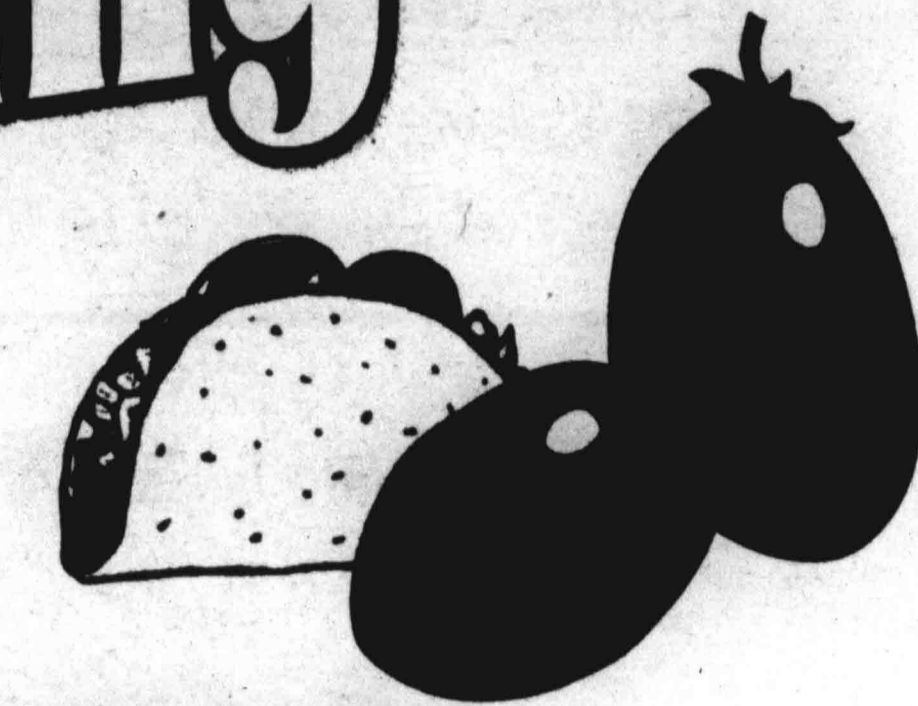


MADISON HAMLET, daughter of David and Zina Hamlet, second from left, was crowned Queen during the Miss Lauderdale County Jr. Miss Pageant. Her court included, from left, first maid, Devin Blankenship, daughter of Alfred and Debbie Blankenship; second maid, Kristen McCallister, daughter of Keith and Nancy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



Tomato Tasting

Tickets \$4.00



Friday, July 11, 2003

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Family Life Center, 1st Baptist Church
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Guests will sample 25 dishes prepared from recipes in Volumes I & II of the Lauderdale County Recipes featuring Lauderdale County Tomatoes!

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The 20th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival

Friday, June 20

Ripley Walking Horse Classic.....6:00pm
Ripley Park, sponsored by Ripley BSA Troop 63

Thursday, July 10

4th Annual Tomato Festival Art Exhibiton & Competition.....10:00am - 5:00pm
WTN Association of Artists Art Mall, 121 N. Main St., Ripley

2003 Invitational Art Exhibiton.....8:00am - 5:00pm
Bank of Ripley lobby, Court Square (runs thru 7/31, sponsor: Lauderdale Co. Council of Arts)

20th Annual Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony.....7:00pm
Main Stage: Memphis Cottonboll Chorus, Senator Mark Norris, Fireworks Show & More!!!

Friday, July 11

4th Annual Tomato Festival Art Exhibiton & Competition.....8:00am - 5:00pm
WTN Association of Artists Art Mall, 121 N. Main St., Ripley

2003 Invitational Art Exhibiton.....10:00am - 5:00pm
Bank of Ripley lobby, Court Square (runs thru 7/31, sponsor: Lauderdale Co. Council of Arts)

Tomato Tasting (tickets \$4.00)11:00am - 1:00pm
1st Baptist Church Family Life Center, Sponsor: FCE Clubs of Lauderdale County

Exhibits & Midway Opens.....12:00noon
Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - Ripley Park

Tomato Cafe.....1:00 - 3:00pm
Ripley Park, an educational exhibit, Sponsor: TSU Cooperative Extension Program & TNCEP

Baby Crawling Contest (6-18 mos., \$3.00 entry).....4:00pm

Mechanical Bull Riding Preliminary Races.....5:00pm
Ripley Park, see Chamber to enter

Gospel Music Hour (Main Stage)5:30-6:30pm

River Jam (Main Stage)7:00-8:00pm

Webb Dalton & the Dalton Gang (Main Stage).....8:30 - 10:30pm

Barbeque Cookoff (Ripley Park).....Cooking begins 12midnight

Saturday, July 12

5K Run/Walk.....7:00am
Race beains at BMH Lauderdale, Sponsor: BMH Lauderdale & First Citizens Nat'l. Bank

Action Shooting Pistol Contest.....7:30 am
FOP Building, Ripley, Sponsor: Crain's Pharmacy

Tomato Wars (Ripley Park)10:00am

Exhibits & Midway Opens.....10:00am
Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - Ripley Park

4th Annual Tomato Festival Art Exhibiton & Competition.....10:00am - 3:00pm
WTN Association of Artists Art Mall, 121 N. Main St., Ripley

2003 Invitational Art Exhibiton.....10:00am - 2:00pm
Bank of Ripley lobby, Court Square (runs thru 7/31, sponsor: Lauderdale Co. Council of Arts)

Children's Parade.....11:00am
Judging for Best Decorations & Best Costume, Ripley Park

Lauderdale County Motorcycle Poker Run (registration - 10am)11:00am
Ripley Park, Sponsor: Jimmy Drake, all proceeds benefit Lauderdale Co. Education Foundation

Chalk Art Contest for Kids.....12noon
Meet at the Chamber office, 123 S. Jefferson St.

Tomato Contest (entry deadline is 12noon)1:00pm
Ripley Park, Judging: Biggest, oddest, shape, color, taste. Bring entries to Chamber tent.

Local Talent Showcase.....1:30pm - 3:30pm

Cheerleading Exhibition.....4:15 - 5:30pm
HHS, RHS Varsity, HJHS, RHS Freshman, LMS

Tomato Eating Contest.....5:30pm
Ripley Park Main Stage

Mechanical Bull Finals.....6:00pm

Ikke Follis as Elvis (Main Stage)6:00 - 7:00pm

Uptown Jazz (Main Stage).....7:00 - 7:45pm

Memphis Soul Revue (Main Stage).....8:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday, July 26

Lauderdale County Talent Show.....7:00pm
Ripley High School, (ages 13-21, prelim. to Mid-South Fair) Sponsored by

"Where you from?"

The late Jack Tims was born and reared as a farmer in Lauderdale County. In 1961 he had gone north to work at Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Mich. He would spend his annual 6-week vacation coming "home" to help his brother, the late Pete Tims, in the tomato patch. Produce farming, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, etc. had replaced the traditional crops of cotton and corn grown by the Tims family.

When the abundance of tomatoes were first being grown, there was no commercial source for the rich "weed and seed free" dirt needed to start the tomato seedlings. Farmers would cook the dirt to kill any unwanted seeds (sterilizing process). The dirt would then be spread on tables in the hothouse and planted with seeds, which would sprout "Ripley" tomatoes. The plants were later transplanted to the outside fields. The *red pac*, *big boy* and *super sonic* were some varieties grown.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, farmers began hauling by truck to the northern cities like Indianapolis or even farther north. For many years farmers "hailed" to the Memphis Scott Street - Farmer's Market. Most of the farmers in Lauderdale County lived at a Ripley, Tennessee address. Buyers would ask... "Where you from?"... Naturally, the farmers responded with their Ripley, Tennessee address. The tomato is now referred to as a "RIPLEY" tomato. As well, farmers were always careful to pack tomatoes with local newspaper to validate the record.

As the demand increased for the delicious produce, Ripley soon came to be known as the Tomato Capital. People all over the U.S. looked forward to eating their first "RIPLEY" tomato (just as they do today). Everyone has come to know the "RIPLEY" tomato as...BEST IN TASTE.

Submitted by Betty Henson, (daughter of Jack Tims)

Directions to Ripley Park:

(Located on Highway 51 near the Highway 19 East Intersection)

From Memphis: Stay on Hwy. 51 N. You will pass Lauderdale Cellars, Lauderdale Middle School and Ripley Elementary School (yellow caution lights-school zone) Watch for the green Ripley Park-Pool Waterslide signs and turn right on Keller Lane

From Dyersburg: Stay on Hwy. 51 S. through the red light near Wal-Mart and through the red light at the Super 8 Motel. Watch for the green Ripley Park-Pool Waterslide signs and turn left on Keller Lane and this will take you to the park.

From Jackson & Brownsville: Take Hwy. 19 W until it dead ends at Hwy. 51. Turn right and take the first road to the right, Keller Lane.

DETECTION AND PREVENTION

It's No Fun Getting Burned By the Sun

Nothing quite comes close to the warm glow of the sun on a lazy afternoon. But as anyone who has gotten burned by the sun knows, the dark side of too much sun exposure can mean a painful sunburn. Worse yet, too much sun exposure can lead to the development of skin cancer later in life. Now, new research suggests that everyone - regardless of their age - should be vigilant about adopting a comprehensive sun protection program that includes sunscreen and a whole lot more.

"The thinking used to be that sunburns that occurred later in life - such as after age 18 - were not thought to be as detrimental as those in childhood," said dermatologist Vincent A. DeLeo, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Columbia University, New York. "But now new studies have found that people with a history of excessive sun exposure and sunburns after age 20 have an increased risk for developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer."

The key is to avoid getting sunburn in the first place. Here's how.

Sunlight consists of two types of harmful rays - UVA rays and UVB rays. The UVB rays are the sun's burning rays (which are blocked by window glass) and are the primary cause of sunburn and skin cancer. UVA rays (which pass through window glass) penetrate deeper into the dermis, or base layer of the skin.

The Sun Protection Factor (SPF) system currently used to rate the strength of sunscreens measures their ability to provide primarily UVB protection, which helps prevent sunburn.



But a sunscreen's SPF does not measure the amount of protection it provides from UVA rays, which can cause immunosuppression - or the weakening of the body's ability to protect itself from cancer and other diseases.

"The fact that UVA radiation can cause immunosuppression could explain why some skin cancers appear anywhere on the body - including places that are not directly exposed to the sun," said Dr. DeLeo.

Recent studies have demonstrated that sunscreens, while providing UVB protection, may not have a corresponding level of UVA protection. In fact, one new study demonstrated that the amount of protection from immunosuppression caused by UVA rays that is obtained from sunscreen is more than 50 percent lower than its sunburning protection.

"The good news stemming from this research is that there are sunscreens on the market today with a high SPF and broad-spectrum protection that afford better protection," said Dr. DeLeo. "In addition, agents currently being developed are much more protective" in the UVA range.

Until then, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends that everyone follow these sun protection guidelines year-round:

- Avoid "peak" sunlight hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. - when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.
- Apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors.
- Sunscreens should be re-applied every two hours - even on cloudy days - or after swimming or strenuous exercise.
- Wear protective, tightly woven clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt and pants and a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoors.
- Seek shade whenever possible.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States with more than one million new cases diagnosed in the United States each year. It is estimated that 91,900 people in the United States will be diagnosed with melanoma - the deadliest form of skin cancer - in 2003 and approximately 7,600 deaths will be attributed to melanoma this year. At this rate, one person dies of melanoma every hour.

For more information, contact the AAD at (888) 462-DERM or www.aad.org.

Yield of Fresh Tomatoes From Canned

Fresh Tomatoes: 1 bushel (53 lbs.) = Canned: 15-20 qts.
2-1/2 - 3-1/2 lbs. 1 qt.

2003 Tomato Festival Royalty



GRANT CRIHFELD, son of Greg and Kristy Crihfield, 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.



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.

A "QUICK" Summary Of



DILL

Both leaves and seeds of dill are used. Leaves may be used as a garnish or to cook with fish. Leaves or the whole plant may be used to flavor dill pickles.

FENNEL

Has a sweet, hot flavor. Both seeds and leaves are used. Seeds may be used as a spice in very small quantity in pies and baked goods. Leaves may be boiled with fish.

MARJORAM

May be used both green and dry for flavoring soups and ragouts; and in stuffing for all meats and fish.

TARRAGON

Leaves have a hot, pungent taste. Valuable to use in all salads and sauces. Excellent in tartar sauce. Leaves are pickled with gherkins. Used to flavor vinegar.

CURRY POWDER

A number of spices combined to proper proportions to give a distinct flavor to such dishes as vegetables, meat, poultry and fish.

CHIVES

Leaves are used in many ways. May be used in salads, cream cheese, sandwiches, omelets, soups and fish dishes. Mild flavor of onion.

SAGE

Used fresh and dried. May be used in poultry and meat stuffings; in sausage and practically all meat combinations; in cheese and vegetable combinations, as in vegetable loaf, or curry. The flowers are sometimes used in salads.

CARAWAY

Seeds have a spicy smell and aromatic taste. Used in baked goods, cakes, breads, soups, cheese and sauerkraut.

PAPRIKA

A Hungarian red pepper. Bright red in color. May be used in all meat and vegetable salads, in soups, both cream and stock. As a garnish for potatoes, cream cheese, salads or eggs.

BASIL

Aromatic odor, warm, sweet flavor, used whole or ground. Used with lamb, fish and vegetable dishes.

OREGANO

Whole or ground, strong aromatic odor, used with tomato sauces, pizza and veal dishes.

BAY LEAF

A pungent flavor. Available as whole leaf. Good in vegetable and fish soups, tomato sauces and juice. Remove before serving.

GINGER

An aromatic, pungent root, sold fresh, dried or ground. May be used in pickles, preserves, cakes, cookies, puddings, soups, pot roasts.

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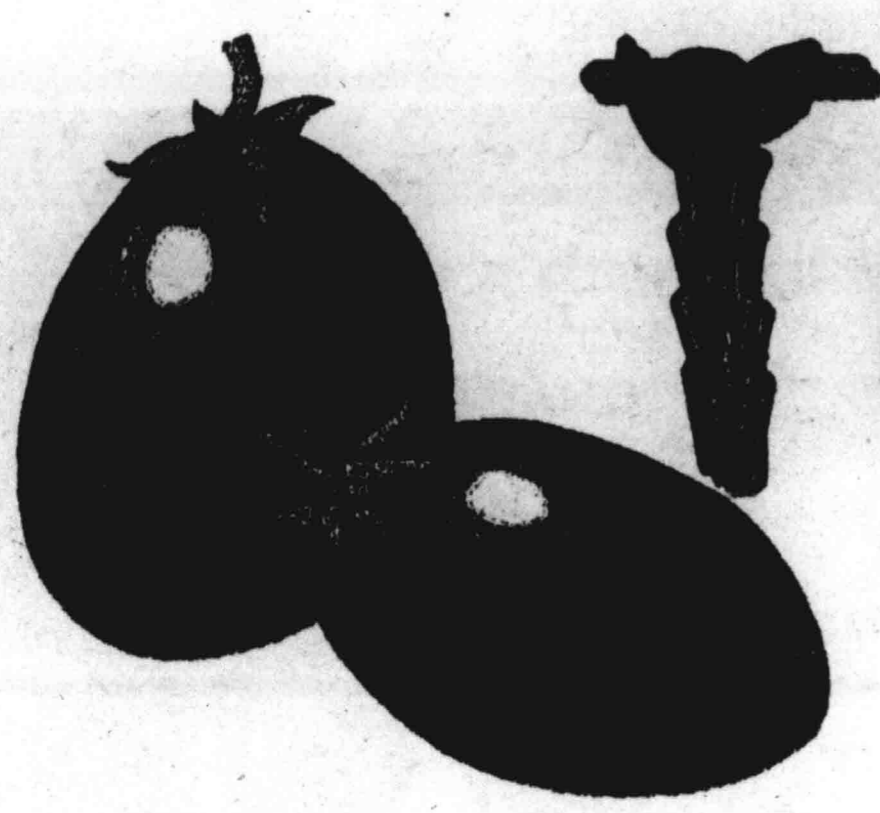
Aromatic herb of carrot family, like parsley but more delicate. Used fresh or dry in salads, soups, egg and cheese dishes.

SHALLOTS

Small type onion producing large clusters of small bulbs. Used like garlic to flavor meats, poultry, sausage, head cheese.

VINEGAR

Low percentage natural acid, generally acetic acid. Used as a preservative for all pickling of vegetables and fruit. To give zest or tangy flavor to salad dressings; for meat, fish and vegetable sauces. Different kinds are wine vinegar, white vinegar, cider vinegar, tarragon vinegar.



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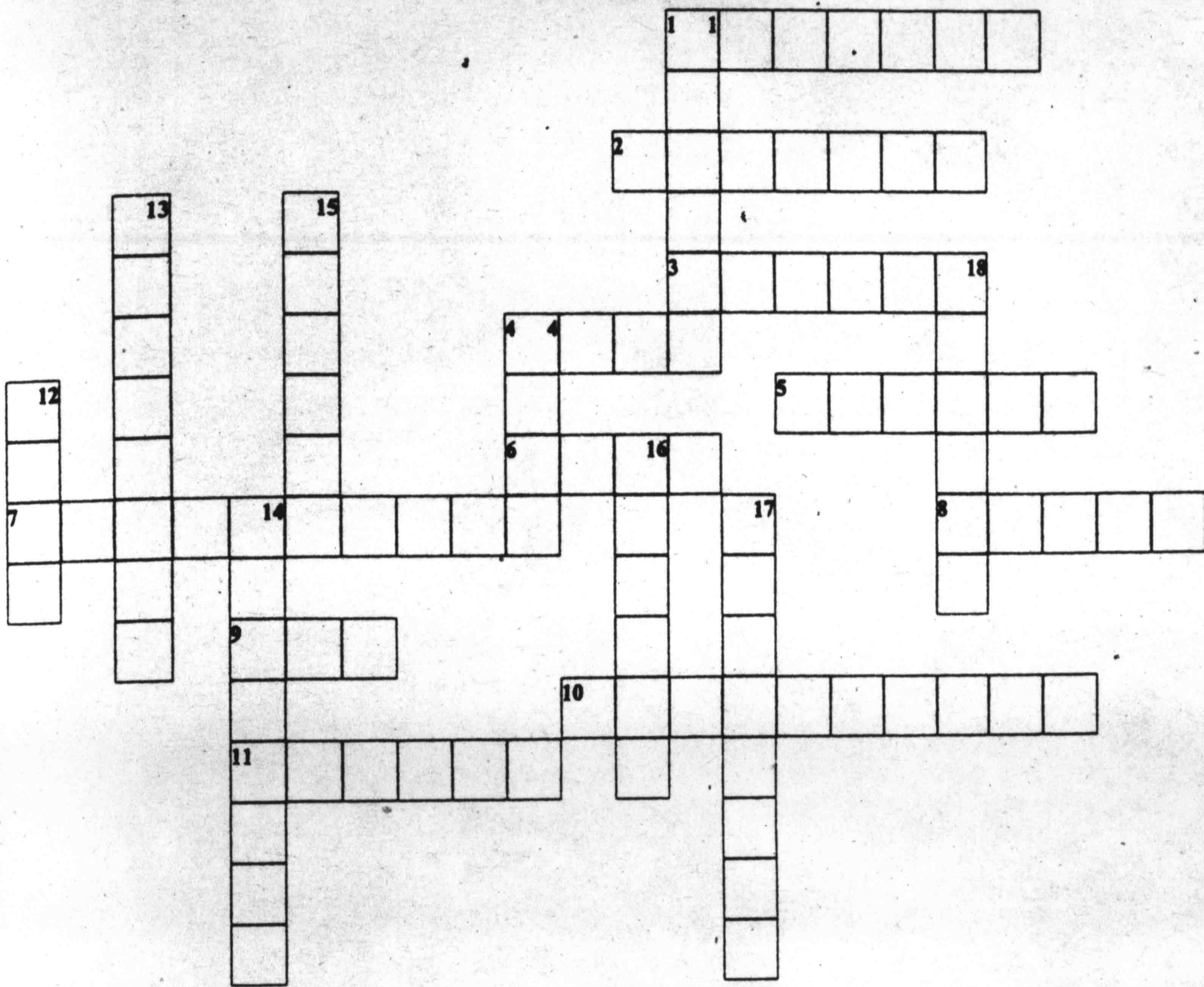
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Tomato Festival Fun

Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the blanks to solve the puzzle.



ACROSS

1. WORKERS ARE BUSY AT THE TOMATO _____ SHED.
2. MANY PEOPLE ARE BUSY _____ RIPLEY TOMATOES.
3. LOCAL _____ IS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM AT THE FESTIVAL.
4. THERE ARE MANY _____ OF TOMATO PLANTS.
5. A TOMATO _____ IS A BUSY PERSON.
6. ATTEND THE FESTIVAL AT THE RIPLEY _____.
7. WE LIVE IN _____ COUNTY.
8. A RIPLEY TOMATO IS VERY _____.
9. IT IS _____ DURING THE TOMATO FESTIVAL.
10. THE OPENING _____ SHOULD BE GREAT FUN.
11. TOMATOES ARE PACKED IN _____ BASKETS.

DOWN

1. TOMATO _____ ARE GROWN IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY.
4. A _____ TOMATO IS RED.
12. THE TOMATO FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD _____ 6TH & 7TH.
13. MOST TOMATOES START IN A _____.
14. ATTEND THE MANY _____ AT THE TOMATO FESTIVAL.
15. TOMATOES RIPEN IN THE _____.
16. A _____ TOMATO IS WANTED IN SEVERAL STATES.
17. THE TOMATO _____ ARE ATTENDED BY MANY.
18. A RIPE _____ IS RED.

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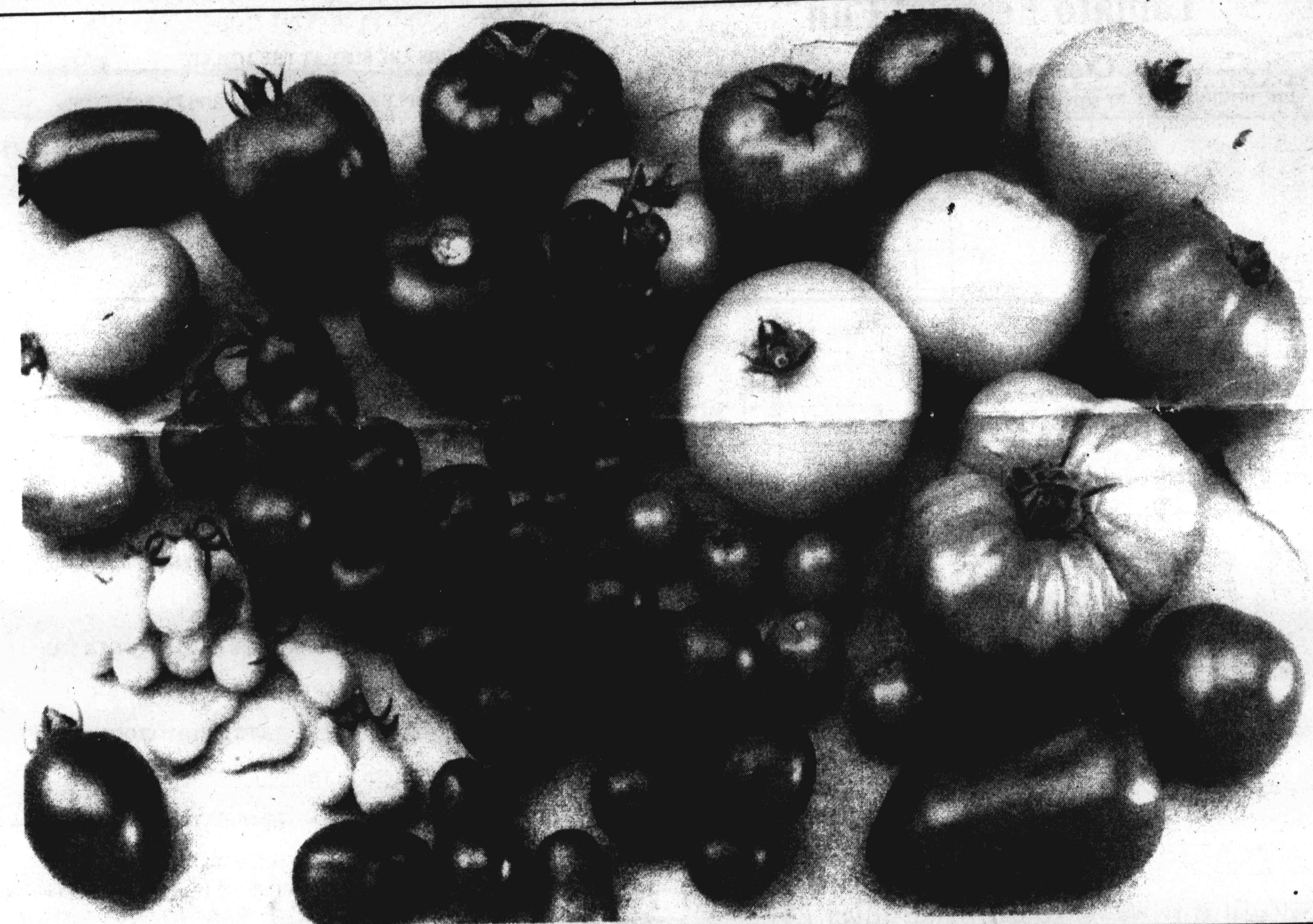


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These are long clusters of ripening cherry tomatoes. This is one of the most popular types because they are so sweet.

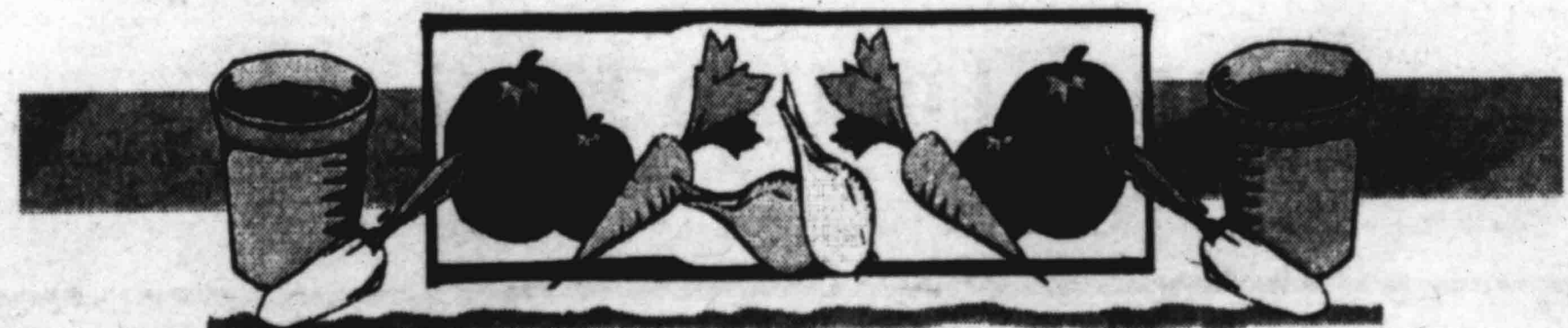
There are five basic fruit shapes of tomatoes. Beginning in the left corner, the shapes are plum, pear, cherry, standard and beefsteak (the largest one on the right). Unusual forms such as heart and elongated sausage shapes are available from seed companies.

This is an indeterminate tomato plant sometimes called a vine. To produce the highest quality fruit, prune the vine and loosely fasten to a stake for vertical support.

This is a semi-determinate tomato, notice how bushy and full the plant is within the cage. No pruning is needed. This plant has ripe, red tomatoes ready to be harvested.

These are long clusters of ripening cherry tomatoes. This is one of the most popular types because they are so sweet.

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TOMATO VARIETIES

VARIETY	DESCRIPTION	VARIETY	DESCRIPTION
Burgess Early Salad (45 days)	For regions with short summers. Bears early, 1½-inch fruit throughout season.	Hybrid Red #22 (58 days)	Indeterminate variety, large-size fruit. Bred from cross between Valiant and Earliana.
Rocket (50 days)	Where growing season is short, dwarf-size plants bear extra early.	Gardener 67 (59 days)	Full-flavored round fruit. Should be staked. Crack-tolerant and verticillium-resistant.
Pixie Hybrid (50-55 days)	Early, 1½-inch fruit. Continuous production. Grow outdoors in containers, also especially good for winter growing indoors.	Maritimer (59 days)	This variety is still green when ripe. Fine for pickle makers.
Tiny Tim (50-55 days)	Small, compact variety with ¾-inch bright scarlet fruits. Makes ideal container plant.	Fordhook Hybrid (60 days)	Especially suitable where summers are short. Early yields of bright red, uniform fruit, continuing throughout season.
Swift (54 days)	Extra early. Where summer arrives late, sets medium-size fruit at lower temperatures than most other varieties do. Determinate.	Quebec #314 (60 days)	Especially for northern climates. Determinate plants bear medium-size fruit.
Stokesalaska (55 days)	Another extra early for northern U.S. and Canada. Sprawling plants with mild-flavored, 2-ounce fruits. Can be grown in tubs or staked.	Burpee's Big Early (62 days)	Fruits largest of early varieties, continuous production. Somewhat susceptible to cracking.
Starfire (56 days)	Produces early, medium-size fruit on compact plants. Prefers light, sandy soil.	Springset (62 days)	Sets blossoms in cool weather, gives high yield where growing season is short. VF-tolerant.
Stokes Early Hybrid (56 days)	Early, medium-size fruits and long producing season. Stake for best results.	Fireball (65 days)	A favorite with home gardeners. Medium-size fruit on determinate vines. Don't stake. Verticillium-resistant.
Burpeeans Early (58 days)	Early, continuing through long growing season. Medium-size fruits.	Chester Hybrid (65 days)	Very popular in the home garden. Bears early and continues until frost.
Earliana (58 days)	This all-purpose, extra-early tomato is a favorite. Medium-size.	Park's Extra Early Hybrid (65 days)	Early and high yielding. Resistant to cracking.
Bonus (75 days)	Strong-bearing, determinate vines with medium-size fruit. VFN-resistant.	Marglobe (79 days)	A very popular tomato. Heavy vines and large, sweet uniform fruit. Has some resistance to Fusarium wilt.
Glamour (75 days)	Pale green outside, vivid red interiors make this a good canning variety. Crack-tolerant. Best for Midwest and Northwest.	Beefsteak (80 days)	Largest red-fruited tomato and a home garden favorite. Low in acid.
Heinz 1439 (75 days)	For all-purpose cooking and canning. Crack- and disease-resistant.	Golden Boy (80 days)	Large, smooth yellow fruits are low-acid and mild-flavored. Indeterminate. Best for Northeast, Midwest and Northwest.
Red Top (75 days)	Large and plum-shaped. Best for salads, but also suitable for canning whole.	San Marzano (80 days)	Tops for canning, purées and paste. Bright red, elongated fruits form in clusters.
Hybrid Red #23 (65 days)	Later than Hybrid Red #22 (see above) but also bears large fruit. Cross between Rutgers and Pritchard.	Fantastic (70 days)	Medium-large fruits on indeterminate vines. An early yielder. Stake or train.
Small Fry (65 days)	An All-American selection. High-quality, 1-inch cherry-type fruits. VFN-resistant.	Red Pear (70 days)	Pear-shaped, 1-by-2-inch fruits grow in scarlet clusters.
Valiant (65 days)	A home garden favorite and good, all-purpose variety. Mild flavor.	Terrific (70 days)	Earliest of new VFN-resistant hybrids. Stake or allow to sprawl. Continuous production.
New Yorker (65-70 days)	Medium-size fruit on determinate, vigorous vines. Verticillium-tolerant.	Yellow Pear (70 days)	Pear-shaped 1½-inch fruits borne in clusters are mild-flavored, excellent for pickling or preserving.
Springset Hybrid (67 days)	Early, medium-size fruit on determinate vines. Recommended for North, Midwest and East. VF-resistant.	Yellow Plum (70 days)	Another favorite for preserves. Sweet, 2-inch yellow fruits are low in acid.
Spring Giant (68 days)	An All-American selection. Particularly suitable for southern Canada and northern U.S. Semideterminate and VF-resistant.	Red Cherry (72 days)	Clusters of small, scarlet tomatoes ¾-inch in diameter all season long.
Campbell 1327 (69 days)	Semideterminate vines bear early. Especially developed for canning. VF-tolerant, also tolerant to cracking.	Better Boy (72 days)	Vigorous, indeterminate vines with large fruits. Grows just about everywhere. Stake or train. VFN-resistant.
Beefmaster (70 days)	Giant, red beefsteak-type tomatoes - everybody's favorite. VFN-resistant.	Jubilee (72 days)	An All-American selection. Tops in flavor, high in vitamins, too. Bright, gold-orange fruits are medium-large. Best for Northeast, Midwest and Northwest.
Early Giant (70 days)	Large and early, too. Indeterminate.	Sunray (72 days)	Another yellow-orange, low-acid variety. Similar to Jubilee but best where Fusarium wilt is a problem.
Patio (70 days)	For containers or garden. Sturdy, compact plants bear continuous supply of tasty, 2-inch fruit. A favorite.	Dwarf Champion (73 days)	Small, bushy 2-foot plants with mild-flavored pink fruit. Excellent for container growing.

Rutgers (75-80 days)	Another favorite. Semideterminate. Staking optional. Especially good for southern states. Crack- and VF-resistant.	Tropic (80 days)	Medium-size fruits with good flavor. Indeterminate, fine for staking. Highly resistant to disease. Recommended for South.
Roma (76 days)	Prolific vines bear tremendous crop of plum-shaped fruits. Eat fresh, but ideal for purée and paste. Don't stake.	Ponderosa (83 days)	Large, solid fruits, purple-pink in color, are juicy and mild-flavored. Often weigh over 1 pound each.
Burpee's Delicious (77 days)	Extra-large fruits, excellent flavor. Low in acid.	White Beauty (84 days)	Silver white from skin to core. Sweet and low in acid.
Big Boy Hybrid (78 days)	Indeterminate vines bear extra-large fruits. Will grow almost everywhere. Stake or train.	Ramapo Hybrid (85 days)	Indeterminate variety for late harvesting. Stake or train. VF-resistant, also resistant to cracking and blossom-end rot.
Supersonic (79 days)	Large fruits on indeterminate vines. Best for East and Midwest. VF-resistant.	Oxheart (86 days)	Large, pink tomatoes average 1 pound apiece. A home garden favorite.
Stakeless (78 days)	Dwarf-size, with dense foliage. Good-size red fruit. Fusarium-tolerant.	Manalucie (87 days)	An old standby in the South because of its strong resistance to disease.

NUTRIENTS IN FRESH TOMATOES AND TOMATO PRODUCTS BY POUND

	Fresh Green Tomatoes	Fresh Ripe Tomatoes Whole	Fresh Ripe Tomatoes Peeled	Canned Tomatoes (Regular Pack)	Tomato Juice	Tomato Purée
Food Energy (calories)	99	100	88	91	86	177
Protein (grams)	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.5	3.6	7.7
Carbohydrate (grams)	21.1	21.3	18.8	19.1	19.5	40.4
Calcium (milligrams)	54	59	52	27	32	59
Phosphorus (milligrams)	111	122	108	86	82	154
Iron (milligrams)	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.3	4.1	7.7
Potassium (milligrams)	1,007	1,107	974	984	1,030	1,932
Vitamin A Value (International Units)	1,110	4,080	3,590	4,080	3,630	7,260
Thiamine (milligrams)	0.26	.29	.26	.24	.21	.39
Riboflavin (milligrams)	0.15	.18	.16	.13	.11	.24
Niacin (milligrams)	2.0	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.1	6.3
Ascorbic Acid (milligrams)	83	102	90	76	73	148

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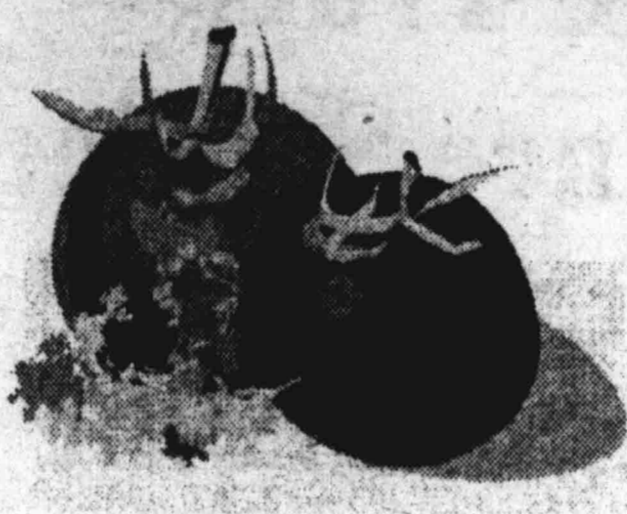
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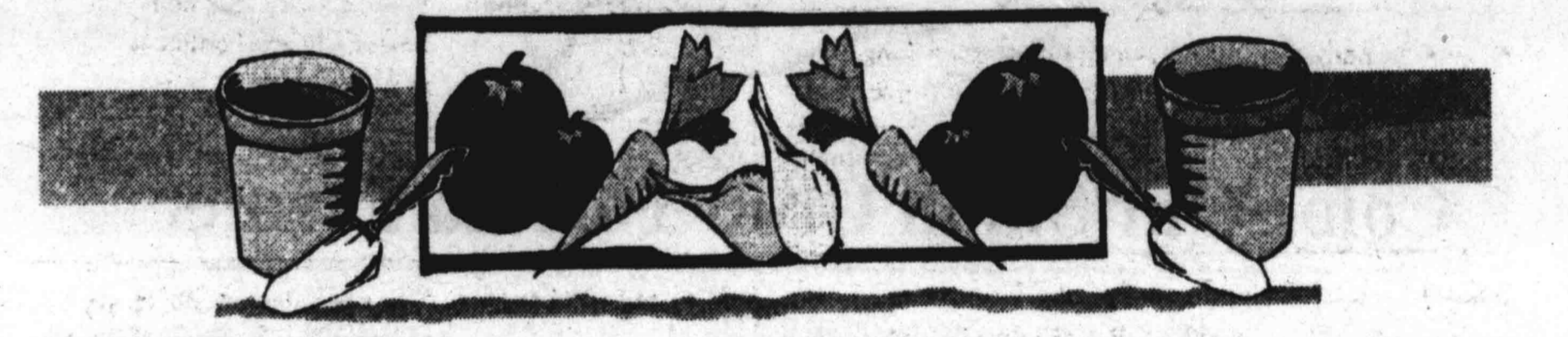
- 1 (1 oz.) pkg. Ranch dry salad dressing mix
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 (9-inch) pan Tex-Mex cornbread, crumbled
- 2 (16 oz.) cans pinto beans, drained
- 3 large tomatoes, chopped
- ½ c. chopped green pepper
- ½ c. chopped green onions
- 2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 10 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 (17 oz.) cans whole kernel corn, drained

Combine salad dressing mix, sour cream and mayonnaise and set aside. Place half of cornbread in bottom of large serving bowl and top with half of the beans. Combine tomatoes, pepper and onions and layer half of this mixture over beans. Layer half of the cheese, bacon, corn and salad dressing. Repeat the layers, using the remaining ingredients and garnish as desired. Cover and chill for 2 to 3 hours (or overnight) before serving.

To Prepare Tex-Mex Cornbread: Simply add 1 (4 ounce) can of chopped green chilies and a pinch of sage to your favorite cornbread recipe or your favorite prepared mix. Be sure the recipe yields a 9-inch pan of cornbread.

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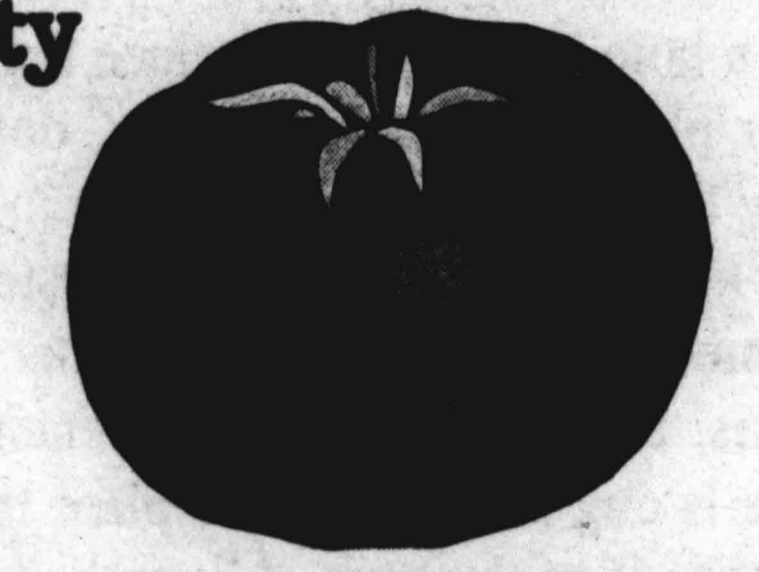
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PLANTING

Tomatoes are one of the easiest garden plants to grow. They need as much direct sunlight as possible to produce the highest yield. Wait until the air and soil have warmed before transplanting tomatoes. Native to the tropics, tomatoes require warm, 70 degrees F. temperatures for good growth.

There are several ways to plant a tomato. The traditional method is to dig a hole in the soil and place the plant in it. For northern gardeners, if your plants are tall and leggy, don't worry, just dig a deeper hole and bury the plant to the first leaf stem. The buried stem will grow roots and this helps develop a deep root system. This deep hole planting is not recommended for southern gardeners due to fungal rot attacking young stems. Some people use the trench method of planting. A long shallow hole is dug and the tomato plant laid horizontally into the trench. Pinch leaves off of the stem. Allow the top two to three inches of stem to lead out of the trench. Push soil on top of trench and push a pillow of soil under the top stem. The stem will grow up towards the sun. Because the bulk of the stem is buried at a shallow level, the newly developing roots and surrounding soil will warm up relatively quickly. This is a boon to gardeners living in a short growing season. With the roots close to the surface, be sure to water deeply to encourage deep root growth.

After planting, water. Continue watering lightly each day if it does not rain. After about 2 weeks of regular watering, plants should be established and you can decrease the watering. Throughout the growing season make mental notes about how long it has been since it rained. If it does not rain one week, be sure to water tomato plants as long as they are setting fruit. Established tomato plants need about one inch of precipitation per week from rain or irrigation.

Gardeners living in short growing seasons have garden supplies that can help protect plants from cold temperatures. A cloche or hot cap can be used to protect the newly transplanted tomatoes from freezing if night temperatures drop. Tomato plants will probably die if exposed to 32 degrees F without protection as they are not frost tolerant.



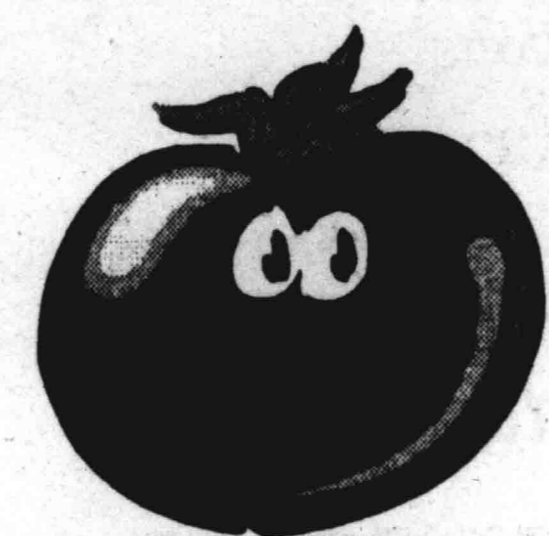
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"Hard Work – Little Pay"

By: Shirley and Ronnie Elder

"Hard work with little pay is what tomato pickin time was like on the Lawson Elder farm, on American Way, outside of Ripley, according to Shirley and Ronnie Elder. When summer rolled around, everyone knew, it's "tomato pickin time in Lauderdale County."

We never advanced technology-wise – we just did it the old timey way. A normal day began early and ended late, working 12 plus hours a day. We would stop for a short time to eat lunch, usually a bologna sandwich, or something you could eat quickly, and get back to work.

We picked by hand and hauled the tomatoes up to the house on a trailer. There we sorted and cleaned them with rags or gloves, sizing them with our eyes, and putting them into baskets lined with newspaper so we wouldn't damage the produce. The tomatoes were put in one ring at a time, then another. Just when you thought you were caught up and could rest a minute, here would come another trailer with 50 or 60 baskets for cleaning and packing.

Lawson, my husband, called our best tomatoes, "combinations," because we didn't have a tomato belt that washed and sized the tomato. He would load the tomatoes on the truck and get up about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning and head for Scott Street Market in Memphis. People from different states, along with stores and farmer's markets, would buy from us. We also had big trucks come by our home and buy tomatoes – 100 to 200 baskets or boxes at a time. We also sold green tomatoes, which are good fried, and our small tomatoes. People also bought our canning tomatoes. We also raised other produce, cantaloupe, watermelon, turnips and greens, corn, and eggplant.

We worked every day except Sunday when we went to church to give thanks to the Lord. We were blessed to be able to sell our tomatoes most of the time. Lawson would usually give them away if he couldn't sell them, rather than carry them back home.

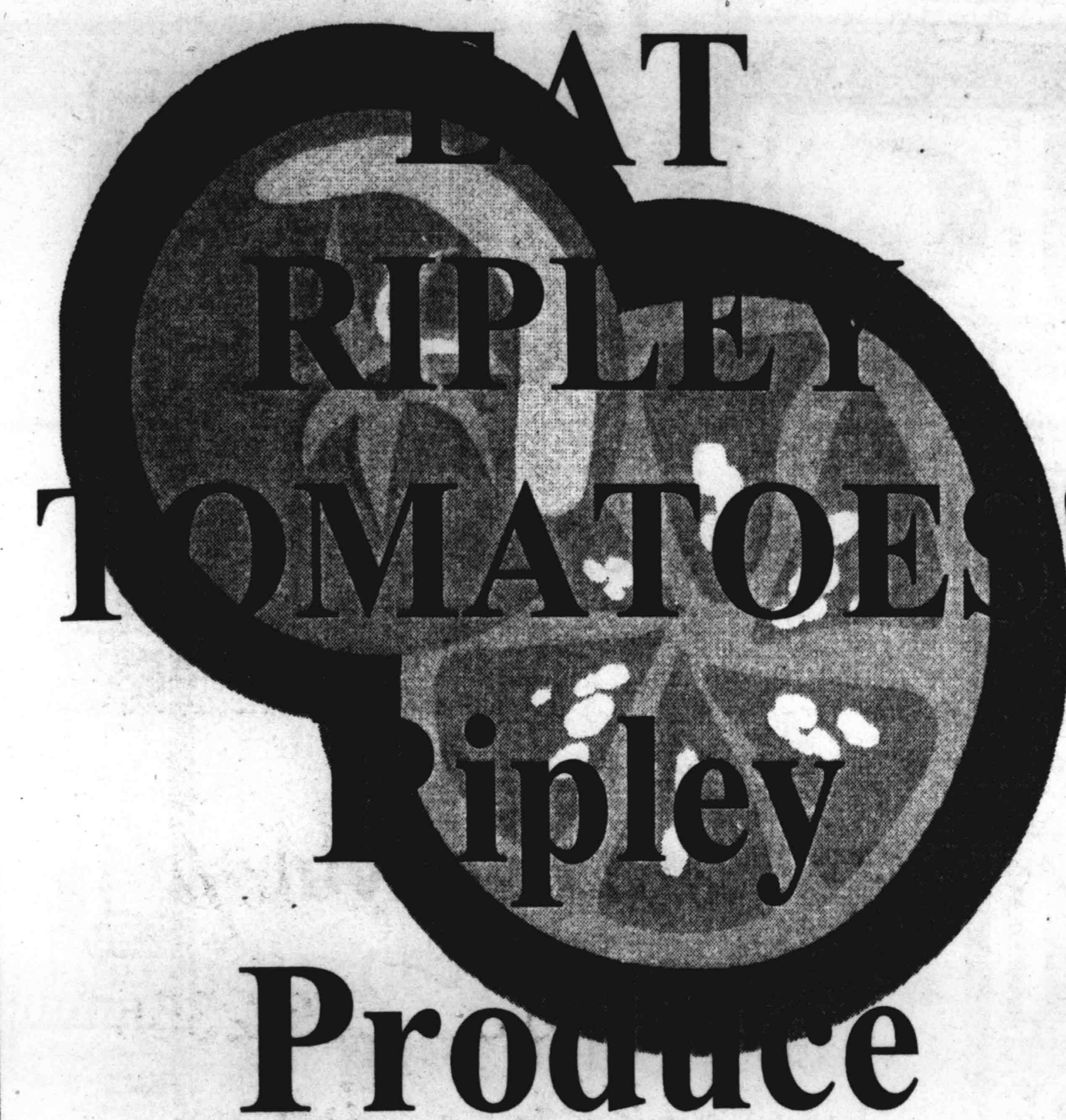
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TOMATO JUICE WOW

6 c. tomato juice	juice of 1 lime
1/2 (6 oz.) can frozen orange juice (undiluted)	1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
juice of 2 lemons	2 tsp. salt
	2 good dashes Tabasco sauce

Blend and refrigerate. Serve in frosted glasses. Serves 8.

*Brenda Roberts
Key Corner FCE*



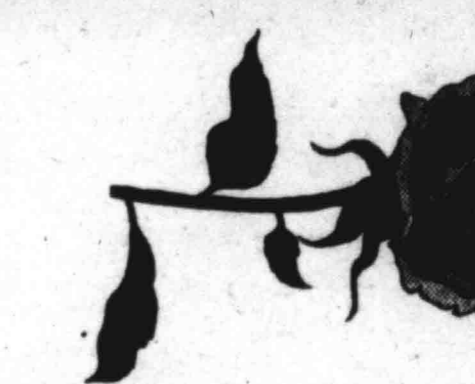
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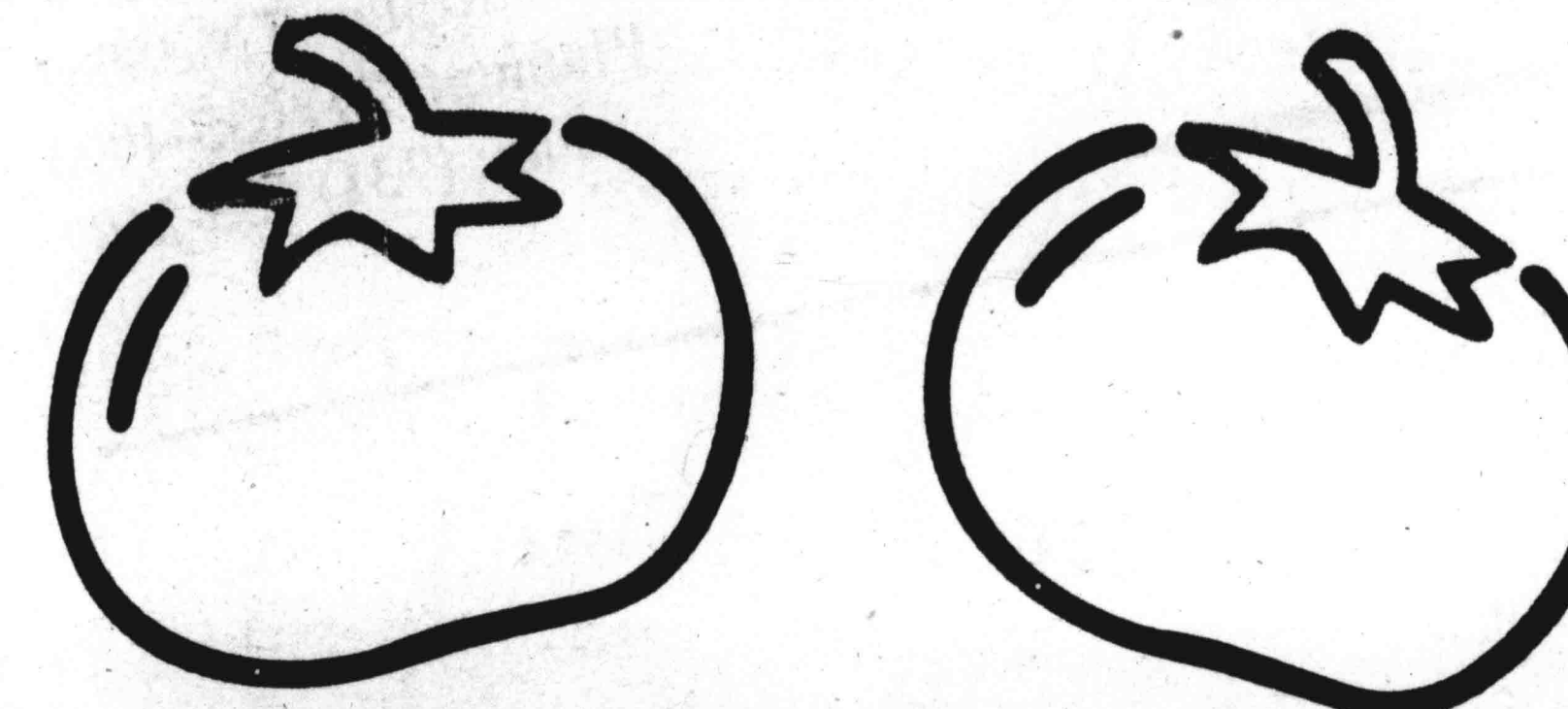



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Freezing: Tomatoes can be frozen successfully. It is true that fresh, ripe tomatoes don't freeze well. But, if there is a good supply of tomatoes and freezer space, freeze them stewed or as juice.

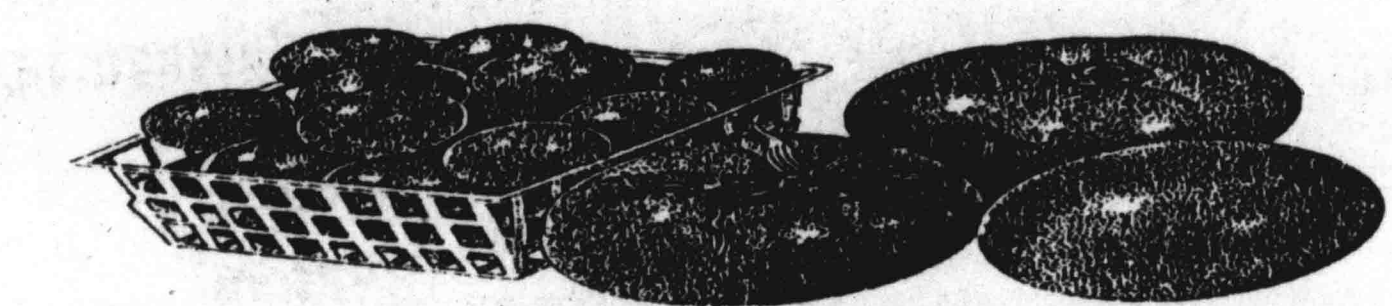
Canning: Tomatoes can be water-bathed or pressured following the instruction in "Canning Foods," BP 742, available at your local Extension office.

* **TOMATOES CANNOT BE CANNED BY OPEN KETTLE METHOD.** If you do not have a 1990 or later canning book, you need to obtain one. Many changes have been made, one of which is adding ascorbic acid to home-canned tomatoes. (The reason ascorbic acid is being added is because the new hybrid varieties have less acid than older varieties.)

Dried: Many gourmet recipes currently feature sun-dried tomatoes. These are just dried tomatoes. You can prepare them yourself using a dehydrator.

Tomato Tips:

- Make a practice of peeling and cutting tomatoes just before using. If they must be prepared early, keep them covered in refrigerator until time to cook or serve.
- Select ripe tomatoes that are firm and plump.
- To peel tomatoes, stroke the skin with the dull edge of a knife blade until skin is loosened, or dip the tomato in boiling water for one minute, or run fork into tomato and rotate it over heat of cooking unit until skin is tight and shiny. Cool at once in cold water.



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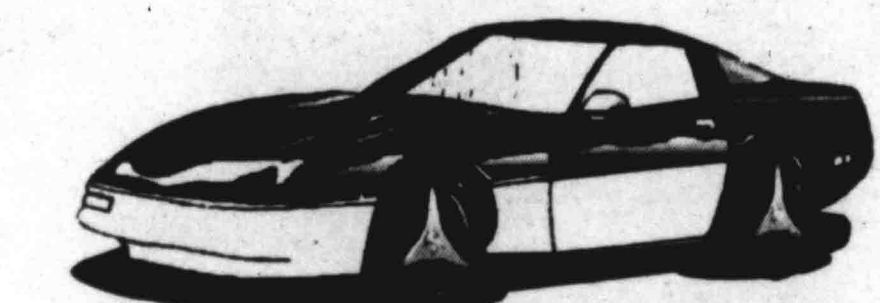
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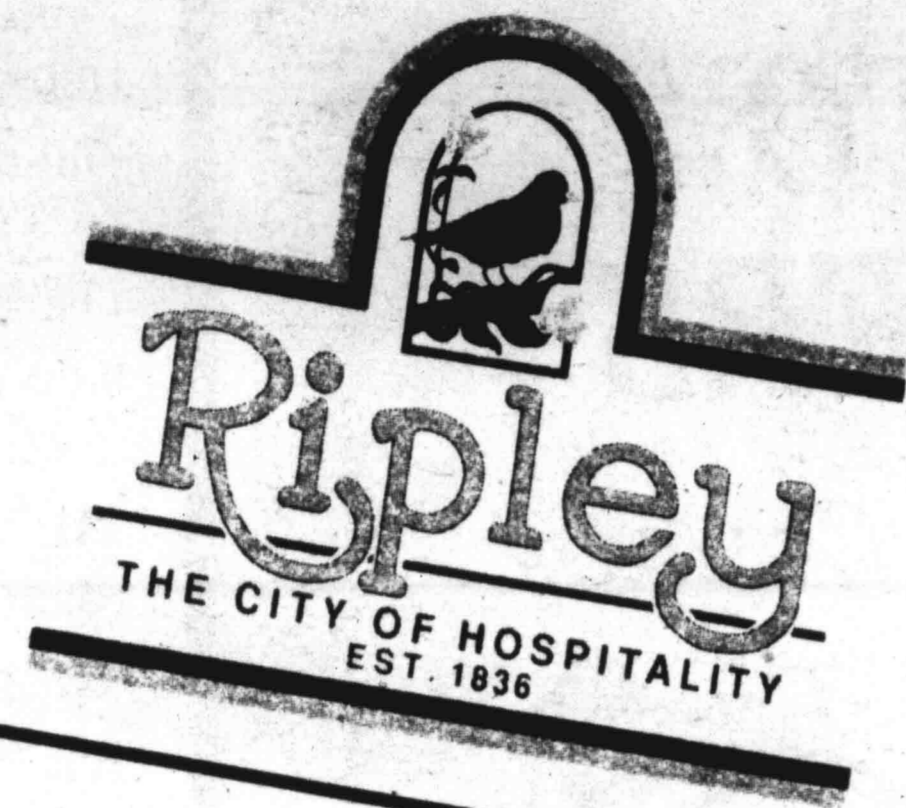
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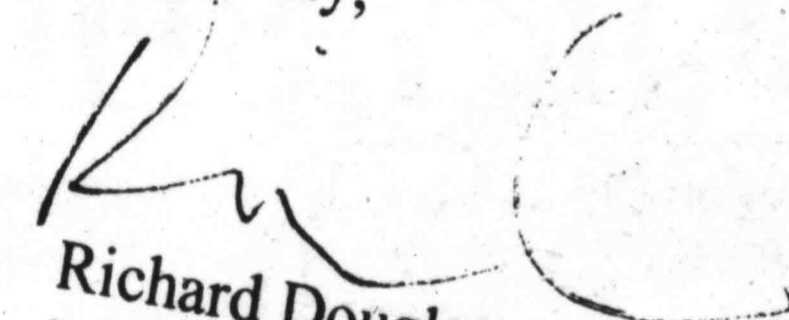
Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome visitors for the 20th annual Tomato Festival held July 10, 11, 12th at the Ripley City Park located on Mary Robert Drive. The City of Ripley is honored to be the Host City for this annual event. We are sure you will have a great time enjoying the food, entertainment and fun.

The City joins the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce in supporting agriculture in Lauderdale County. Our tomato growers are known throughout the United States as "Ripley is the Best". Taste a Ripley tomato and you will agree. While you are in Ripley, we hope you will participate in the festivities and enjoy the local hospitality.

You have my very best wish for an enjoyable stay in Ripley, the sort of experience that will make you want to come back again and again. Thank you for visiting Ripley.

Sincerely,


Richard Douglas
Mayor

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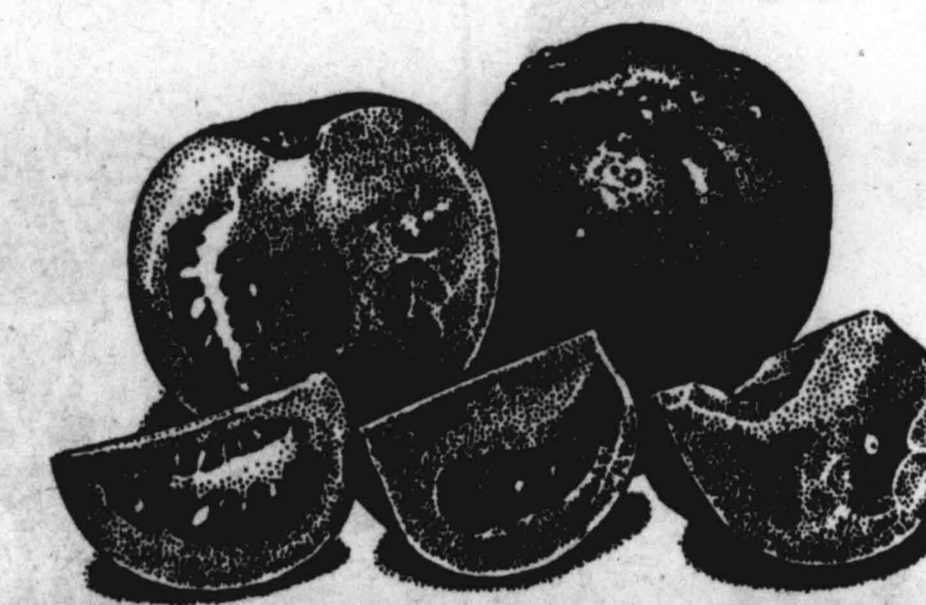
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TENNESSEE CORNBREAD SALAD

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| 1 (6 oz.) pkg. white cornbread mix, prepared according to pkg. directions | 3 c. chopped tomatoes |
| 1/2 c. chopped sweet pickle (reserve juice) | 1 c. mayonnaise |
| 12 strips bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled | 1 c. chopped green pepper |
| | 1/4 c. pickle juice |
| | 1 c. chopped onion |

Crumble half the cornbread into bottom of large serving bowl. In another bowl, combine tomatoes, green peppers, onion, pickles and bacon. Spoon half of mixture over cornbread. Stir together mayonnaise and pickle juice. Spread half the dressing over vegetables. Repeat layers. Garnish as desired. Cover tightly and chill 2 to 3 hours before serving.

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Written By: Irene Yochum Chipman

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Irene Yochum Chipman, of Ripley, thought it would be interesting to write a song about the Tomato Festival, and in 1986, wrote the Tomato Festival song. Because Ripley home grown tomatoes were so well known, she decided to change the title of the song to "Ripley Home Grown Tomatoes," which a group of local young men - Uncommon Thread - recorded. Making up the group were Steven Brogdon, Dustin Smith, Jerry Meadows, Chuck Asa and Colin Alley.



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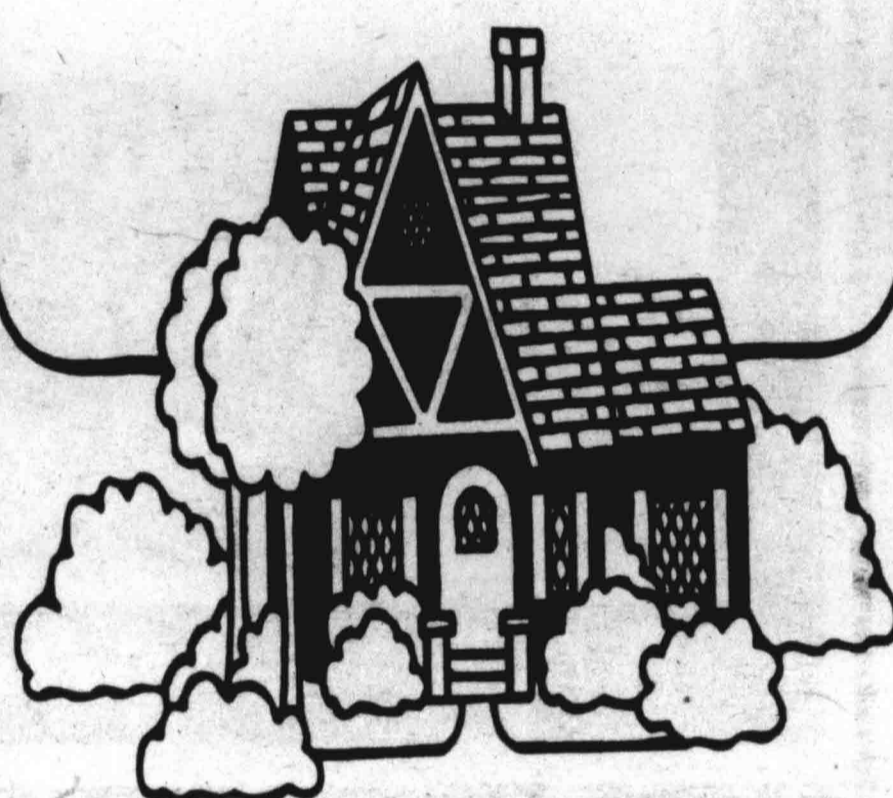
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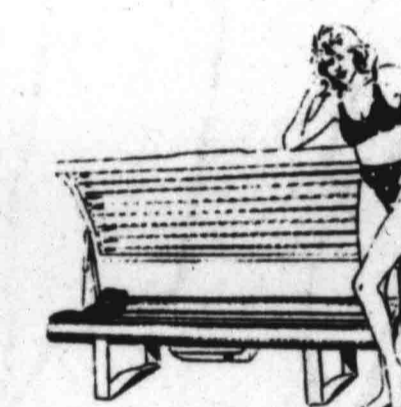
CONTAINER CULTURE

Gardeners living in urban environments can grow tomatoes in tubs or large patio containers. For best results select a determinate or compact bush plant habit for container culture. Cherry tomatoes can be grown in containers too. The container needs to be deep, at least a foot, with drainage holes on the bottom. Use a sterile growing media. Keep the plants evenly watered without over watering. Allow the plants to receive as much direct sunlight as possible. Low light levels result in a leggy plant. They will still produce fruit, just fewer of them. Feed plants using a water soluble fertilizer. Apply as directed on the label but remember, nutrients tend to leach out of the pots faster than garden soil. Water often during hot weather possibly 3 or 4 times weekly as needed.

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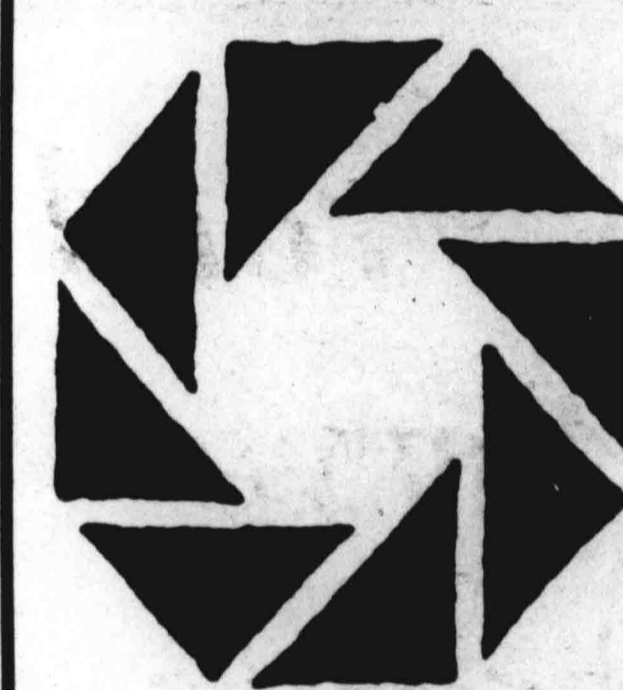
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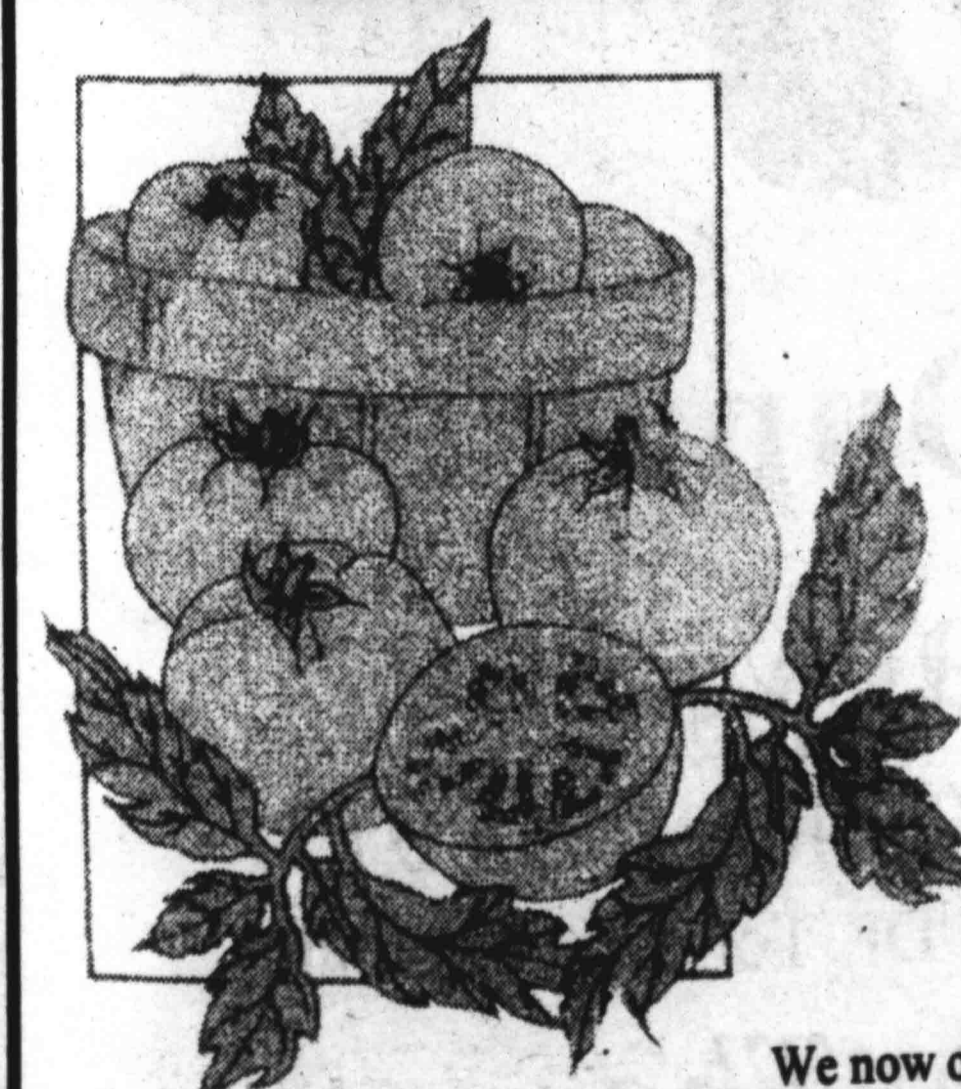
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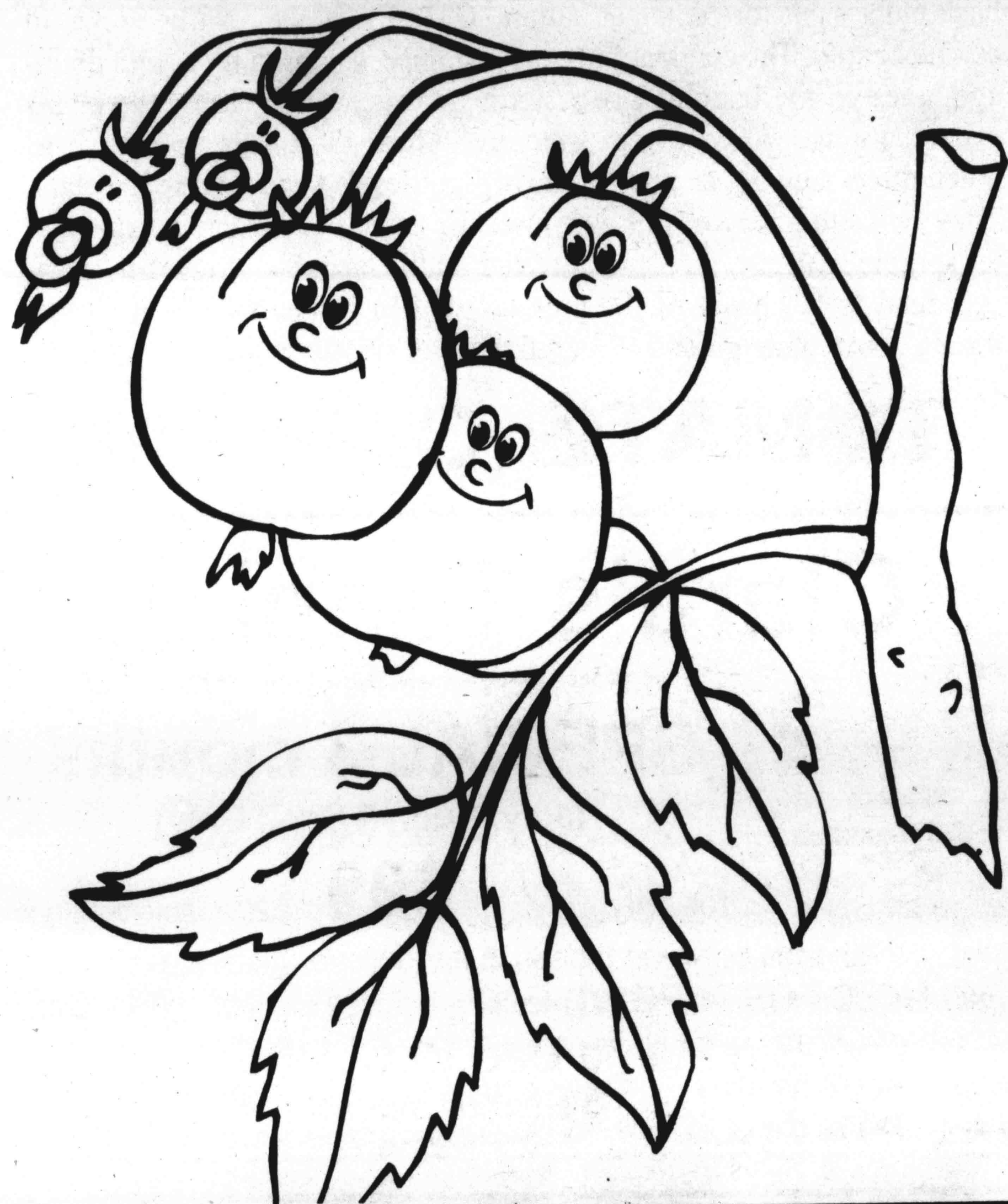
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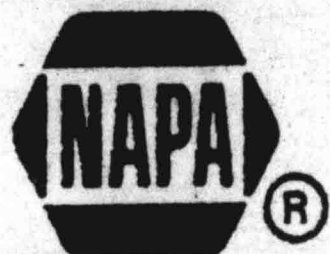
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- 1 (15 1/2 oz.) can kidney beans
- 1 (15 oz.) can black beans
- 1 (15 1/2 oz.) can garbanzo beans
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 1 medium tomato, diced
- 1 can whole kernel corn

Dressing:

- 3/4 c. thick and chunky salsa
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 1/4 c. lime juice
- 1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

Drain and rinse beans. Combine vegetables in large bowl.

In another bowl, combine dressing ingredients. Mix well. Pour over vegetable mixture and toss to coat. Cover and chill for at least two hours. Different kinds of beans such as pinto or white and peas like purple hull or black-eyed can be substituted for beans listed. Yields 10 servings.

Carolyn Simpson
Curve-Woodville

TOMATO GROWING PROBLEMS

Most gardeners successfully grow tomatoes in their gardens without significant problems. The best approach is to be observant. Look at leaves regularly and notice any difference in leaf color, size or shape. Holes in leaves usually indicate there are insects eating leaves. If a problem develops, write down the problem, take a sample of the leaf or fruit and contact the local cooperative extension agent for assistance. The National Garden Bureau recommends rotating tomatoes and other crops in your garden. Do not grow the same crop in the same place year after year.

When browsing through the tomato section of seed packets in a store you may notice the letters V, F, N or TMV on the packet or in the description. These letters mean the plant is genetically tolerant of the following diseases or virus. Verticillium Wilt (V) is caused by a soilborne fungus. The symptoms of infection are wilting of older leaf tips, yellowing and browning of leaves in a V-shaped pattern and leaf drop beginning with the older foliage. As the fungus moves throughout the plant, all leaves curl upward and the stunted plant will not respond to water or fertilizer. Cool weather conditions encourage this disease which is common in soil, Fusarium Wilt (F) is also a soilborne fungal disease. This infection commonly occurs when the soil is above 75 degrees F. Light sandy soils are most susceptible to Fusarium, also soils with low pH. Symptoms of this disease are yellowing, curving and dying leaves. Infected plants are stunted and fruits will be small or deformed. Nematodes (N) are microscopic worms living in the soil. Some nematodes are good, some bad. The bad ones are root knot nematodes and cause plants to wilt or portions of plants to dieback. To identify this problem, pull the tomato with roots from the soil. The roots will have growths or galls on them. This means the root knot nematodes are the problem. Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV) is one of the most widespread viruses affecting tomatoes. Weeds harbor the virus and insects feed on the weeds transmitting the virus to the plant. The virus source is tobacco. This virus turns leaves dark or light green, possibly even a mottled yellow appearance. It can also be caused by people who smoke cigarettes handling plants.

There is no cure for these four problems. If you suspect any of these problems may be infecting your plants, they should be destroyed. Do not place diseased plants into your compost. The easiest way to insure you do not have problems with these diseases is to grow tomatoes with disease or virus tolerances.

There are three fruit disorders that gardeners may encounter. They are blossom-end rot, cracking or catfacing, and sunscald. One of the most common fruit disorders is blossom-end rot. It begins with tan lesions on the blossom end of the tomato. The lesions enlarge and become dark sunken areas. It begins when fruit are about half developed. This rot appears during periods of high growth, or when soil moisture is alternately high or low. Any soil condition that affects the plant's uptake of calcium can result in the rot. To help control this rot, try adding calcium soil amendments, water during dry weather and use a mulch to maintain more uniform soil moisture. Cracking usually occurs near the fruit stem while catfacing occurs near the blossom end. These are caused by environmental conditions, such as fast growth caused by high temperatures and moisture levels, initial fruit growth during a dry spell, followed by heavy rain or watering, or excessive swings in day and night temperatures. Some varieties, such as AAS Winner 'Big Beef' are resistant to cracking and catfacing. Lastly, sunscald is the sun burning the tomato skin. It develops shite, shiny, blisters on areas which are exposed to the sun. Normally leaf cover keeps the tomatoes in the shade. Sunscald can occur due to excessive pruning, insect damage to leaves or foliage disease causing leaf loss. There are no cures for these fruit disorders once they have damaged your tomatoes. Look for varieties that are more tolerant or resistant to these disorders and consider growing All America Selections Winners.

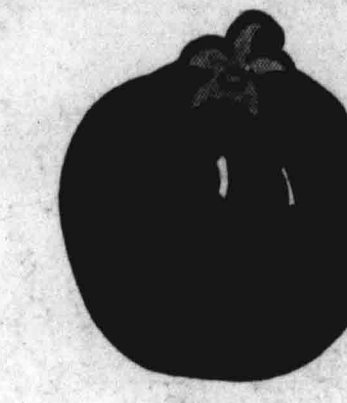
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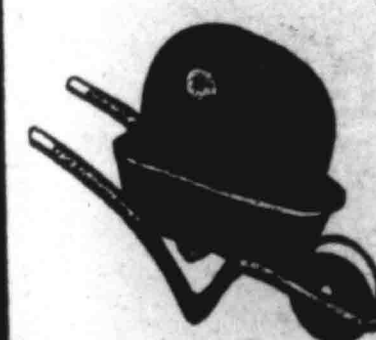
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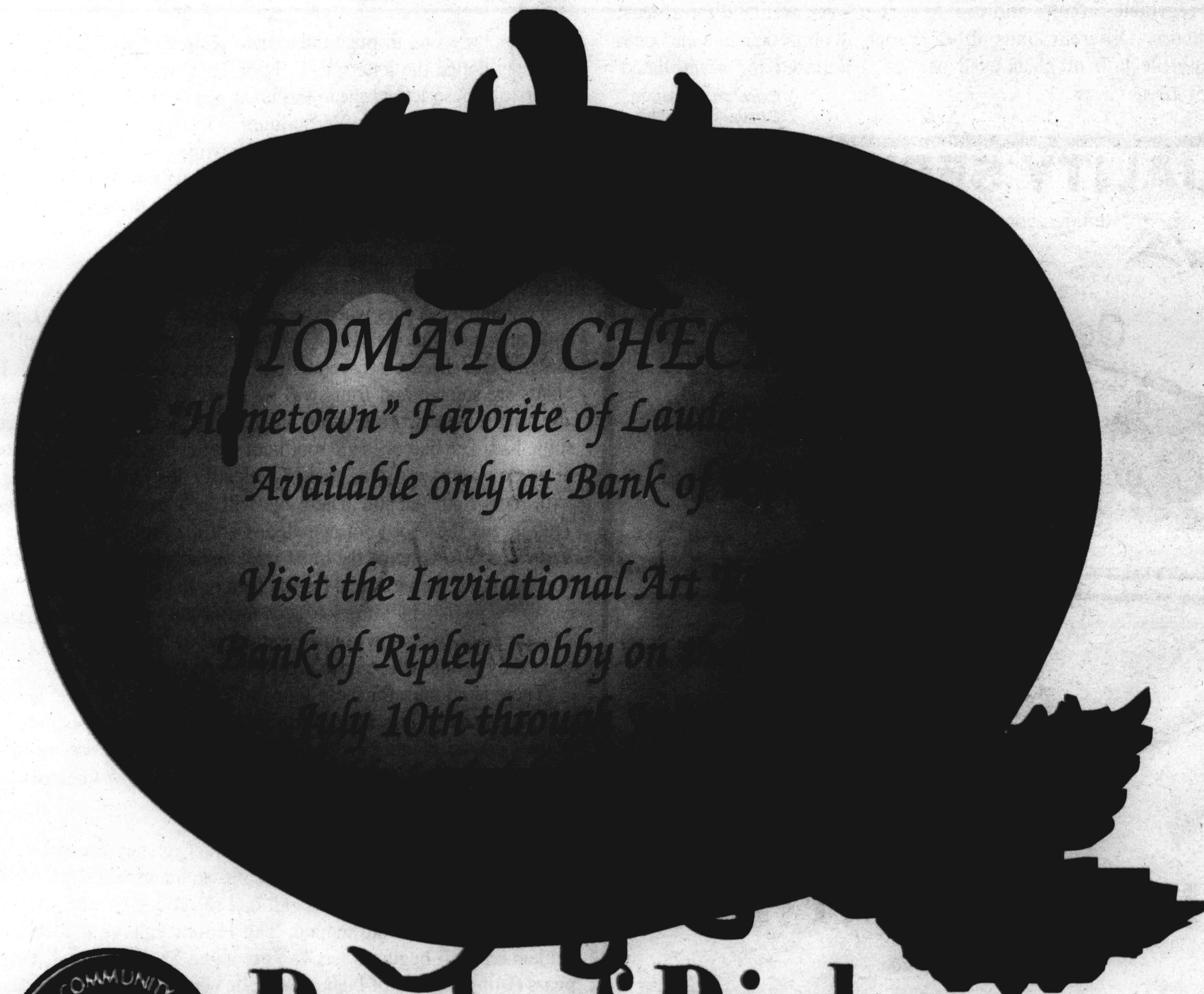
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County Tax Rate Stays Same For Coming Year

County Commissioners approved the 2003-2004 budget, submitted by the budget committee, who were able to maintain the \$2.11 tax rate, at the regular monthly meeting Monday. Criner could not say enough about the budget committee and hard work and long hours they spent in preparing the budget without raising the taxes.

The \$2.11 breakdown for every \$100 includes \$.77 county, \$.205 highway, \$.930 school and \$.205 sinking fund. The only change from last year was a nickel moved from the sinking fund to county.

Commissioners passed resolutions for Charles McMahan, Robert Scates and Charles Peal, who passed away.

Approval was given for Henry Gwinn Matthews to replace the late Charles McMahan on the Finance Committee, with term ending Oct. 2004.

Other business included approval of Barker Brothers waste disposal contract, raising the monthly fee of \$11.45 to \$11.79, and acceptance of partial tax payments by the Trustee's Office.

Carol Walker, chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, told commissioners six bids had been picked up from roofing companies outside the county for replacement of the courthouse roof, with three being returned. Commissioners approved the \$30,131.00 bid, with a 20-year warranty, submitted by Jessie Bryant Roofing, of Memphis. No

one from within the county picked up a bid specification.

The Curve Community submitted a request to Criner to check into a grant to get the process moving on building a community center. Regina Ford, representative from Curve, stressed the importance of moving forward, since many people are already using the park for activities. A meeting will be scheduled with the center's committee, County Executive Rozelle Criner, commissioners and a representative from Rural Development.

Criner urged everyone to attend a meeting July 16th, at the TN Dept. of Transportation, 10 a.m., in Jackson, where discussion will center on whether to four-lane Hwy. 19.

CANCER MEMORIALS

Memorials to the American Cancer Society include:

- In memory of Beverly Morgan by Theresa Wakefield.
- In memory of Carol Brock by Theresa Wakefield.
- In memory of E. M. White by Dwain and Betty Klutts and Annie Laura Jennings.
- In memory of Christine Long by Barbara Goff, Polly Ezekiel, and James and Eunice Lovelace.

Halls Ponytails Place Second



HALLS DODGERS, Ponytail Softball team, placed second during the regular season and in the city tournament. Team members include, in front, from left, Elizabeth Issac, Natasha Vaughn, Kaylan Mann, Jessie Ellison, Charity Fine, and Jessica Milam, and in rear, Coach Jennifer Broglin, Kim Booker, Holly Crook, Heather Davis, Shelby Williams, Sharda McKinney, and Coach Pam Byrd, plus, not pictured, Sara Ammons and Keyawna Parr.

In memory of Marlin Childress by Monnie Puckett.

In memory of Billie Anthony Carrington by Kathryn McBroom.

In memory of Madeline Kennedy, Linda Goad, and Lucy Coughlan by Louis and Marilyn Craig.

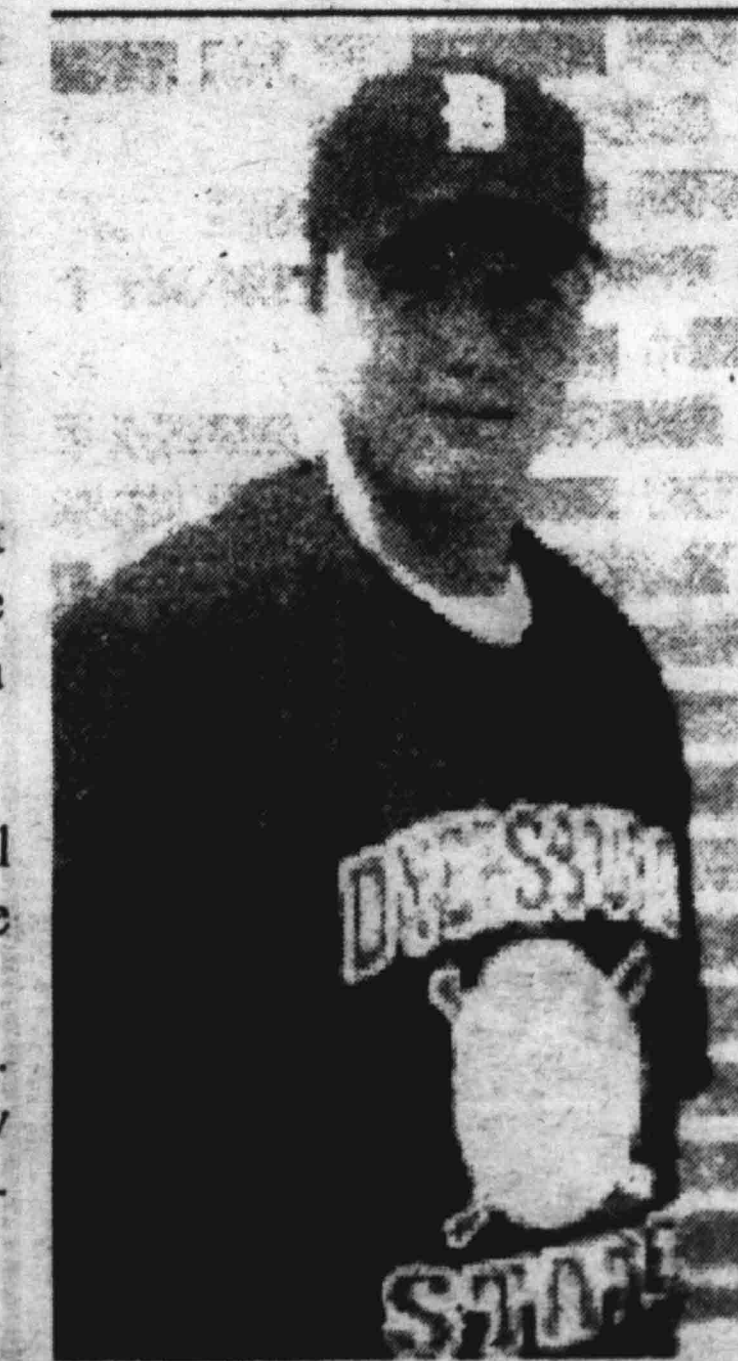
In memory of Margaret Williams Simpson by Annie Laura Jennings and Donna Smith and family.

In memory of Charles Peal by Russell and Sammie Reviere and Katharine Garner.

In memory of Mrs. Genevieve Jennings by the Joy Sunday School Class Macedonia Baptist Church.

Memorials and honorariums may be given to Annie Laura Jennings in the Register's office at the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

Competing



ANDREW DUDAS, 6-ft, 4 inch, 210 lb. All-State pitcher from Halls High School, signed with Dyers-

burg State in February and will compete for a starting job in the Dyersburg Eagle's rotation, according to an article in Friday's Dyersburg State Gazette.

"Competition for mound time will be fierce and my best players will take the field regardless," said Robert White, Dyersburg State coach.

According to the article, Dudas was a force for Halls this year in a sub-state run, pitching 87 innings with a 1.52 earned run average and 132 strike-outs. At bat he had a .440 average and hit 11 home runs. He was one of five recruits signed by the college.

Dudas graduated with a 3.0 grade point average and plans to study history and become a teacher.

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In addition to being named to 'Who's Who Among High School Students,' she was captain of the cheerleading squad and a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America and Student Council.

Jennifer, a 2003 graduate of Halls High School, plans to major in biology/pre-med.

NOTICE

The following ordinances were adopted by the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen at a special called meeting, June 30, 2003.

ORDINANCE #03-37

An ordinance providing for the fixing of the property tax for the year 2003-2004. Tax Rate \$1.53.

ORDINANCE #03-38

An ordinance of the Town of Halls, Tennessee adopting a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004.

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Double Ring Vows



MR. AND MRS. CLINTON A. (ANDY) BOOKER were married at 6:30 p.m. June 21st in Macedonia Baptist Church with Dr. Randall Cummings officiating the double ring vows. Rachel Young, Mary Ruth Young and Timothy Cummings, all of Ripley, provided musical selections.

The bride, the former Amanda Beth Hutcherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutcherson, of Ripley, was given in marriage by her father. Her white satin and chiffon, princess style dress was adorned with sequins and pearls on the bodice and bell-shaped sleeves. She wore a tiara of silver calla lilies and pearls and a waist-length white chiffon veil. Her bouquet featured hand-tied yellow calla lilies and white daisies. She chose Tiffany Bradley, of Memphis, as her matron of honor. Brandy Clark and Amanda Russell, of Ripley, served as bridesmaids. Their dresses were two-piece blue crepe with pearl trim around the neck and waist. They carried bouquets of hand-tied, multi-colored daisies. Adrian Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Wilson, of Henning, was flower girl. She wore a dress matching the bride's attendants.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Booker, of Ripley, chose his brother, David, of Henning, as best man. Max Hutcherson, the bride's brother, and Justin McNeil, both of Ripley,

served as groomsmen. Ben Deming, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Deming, of Ripley, served as ring bearer. The groom wore a black tuxedo with platinum vest and tie. The attendants

Anniversaries

July 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Craig Buckner.

July 18 - Dr. and Mrs. Brooks Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Callender.

July 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ables.

July 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Craig, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hilliard.

July 22 - Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. John Alston, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Buckner.

July 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ferris.

FCE Decorating Winners



WINNERS of the Table Decorating Contest, sponsored by The Lauderdale County Enterprise, for the Tomato Tasting include, from left, Jane Connell, UT Extension Agent, Johnnie Matthews, Town & Country FCE, first place; Elaine Jones, Curve-Woodville FCE, second place; Katie Chisholm, Bexar FCE, third place; and Polly Dziedzic, Do So FCE and Dale Collins, Variety FCE, honorable mention.

The members of the Family and Community Education Clubs (FCE) gathered at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church Thursday afternoon of last week to decorate their tables for the Tomato Tasting to take place on Friday.

Members of the Lauderdale County Art Council judged the tables later that afternoon. The Table Decorating competition was started in 1998, when the Tasting was moved to the Family Life Center.

Marriages

July 5 - Douglas Ray Crowder, 26, to Stacy Leigh Smith, 25, by Jerrell Dawson.

Erick Lloyd Braden, 20, to Brandi Nichole Sanders, 21, by Max D. Garner.

July 10 - James Edward Latham, Jr., 61, to Lily Stephanie Ng, 38, by Thomas E. Sanders.

July 12 - James Edward Gibbons, 33, to Tina Marie Sonderman, 27, by Roger N. Criner.

July 14 - Rueben Graham, 64, to Willie Mae Carter, 58, by Thomas E. Sanders.

wore black tuxedos with pale blue vests and ties.

The mother of the bride wore a pearl crepe dress with lace jacket. The mother of the groom wore a navy blue dress with white jacket. Their corsages were yellow calla lilies and daisies.

The reception was held in the activities building at the church. The bride's cake was a five-tiered white cake with daisies and a Dreamsicle bride and groom topper. The groom's cake was chocolate, decorated with a SVT Ford Lightning model truck.

The register was kept by Emily Vanstory, of Henning.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Barry Jordan and sons, of Memphis, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson, Wednesday of last week. Mr.

and Mrs. Roger Emerson, of Alamo, were Saturday dinner guests of the Emersons.

Mrs. Ozell Baker and granddaughter, Emma, of Memphis, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Heath, of Alamo, visited in the Williams home Sunday afternoon.

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Obituaries

Gene Patton, 68, Gates Fire Chief

Gene Patton, 68, of 5204 Concord Road, Gates, fire chief for Gates for 25 years, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

A plumber and electrician, he has been a county constable.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order Of Police.

He was the widower of Joan Garrett Patton.

Survivors include daughters, Gene Emerson, of Ripley, Jan Moore, of Gates, and Molly Cole, of Jackson; brothers, Don, Jimmy, and Lynn Patton, of Halls; sisters, Memory Crain, of Ripley, Mona Jacobs, of Halls, and Betty Jo Nooner, of West Memphis, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Edwards

Sarah Jean Edwards, 34, of Covington, daughter of Bessie King, of Ripley, step-daughter of Elmira Gwynn, of Ripley, and sister of Regina King, Eddie Cooper, and Michael Barnes, of Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church in Covington, burial in Plummer Grove Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

She was an obstetric/gynecology assistant in Memphis.

She was a member of Emmanuel Temple Church.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Lewis Edwards; one son, Brandon Boyd, and one daughter, Amayah D. Edwards, of Covington; a step-daughter, Yasimua Taylor, of Memphis; her father, Tommy Gwynn, of Stanton; and another brother, Eric King, of Kingsland, Ga.

John O. Stutts

John Oliver Stutts, 93, of Dyersburg, brother of Lura Jacobs, of 214 Nelson Road, Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

A retired construction worker and commercial fisherman, he was a member of the Beech Grove Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Lila Kate Stutts. Survivors include a son, Dwaine, of Unionville; brothers, Eugene, of Dyersburg, and James, of Collins, Miss.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Walker

Orcease Walker, 69, wife of David E. Walker, died Saturday in her home at 735 Barlow Road, Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include a step-son, David, Jr., of Ripley; daughters, Janet Steelman, of 40 Tonya Drive, Ripley, Donna Gay, Geri Prager, and Joy Newcomb, of Cordova, Beth Kissell, of Columbus, Miss., and Sarah Atto, of Birmingham, Mich.; brothers, Clyde Goodwin, of Springville, and William Goodwin, of Shiloh; a sister, Cora Sue Berryhill, of Searcy, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Joe H. Bishop

Joe H. Bishop, 87, of Bartlett, a brother of Dorothy Koonce, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, at home.

Rites were Friday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Crigger Cemetery.

He had retired after 35 years as a Firestone mold technician.

He was a member of Northview Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jay, of Olive Branch, Miss.; daughters, Joan Henson, of Eads, Robbie Sue Strauser, of Memphis, and Trilby Johnson, of Bartlett; another sister, Lucy White, of Springfield, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

John D. Brown

John Daniel Brown, 28, of Dyersburg, employee of Ermco, grandson of Billy and Joy Hunter, of Gates, died Friday in Memphis.

Services were at 3 p.m. Monday at Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery, near Halls.

Survivors include a son, Aaron Brown, and daughter, Brittney Brown, both of Bells; his mother, Pamela Hunter Sweat, of Dyersburg, and father, John Brown, of Alamo; and his step-father, Terry Sweat, of Dyersburg.

Mrs. Helen Kent

Helen Gerline Kent, 61, of Munford, a sister of Edna Helms, of Henning, died Monday of last week, at home.

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

She was a presser for Navy Road Cleaners.

She was a member of First United Pentecostal Church in Millington.

She was the widow of Van Allen Kent.

Survivors include sons, Donald and Ricky, of Munford, and Terry, of Covington; daughters, Barbara Di Benedetto, Debbie Hall, and Gail Ballard, of Munford; brothers, James and Jimmy Shelley, of Munford, and Darrell Shelley, of Memphis; other sisters, Carolyn Delaney and Shirley Adams, of Munford, Shelby Bettis, of Tullahoma, and Erma Liipe, of Hartselle, Ala.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Samuel Armstrong

Samuel R. Armstrong, 80, of Dyersburg, retired factory worker, father of Sandra Lilly, of Halls, died Friday, at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were Monday in City Cemetery, J. W. Curry and Son Funeral Home in charge.

Other survivors include one son, Bill Armstrong, a brother, J. D. Armstrong and a sister, Lillie Anderson, all of Dyersburg; and 10 grandchildren.

Nioka Lake

Nioka "Nicky" Lake, 44, of Ripley, store clerk, died Saturday, of cancer, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

Survivors include three sons, Jereme Yancy, Joshua Yancy and Quincy Lake, and one daughter, Detisha Lake, Reginald Lake, of Obion; her mother, Hattie Fields, and father, Eddie Webster, of Ripley; two sisters, Genice Webster, of Ripley, and Daniell Smith, of Neptune, N.J.; four grandchildren; and special friend, Diane McGee, of Ripley.

Marshall Colvin

Marshall L. Colvin, 67, of Memphis, son of Ruby C. Colvin, of Ripley, died Sunday in Select Specialty Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday in Memphis Funeral Home Germantown Parkway Chapel, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens.

Owner of Colvin Associates, he was a member of Auburn Alumni and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He had served on the Board of Adjustment and on the Me-

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jimmie Lewis Smith would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for all the phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and most of all the prayers. Special thanks to Jackson Regional Medical Center for all the care and kindness shown to our family, to The Rev. Franklin Gardner and The Rev. Don Barnett for conducting such a beautiful service, to Jackie Fincher for the beautiful music and songs, and to Halls Funeral Home for their services. It is impossible to put into words the act of kindness shown to our family in such a difficult time in our lives. Please continue to keep our family in your thoughts and prayers.

With deep sincerity,
Judy, wife

David & family, son

Donna & family, daughter

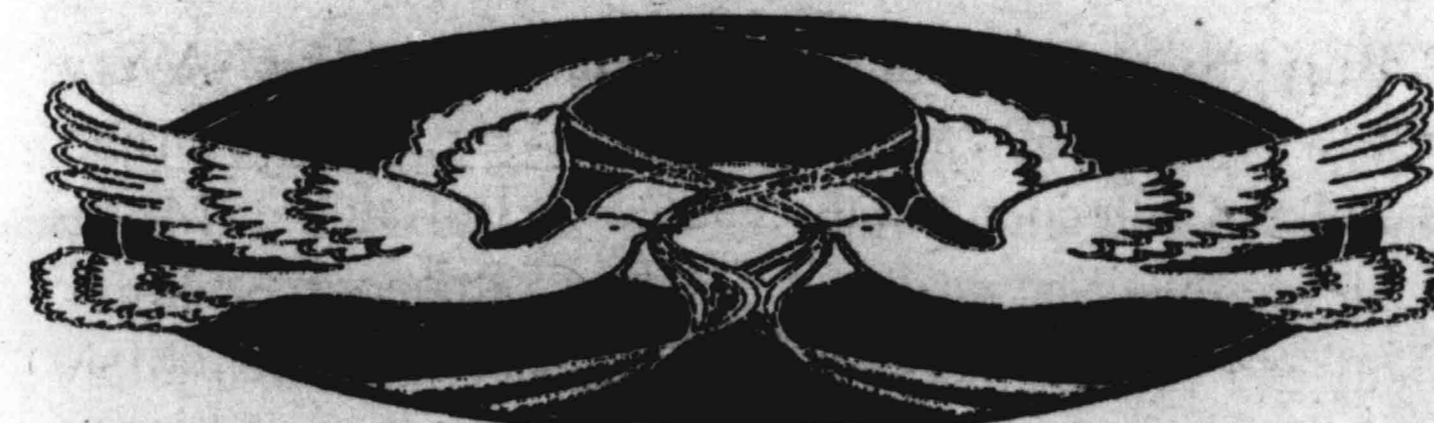
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Survivors include his wife, Ellen Camp Colvin; sons, John Blake Colvin, of Cartersville, Ga., and Patrick Lynn Colvin, of Tacoma, Wash.; brothers, Donald, of Memphis, Van, of McMinnville, Carl, of Louisville, Ky., and Joseph, of Warner Robbins, Ga.; sisters, Jane Webb, of Knoxville, and Dorothy Fine, of Cocoa, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

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Church Happenings

El Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, 159 Elcanaan Rd., Henning, will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 28th through Aug. 1st., with The Rev. Felton Williamson, pastor of the Peaceful Chapel Baptist Church, Brownsville, as guest speaker. The Rev. James E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Grace Baptist Church, 3810 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold Vacation Bible School at 6 p.m. Wed., July 23rd through July 25th. The theme features a 'super cool undersea Bible adventure' with crafts, games, snacks, and music. For more information, call 221-1098 or 221-1704. Transportation is available. The public is invited.

Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 1990 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold Vacation Bible School at 6 p.m. July 21st through 25th. The theme is Trailblazers: Following Our Faithful God. A kick-off will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. July 20th. Call 635-7117 before noon, for transportation. The public is invited.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 26th for children, ages 4-6th grade. The theme is The Jesus Expedition. Call 635-9330 for more information. The public is invited.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold its Vacation Bible School for adult classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fri., Aug. 1st, dinner provided, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd, lunch provided. The theme is The Great Kingdom Caper, Cracking the Character Code. Van service is available. The public is invited.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will hold a church camp meeting July 20th through the 27th with different speakers each night. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday night and continue at 7 p.m. nightly the remainder of the week. The Rev. Mark Fisher, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 635-4440.

Abundant Life Church will honor Mr. and Mrs. "Happy" Rogers at 6 p.m. Sat., July 19th on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. Gospel singers, including The Rogers Family Choir, Sensational Southernares, and Heavenly Voices, are scheduled to perform. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. July 22nd through 25th, for ages 2 through adult. The theme is Treasures of the Nile. L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

Light House Family Church, Praise and Worship Center, 328 S. Washington St., Ripley, will offer a Biblical course of study at 6:30 p.m. nightly beginning Wed., July 2nd and continuing each Wednesday in July. The course is entitled, Welcome to the School of the Prophets, instructed by Dr. Ray Self, of Jacksonville Theological Seminary, Olive Branch, Miss. The study is designed to equip, edify, and advance the body of Christ. Mack and Evelyn Henry, pastors, invite the public. For more information, call 221-3398.

Family Members Together For 4th

Over one hundred family members and friends enjoyed the annual 4th of July picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis in the Poplar Grove Community. Family members came from Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, Indiana, and New Jersey.

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By Jane H. Connell,
Extension Agent

Wow! What a day! It was overwhelmingly great! The crowd started forming at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church long before 10:30 a.m. Guests patiently waited for the doors of the *Tomato Tasting* to open at 11 a.m.

One guest eased into the *Tasting* area as we were taking last minute pictures before opening the doors. She asked if she could take pictures. When questioned where she was from, she said, "suburban Chicago." "Oh," I said, "who are you visiting?" She replied that she was just passing through. She had picked up information on the *Tomato Festival* at the Missouri Tennessee Visitor's Center. She and her husband planned to take in all of the *Festival* throughout the day.

There are so many people to thank for such a successful day. Leaving for another week of 4-H camp Monday, I will be unable to send thank you letters out in a timely fashion. Thanks go to so many people. "A BIG thanks go to all of our FCE members who prepared dishes, set up, decorated and served the hundreds of guests who passed through the doors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Thanks to Ronnie Carnack and Coy Summar who provided tomatoes—even when they could have sold them for a very high price!!

Thanks to First Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facilities.

Thanks to Beaton Matthews and Frances Fitzhugh for the guest table decoration. Thanks to Freddie Wakefield and Don Hutchins, his wife, Judy, and their daughter, Tina, who fried all of those green tomatoes.

Thanks to all of our youth (4-Hers, alumni and others) who helped with many chores behind the scene, as well as serving beverages, clearing tables, replacing food on the tables, passing out Taster's Choice ballots plus much more — Matt and Timothy Harrell, Adirana Irigoyen, Jeremy Paige, Kateland Kirkpatrick, Alyssa Davis, Gracie Ferrell, Emily Herron, Kate Harris, Andrea Joseph, Charl Henry, and Claire McCoy.

Guests signed in from Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Arizona, North Carolina, Costa Rica, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kansas, California, and even Australia! Mingling among them, it was quite obvious that the majority of our guests were from out-of-town and had heard about the *Tasting* in various ways. There were two tour buses from Memphis. "Fun", "Wonderful", "Excitingly different" were all comments made by the guests.

We feel good that we had so many people to visit our town and county for the first time. They had a great time and we know many will return to visit and shop. Our FCE members are glad to be a part of this far-reaching activity, promoting the new state fruit, tomatoes, as well as our county.

Divorces

Shelton Ruffin vs. Lessie May Austin Ruffin.
Sheshauna Nicole Barnes Perry vs. Jerry Allen Perry.



The chocolate chip cookie was invented by Ruth Wakefield in 1930.

Visit Rotary & Museum



MEMBERS, of the Air Force Association, of Memphis, visited the Halls-Gates Rotary meeting June 16th, and then spent the afternoon at the Veterans' Museum in Halls.

Jerald Daws, center, seated, member of the Air Force Association and also board member of the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association, enjoyed sharing the many historical treasures in the museum.

Docents, Sonny Higdon, Dale McCaslin, Bob Little and Pat Higdon, association president, agreed that the visitors were eager to learn and exciting to talk with.

CORRECTION

Leamond and Freeman Arthur, sons of Glen and Rita Arthur, won first place, with their teams, in the USSSA West Tennessee State Tournament and will compete in the USSSA World Series.



A camel needs little water because it sweats very little, and keeps most of the water that is in its body.

Readers Speak

Editor,

Have you ever had a story or letter pour out of you almost effortlessly? That's what happened in writing this letter. I simply fastened my seat belt and let 'er fly. Maybe some of your subscribers will get as much joy out of reading it as this old codger did in recalling these times and names.

Going through some old file folders last weekend, a yellowed sheet of paper dropped into my lap-and did it ever get my attention! Maybe it will spring a few memories from some of you as well.

I'm now 82 years old. The sheet, I'm looking at is dated June 30, 1933, good gracious, just over seventy years ago. The occasion: my father, Dr. O. W. Taylor, was leaving the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Halls, to assume the editorship of *The Baptist and Reflector*, news journal of Tennessee Baptists.

This meant a move to Nashville, and the church held a going-away reception for our family just prior to our departure for that faraway city. The sheet of paper that I'm talking about was given to me at that reception.

Remember, this was from 12-year olds to a 12-year old. It reads:

All of us think well of you,

All of us have had good times with you,

All of us are wishing for you -

All Good.

Now, for the really good part, the signatures. I remember every one of them, save one. And, except for one on the list, I have no idea of their whereabouts since that balmy June night when we said goodbye.

Take a look. Do any of these evoke a memory, right there in their own handwrit-

ing? Billy Reed Simmons, June Rawles, Evelyn Vaden, Bibie Zelma-Crittendon (You ought to see this. She ran out of room and the last part of her name dangles down the edge of the paper like a stactite), Clarene Dyer, Noye Delle Stephens, Catherine Dew, Athrine Dew, Loretta Moore, Lula Carr Dalton.

Every time I think of my time in Halls, age six to 12, I am grateful. Where else could that span of years have been spent better than in Halls? From a child to almost a teenager, happy, joyful, carefree years in a community of solid citizens and loving families, just a wonderful time.

Since running across my goodbye note, other names have flowed out of my memory bank. Bruce Jordan, Neil Dyer (aka Puzzums), Gilreath Dyer (aka Beans), Rosmary Simmons, John Wiley, David Klyce Hall, Fred Parmenter, Jean Hurt, Frances Hurt, Hobson Daws, Daphne Burroughs, Thompson Brandon, Sonny Baker, Lloyd Cloud (Boy, could he sing), Vernon Bulus Daws, Junior Pugh, Mordie Butler, Marie Chapman, Oliver Nunn, David Nunn, Aubrey Ellis, Wilson Viar, Louis Levy, Roy Patton, Mildred

Warren, Lena Mae Avery, Boots Avery, Jane Hargett, Janice Buffalo, Morris Stallings, Rebecca Stallings, Ira Francis Simmons, Mary Alice Kimbrough, Bobby Burnett, on and on, a cascade of names.

Nor will I ever forget the wonderful teachers I had in Halls Grammar School. Everybody should have a first grade teacher like Mrs. Wyatt. Then came Miss Meadows, second grade, Miss Hall, third grade, Mrs. Ralph, fourth grade, Miss Chambers, fifth grade, (who also tried to teach me how to play the piano, but had to give it up as a hopeless situation), and Mrs. Ellis, sixth grade, my last year there. Rounding out the family were Mrs. Crittendon, seventh grade, and Mrs. Ferguson, eighth grade, who was also the principal.

What beautiful memories! If any of this strikes a chord with you, let me hear from you. Tell me about yourself or what you know about somebody else. I'd love it.

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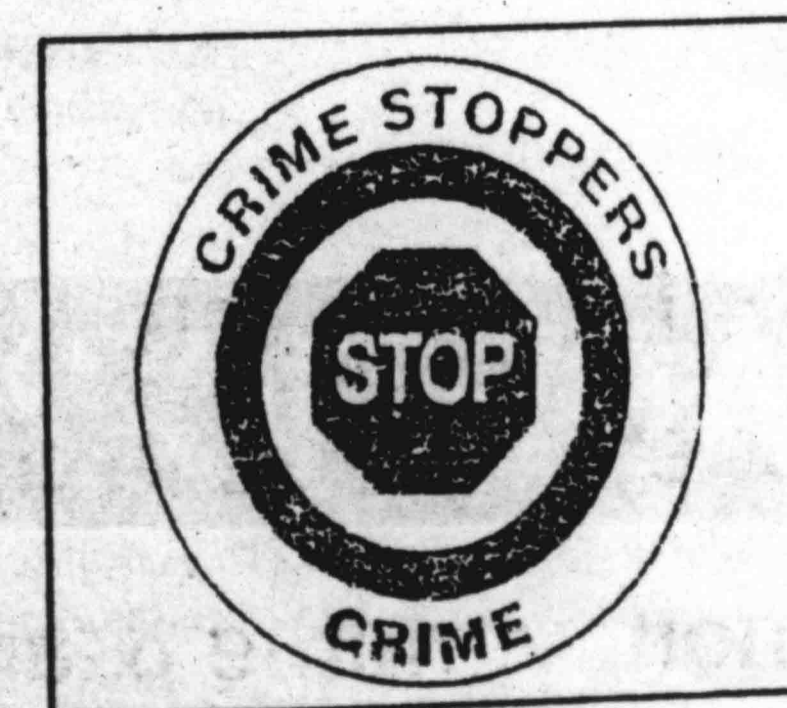
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National Debt Clock Once Again Ticks And For Whom Does It Toll

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Have you ever noticed when the power goes off at your house and then comes back on, every clock from the VCR to the electric range will flash you a warning? The numerals 12:00 will blink off and on until you reset them or unplug the appliance. Just like your clocks at home, another clock is now flashing and its warning is much more aggravating than a flashing 12:00. The U.S. National Debt Clock is flashing and spinning at the rate of \$1.59 billion per day and it looks like it is going to be a while before we get it reset. Concerned? Well, you ought to be.

On July 7, 2003, at 4:50 p.m. the clock was showing a current outstanding public debt of \$6,672,706,178,712 and it continues to spin even more each day. And, if you don't think that number affects you, then you need to think again. Whether you like it or not, your share of that amount is \$22,896.66 and at the current rate it is going to go even higher.

In September of 2000, the National Debt Clock located in New York's Times Square was unplugged after running continuously since its creation in 1989. After running annual surpluses during the Clinton administration, Douglas Durst, who's father put the clock up

to draw attention to the nation's debt, unplugged the clock. He covered it with red, white and blue curtains and said, "We'll have it ready in case things start turning around- which I'm sure they will. The politicians will do what they always have done and start spending more than we can afford."

The clock is ticking once again as Durst predicted it would and its ticking may lead to a return to the 1980s debt. Of course, we have a national debt ceiling, but as we saw recently that ceiling can be raised at anytime. In May, President Bush signed a bill allowing a record \$984 billion increase in the amount the federal government can borrow. That legislation marked the second increase in the debt ceiling in just roughly a year. In June 2002, the debt ceiling was increased by \$450 billion to \$6.4 trillion. With the President's newly signed bill, our federal government can now borrow to a newly national debt ceiling of \$7.4 trillion.

Treasury Department spokesman Rob Nichols on June 16 told Guardian Unlimited Newspapers that the government could hit the new \$7.4 trillion limit on the national debt next year - anytime from April through October. If that is the case, then once again the ceiling will be lifted and the old debt clock on the wall will spin its numbers even faster.

The whole national debt subject is a touchy item when discussed politically. One

group blames the president, the other blames the economy and we all understand the cost of fighting a war and terrorism. However, it all comes down to spending more than we have and needing to cut expenses.

There seems to be little concern from our general population on the increasing trend to place our country once again deeper in debt. But, the time is rapidly approaching for all of us to become active in encouraging our elected officials to do something before the clock strikes 12:00. In my opinion, debt ceilings are nothing more than a myth if we think they impose controls on our government's spending. The place to start is to hold the spending line at the congressional budgeting process and to spend only on expenditures that we can afford. I know that sounds a lot like the way we run our households, but if it can work for John Q. Public, why can it not also work for Uncle Sam?

We need to get our economy back on track, unemployment under control and attempt to avoid deflation as much as possible.

The clock is ticking, but maybe we can avoid it tolling for us with a higher national debt on future generations.



Mystery writer John Creasey wrote under 27 different pen names.

Birthdays

July 17 - Kay Pasley, Cindy Parham, Brooke Barnes, Mike Arender, Ronnie White, Frank Jones, Kalea Dean, Jerry Stanley.

July 18 - Rob Wilkins, Ted Sutton, Donny Noblin, Herbert Brown, Rita Hargett, John Dillard, Rodney Moore.

July 19 - Georgella Davis, Jason Brewster, Jimmy Thompson, Clay Conrad, Joe Spencer, Ned Lewis, Bubba Hartman, JoAnne Jones, Frank Keel, Hayley Gillion, Alexander Bernard, Jimmy Brasfield, Mary Lou Coughlan.

July 20 - Michael Woodard, Parker Chipman, Paul Thomas Pillow, Rita Benjamin, Lyle S. Morris, Tyler Klutts, Gary Brown, Dortha McBride, John Beasley, Shelia Reynolds, Lucas Parker Hendren, Christopher Buckner, Krista Newman.

July 21 - Rebekah Angotti, Charles F. Walker, Tom Thebeau, Amanda Sanders, Chad Jones, Howard Adkins, Dawn Noblin Terry, Jerry Robison, Linda Williams, Billie Jean Curtis, Brad Bartlett, Jimmie C. Kent.

July 22 - Hayden Klutts, Paul Hankins, Angie Escue, Kelley Sherman, Tammy Little, Halie Conrad, Natalie Sanders, Carol Ammons, Kristen Kennedy, Jamie Scarbrough, Valerie Theus, Bryan Kiestler, Tanya Beard, William Whitson, Naomi Jackson, Jason Scott, Natalie N. Pipkin.

July 23 - Carol Davis, James R. Caldwell, Sam Sigman, Mickie Conrad, Tiffinne Runions, Brenna Rhea Deaton, Carol Young, Kailyn Mitchell, Holford Swanner, Mary Lowry, Tom Pennington, Junior Turnbow, Roger Jetton, Tina Anderson, Martha Massongill, Richard Hargett.

Katie Winchester To Fill Vacancy

Governor Phil Bredesen appointed Katie Winchester, of Dyersburg, eighth district citizen, to a four-year term on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The commission helps coordinate efforts between the University of Tennessee system and the Tennessee Board of Regents, and promotes public higher education throughout the state.

Winchester is the CEO, president and vice chairman of First Citizens National Bank, a Dyersburg-based banking company, with locations across West Tennessee.

A veteran banker, she joined First Citizens in 1961, rising through the ranks to assume the top position as chief executive in 1996.

She has completed the professional master of banking program at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, in conjunction with Alex Sheshunoff Management Services, Inc.

She serves as chairman of the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce and vice chairman of the Dyersburg State Community College Foundation Board, and served as a member of the Federal Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors from 1999 to 2001.

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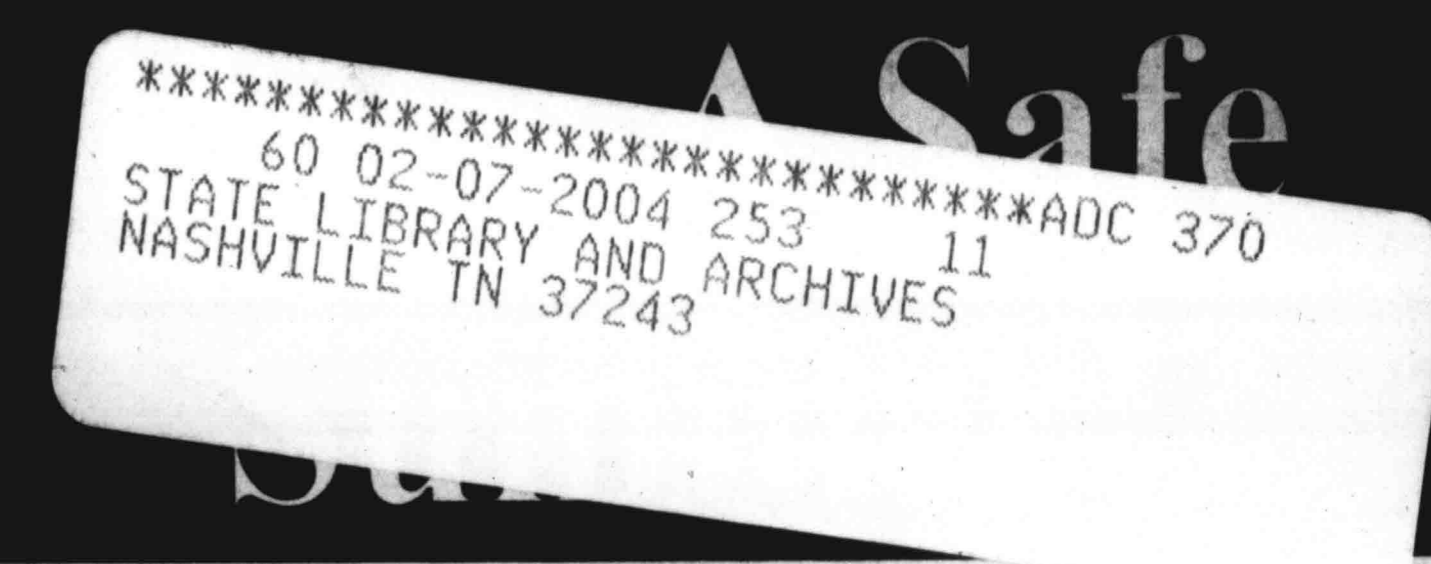
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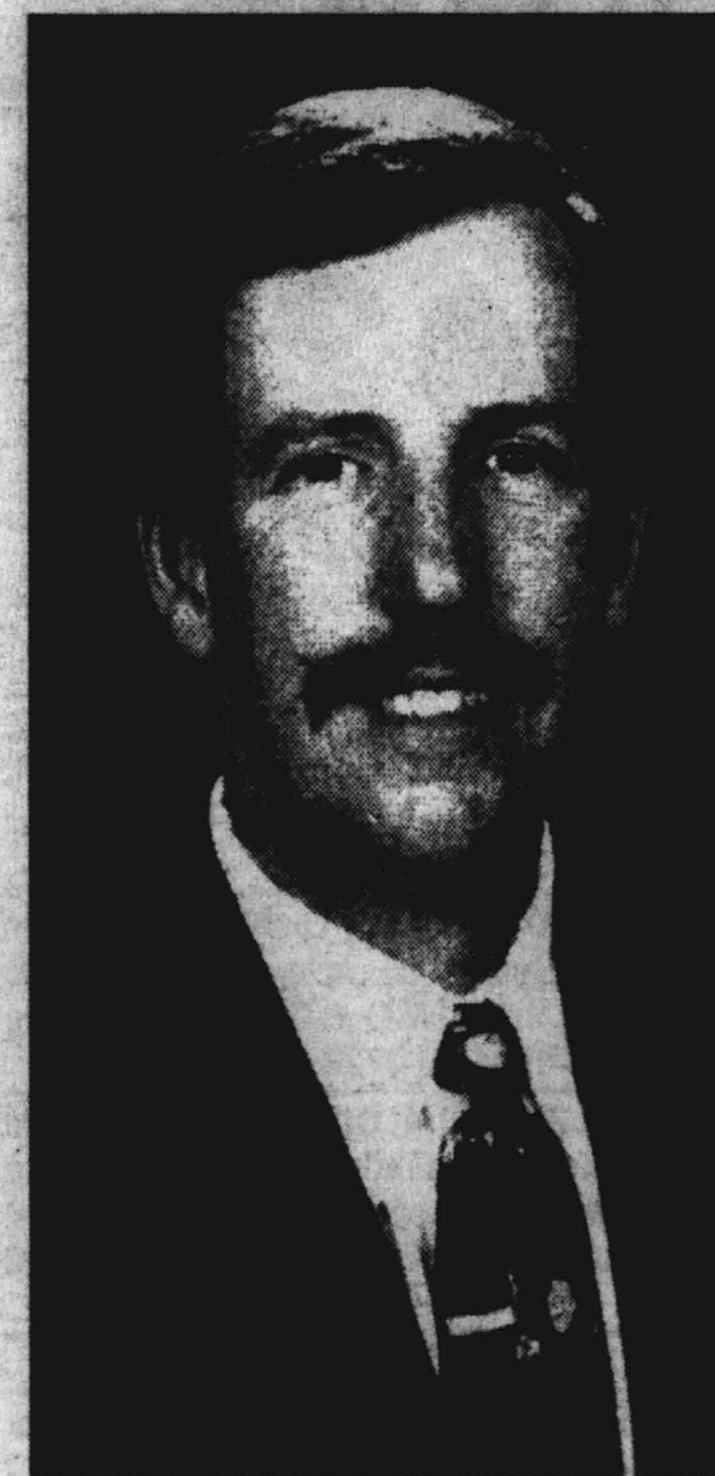
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Speaker



DR. BOBBY WEBB, former Lauderdale County School Superintendent and Shelby County School Superintendent, will deliver the summer commencement address at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 2 p.m. Sun., Aug. 3rd in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

Webb, a UT Martin graduate, was selected as superintendent by the Shelby County Schools Board of Education in January 2002. His career in education began in 1974 as an instrumental music teacher with Humboldt schools. After teaching for three years in Humboldt, he returned to Lauderdale County, where for the next 11 years he served as a teacher and high school administrator for the Lauderdale County School system.

He served as school superintendent for 14 years and was named Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents' Superintendent of the Year in 1996 and 2001. He is the only superintendent in Tennes-

Training Dates Set For Foster Parents Bond Set For Wife Accused In Murder

Orientation dates for foster parent training are scheduled for 6 p.m. Tues., Aug. 5th and 11 a.m. Sat., Aug. 9th at Youth Villages in Dyersburg, 1365 Flowering Dogwood Lane. Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent should plan to attend.

Foster parents receive free training, ongoing support and reimbursement. For more information and requirements, call Lisa Parker at 731-287-9355, ext. 7918 or e-mail, Lisa.Parker@youthvillages.org.

Lynda Beth Camp, 45, of Friendship, was charged with the shotgun murder of her husband, Tommy Camp, 49, former supervisor at Anderson Hickey in Halls, according to an article in the Dyersburg State Gazette. Mr. Camp was employed at Quebecor World in Dyersburg. Bond was set at \$500,000 Thursday of last week in Crockett County Circuit Court.

She is alleged to have shot him more than a week ago before deputies, acting on a tip, found his body in the bathtub Tuesday of last week. She was found in the closet of the mobile home with minor scrapes. The article states she was thought to be a witness at first, but information developed by deputies and the TBI led officials to charge her as the prime suspect. She is being held in the Crockett County Jail, under a suicide watch.

Seventeen students from Lauderdale County have been inducted in the National Honor Roll, 2002-2003. Students include Johnathan Akins, Sarah Allen, Savannah Ferguson, Kimberly Hammock and Rachel McCaslin, Halls High School; William Elder, Brian Flagg, Ramon Foster, Matt Harrell, Amanda Harrison, Cristal Henning, Kelli Neal, Brandon Pappas, Nicholas Taylor and Stephen Wilson, Ripley High School; Mallory Pip-

17 Countians Make National Honor Roll

Students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Students, with a B or better average, are asked to submit information about their GPA, interests, activities and future goals, for further consideration.

"These young people have worked hard to attain academic success," says Lynn Romeo, publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievement provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll." The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualify-

Polluted Waterway Bar Not Felt Here

Davidson County Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle has ruled the state's list of polluted waterways, including Cane Creek in this county, void, because the state Department of Environment and Conservation did not satisfy state laws when it put the list together.

The suit was brought by the City of Cookeville, which daily feeds millions of gallons of treated sewage into Pigeon Roost Creek.

Cookeville said the Creek's classification as polluted lacked sound scientific data.

The state list of polluted waterways was allegedly generated, without sufficient evidence, to meet requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and to avoid a normal nine to 12 months of testing, evaluations, and hearings.

Mike Allmand, who heads the Ripley Gas and Water Dept., says the ruling neither helps nor hurts RGW.

RGW only discharges into Cane Creek (15 gallons of treated sewage to every one gallon of the creek's natural flow), but a pipe-line to the Mississippi River is already underway to bypass the Cane Creek problem.

Students contacted after the cut-off date for June publication of the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, which was released in June, will be included in a follow-up edition, entitled Spring 2003, which will be shipped later in the year.

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Concord Locals

By: Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, Melanie, of Memphis, Andy Dunn, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Brenda Simpson, of Light-foot, visited Pharis Escue Sunday and attended homecoming in Concord Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Beard, of Roellen, were supper guests Monday of last week of the J. D. McNeills.

The Barry Jordans and sons, of Memphis, visited Mrs. Jordan's parents, the Floyd Emersons, Sunday and

attended homecoming in Concord Methodist Church.

D. L. Gilland, of Frog Jump, visited R. H. Williams Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry, of Ripley, visited Mr. Williams Tuesday night of last week.

Mrs. J. D. McNeill and Mrs. Mike McNeill attended homecoming in Concord Methodist Church Sunday.

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Obituaries

T. E. Conrad

Thomas Eugene Conrad, 66, of Ripley, retired floor covering contractor, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He leaves his wife, Betty Jo Conrad; sons, Thomas, Jr., and Ricky Conrad, and sisters, Opal Glimp and Wanda Brasfield, of Ripley; daughters, Connie Everett, of Brighton, and Patricia Tolley, of Bartlett; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

'Hot' McDaniel

Pleze "Hot" McDaniel, 83, of Henning, a farmer, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Sunday in Canaan Baptist Church west of Henning, with burial there, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Wonda Mabins McDaniel; a son, David Atkins, of Henning; daughters, Renae Washington, of Henning, and Rose Gwynn and Ruby Atkins, of Ripley; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Holder

Mary Virginia Holder, 82, of Trenton, mother of Mark Holder, of 1492 Cook Road, Halls, died Friday in Jackson-Madison Cnty. Hospital.

Rites Sunday in Shelton Funeral Home led to burial at Follis Chapel Methodist Church, where she was a member.

She had retired as a seamstress for the Kellwood Co.

Survivors include her husband, Raleigh Holder; daughters, Audrey Flowers, of Greenfield, Norma Harper, of Trenton, and Vicki Stewart, of Shelbyville; one brother, Calvin Knott, of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Sarah Vaughan, of Jackson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Edward Murley

Edward V. Murley, 79, of 1237 Asbury-Glimp Road, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He had retired as a superintendent for Ford Construction.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

W. J. Warren

W. J. Warren, 73, of Union City, brother of Charlene Hughes, of Gates, died Thursday of last week, at home.

Rites were Sunday in White-Ransom Funeral Home, with burial in Obion County Memorial Gardens.

Retired from Brown Shoe Co., he attended the Star of Bethlehem Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Marshall Warren; a son, Stan, of Union City; brothers, Donald, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Ilar, of Washington; and other sisters, Vanetta Ragsdale, of Union City, and Estelle Collins, of Michigan.

Bennie Flowers

Bennie C. Flowers, 43, of Covington, brother of LaCay Crew, of 28 Gause Lane, Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Saturday in Antioch Baptist Church, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

He was a construction worker.

Survivors include grandparents, Clarence and Georgia Flowers, his mother, Mary Flowers, brothers, Leonard and Nikita Flowers, Drakeley and Marvin Robinson, and Leiland Stewart, Jr., a sister, Veronica Robinson, and daughters, Christina Tamera, and Tremaine Flowers, all of Covington; another sister, Sandra Gray, of Brighton; and a grandchild.

Robert Sanders

Robert Lee Sanders, 62, of Memphis, father of Nicholas S. Sanders, of Henning, died Monday of last week in the Memphis Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Ford Chapel AME Zion Church, with burial in the West Tenn. Veterans Cemetery, Ford Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Lulie; sons, Andrew L. Sanders and Michael Smith, a daughter, Angela Harris, his mother, Mary Sanders, and a sister, Emma Jean Sanders, of Memphis; another sister, Josephine Strickland, of Chicago, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Mamie Maclin

Mamie Lue Maclin, 86, of Milwaukee Wis., died Friday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Matthew Zion Church, in Halls, with burial in Love Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include a nephew, of Henning; and a niece and sister-in-law, both of Halls.

J. C. Broglin

J. C. Broglin, 80, of Halls, retired Tupperware employee, died Monday at Madison County Hospital in Jackson.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

He was a member of Westside Baptist Church and the American Legion, Halls Post.

Survivors include his wife, Marcella Vandiver Broglin, three sons, Wayne, Jesse and Jerry Broglin, and a step-daughter, Sheron Ross, all of Halls; two sisters, Mildred O'Steen, of Halls, and Laura Archibald, of Visalia, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Westside Baptist Church (Awana Program) of the American Cancer Society.

Tomato Festival Winners



MIKE GAINES, right, in front, of Halls, in upper photo, was the winner of the Fire and Ice Grill, donated by Cargill Ag Horizon, at Hales Point, and Patra Powell, standing, left, in lower photo, won the Carolina Mirror, donated by Thornton's Furniture, Ripley, at the Lauderdale Middle School Cheerleading Booster Club booth at the Tomato Festival July 12th. The winners are pictured with the LMS Cheerleaders.

One ought at least to hear a little melody every day, read a fine poem, see a good picture, and, if possible make a few sensible remarks.


—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be at 7 p.m. Mon., Aug. 4th at Halls City Hall.

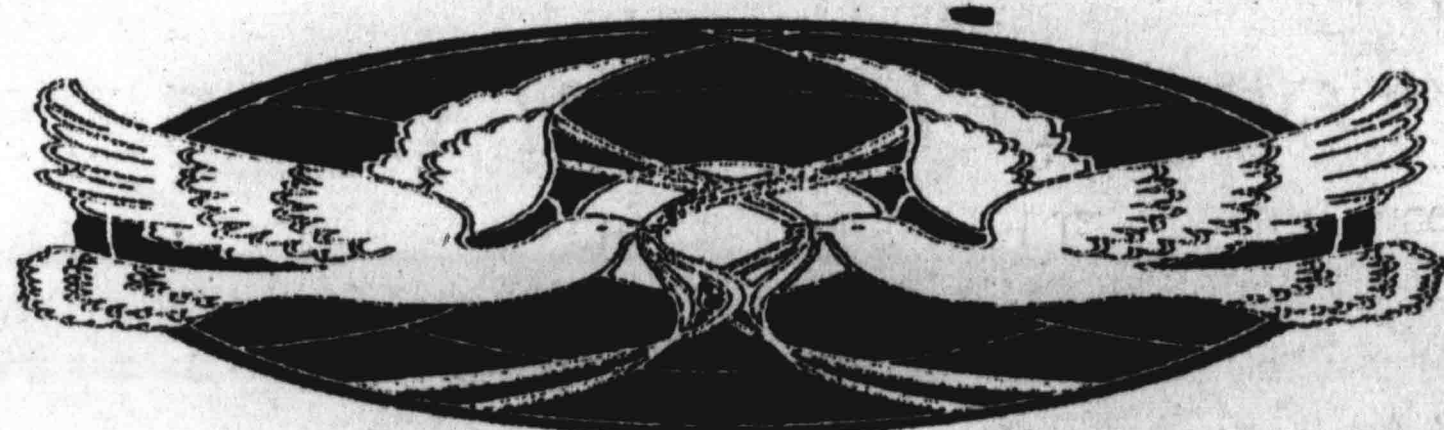
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Church Happenings

Woodville Baptist Church will hold a day of celebration beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sun., July 27th with The Rev. Pat Kough, pastor, delivering the message. A box luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall after the service and a gospel singing featuring several groups will begin at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Elim Baptist Church, at Orysa, will hold revival services beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., July 27th with The Watchmen singing gospel selections; 11 a.m. worship services with Ronnie Wylie, pastor; luncheon at noon; and nightly services at 7 p.m., Monday through Friday with special music and guest each night. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God will continue its camp meeting at 7 p.m. nightly July 28th through 30th with The Rev. Nic Hill. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public. For more information call 635-4484.

New Life Fellowship, 100 Lakeview Dr., Ripley, will welcome guest speaker, Bro. Dick Reuben, during the 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. services Sun., July 27th. An evangelist, he was instrumental in the Brownsville revival at Pensacola, Fla. Harold Blackwood, pastor, invites the public. For further information, call 731-635-0352 or 731-635-7009.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold its Vacation Bible School for adult classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fri., Aug. 1st, dinner provided, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd, lunch provided. The theme is The Great Kingdom Caper, Cracking the Character Code. Van service is available. The public is invited.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will hold a church camp meeting through the 27th with different speakers each night. Services will continue at 7 p.m. nightly. The Rev. Mark Fisher, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 635-4440.

The Light House Family Church, 328 S. Washington St., Ripley, and Unity Ministries, of Newbern, will present a Unity Conference Fellowship from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sat., July 26th at the First Citizen Bank, #1 First Citizen Street, annex on the square in Dyersburg, with Eugene Raggin, as guest speaker. Raggin has ministered in excess of 40 plus years. Mack and Evelyn Henry, pastors, invite the public.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. July 22nd through 25th, for ages 2 through adult. The theme is Treasures of the Nile. L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

Light House Family Church, Praise and Worship Center, 328 S. Washington St., Ripley, will offer a Biblical course of study at 6:30 p.m. nightly beginning Wed., July 2nd and continuing each Wednesday in July. The course is entitled, Welcome to the School of the Prophets, instructed by Dr. Ray Self, of Jacksonville Theological Seminary, Olive Branch, Miss. The study is designed to equip, edify, and advance the body of Christ. Mack and Evelyn Henry, pastors, invite the public. For more information, call 221-3398.

Elon Baptist Church, 240 Double Bridges-Unionville Rd., Halls, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning July 28th through July 30th for children, ages 4-12, thru 6th grade. The theme is the Great Kingdom Caper - Cracking the Character Code. For more information, call 731-836-5604. The public is invited.

Lightfoot United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services Sun., July 27th with worship services to begin at 11 a.m. with special music by Susan Bragg. A pot luck luncheon will follow the services. The Rev. Wendell Smith, pastor, invites the public.

S.T.A.N.D. Outreach Ministries will present a 2003 Drill Team/Step Show featuring the House of Refuge Team 3:16 at 3:30 p.m. July 27th at 327 Cleveland St. For participation or further information, call Kevin Harris, 635-8625.

S.T.A.N.D. Outreach Ministries will present Let The Light Shine Benefit Musical at 5 p.m. Aug. 2nd at 327 Cleveland St., Ripley to benefit Barbie's House for Battered Women Shelter and Family Crisis Shelter. The House of Refuge Ensemble and Fred Hammond's music recording artist, Shea Norman, will be featured. For more information, call Kevin Harris, 635-8625.

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.

Scholarship For Law Students

The Anne Schnieder Chapter of Lawyer's Association for Women will award a \$500 scholarship to a woman who is a resident of any West Tennessee county, except Shelby County, with the following qualifications: academic ability, average or above; stability of character and good moral standards; worthy of assistance; financial need for continuing educational programs; stated intention to pursue a career in law; and has been accepted to an accredited law school or is attending an accredited law school.

The scholarship will be paid in two \$250 payments, each payment to be made at the beginning of each semester for the 2003-2004 school year.

Written request for an application, which must be returned no later than Sept. 1, 2003, should be addressed to Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Middlebrooks & Gray, P.A., P. O. Box 1985, Jackson, TN 38302.

MDA Seeking Local Telethon Volunteers

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is seeking volunteers to answer phones and help out behind the scenes at this year's Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, airing Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st, on WREG News Channel 3.

The telethon will begin at 8 p.m. and air for 22 hours. The national broadcast originates in Hollywood and cuts to frequent local segments.

Funds raised by the telethon are used to support MDA's programs of worldwide research, public health education and services for people affected by more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

For further information on becoming a telethon volunteer, call 901-367-0902, or email Kelly Lorenz, memphisdistrict@mdausa.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

The Tennessee Department of Transportation, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, is requesting public review and comments on its proposed Fiscal Years 2004-2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The program establishes phases of work on projects planned for major construction, and planned initiatives for Transit and Forest Highway/Public Lands activities over the three-year period, which will utilize available and projected Federal and State funds. Projects contained within the urban area boundary of one of the nine previously established Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), (Bristol, Chattanooga, Clarksville, Jackson, Johnson City, Kingsport, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville) are not listed in this document. Those projects will be listed in the respective urban area's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion in their review and comment process. The review period is to provide citizens, affected public agencies, employees of transportation agencies and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to comment on projects and transit initiatives contained within the rural section of the proposed STIP. The Program will be available for review during normal business hours until August 22, 2003 at the following locations: KNOXVILLE REGION I: 7345 Region Lane, P. O. Box 58, Knoxville, TN 37914, (865) 594-2400. Kingston Public Library, 1004 Bradford Way, Kingston, TN 37763-3100, (865) 376-8905. Jacksboro Public Library, 585 Main Street, Suite 201, Jacksboro, TN 37757-0460, (423) 562-3675. H. B. Stamps Memorial Library, 407 East Main Street, Rogersville, TN 37857-3315, (423) 272-8710. Johnson City Public Library, 219 North Church Street, Mountain City, TN 37683-1522, (423) 727-8544. Greeneville-Greene County Public Library, 210 North Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37745-3816, (423) 638-5034. Blount County Public Library, 508 North Cusick Street, Maryville, TN 37804, (865) 982-0981. CHATTANOOGA REGION II: 4005 Cromwell Road, P. O. Box 22368, Chattanooga, TN 37422, (423) 892-3430. Putnam County Library, 50 East Broad Street, Cookeville, TN 38501-3210, (931) 526-2416. Wm. H. & Edger Magness Community House & Library, 118 West Main Street, McMinnville, TN 37110-2516, (931) 473-2428. Fentress County Public Library, 306 South Main Street, Jamestown, TN 38556, (931) 879-7512. NASHVILLE REGION III: 6601 Centennial Blvd., Public Library, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 350-4300. Clarksville-Montgomery County, 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 501, Clarksville, TN 37040-0005, (931) 648-8826. Edward Ward Carnack-Sumner, County Public Library, 658 Hartsville Pike, Gallatin, TN 37066-2509, (615) 452-1722. Argie Cooper Public Library, 100 South Main Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160-3984, (931) 684-7323. Lawrence County Public Library, 519 East Gaines Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464-3599, (931) 762-4627. Perry County Public Library, Route 10, Box 3A College Avenue, Linden, TN 37096-0369, (931) 589-5011. JACKSON REGION IV: 300 Benchmark Place, Jackson, TN 38301, (731) 935-0100. Memphis-Shelby County Public Library and Information Center, 3030 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111, (901) 415-2700. McIver's Grant Public Library, 204 North Mill Street, Dyersburg, TN 38024-4831, (731) 285-5032. Ned R. McWhorter-Weakley County Library, 341 Linden Street, Dresden, TN 38225-1400, (731) 384-2678. Jack McConnico Memorial Library, 225 Oakgrove Road, Selmer, TN 38375-1879, (731) 645-5571. Written statements or comments may be submitted to Mr. N. E. Christianson, III, Transportation Director, Suite 600, James K. Polk Building, 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243-0341, Phone: (615) 741-7929, Fax: (615) 741-9673. The STIP can also be reviewed and comments submitted through the department's web page www.tennessee.gov/dot.

West TN Flames Capture Title



WEST TENNESSEE FLAMES, 14 and under, fast pitch travel team, captured the 2003 Tennessee USSSA State Tournament Championship held in Crossville, July 11th through the 13th. The Flames were undefeated in five games to take the title. Pitching and defense only allowed two runs the entire tournament, while scoring 25 runs with its offense. Team members include, in front, from left, Jennifer Fowler, Robin Vernon, Tobie Joy, Laurie Anna Cooley, Shelby Flurry, and Elizabeth Burlison, and in rear, Coach Ernie Norvell, Naloni Vandiver, Tai Meadows, Rebekah Wells, Coach Dee Wells, Rebekah Moore, Megan Perry, Coach Dennis Meadows, Kelley Crook, Ashley Rogers, and Coach Kenny Bivens.

Catches Turtle



WILLIAM ATKINS, of Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, didn't catch any fish, but caught a fine turtle, when he went on a fishing/picnic trip to Fort Pillow State Park.

Other residents, who went fishing, were Patricia Gitchell, Keith Jones, Helen Anderson and Willie Halliburton. Staff attending were Yvette Arterbridge, RN, Minnie Smith, certified nursing assistant, and Rhonda Tyus, activity director.

The Halls Senior Citizen Center sponsored the trip.

RECEIVE DEGREES

Lauderdale County students receiving degrees from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville spring semester, 2003, include Jordan Critchfield, of Halls, bachelor of science in communications; Justin Elder, of Ripley, and Angela Pugh, of Halls, bachelor of science in business administration; and Lesley Olds, of Ripley, master of science.

Birthdays

July 24 - Arden Butler, III, Warren Kelly, Hugh Miller, Cathy Thebeau, Charles Cook, Kay Baker, Missy Buckner, Paul McLemore, Jeffrey Hill, Marlee Grace Mooney, Romona Rhodes, Carol Bernard, Pam Hudson, Steven Kee.

July 25 - Paulette Herron, Donna Hyde, Susan Mashburn,

Emergency Grant Dislocated Workers

Lauderdale County, along with 37 other counties in Tennessee, will share grant monies from an \$8.6 million national emergency grant for dislocated workers, reported Commissioner James Neeley, of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The grant will assist approximately 2,900 workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, of which that number includes approximately 1,500 trade-certified workers affected by 28 plant closures and mass layoffs in Tennessee.

More than \$2.1 million will be awarded immediately, with the remaining \$6.4 million being awarded over the next two years.

"The TDLWD will use the grant to provide a variety of transition related services," said Commissioner Neeley. "The assistance will be provided by our Tennessee Career Centers across the state. Those services include assessment, career counseling, on-the-job and classroom training, job development, job placement and support services."

MAY GRADUATES

Lauderdale County residents, who graduated from Tennessee State University during commencement exercises May 10th, in the Gentry Center Complex, were Dywanica Peet, Breun Reed and Kristopher Thompson.

REFORM EFFORTS

State Senator Mark Norris, a Shelby County attorney, is sponsoring five reform bills, of which one would cap the amount which could be recovered for non-economic damages and limit attorneys' fees in certain medical malpractice cases.

Tennessee may be on the verge of a crisis, according to most recent reports of the Dept. of Health and Human Services, said Norris.

Insurance premiums for specialty physicians, like OB and heart surgeons, increase at alarming rates, threatening practices in portions of the state for the first time last year.

In April, the Administrative Office of the Courts reported average jury verdicts increased by 46% in fiscal year 2002, and the average award was the highest, since awards have been reported.

"We believe that patients' access to affordable health-care is in jeopardy, and we believe that the trend is toward crisis. We want to head it off at the pass' before there is a crisis. We are determined to eliminate the hidden tax imposed upon all Tennesseans by diminished access to healthcare and the increasing costs of health insurance, medical treatment and the judicial process itself. Everything we can do to be proactive in protecting our citizens in this area is the least we can do to keep Tennessee from becoming the next ground zero," said Norris.

ANNIVERSARIES

July 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Zach Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Mounjoy.

July 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newman, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Larson.

July 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bales.

July 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Green, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holder, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Groenke.

July 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Barry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones.

July 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Morris.

Marriages

July 5 - David Kelly Stallings, 27, to Christy Ilene Williams, 27, by Jimmy D. Clay.

July 12 - William Gordon Mashburn, Jr., 44, to Cynthia Marie Jordan, 33, by Randall Cummings.

July 14 - John D. Cooper, Jr., 26, to Sheika Rosalene Brown, 21, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

William Walter Dacus, 62, to Shirley Jean Sutton, 58, by Thomas Spiller.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The regular quarterly meeting of the Lauderdale County Democratic Party will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tues., July 29th at the Blue and White Restaurant in Ripley. All members are expected and visitors welcome.

For additional information, call Shea Harris, 836-9008.

Alzheimer's Seminar Via Teleconference

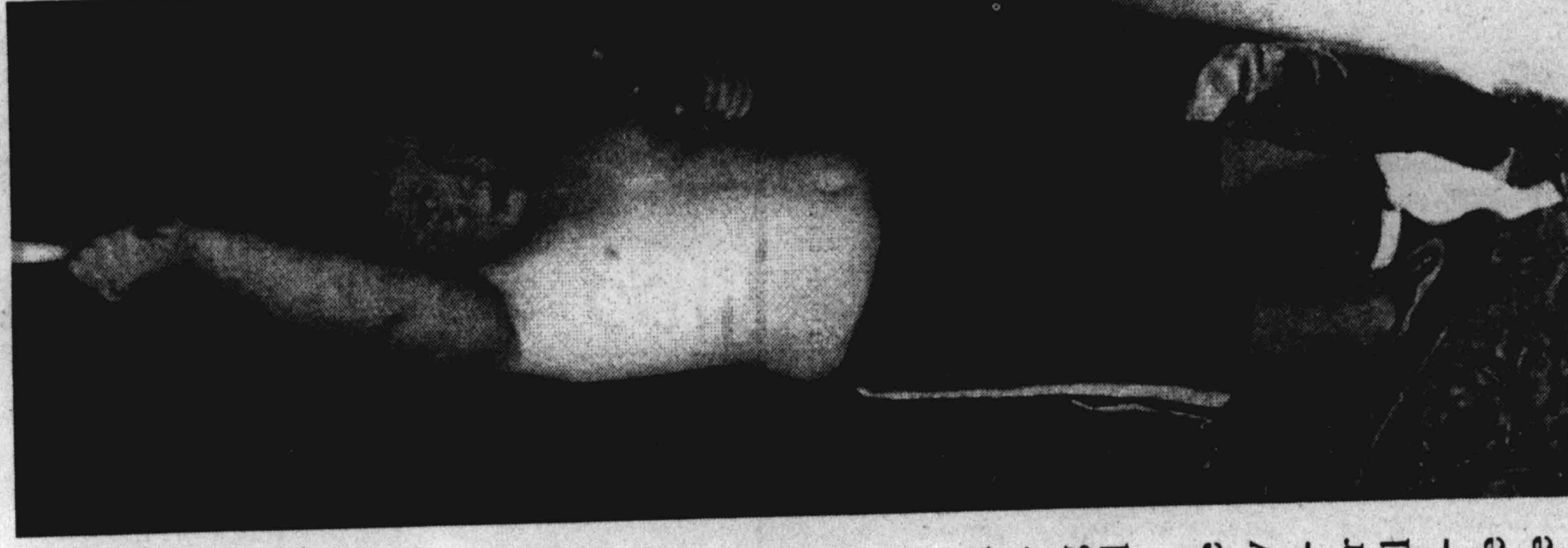
The Alzheimer's Association, Mid-South Chapter, and sponsored by Homewood Residence, of Nashville, invite the public to participate in a free one-hour Alzheimer's teleconference, 7 p.m., Tues., Aug. 12th.

Participants should dial 1-800-789-6311, and tell the operator you want to join the Alzheimer's conference. Callers can listen anonymously, or ask questions to a live panel of experts, who will be discussing the disease, caregiving tips and legal concerns.

For further information, call the Alzheimer's Association, toll-free, at 1-866-463-6423.

July 29 - Beth Richards, Peggy Reviere, Lisa S. Hankins, Sammie Sue Reviere, Derek Young, Dana Ferguson Rose, Wendi Henry, Gary D. Maness, Andy Baggett, Katherine Liddes, Jerry Jenkins, Tim Smith, Nathan Cole Smith, Whitney Kee, Tony Tinker.

Big Catch



AARON CUNNINGHAM, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham, of Halls, and Valerie Cunningham, of Ripley, caught a 21 lb. bass at Natchez Trace June 23rd.

LEGGETT REUNION

The 28th annual Leggett family reunion will be held Aug. 3rd at the Fraternal Order of Police Building, 196 Viar Ave., Ripley, with luncheon at 1 p.m. Guests attending are asked to bring a covered dish and any genealogical information and family photos available. For more information, call Janelle Simpson, 901-358-6049.

QUICK QUIZ

The Burden Of Debt (NAPS)—Money matters, especially for new lawyers who still have to pay for their schooling. This "brief" quiz will help determine if you're a real legal eagle when it comes to "The Case of the Debt-Burdened Attorneys."



The jury's no longer out: Law school debt is causing grads to avoid public interest jobs.

What percentage of law school students:

1. finance their studies through school loans? a. 92 percent; b. 87 percent; c. 94 percent.
2. have school debts of \$75,000 or more? a. 39 percent; b. 50 percent; c. 72 percent.
3. are prevented by debt from accepting jobs in the public interest or government sector? a. 66 percent; b. 26 percent; c. 33 percent.

Answers

1. c. According to a survey conducted by Equal Justice Works (formerly the National Association for Public Interest Law), 94 percent of the Class of 2002 financed their studies through loans. 2. b. The debt incurred by law school graduates cause many to avoid lower-paying public interest jobs. 3. a. An estimated 66 percent of new lawyers. Visit www.equaljusticeworks.org.

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Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. GERALD FITZHUGH, of Halls, will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sat., Aug. 9th at the Bethesda Methodist Church, Hwy. 88 West, Halls, hosted by their children, Glynn and Pattie Jones, of Curve, and Rob and Sherrita Fitzhugh, of Newbern, granddaughter, Brianna Fitzhugh, and great-grandchildren, Ashlie and Sara Pruitt. No gifts please, all family and friends invited.

August Nuptials Slated



LEIGHANN MCKEE, daughter of Steve and Kathy Alston and Wyatt McKee, of Ripley, will marry Michael Olds, son of Enesta Olds, of Halls, and Bill and Rachel Olds, of Ripley, at 6 p.m. Aug. 23rd in the Tulip Tree Wedding Chapel in Jackson with all family and friends invited, reception will follow.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Estelle McKee, the late John McKee, Frank and Donna Benjamin, and the late Margaret Benjamin, all of Ripley.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Ezra Cates and the late Mary Cates, of Halls, and Erma Olds and the late Milton Olds, of Ripley.

The couple will reside in Halls.

Chicago Wedding Vows



MR. AND MRS. ED LEWIS were married at 10:30 a.m., May 24th in Chicago's Lincoln Park with Frank Ward, former minister at Poplar Grove

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Halls, officiating the double ring ceremony.
A noon brunch was held following the ceremony.

The bride, the former Kate Ewell, is the daughter of Jim and Donna Ewell, of Halls. The bride's sisters, Sarah Ewell Littlefield, of Kingston, and Jennifer Ewell Umlauf, of Memphis, served as her attendants.

The groom is the son of Marrin and Carolyn Lewis, of Alexandria, Va. The groom's brothers, David Lewis and Michael Lewis, both of Seattle, Wash., and Ben Ewell, of Jackson, the bride's brother, served as his attendants.

The bride's parents will host a reception at their home in Halls for the couple Aug. 30th.



The Roman Emperor Augustus, it's said, was so afraid of thunder he would hide in a closet whenever a thunderstorm came up.

REPORT OF CONDITION

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

ASSETS		
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		928
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		53
Interest-bearing balances		
Securities:		
Held-to-maturity securities		129
Available-for-sale securities		11,408
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:		
Federal funds sold		2,763
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		0
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases held for sale		0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	19,774	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	216	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance		19,558
Trading Assets		0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		1,086
Other real estate owned		187
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0
Intangible assets:		
Goodwill		0
Other intangible assets		0
Other assets		829
Total assets		36,931

LIABILITIES

Deposits:		
In domestic offices		31,578
Noninterest-bearing		3,812
Interest-bearing		27,766
Federal funds purchased		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0
Trading liabilities		0
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)		2,019
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0
Subordinated notes and debentures		0
Other liabilities		177
Total liabilities		33,774
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries		0

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	355
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	469
Retained earnings	2,263
Accumulated other comprehensive income	70
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	3,157
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital	36,931

I. SHARON ROSE, SVP & CASHIER

(Name, Title)

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Director #1 Jerome P. Crittfield

Director #2 Rebecca C. McWilliams

Director #3 Gerald D. Cherry

Sharon Rose

Rebecca C. McWilliams
Gerald D. Cherry

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE

On this 18th day of July, 2003, before me, a Notary Public within and for said State and County, personally appeared Sharon Rose to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did state and affirm that she is the Cashier of The Lauderdale County Bank, the Corporation named in the foregoing instrument and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and said Sharon Rose acknowledges said instrument to be the free act of said Corporation.

Virginia S. Harris
Notary

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Awarded



DR. SCOTT PEARSON, son of Wilder and Norma Pearson, of the Forked Deer Community, received the 2003 "Sawyer's Award" presented to the outstanding faculty member who has been the best example to the surgical residents. Pearson, an assistant professor of surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, at 37, is one of the youngest to receive such an honor. A teaching oncology surgeon at Vanderbilt, he instructs residents while performing surgery.

At the awards ceremony, it was said that he "best exemplifies the doctor who successfully balances the demands of surgery, research, and family."

Dr. Pearson received his M.D. from the University of Tennessee Memphis Center for the Medical Sciences and completed his general surgery training at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Tex. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, graduating *summa cum laude*, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. While in Memphis, he was presi-

Used Book Sale Held At Library

Members of Do So FCE Club and Friends of the Lauderdale County Library will hold the monthly used book sale from 9 until 11 a.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd in the green building behind the library, 120 Lafayette.

dent of the student body and received the Distinguished Student Service Award. He completed a surgical oncology fellowship in Houston, Tex. at M. D. Anderson where he also received two Clinical Trainee Research Awards in 1997 and 1998 and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Oncology Research Award in 1999.

He has published a number of articles in journals and has participated with others in submitting manuscripts, abstracts, and protocols to medical publications, as well as made a number of presentations on several cancer topics. His latest research was presented in New York City, sponsored by Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital Surgical Department.

Dr. Pearson returned to Tennessee in 1999 to continue his work at Vanderbilt University.

He was also named in 2003 a Fellow of the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities.

He is married to Robin Pearson, M.D., who is a pediatrician with Rivergate Pediatrics in Goodlettsville. She has received the James C. Overall Award for 2003 given to the member of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital clinical faculty who "best exemplifies the ideas of learning the art and sciences of pediatrics".

The couple resides in Nashville with their two sons, William Scott and John Wilder Pearson.

Instructor



LUIS AGUIRRE has joined the staff at the Tennessee Technology Center Ripley as the Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CAD) instructor. Aguirre has an extensive background in the industry of drafting and design with over 25 years of experience in electro-mechanical design. His previous experience includes supporting the design of orthopedic implants and instrumentation, working as a senior drafting CAD designer, and as a senior mechanical designer/checker.

Aguirre has supported research on a variety of aircraft projects including the SR-71, F-104, F-16XL, and Space Shuttle landing gear. He has received special recognition from the United States Air Force for support of the USAF Giant Sword Competition with technical design. He was elected to the position of president for the American Design Drafting Association for 2003. He resides in Brighton with his wife and four daughters. Call the TTC-Ripley, 635-3368, if interested in the CAD program.

Rains Boost Good Hopes For Crops

County Extension Leader "Jerry" Parker told Ripley Rotarians Tuesday that rains Monday night, reported from three to five inches, from north to south in the county, seem to have assured an excellent corn crop. He says:

Halls To Hold Business Expo

The Town of Halls is planning its first Community Development and Business Expo Festival during the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29th through Sept. 1st at Arnold Field. Festivities will include a softball and basketball tournament, barbecue cooking contest, motorcycle and car and truck show. The main attraction will be a three day separate musical event made up of different genre, country/pop-rock, rhythm and blues & hip-hop, and gospel/blues, plus a talent showcase of new and unknown talent. Major and independent record label executives will be invited to attend the event. The public is invited. For more information, call Robert Mosby, 836-7686, or Diane Wright, 635-5976.

Cotton got an early start, some planted April 20th, but Mississippi River flooding and rains required re-planting of many acres, vulnerable to an early frost.

Milo is making a small come-back with farmers.

Tomatoes are produced chiefly by 10 farmers, four of whom are using latest technology to boost yield from 600 to 2,000 boxes per acre.

Soy Beans are reported "pretty good."

Wheat prospects are excellent. Tests of 20 varieties in the hills are yielding 64 bushels per acre; in the river bottoms, 73 bushels per acre.

And The Critters Are:

Corn has been hurt by the sugar cane beetle, which bores into stalks and topples them. It has affected about 10,000 acres.

Cotton still has boll weevils, thanks to two counties in Arkansas, west of Lauderdale County, who rejected a multi-state eradication plan.

Court orders have closed the gap, and weevils are expected to disappear from cotton here within two years.

Horse-Flies are hatching out from mud on the banks of ponds or streams, whose chemical treatment would be perilous. Cattlemen can try insecticides on wipers; others must rely on fly-swatters.

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Fort Pillow Park Weekend Events

Fort Pillow State Historic Park has scheduled a weekend of free family events.

Activities for Fri., Aug. 1st, include A Rottin' Place to Live, 4 p.m., departing from Visitors' Center on a walk into the woods to see what critters call rotting logs home; and Civil War Movie, 7 p.m., Surprise and Slaughter in Tennessee, a 30-minute documentary about the Battle of Shiloh, which contains scenes from the 125th anniversary re-enactment.

Events scheduled for Sat., Aug. 2nd, include Sundial Watch, 10 a.m. making a sundial watch; Super Babies, 11 a.m., coloring pictures of baby mammals and matching with a description; Currency of Civil War, 3 p.m., learning about currency used during Civil War; and Civil War Trivial Pursuit, 3:30 p.m., playing a game to see who knows the most about the Civil War.

Sunday activities include Treetop Traffic, 10 a.m., making a gliding lizard out of paper; Mammal Greetings, 11 a.m., making mammal cards to write messages in;

New Screening Test For TN Newborns

The Tennessee Dept. of Health has added Biotinidase Deficiency to a list of genetic disorders for which all babies born in Tennessee are tested.

Biotinidase Deficiency, an inherited disease that occurs in about one of every 70,000 babies born, is caused by lack of an enzyme called Biotinidase, which helps the baby's body break down a vitamin called Biotin.

Infants with Biotinidase Deficiency and other genetic disorders appear completely normal at birth, but can develop problems after the first weeks or months of life.

Left untreated, the child can develop seizures, feeding difficulties, illness soon after birth, low muscle tone, skin rash or infection, developmental delays and hearing loss.

Hospitals take a tiny blood sample used for screening before a baby is discharged. While the disorder is rare, lack of treatment can cause mental retardation, severe illness and even death.

The Tennessee Dept. of Health has purchased specialized equipment that will allow for screening of additional diseases, beginning later this year.

Tricky Tracks, 1:30 p.m., trying to identify some mammal tracks; and Water Balloon War, 3 p.m., staying cool and having fun at the same time.

For further information, call 731-738-5581.

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County Teachers & Administrators

The Lauderdale County Board of Education has employed the following teachers and administrators for the 2003-2004 school year.

Halls Elementary School includes: principal, Pat Carmack; asst. principal, curriculum coordinator and teacher, Phillis Barlow; and teachers, Barbara Anderson, Janet Baker, Rita Barnes, Natalie Bentley, Norma Booker, Tina Boucher, Martha Britt, Becky Burks, Kay Burnham, Andy Campbell, Diane Carmack, Jenny Clark, Donna Dabbs, Abby Danewer, Tabatha DePriest, Jennifer Duke, Kristy Dwyer, Marion Elder, Vicki Lee Foster, Holly Gay, Theresa Gooch, Pamela Green, Leigh Ann Gunnells, Kay Hansford, Lee Ann Harrison, Barbara Hendren, Alexis Hurt, Tonya Jacobs, Beth James, Cindi Jones, Bill Kelly, Tina King, Jill McCaskey, Kelly Meeks, Allison Moore, Shelley Murphy, Robin Naifeh, Tammy Nelson, Cindy Newman, Rita Norvell, Janet Rasp, Cindy Rearm, Donna Reaves, Melissa Robeson, Angela Sanders, Amy Smith, Melissa Smith, Vanessa Spoon, Dawn Steelman, Nita Taylor, Tracie Taylor, Robin Warren and Angela Wilson.

Halls Junior High School includes principal and teacher, Dr. Pam Simmans; and teachers, Michael Blackwood, Susan Campbell, Paul Climer, Jean Criner, Paul Henderson, Cathy Jarrett, Vicki Lankford, Cheryl Lucko, John Terry, Janene Tidwell and Jennifer Vaughn.

Halls High School includes principal and teacher, Andy Pugh; asst. principal and teacher, Jimmy Meeks; and teachers, Kay Baker, Paula Bales, Gerald Boxx, Al Bradford, Chris Butler, Joe

Clendenin, Mary Jo. Cnihfield, Molly Escue, Missy Hammond, Renee Harber, Nancy Hart, Mindi Hearn, Chris Hurt, Winston Jarrett, Jennifer Jordan, Joni Ketchum, Cynthia Lacy, Amanda Lane, Phil Meeks, Rebecca Milam, Teresa Mills, John Porter, Donna Smith, Gara Strong, Betty Warren, Steve Warren, Robert Weeks and Nick Wooster.

Ripley Primary School includes principal and teacher, Al Jones; asst. principal and teacher, Don Wieber; curriculum coordinator and teacher, Debbie Kennedy; and teachers, Sandra Arnold, Daphne Barbee, June Bates, Shelbra Bates, Diane Beard, Cathy Best, Janice Bird, Kim Blackstock, Patricia Box, Jennifer Brandon, Cindy Brasher, Debra Brewster, Patti Butner, Teresa Cain, Heather Crouch, Angela Crowder, Carol Davis, Laura Dial, Leslie Garrison, Kay Grugett, Brenda Harrell, Ernestine Henderson, Lisa Hyde, Debby Jenkins, Linda Jetton, Deborah Jones, Manisha Jones, Kimberly Kelley, Joanne Lewis, Crystal Lock, Marilyn Lovelace, Lynn Maners, Barbara Mann, Marion Meibaum, Michael Miller, Lori Morris, Tanya Nelson, Shelly Ogden, Leslie Olds, Elaine Parker, Deanna Pavletic, Nancy Peek, Melinda Pilcher, Dale Ray, Brandis Rentfrow, Pam Reviere, Brandi Rickard, Jennifer Short, Joan Sigman, Beth Simpson, Heather Stranak, Donna Thompson, Karen Voss, Corinna Watson, Teresa White, Susan Wieber, Cary Wright, April York and Frances Young.

Ripley Elementary School includes principal, Phyllis Elkins; asst. principal and teacher, Tex Culver; curriculum coordinator and teacher, Andrea Chaisson; and teachers, Diane Akin, Carol Ammons, Sharlene Angleton, Sandra Arnold, Shari Ballard, Andrea Baynes, Marion Burch, Lori

Burks, Emily Campbell, Jill Carpenter, Aren Castor, Amy Cates, Tiffany Craig, Theresa Crutchfield, Samantha Culver, Kathy Curtis, Ilene Davenport, Joy Deming, Jaeh DuMoulin, Vicky Elder, Emily Elkins, Heather Eskridge, Rhonda Ferguson, Memory Gaines, Keith Gambill, Andrea Gibson, Kimberly Gischer, Stephanie Gludicy, Cheryl Graham, Kathi Graham, Elizabeth Hayes, Teresa Henderson, Gina Hendren, Iva Jarrett, Chastity Joyce, Jennifer Kent, Kamala Kissell, Jamie Lee, Dana Loudermilk, Lory Markowski, Judy Mills, Gwendolyn Morrow, Norma Pearson, Amanda Peckenpough, Dawn Platzke, Kevin Potter, Melissa Ray, Lisa Smith, Betty Thomas, Betty Thompson, Lisa Ungerecht, Kathy Wade, Rhonda Waldo and Kathi Wilder.

Lauderdale Middle School includes principal and teacher, Jack Phillips; asst. principal and teacher, Bob England; curriculum coordinator and teacher, Catherine Glover; Gear-Up site coordinator and teacher, Debra Leake; and teachers, Cindy Anderson, Jo Baker, Ron Bales, Heather Baruch, Laura Beamer, Melissa Bliss, Paula Brill, Grace Caldwell, Mary Ellen Carnell, Ann Chipman, Anita Chrestman, Lynda Cliff, Judy Cummings, Kathy Davis, Tammy Donaldson, Leigh Douglas, Lynn Ferrell, Holly Fisher, Juanita Halfacre, Lori Halliburton, Melissa Harper, Susanna Hathcock, Angela Herron, Susan Hume, Jared Humm, Kristy Irwin, Lisa Johnson, Clarence Keeley, Dianne Lane, Steve Littlejohn, Martha Locke, Emily Nelson, Don Meacham, Raymond Neal, Natalie Newman, Cindy Parham, Thomas Patterson, Theresa Pennington, Tammy Pipkin, Stephanie Ratermann, Shirley Robinson, Michael Shirley, Brenda Simmons, Dawn Spangler, Nancy Strantz, Brenda Till-

Paris Sings On TV



JAMES PARIS, JR., center, of the Edith Community, provided a taping session of inspirational songs for WBYR-TV 33.

Jane Wiley, left, of Halls, provided interpretation in sign language for the hearing impaired.

Janet Hayes, right, master control operator for Tri-State Christian TV, in Dyersburg, helped with the video production.

man, Debora Tyus, Barbara Vawter, Aubrey Webb, Kim Webb, Robin Webb, Tammy Webb, Carole White, Randy White and Billie Young.

Ripley High School includes principal and teacher, Robert Baker; asst. principal and teacher, Joe Bridges and Bum Bardy Driver, Jr.; Gear-Up site coordinator and teacher, Jana Parnell; and teachers, Earl Anderson, Carol Austin, Kelly Barnes, Melody Berry, Stacey Bing, Stephen Byrd, Ann Carmack, Major Hugh Cook, Judy Crowder, Dr. Randall Cummings, Kellie Day, Mike DiPasquale, Chad Eaton, Amy Elder, Gary Fain, Susan Farris, Memory Gaines, Donna Jackson, Linda Jennings, Robert Jones, Jennifer Jordan, Beth Ann Keen, Shawn Kimble, ISG Leo Lamer, Lisa Massongill, Linda Maxwell, Johnny McAdams, Josh Meyer, Harriet Mills, Bethany Murphree, Terry Musgrave, Don Myers, Phillip Neal, Thomas Neal, Jeffrey Nolen, Harley Patterson, Carol Phillips, Keith Potter, Bill Rasp, Kristie Rhea, Lorri Riddick, Peggy Roberson, Melanie Sargent, Diane Schnetzler, Kelly Scott, Phillip Scott, Jil Sutterer, Jim Vasilko, Michael Walsh, Martha Webb,

Pam Webb, Ray Webb, Louise White, Ryan White-side, Windy Willitte, Tommy Williams, Clyde Wright and John Yarbrough.

Optional School includes principal and teacher, Jackie Jones; and teachers Richard Adams, Jimmy Clendenin and Dennis Strayhorn.



The Dog Museum in St. Louis, Missouri, founded by The Kennel Club, features paintings, sculptures and other works of art with dogs in them.

Double Ring Vows



MR. AND MRS. BRANDON WELLS were married in a candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m. June 14th at Halls First United Methodist Church with The Rev. Randy Jetton, of Alamo, and The Rev. Jim Griffith, pastor, officiating the double ring vows.

A reception was held at the church, following the ceremony.

The bride, the former Sara Herder, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herder, of Ripley.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wells, of Ripley.

After a honeymoon trip to Eureka Springs, Ark., they are residing in Ripley.

Marriages

July 19 - Neil Leon Prince, 28, to Nessa Danical Marshall, 20, by Darren W. Morrow.

July 21 - Leonard Durand Westmoreland, 47, to Eva Sue Gallahaire, 45, by Thomas E. Sanders.

July 22 - Stephen Timothy McCaslin, 39, to Vivian Marie Weaver, 38, by Thomas E. Sanders.

July 25 - Steven Wayne Braden, 29, to Shannon Layne Arnold, 32, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Anniversaries

July 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Crahn, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wright.

Aug. 1 - Dr. and Mrs. Joe Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Terry, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Dustin White.

Aug. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny E. Cates, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sondgeroth, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Schuh.

Aug. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Birthdays

July 31 - Rhea Moore, Donna Booker, Joy Hunter, Ruby Moore, Haylie Rose, Seth Steelman, Beth Carnack, Jere Keen, Lucille Belton, Shawna Vaughn, Trey Hurt, Precious Harvey, Tracy Young, Woodson Criner.

Aug. 1 - Stephen Herron, Camary Pearson, Heather Hemby, Butch Hawks, Julie Pillow, Linda Ellis, Stephen Webster, Kim Coffey, Roger Gray, Samantha LeMar, Molly Clark.

Aug. 2 - Shane Latham, Suzette Stanley, Harriet Cannon, Fred Taylor, Gary Steelman, Jackie Belton, Blake McWilliams, Barry Harrell, Betty Lewis, Eric Smith, Luanne Duvall.

Aug. 3 - David Ford, Rose Marie Fullen, Corum Webb, Matthew Clark, Cindy Carmack, Martha Howard, Bo Grear, Caroline Baynes.

Aug. 4 - Lee Wright, Joe Harrald, Kelli McKee, Colton Winkler, Sharon Meadows, Darrell Tutor, Nancy Zachary, Robert Hughes, James "Bill" Bailey, Michael Burks, Amanda Burrough, Kayla Leanne Brown, Brittany Kiestler.

Aug. 5 - Mike Demeris, Christina Ross, Tom Fitzhugh, Dorothy Miller, Ruth Summar, Steven Stanley, Deborah Patterson, Joan Burroughs, Wade Stanley, Beverly Malone, Frank Edwards, Chad Hogue, Dorothy Webster, Dr. Dax Eckard, Merri Beth Pike, Mike Yancy, Jason Gray.

Aug. 6 - Mike Wood, Bill Rhodes, Betty Ray, Debbie Roy, B. W. Dudley, Jr., Rachel C. Johnston, Vernon McBride, Jr., Pam Allmon, Jennifer Taylor Jordan, Rickey Ward, Shane McCaslin, Phillip Brooks, Britney Brasfield, Elsie Tims, Jena Raelyn Ward, Danny Ray Tillman.

Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb.

Aug. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jere Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Vaughn.

Aug. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Bud Young, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pattat, Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn Matthews.

August Nuptials Near



BETTE STALNECKER, of Ripley, will marry Bro. James Gibson at 5 p.m. Aug. 23rd in the main sanctuary at Bellevue Baptist Church, where they are both members, with all friends and family invited.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Luther Rice Seminary. She served in evangelism in the Southern Baptist Convention for twenty years.

The groom-elect was a missionary to Tanzania, Africa for ten years. He graduated from Memphis State University and studied at New Orleans Seminary.

The couple will reside at 234 Lackey Lane, Ripley, where they will continue the Paschal House Ministry.

POEMS SOUGHT

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest, sponsored by Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, Oregon 97540. Over \$50,000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

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To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to Celestial Arts, or enter online at www.freecontest.com before Aug. 29, 2003. Your name and address must be on the page with your poem.

A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

For further information, contact Michael Thomas at thomasmike_us@yahoo.com.

Outdoor Ceremony



MR. AND MRS. MARTIN LYNN FRYE were married at 7 p.m. June 21st at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mike and Judy Warren, on Emerson Rd., Gates, in an outdoor ceremony, officiated by Bro. Jerrell Dawson, of Gates.

The bride, the former Bridgett Renee Tims, of Alamo, daughter of Brenda Carter and Steve Carter, was given in marriage by her father.

She is the granddaughter of Hazel Warren, of Gates, and Mervin Carter and the late Lillian Carter, of Olive Branch, Miss.

She wore a white satin shoulder strap gown, featuring a beaded bodice of pearls and semi-cathedral train. Her white chiffon veil fell from a crystal beaded tiara and was adorned with crystal beads and pearls. Her cascading bouquet was of full-bloom white lilies, white roses, and greenery.

The bride entered the ceremony from the house onto a boardwalk lined with candelabras decorated with ivy, tulle, and white bows. The couple exchanged vows before a grapevine arch located on the pier overlooking the lake at the Warren's home. The arch was decorated with white roses, greenery, and magnolia leaves. The arch and pier were lit with lights and lined with tulle and white satin bows. The arrangements that adorned the boardwalk and columns on the pier were made by the bride's aunt, Diane Stacey, of Frog Jump.

The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Frye and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Henry and the late Mr. and Mrs. Seab Frye, all of Jackson, chose a black tuxedo with white vest and tie and wore a

boutonniere of double white roses with greenery.

Guests entered the drive around the lake, lined with torches lit and decorated with ivy and white bows. A white canopy tent, decorated with white sheer panels, tulle, and ivy, was the focal point for the register table, kept by Amy Ward, of Johnson City.

Liz Long, of Brownsville, performed *Have You Ever Been In Love* and *Because You Love Me*. Music and entertainment was provided by Mike Perry, of Halls.

The wedding party stood before white fencing, decorated with white satin bows, magnolia leaves, flowers, and white lights. The bride chose her sister, Brenda Prescott, of Maury City, as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were cousins of the bride, Mrs. Georgia Anne Taylor, of Dallas, Ga., and Mrs. Angela Padford, of Humboldt. Each attendant chose their own dress and wore black floor length ensembles and carried bouquets of lilies, roses, and greenery.

Kaylee Prescott, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. She wore a white sleeveless dress with a fitted bodice with small pearls and flower petals and the bottom covered in netting. Her headpiece was made of small baby's breath, white bows, and satin flowing ribbons.

The groom chose his father as best man. Groomsmen and ushers were brothers of the groom, Ashley Frye and David Frye, of Jackson, and cousin of the bride, Tony Dancy. They wore black tuxedos with black vest and ties. Their boutonnieres were white roses and greenery.

The mother of the bride wore a two piece black and white ensemble featuring a white double-breasted chiffon jacket and a black satin a-line skirt. Her corsage was double white roses, baby's breath, and silver ribbons.

The mother of the groom wore a one piece

Enjoys Swimming Party



MEMBERS of the Braves, 2003 Halls Dixie Youth 11-12 year old baseball team, including, in front, from left, Joe Agee, Cody Chipman, Brandon Gwaltney, and Timothy Fitzhugh, and in rear, Vickie and Mike Curran, Tyler Rose, and Cody Curran, plus not pictured, Aaron Nelson, Cody Burks, and Jeremey Fitzhugh, enjoyed a swimming, barbecue, and awards party July 5th at the home of the Currans near Halls.

peach dress with a corsage similar to the bride's mother.

The reception was held under a cathedral wedding tent decorated with white tulle, ivy, and white lights. The bride's cake was a four-tiered creme butter cake topped with a six inch arrangement of white roses and greenery. The groom's cake was a two-layered butter creme chocolate cake topped with sugared grapes and strawberries drizzled over the top. Guests were served by Diane Stacey, Mrs. Betty Burks, Cynthia Smith, Mrs. Stephanie Coley, Mrs. Kim Shemin, Elizabeth Padford, and Amy Ward. A large arrangement of food was available for guests, who later toasted the bride and groom.

The couple will take a belated honeymoon to Gulf Shores, Ala. They will reside in Alamo.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren. Guests were served barbecue and the trimmings with strawberry pie.

A bridal shower was given June 7th by Diane Stacy, aunt of the bride, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Hazel War-

DEAN'S LIST

West Tennessee Business College, in Jackson, announced the Dean's List for past enrollment periods ending April 17th and July 3, 2003.

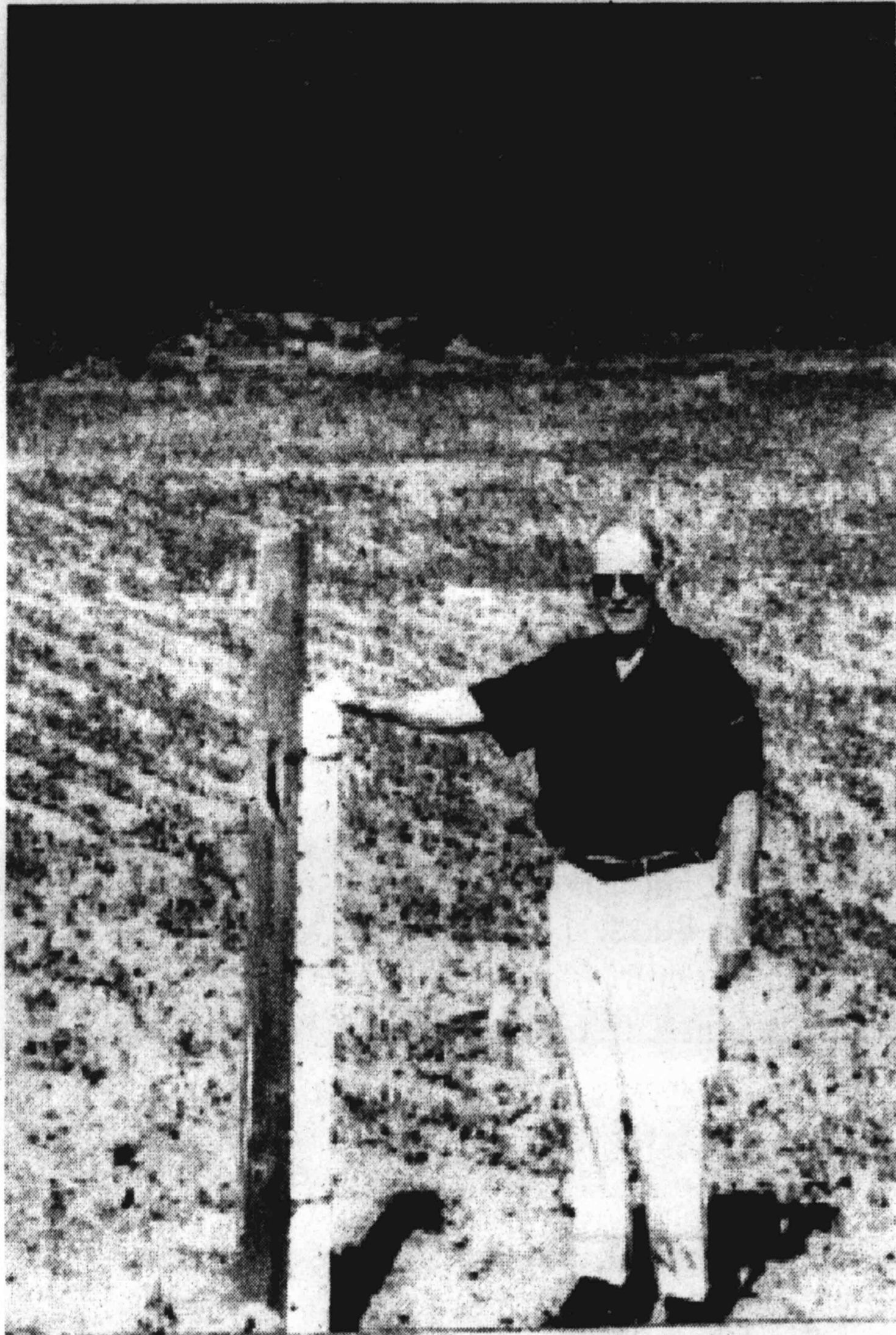
Lauderdale County students, who maintained a 95 or above average ending April 17th, include Shangralettha Arnold, Louise Finch, Mildred Garner and Tracey Johnson; and Kelly Crew and Maria Norfolk, ending July 3rd.

Guests were served a supper and presented the bride a wedding cake charm for her bracelet, towel sets, and a silver engraved video holder.

A miscellaneous shower was given June 8th by Brenda Prescott, Mrs. Georgia Anne Taylor, and Toni Delrose at the Olympic Steak House in Bells.

Special guests were mothers of the bride and groom. The couple received many useful gifts. Guests were served a beautiful wedding theme cake, cheese tray, fruit tray with sweet creme cheese dip, spinach dip and bread, nuts, mints, punch, and coffee.

Examines Basin



FLOYD CRAIN examines a water and sediment control basin built in the spring on his farm on Hwy. 19 E, in cooperation with the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District (SCD) and the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture (TDA).

George Meadows, secretary-treasurer of SCD, announced that the Lauderdale County SCD has completed a joint land treatment project with TDA for fiscal year 2003.

The TDA project provided cost-share assistance to landowners to implement a variety of Best Management Practices, which reduced excessive sheet and gully erosion to improve water quality, on land during the past year, under the supervision of Doug Taylor, regional administrator for TDA.

Meadows stated that the Lauderdale SCD hopes they will have the opportunity to work with the TDA in future years for additional land treatment projects.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Tennessee at Martin has awarded scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic school year.

Isaac Sorrell, son of Harold and Diane Stalling, of Ripley, a junior communications major, has received a position in the Chancellor's Award Program, funded with the UT Board of Trustees Scholarship and Academic Achievement Scholarship.

Elizabeth Webb, daughter of Sam and Pat Webb, of Halls, a sophomore music education major, received a position in the Deans' Scholarship Program, funded with the UT Board of Trustees Scholarship and Academic Achievement Scholarship.

Stephen Wilson, son of Steve and Terri Wilson, of Ripley, an engineering major, has received a UTM Freshman Scholarship/Work shop.

Director



MATT MEYER, former Business Editor of the *Jackson Sun*, has joined the Lauderdale County Economic and Community Development Board, effective Aug. 11th as associate director. He will assist Annette Fisher, Executive Director, in the board's efforts to strengthen the many divisions of economic development for Lauderdale County.

Meyer is a West Tennessee native and a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in communications and has a master's in journalism from Ohio University. He has worked at the newspaper for the last seven years.

He and his wife, Leigh, have two children, Jacob and Sarah. "We are looking forward to our move to Ripley and becoming a part of the community, being active in church and helping spread the word about Lauderdale County," he stated.

Mike Allmand, board chairman, and personnel committee members chose Meyer due to his educational background and felt his personality and education was "such a perfect fit for this position at LCECD."

Fisher stated "I intend to work with Matt and introduce him to people across Tennessee, the United States, and internationally to make his job easier. He

Views Proposed Route



LAUDERDALE COUNTY CITIZENS view proposed improvement plans for Hwy. 19, during the Tennessee Department of Transportation meeting Monday night at Ripley Elementary School. Some residents called Hwy. 19, the lifeline of the rural community.

"Without the reconstruction of Highway 19, Ripley is just going to just die on the vine," said long time resident Roy Bonds. "We have factories closing and people need to work or they will just move someplace else."

The public meeting, an open house forum, was one of several meetings being held in West Tennessee to discuss the widening and reconstruction of the highway. Another meeting was planned for Tuesday night in Brownsville.

Any concerns or comments about the project should be directed to TDOT. TDOT has planned three alternative routes, including widening the road to the north and to the south, or the third would involve construction of a new location through farmland in the eastern part of the county.

Lauderdale County Executive Rozelle Criner stated he wants to do whatever it takes to help get the project on the fast track. "You know it's bad here, when an industrial prospect tells you that Ripley is sitting in "no man's land" because we don't connect to any major roadways."

Officials with TDOT told the group the 80-90 million-dollar project would take at least 7 to 8 years to complete.

Written statements about the project can be sent to Tennessee Department of Transportation, Suite 700, James K. Polk Building, 505 Deadrick St., Nashville, TN 37243-0332.

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