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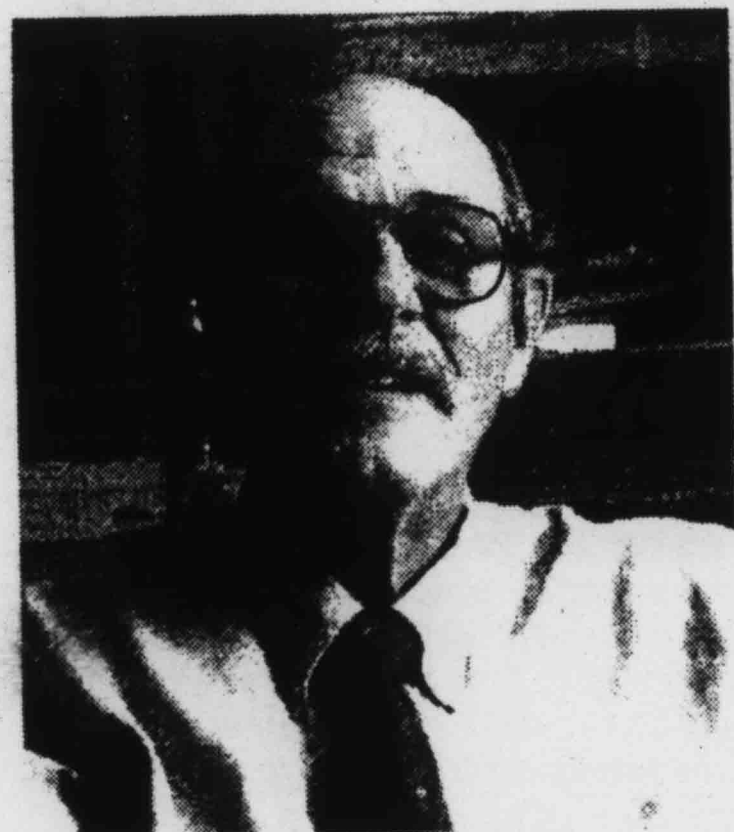
Candidate



GENE LEGGETT has announced his intention to seek the position of constable in District 2. He issued the following statement.

"I am asking for the voters in District 2 to select me to serve as your constable and would appreciate your support. I am trying to contact each and every one in my district either by phone or in person. If I miss you, I apologize and want you to know I have not forgotten you. Thanks again."

Seeks Seat



DAVID BRANDON has announced his intention to seek the office of District 5 School Board. He issued the following statement.

"I am announcing my candidacy for the District 5 Lauderdale County School (Continued On Page 7.)"

Halls Summer Concert Series

The Halls Community Center Summer Serenade Concert series debuts at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., July 1st at the downtown mini-park. Concerts for the family will be held each Thursday evening at the mini-park.

Performers for the event include the community singers with guest soloists, July 1st; to be announced, July 8th; Brett Wooster and Brian Hayes, July 15th; Hannah Powell and TNT, July 22nd; and Michelle Rankin and Vicki Spidle, July 29th.

The public is invited, bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic.

Announces



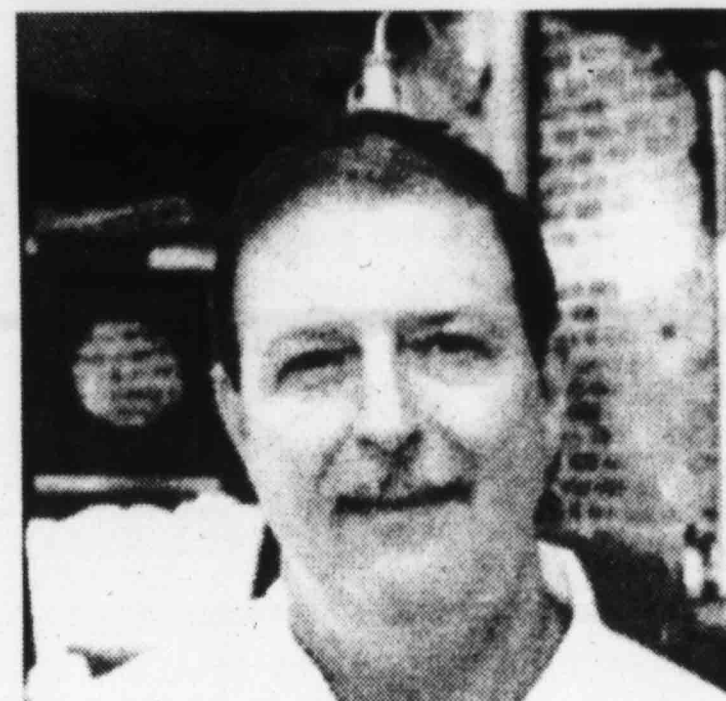
VONDA EMERSON, of Ripley, announces her candidacy for School Board District 5.

Mrs. Emerson issued the following statement. "I am seeking the support of the voters from the 5th district in the August election for School Board Representative. I have had the pleasure of serving on the School Board for the past 14 months. After the resignation of the late Garry Sellers, I sought appointment on the School Board from our County Commissioners in order to try and make a positive difference in the education of the students of Lauderdale County. I would like to continue to work with the teachers, school administrators, Superintendent, and board members in providing quality education for the children in our county.

I have been married to Kenny Emerson for 17 years. We have three children, Paige, 15, Taylor, 13, and Gracie, 5. Paige and Taylor have attended Lauderdale County schools since kindergarten. Gracie will begin kindergarten this fall at Ripley Primary. This would provide me with the opportunity to experience the academic and extracurricular programs at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels.

I have been a Lauderdale County resident since the age (Continued On Page 3.)"

Seeks Votes



MIKE R. WHITE, of Ripley, announces his candidacy for School Board District 4.

Mr. White issued the following statement. "I am a life long resident of Lauderdale County as well as my parents and grandparents before me.

I have two sons that just graduated from Ripley High School. I feel that I have a good grasp on what is good about our school system as well as what needs to be improved on.

I have been involved with the young people of our county for the past fourteen years. I have coached youth baseball, traveling baseball, league football, Junior High football and I was the past president of the Ripley High

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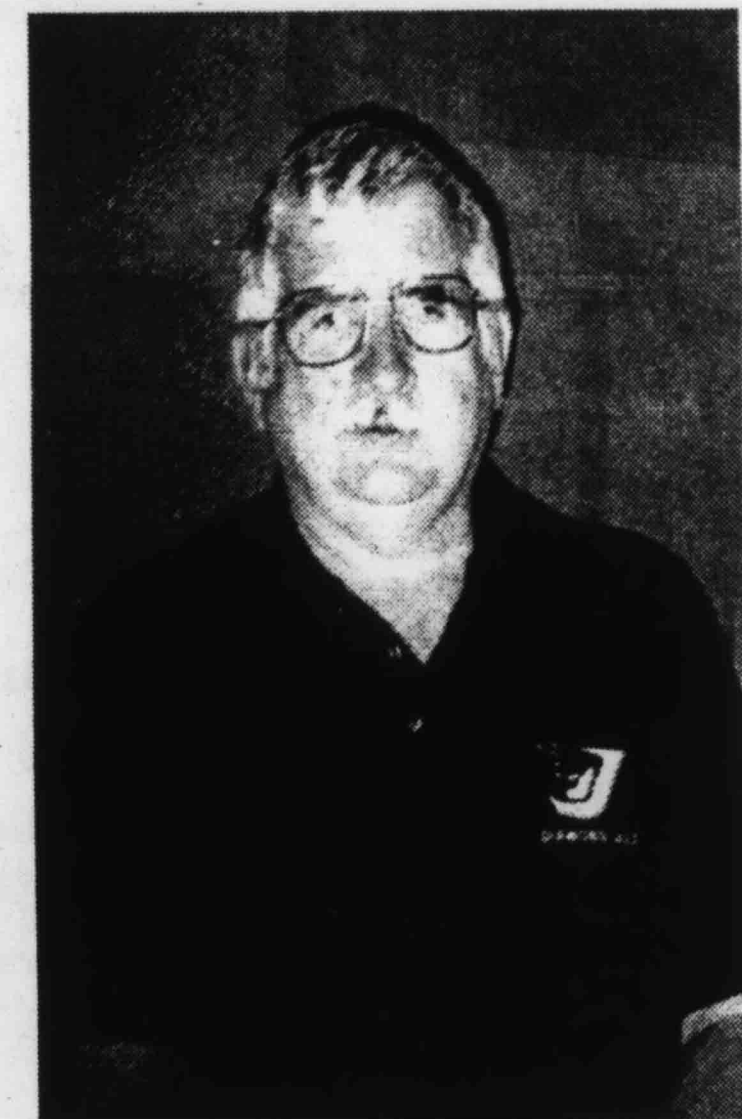
Jury Convicts Drunk Driver

A Circuit Court jury in Ripley last week convicted Richard Jr. Wilkerson, 64, of Lennie Clark Road, Friendship, of driving intoxicated and fined him \$350 plus court costs.

When Jerry Mitchell stopped him for speeding in Gates, he had difficulty standing and could not perform sobriety tests,

He said he had only had one drink of tequila.

Challenger



DR. DAVID A. STRONG JR. of Halls announces his candidacy for School Board District 8.

Dr. Strong issued the following statement. "I believe that the Lauderdale County School System is our county's most important asset. Our schools are responsible for the future of this county. They are responsible for making students into productive citizens who can function effectively in a constantly changing global society. I want to serve on the School Board because I am interested in helping our schools meet this challenge.

I come to my candidacy with four years experience as a school board member. I served on the School Board (Continued On Page 5.)"

New CEO



KEON FALKNER was named Baptist Hospital Lauderdale's new administrator and CEO. He began his career at Baptist Memorial Health Care as an administrative fellow through the Frank S. Groner Administrative Fellowship, a yearlong program designed for postgraduate students interested in pursuing a career in health administration. The fellowship is named for the former CEO and administrator of Baptist (Continued On Page 7.)"

Many Facilities Closed Monday

Many city, county, and state offices, post offices, banks, and The Lauderdale County Library will be closed Monday, July 5th, in observance of the Fourth of July.

As on most holidays, in order to print and mail *The Halls Graphic* and *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* on Wednesday, our staff must work Monday, but our office (145 E. Jackson) may close earlier than the normal 5 p.m.

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Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The most accurate computer ever made is the human digestive system. It never misses a calorie.
—Andrew V. Mason

Autumn is that season when nature seems to stop growing and start glowing.
—William Arthur Ward

NOTICE

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Mon., July 12th. City Hall will be closed Mon., July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

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JENNIFER LYNN VAUGHN, daughter of Bobby and Carolyn Vaughn, of Gates, will marry The Rev. Wendell Gene Smith, Sr., son of the late John and Dorothy Smith, of Medina, July 17th in a family ceremony at Gates United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is employed by Lauderdale County Schools.

The groom-elect is the minister at Asbury, Lightfoot, and Hurricane Hill United Methodist Churches in Lauderdale County.

The couple will reside in Ripley.

Emerson xxx

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of four. My husband is a lifelong resident of Lauderdale County. I started attending school in Lauderdale County in the second grade and graduated from Ripley High School in 1983. I received a diploma in nursing from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1987. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Memphis State University in 1989. I graduated from the University of Missouri, St. Louis in 2003 with a Master of Science in Nursing. I am a board certified Family Nurse practitioner. I am employed as a Family Nurse practitioner at the Urgent Care Clinic in Dyersburg. I am employed part-time as a registered nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale. The Lauderdale

County School System and its educators gave me the foundation on which to continue my education and accomplish the things that I have.

I have a genuine interest in the children of our county. I have served as a Daisy and Brownie Scout leader, coached softball, and served as an officer on the Dixie Youth Softball Board. I have chaperoned many school field trips and school dances through the years. I think it is important for children to be involved in extracurricular activities. I feel that these activities help build self-esteem and give them the foundation to work as members of a team, as well as, build leadership skills. The Lauderdale County School System has an excellent academic program and offers opportunities for students to participate in arts, athletics, military and technical programs.

We have many great teachers and students in this county. It is important that their voices continue to be heard. I will continue to listen to any concerns and speak up for not only the people in the 5th district, but for all of Lauderdale County.

I hope to meet each resident in the 5th district prior to the August election. I am looking forward to speaking with each of you. I hope that you will allow me to continue to serve you for the next two years. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

These chairs are solid wood and can be stained or painted. Place order today for early delivery. Call 731-635-4879, after 4 p.m. Can build one or a set, table(s) also available.

Park Activities For Weekend

Fort Pillow State Historical Park will be providing a variety of programs to celebrate the Independence Day weekend. Outdoor games, crafts, guided hikes, and interpretive talks will be offered Friday through Monday, with a special night-time firing of a cannon on the evening of Sun., July 4th, beginning at 8:15 p.m. All activities are free and open to the public. Please note that NO fireworks and NO alcoholic beverages are allowed at Tennessee State Parks. For further information, contact the park office at 731-738-5581.

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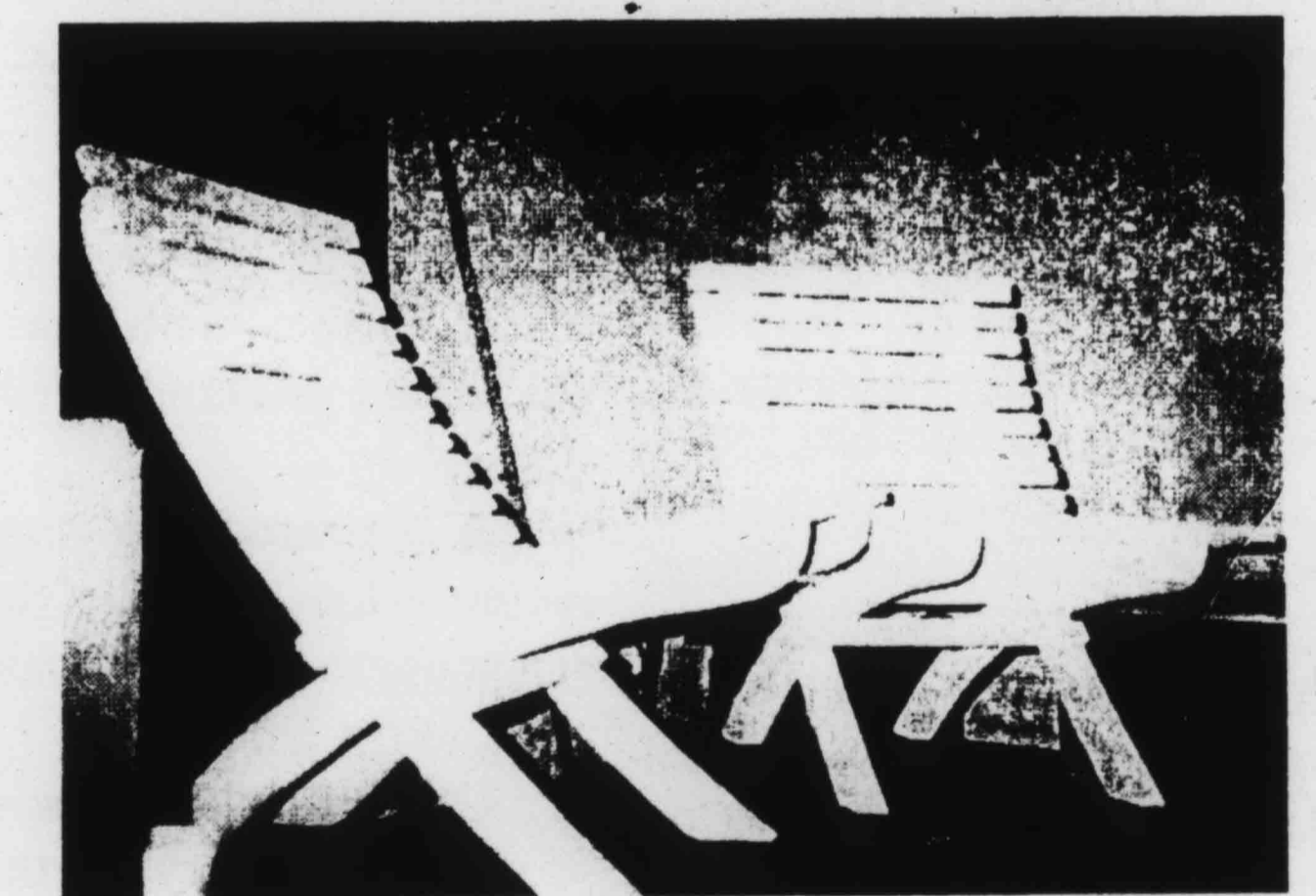
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Attends Picnic



JANE WILEY, left, of Halls, and her husband, Wendell, not pictured, were invited by Guy and Fran Miller, right, of Memphis, to attend the annual picnic of the Stroke Clubs, of Memphis, June 12th in Barton, Miss. Carolyn Stanley's Out Reach Music Ministry, provided inspirational music. Mrs. Wiley expressed in sign language the words of each song. While in Barton, she provided the program for members of the Baptist Hospital-DeSoto Stroke Support Group, of Southaven, Miss., St. Francis Hospital Stroke Support, of Memphis, Baptist Germantown Stroke Support & Caregiver Group, of Germantown, and St. Elisabeth's Stroke Support Group, of Raleigh.

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Obituaries

Russell Jacocks Led Frkd. Deer Electric Co-Op

Russell Jacocks, 87, of 1257 Stanley Rd., Halls, former manager of Forked Deer Electric Co-Operative, based in Halls, died Monday in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Woodville Cemetery.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

A Mason and Shriner, he was a member of the Rotary Club and the Maranatha Baptist Church at Toulon.

He leaves his wife, Billie Hicks Jacocks; daughters, Ann Ray, of Puryear, and Rose Marie Southard, of Brownsville; a step-son, Paul Hicks, of Tigrett; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Haley

Louise Wright Haley, 65, Dyersburg beautician, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were at noon Saturday in Morning Star Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Wife of Emmett Haley, she also leaves daughters, Lois Peat, of Ripley, and Johnnie D. Taylor, of Dyersburg; step-sons, Lawrence Haley, of Henning, Samuel Haley, of Halls, Steve Haley, of Brownsville, and Derrick and Jerome Haley, of Goose Creek, S.C.; five step-daughters, Angela Harrell, Gloria Ashmore, and Phillis Leake, of Ripley, Jacqueline Young, of Covington, and Ida Allen, of Detroit, Mich.; sisters, Cheryl Taylor, of Ripley, and Billie Graves and Faye Wilson, of Decatur, Ill.; brothers, Arthur, Larry, Robert, Roy, and Willie Graves, of Decatur, 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 34 step-grandchildren; 53 step-great-grandchildren; and five step-great-great-grandchildren.

Frances Koonce

Frances Virginia Langley Koonce, 85, of Crockett County, died Saturday in Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Ronk Funeral Home, with burial in Grace Cemetery, near Central.

A retired Tupperware employee, she was the widow of Edgar Levi Koonce.

She leaves five sons, Lloyd, Lane, and Larry, of Dyersburg, Rickey, of Friendship, and Ronnie, of Alamo; four daughters, Bonnie Perry, of Memphis, Beverly Smith and Mary Thompson, of Dyersburg, and Sandra Phillips, of Alamo; a step-daughter, Dorothy Stelman, of Gates; two brothers, Ray Langley, of Ripley, and Robert Langley, of Memphis; a half-brother, James Langley, of Ripley; five sisters, Maggie Savage, Linda Hunt, Genelle Hendren, and Betty Wright, of Ripley, and Crystal Augustine, of Lansing, Mich.; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Irene Bartlett

Irene Marie Bartlett, 82, of Memphis, wife of The Rev. Howard Bartlett, former minister of Melville United Methodist Church, died June 19th in her home.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Elizabeth Methodist Church Cemetery.

A retired elementary school teacher, she was a Deaconess in the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Other survivors include a son, Paul Wesley Bartlett, of Germantown; a daughter, Mary Bartlett Jasin, of Malay East Jana, Indonesia; a brother, Holland Vernon, of Liverton, Wyo.; a sister, Joy Waybright, of Dallas, Tex.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

James Jackson

James Otis Jackson, 49, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week at the VA Medical Center in Memphis.

A memorial service will be held in Milwaukee, Wisc, where he was born Oct. 27, 1954.

Custodian at Ripley Primary School and Lauderdale Middle School, he served in the U.S. Army from Sept. 1974 through Sept. 1977.

He is survived by his parents, Otis Charles Jackson and Lydia L. Qualls, three brothers, and six sisters, all of Milwaukee; a brother, of Houston, Tex.; a sister, of Natchitoches, La.; and his uncle and aunt, Willie Rouser and Donna F. Qualls, of Ripley.

Mrs. Hayslip

Lorraine Gable Hayslip, 97, of Memphis, mother of Jonnie G. Kesler, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Spring Gate Healthcare Center in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Forest Hill Funeral Home Midtown, with burial in its cemetery.

She was the widow of John E. Gable and Harry Hayslip.

Survivors include other daughters, Janice Marshall, Joan Wallis, and Joyce Holly, of Bartlett, and Janette Palmer, of Jacksonville, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Richard Byrd

Richard Lynn Byrd, 41, of Halls, automotive body repairman, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the Elbridge, Tenn., Cemetery.

An Army veteran, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Halls.

He leaves a daughter, Latri-sha Byrd, of Waverly, Ill.; and his father, Travis Byrd, and a brother, Travis, Jr., both of Halls.

J. A. Brogdon, Jr. Land Transfers

James A. Brogdon, Jr., 83, of 344 Highland Ext., Ripley, a retired truck driver for Best-Wade Petroleum in Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

A National Guard veteran, he was a member of Hurricane Hill United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Sudie Lavern Brogdon; a daughter, Marthat Miller, of Ripley; a son, James III, of Bartlett; sisters, Rudine Osteen, of Ripley, and Mary Virginia Smith, of Memphis; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Klutts

Echiel Milam Klutts, 96, widow of Henry Klutts, died Wednesday of last week in Lauderdale County Community Living Center.

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

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

She leaves daughters, Evelyn Elder and Maxine Forsythe, and a sister, Catherine Koonce, all of Ripley; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

DISABLED PARKING

In an effort to curb abuse and misuse of disabled parking privileges, the General Assembly has passed legislation that makes significant changes to the law governing the issuance of disabled parking placards. The following changes to the issuance of disabled parking placards take effect July 1. The definition of a "disabled driver" now includes persons whose impairment limit them from walking 200 hundred feet without stopping to rest. All persons renewing a disabled driver placard must resub-

mit medical certification prior to the renewal of the placard. Any person who knowingly or falsely misrepresents oneself as disabled in order to obtain a placard commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

June 18 - Lura Jacobs to Talmadge Nelson and Sue Jacobs Nelson, Dist. 12, lot.

Marian W. Haley to Larry White and Susan White, Dist. 12, lot.

Billy F. Rose and Kay Rose to William Bradley Rose, Dist. 15, 1 acre.

June 21 - Guilford J. Williams and Linda Williams to James Webb and Jami Blair Gordy Webb, Dist. 2, 41.5 acres.

Marjorie R. Davenport to Gloria Strachn, Dist. 8, lot.

Randy Lankford and Charles S. Cherry, Sr. to Robert Copley, Dist. 2, lot.

Rena F. Boyd and David M. Boyd to Lawrence Blurton Barfield and Ellen P. Barfield, Dist. 2, lot.

Connie J. Chumley to Lawrence Blurton Barfield and Ellen P. Barfield, Dist. 2, lot.

June 23 - Lisa D. Helwig to Courtney M. McAlister, Dist. 2, lot.

June 24 - Amy Sue Vowell to Libby Morris, Dist. 2, lot.

Amy Sue Vowell to Michael Dean Vowell, Dist. 6, 0.5 acres.

Union Planters Bank NA to Keith Webb and Robin Webb, Dist. 2, 0.48 acres.

Gary Dean Mosley and Carol Mosley to Robert L. Prestridge and Judy L. Prestridge, Dist. 2, lot.

Charles L. Moore and Lanny Moore to John Willis, Dist. 6, 2 tracts.

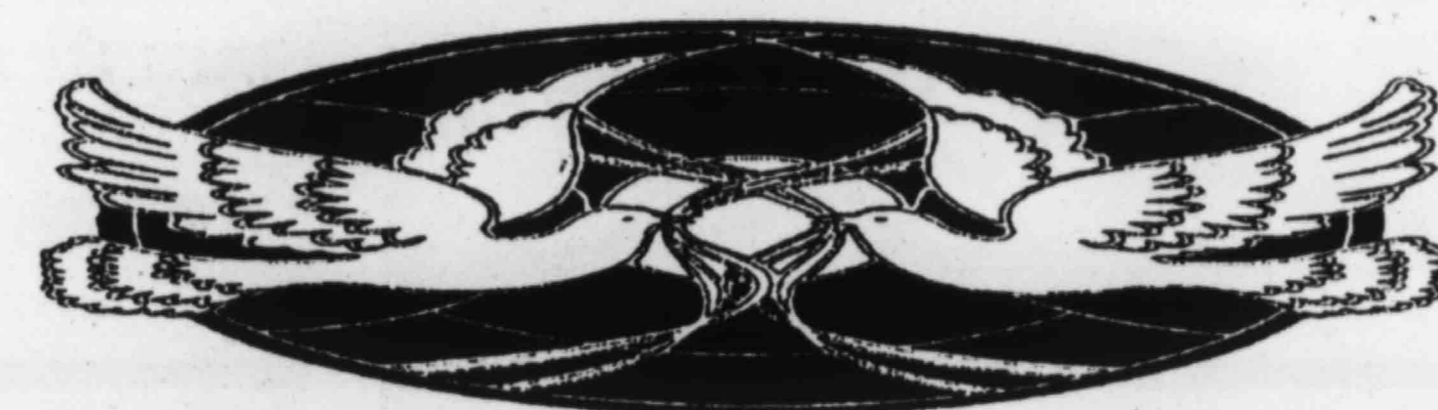
Olvelta West, Jr. to the United States of America, 2.48 acres.

Michelle Cox and Larry Cox to Wanda J. Jenkins, Dist. 11, 1.58 acres.

Jimmy Walter Churchill, 27, to Jacqueline Janice Jennings, 23, by Rev. Tracy Henson.

June 21 - Lasalle Duane Cross, 35, to Stacy Nora Bates, 36, by Herman L. Reviere.

June 25 - James David Caldwell, 43, to Amy Suzanne Mallory, 30, by Herman L. Reviere.



Church Happenings

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, at Frog Jump, will hold its homecoming services beginning at 11 a.m. Sun., July 4th with Jackie Fincher delivering the morning message. A pot luck luncheon will follow morning services. The Finchers and the Frog Jump Quartet will perform gospel selections at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited. Archer's Chapel is located off Hwy. 88, between Gates and Maury City.

Open Door Baptist Church, in the Edith Community, will hold a benefit gospel singing for Rick Busby, who has M.S., at 7 p.m. Sat., July 3rd featuring Witness and the Reed Family. Rick has performed with Heaven Bound and the Florida Boys Quartets in the past. For more information, call 635-4039. The public is invited.

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

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

Marriages

May 29 - Jason Edd Patton, 35, to Brenda Francine Dowlearn, 40, by Dan Holland.

June 12 - Terry Len Akins, 22, to Jana Michelle Campbell, 25, by Louis Minner.

June 18 - Donald Eugene Goforth, 41, to Billie Jean Gaines, 43, by Don Medford.

June 19 - James Walton Hutchins, 27, to Brandi Joy Rickard, 28, by Travis Tatum.

Larry Matthew Collins, 28, to Jennifer Christine Jackson, 19, by Kelly P. Barnes.

Jimmy Walter Churchill, 27, to Jacqueline Janice Jennings, 23, by Rev. Tracy Henson.

June 21 - Lasalle Duane Cross, 35, to Stacy Nora Bates, 36, by Herman L. Reviere.

June 25 - James David Caldwell, 43, to Amy Suzanne Mallory, 30, by Herman L. Reviere.

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from 1998 to 2002. During my time on the School Board, I served for three years as School Board Chair. During the time I led the board, leadership of the county system went through some major changes. First, the county moved from an elected superintendent to an appointed superintendent. In order to prepare for this change, the board had to review the entire body of board policy and make appropriate changes. We then conducted a search and appointed Dr. Bobby Webb. When Dr. Webb resigned as county superintendent, the board searched for a new superintendent. We chose Phillip Jackson to be our second appointed superintendent. Besides these changes in leadership, the board successfully led the county in improving teacher salaries and was recognized by the Tennessee School Board Association as a Board of Distinction.

I have lived in Lauderdale County since 1972. My wife, Gara, teaches English at Halls High School. I have a daughter, Heidi, who is now married and living near Nashville. Heidi grew up in Halls and attended Lauderdale County Schools before going on to college. Gara and I are members of First Baptist Church in Halls.

I have taught for 25 years at Dyersburg State Community College where I am Professor of College Preparatory Studies and History. I teach courses in Developmental Reading and History. I hold the Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and Master of Education in Reading, both from the University of Memphis. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in History from Union University. I served in the United States Army for two years and enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1974. I hold the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and serve as the Food Service Technician for the 230th Area Support Group in Dyersburg.

I want to serve the county again on the School Board. I believe in the public schools and in their role in our community. I appreciate your support as I seek this office."

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—Gene Oliver

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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, Lauderdale Middle, Halls Elementary, and Halls Junior High Schools. 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 28th 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. 9th except for the following:

Kindergarten classes will phase in August 9th through 13th, with all students attending by August 16th. Parents will be notified as to which day or days their child will attend. Children should be five years old by Sept. 30, 2004. First grade students will phase in August 9th and 10th, all first grade students will attend by August 11th.

Ripley High School will register beginning July 29th 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. July 30th. First year freshmen will register Aug. 4th at 8 a.m. and stay all day with dismissal at 3 p.m.

New students will register with their grade. Halls High School will register seniors from 8 to 10 a.m., juniors 10 a.m. to noon, July 29th. Sophomores will register from 8 to 11 a.m. July 30th. New students will register from 8 a.m. to 11

Arts Students In Musical Concert

Lauderdale County students of the Kincaid-Gooch Voice Studio including Jessie Belton, Jenna Cherry, Mary Elizabeth Carnell, Emily Herron, Hunter Harrison, Libby McBride, Sara Pilcher, Kynlee Reynolds, Alex Stanley, and Tessa and Weston Stephens will hold their summer musical production at 7 p.m. July 8th, 9th, and 10th and at 2 p.m. July 11th at the Ann Marks Performing Arts Theatre in Brownsville, formerly the College Hill Theatre. Instructors, Gary and Deby Gooch, invite the public to hear the talented young people in the area perform country and pop hits from the past 25 years.

Opryland Resort Seeks Performers

Gaylord Entertainment will hold auditions July 9th and 10th for singers, dancers, actors/singers, children, and puppeteers that can sing and act to appear in two new holiday musical productions. The "Music City Holiday Spectacular" will be performed in the BellSouth Acuff Theatre and "Uncle Scrooge's Holiday Banquet" will be performed on the General Jackson Showboat. Both shows will be in Nashville from Nov. 17th through Dec. 26th. Rehearsals will begin Oct. 16th and continue through Nov. 17th. Call 615-458-1919 for information.

a.m. July 30th. Freshmen will register Aug. 4th at 8 a.m. and stay all day with dismissal at 3 p.m. Aug. 4th.

Parents should purchase school clothes with the new school dress code in mind. Students should have received a copy of the dress code changes at the end of the school year in May.

Be gentle with the young. —Juvenal

Five Generations



FIVE GENERATIONS of the Caldwell family gathered on Father's Day at the home of Johna Arwood in Ripley, to honor Mrs. Arwood's grandfather, Howell Galloway Caldwell, and the birthday of her mother, Sarah Harrell. Family members include, Mr. Caldwell, seated holding his great-great-granddaughter, Jordan Younger, and in rear, his daughter, Sarah, granddaughter, Johna, and great-granddaughter, Jessica Arwood, all of Ripley.

Antrican Elected To Serve District

The Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference has elected Gary Antrican to serve as the 2004-2005 Vice President of the Conference. Antrican is Public Defender for the 25th Judicial District, which includes Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton Counties.

The Public Defenders Conference is a statewide system of elected Public Defenders from each Judicial District. The Executive Committee of the Public Defenders Conference is a decision-making body of the Conference. The Committee helps with the enactment of laws and rules of procedure necessary for the effective administration of justice. District Public Defenders represent citizens who are

charged with crimes and cannot afford to hire their own attorneys.

Antrican will help lead Public Defenders through a critical time as more Tennesseans than ever before face the maze of our criminal justice system. The Public Defender's role is often reactionary to public policy. As the public demands intense crime fighting efforts, the Public Defender is pressed into even greater service to handle the wave of defendants entering the courtroom. These defendants often enter the system with little or no tional guarantees to equal justice, these Tennesseans most often call upon a Public Defender for help.

Antrican and his staff represent the majority of criminal cases in the local units.

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.
—Shakespeare

Facing Jury, Guilty Plea

John W. Casey, 45, of Paris, was facing a jury trial in Circuit Court in Ripley when, with jury selection underway, he changed his plea to guilty of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

Ripley police officers Louis Ruff and James Smith, questioning him about mid-night July 19, 2003, on Watkins St., for obstruction of traffic and no vehicle registration, found him in possession of about three grams of cocaine.

Judge Joe Walker revoked Casey's bond. He is jailed to await sentencing.

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Employees Honored



EMPLOYEES, of Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington, were honored May 10th for their years of service at the annual employee banquet at the Covington County Club. Receiving recognition, from Lauderdale County, were, in upper photo, Marquette Tyus, left, in third row; Mary Beth Caldwell, right in third row; Erica Smith, third from left, in front; and Margaret Green, third from right, in front; and in lower photo, Tom Isaak, left, in front.

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

—James Dent

We are all salesmen every day of our lives. We are selling our ideas, our plans, our enthusiasms to those with whom we come in contact.

—Charles M. Schwab

Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

—Henry James

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Memorial Health Care, and only a select few are chosen as recipients. The fellowship allows recipients to experience all facets of hospital life, from administration to clinical practices to corporate communications. Fellows get a broad perspective on how hospitals are run, as well as participating in short rotations through various hospital departments and units. After completing his fellowship in January 2003, Falkner went to Baptist Hospital Union City to serve as assistant administrator.

"We are thrilled to have Keon in this role," said Stuart Mitchell, vice president and metro-Memphis market leader for Baptist Memorial Health Care. "With his tremendous energy and excellent leadership skills, he is a perfect fit for Baptist Lauderdale."

A native of Olive Branch, Miss., Falkner earned a master's in health administration from Washington University School of Medicine and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in business management from The University of Memphis.

Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, located in Ripley, is a part of Baptist Memorial Health Care, based in Memphis. The 70-bed acute care facility includes a surgery department, medical/surgical wing, out-patient services, out-patient rehabilitation, and a 10-bed senior care unit for geriatric mental health services. The hospital also provides a 24-hour, physician-staffed emergency department. Baptist Lauderdale recently added nuclear medicine to its array of services, and the hospital was the 2003 recipient of the Tennessee Quality Interest Level Award.

A nation's greatness resides not in her material resources, but in her will, faith, intelligence and moral forces.

—James M. Hoppin

Educators Attend TN Arts Academy

William Kelly and Joe Tetteleton attended the Tennessee Arts Academy, June 6th through June 18th at Belmont University in Nashville, sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Education and has received national recognition as an innovative training program.

"Arts education is an important part of a well-rounded curriculum and is critical in the development of well-rounded students, adults and communities," said Education Commissioner Lana Seivers.

Brandon xxx

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Board seat and humbly seeking the consideration and support of my neighbors in the August 5th Election. If elected, it will be my goal to effectively represent the residents of District 5 and the Lauderdale County community as a whole to the betterment of our School system.

The School Board is charged by state law with creating policy that guides the operation of the School system. If elected, I would use the following simple steps in helping to develop those policies: 1) visit all the schools in the county periodically and observe the operations first hand; 2) create opportunities to observe students and talk to them about their problems and aspirations; 3) create opportunities to talk with teachers and administrators and draw on their expertise; 4) set up lines of communication with parent booster organizations and actively seek their opinions; 5) work to solicit input from community leaders, business leaders, and county officials on education issues; and, 6) open up the avenues so that concerned and involved parents and citizens can more easily convey their

Crihfield Elected As TBA Delegate

Greg Crihfield, of the Lauderdale County Bank, was elected to serve on the Young Bankers Division Board of the Tennessee Bankers Association during the April annual Leadership Convention. He will serve a two-year term along with seven others to form the eight-member board along with the four executive directors also elected.

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—Leo Tolstoy

DEAN'S LIST

Patricia Montgomery, of Ripley, and Kelly Tate, of Halls, were named to the dean's list at West Tennessee Business College for the enrollment period ending June 11th. To be eligible for the honor, students must maintain a 95 or above average.

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Joins Music Ministry



JANE WILEY, left, of Halls, was invited to become a member of the Out Reach Music Ministry, of Carolyn Stanley, right, of Ripley. Mrs. Wiley will continue to carry inspirational music, through sign language interpretation, to special needs children and adults in churches, hospitals, developmental centers, nursing and group homes, and into organizations, that specialize in caring for the children and adults, that face the challenges of physical, mental and emotional disabilities. "It is an honor to be a part of Carolyn's wonderful out reach music ministry," said Mrs. Wiley. Wiley is the founder of The Servant's Heart Ministry, the Caring Heart Ministry, and is a member of the Silent Friends Deaf Ministry. She is also a Christian media volunteer.

Anniversaries

July 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Criner, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jones.

July 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burns.

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.

Birthdays

July 1 - Judy Martin, Renate Jennings, Barb Scott, Emily Wright, Verble Mueller, Janet Oates.

July 2 - Natalie Wakefield, Pam Reviere, Ricky Howard, Lettie Rogers, Skipper Crook, Scott Nolen, Alexa Ray Jordan, Anna Smith, Alicia Burroughs, Alisha Smith, Becky Spray, Logan Glenn, Brianna Hughes, Audrey Dianne Tate, Doug Curtis, Aaron Dunham, Lindsey Hendren, Kelsey Lents.

July 3 - Jimmy Best, Jerry

Dress-Up Tea Party



MEMBERS of the Halls First Assembly of God Church held a dress-up tea party Sat., June 26th, sponsored by their youth group. In upper photo, the ladies who came and sang during the program include, from left, Bethany Prescott, Sandra Williamson, Brittany Prescott, Leah Meyer, Maddie Meyer, Rachel Meyer, Megan Deutschlander, and Regal Countess, plus, not pictured, Emma Schaffner, and Ashton Nolen. Attending were, in lower photo, from left, Barbara Ann Prescott, Faye Rose, Betty Deutschlander, Pansey Nolen, Anna Meyer, Patricia Crowder, Kathy Meyer, and Jean Pipkin.

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 Crihfield, 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.

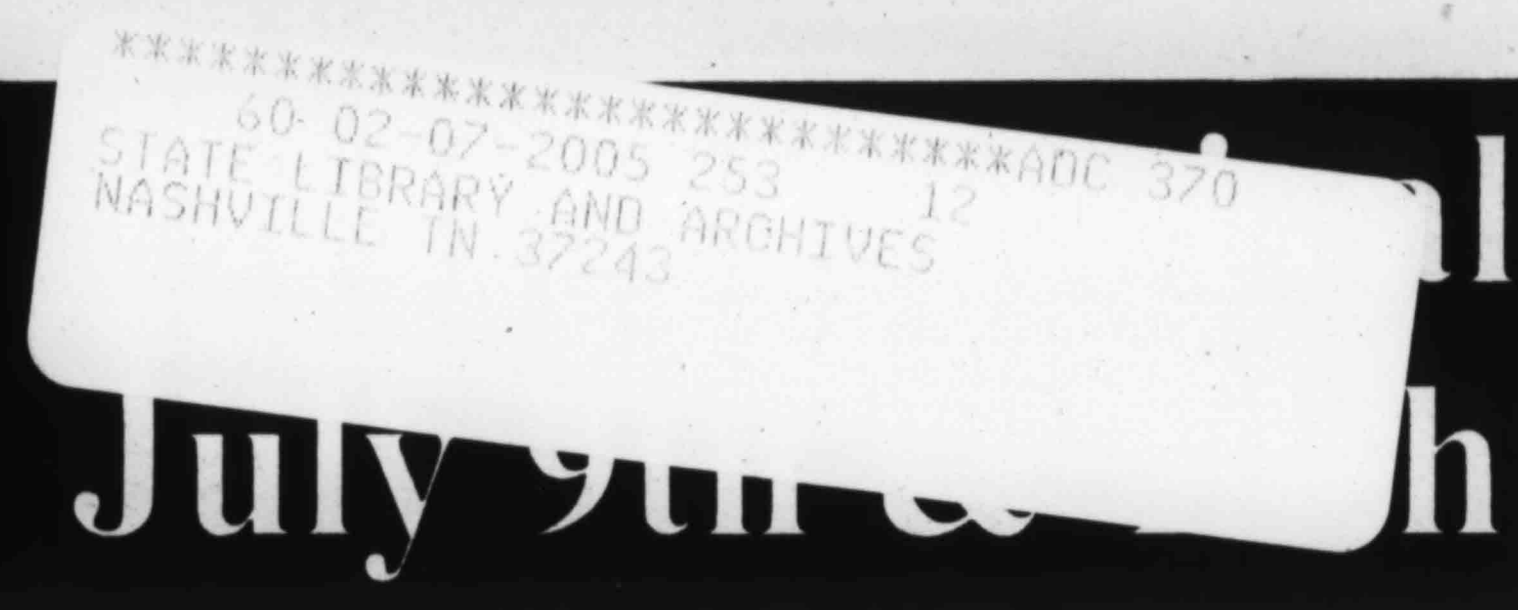
Measure a thousand times and cut once.
—Proverb

DEER HUNT

Reelfoot NWR announces dates and application procedures for the 2004 deer quota hunts to be held on the federal refuge Nov. 12th-14th. In August, a computer drawing will be used to randomly select 200 permittees for the Grassy Island and Long Point units of the refuge, 100 applicants will be drawn for each unit. A permit fee of \$12.50 per hunter is payable upon notification of selection for the quota hunt. To apply for the drawing, applicants must submit a stamped, self addressed, U. S. Postal Service Post Card in an envelope addressed to: Deer Quota Hunt, Reelfoot NWR, 4343 Highway 157, Union City, TN 38261, and type or clearly print the following information on the back of the post card, name, address, and date of birth for up to two hunters, and choice of hunting area, Long Point or Grassy Island.

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County Near OK Of 10% Tax Hike

When Lauderdale County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Monday, they are expected to approve a 10% increase in the real estate tax rate, per \$100 assessment, to \$2.33, after five years without an increase, and nine with an increase only for teachers' salaries.

County Mayor Rozelle Criner says the new rate would still be among the lowest in West Tennessee.

It would finance the sheriff's assumption of dispatch, leaping gasoline and utility expenses, and a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for many county workers.

Candidate Ambulance Authority's Kissells Are Suspended



WALTER F. BROWN, of the socialist party is a candidate for president of the United States.

Mr. Brown states, "A lot of what's best in America is Socialist: credit unions, consumer co-ops, public power, social security, Medicare, Indian health service, collective bargaining, minimum wage, and a 40 hour work week."

County Mayor Rozelle Criner last week suspended from duty with the County Ambulance Authority its director, Myron Kissell, and his wife, Peggy, Ambulance Authority employee.

The Kissells have been invited to appear before the County Commission's Ambulance Authority Committee at 7 p.m. July 20th.

Criner won't state his reasons for suspensions, pending the July 20th meeting.

It is known, however, that all four county ambulances recently failed state inspections and that the Town Of Halls, which owns the Halls ambulance station, on the advice of its insurance company, requested its restoration to insurable condition.

The Ambulance Authority is now providing normal service, without the Kissells.

Moore Named To LCECD Position

Mike Moore, of Halls, was selected to the board of directors of the Lauderdale County Economic and Community Development Board. The board meets on a quarterly basis.

Moore, a lifelong resident of Lauderdale County, graduated from Halls High School and received his bachelor of science degree in business from Lambuth College. He and his wife, Donna, have a daughter, Kristen Beasley, and a grandson, Jon Becken Beasley. Employed by Eaglecrest Insurance Agency in Halls, Mike is an active member of Halls First United Methodist Church, serving as Director of Music and Sunday School Superintendent.

He served as president of

Skaters Plan To Form Committee

Many local skaters and parents are in the process of forming a Skate Park Committee in order to provide a safe place for the many skaters, in-liners, and BMX riders to enjoy their hobby without becoming a nuisance to others. Many communities around the United States have built a public Skate Park to keep young people off the sidewalks, streets, handrails, and other objects, at the same time providing a safe place for these activities.

A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., July 22nd at the R. O. C. K. Ministry Center, located on the square, for those concerned, including skaters, in-liners, BMX riders, parents, and any others. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the need for a public skate park and form a committee.

CANNERY HOURS

The Lauderdale County Cannery will open from 7 a.m. to noon, Wed., July 7th. The regular schedule will be 7 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The facility is open to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status.

the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce in 1999 and two years as chairman of the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival. He is active in the athletic programs in Halls, serving as president of the Halls Athletic Booster Club and the voice of the Tigers for HHS football at HRL-TV.

VANDERBILT GRAD

Katie Erin Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Cook, of Halls, received a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in psychology, during commencement exercises May 14th at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Halls Summer Concert



A SUMMER CONCERT was held in Halls at 6:30 p.m. Thursday of last week at the mini-park. Concerts will be held each Thursday during July. Performers sang patriotic songs and prizes were awarded to the crowd who registered with the local businesses.

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NOTICE

The Town of Gates Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. July 12th at Gates City Hall to review a subdivision plat for Nance Subdivision, which has been approved.

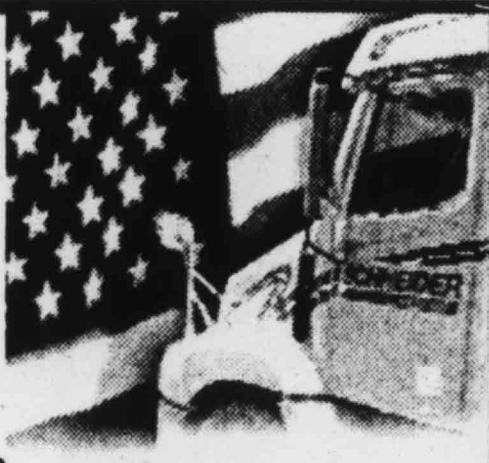
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LICENSE POLICY

Tennessee Department of Safety began issuing a new certificate for driving on July 1st which is available to persons who do not qualify for a Tennessee driver license, now only available to United States citizens or lawful permanent residents of the country.

The change in driver license policy went into effect May 29th. In addition to first time license applicants, Tennesseans issued a driver license since January 1, 2001, are required to provide proof of U. S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency when they renew. A list of documents for both driver license and the Certificate of Driving are available at www.tennessee.gov/safety or email questions to cfd.help@state.tn.us.

Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives you the test first and the lesson afterward. -Anonymous

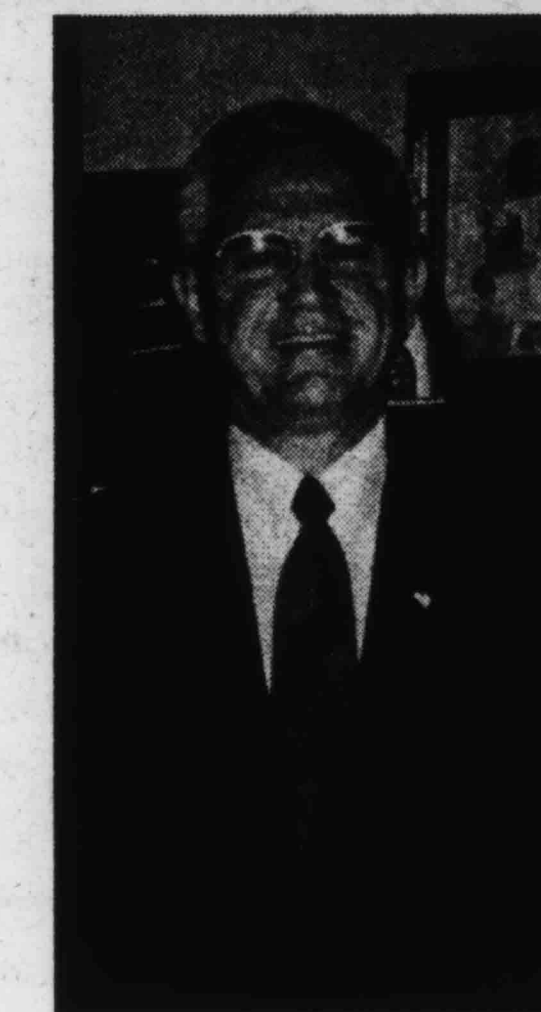


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Baby Shower



KIMBERLY BREWSTER, third from left, wife of Vance Brewster, Jr., was honored with a baby shower at 2 p.m. June 19th in the home of Sharon Rose, left, in Halls with Kristin Ward, of Ripley, second from right, and Rheyay Crowder, of Friendship, right, as co-hostesses. Mexican dip, pinwheels, fruit kabobs, Swedish meatballs, cake and punch were served. Special guests included grandmothers-to-be, Tammy Vaughn, second from left, and Nancy Brewster, third from right, both of Halls.

Land Transfers

es and Cora Hughes to Steven R. Matheson and Stephanie I. Matheson, Dist. 11, lot.

June 25 - Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Michelle Lee and Timmie Allen, Dist. 2, lot.

July 1 - John D. McAdams and Kimbra W. McAdams to Donna L. Turner and Traci A. Tate, lot.

Cindy Daniels to George Haislip and Mary Mitchell, Dist. 3, 0.40 acres.

Larry Fitts to Robert D. Webb, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Franklin Steve Clark and Lawanda Clark to Brett Garrett Binkley and Afton Renee Binkley, Dist. 2, 28 acres.

Lenora Harris Sasser to Barbara Sasser Jones, Dist. 8, 123.1 acres.

June 28 - William F. Sweat and Janie T. Sweat to William F. Sweat and Janie T. Sweat, Dist. 6, 2.87 acres.

Jason S. Young and Tracy G. Young to Mark Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Homestead 2000 Inc to Marion F. Rodenhouser, Dist. 7, 1.00 acres.

Timothy R. Carter and Rosemary Carter to Barry Ingram, Dist. 2, lot.

Ronnie E. Dunavin to Jeffery L. Hampton and Kimberly N. Hampton, Dist. 2, lot.

Larry R. McBride, Sr. and Dianne McBride to William T. Hardee and Maxine Hardee, Dist. 2, lot.

Billy W. Davis to Bart Davis, Dist. 2, 2.10 acres.

Billy Chipman, Ann Chipman, Kenny Parham, and Cindy Parham to William W. Dacus and Shirley J. Sutton-Dacus, Dist. 2, lot.

Union Planters Bank NA to Gloria Holland, Dist. 2, lot.

June 29 - David Louis Smith to Johnny Hutcherson and Regina Hutcherson, Dist. 17, 0.80 acres.

Town of Halls Mayor and Board of Aldermen to Dyersburg Army Airbase Memorial Association, Inc., Dist. 12, 0.48 acres.

June 30 - R. Heath Hugh-

Kindness is the one commodity of which you should spend more than you earn. -T.N. Tiemeyer

Obituaries

Zade Rogers

Zade Christian Rogers, 2-month-old son of James Michael and Lisa Jones Rogers, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Westside Baptist Church, with burial in the Jones family cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a brother, James Christopher Rogers, of Yarmouth Port, Mass.; and his grandparents, Mary Jones, of Halls, James M. Rogers, of Fal-mouth, Mass., and Anna Rogers, of Sandwich, Mass.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Jake Roberts Foundation at the Bank of Halls.

Mrs. Haynes

Katie Bell Haynes, 92, of Ripley, widow of Jacob Sanford Haynes, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were held Saturday in Whitefield Assembly of God, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Jimmy, of Ripley, Carey, of Grafton, Va., and Lewis, of Sacramento, Calif.; daughters, Peggy Maness, of Ripley, and Betty Boyd, of Cordova; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Tommy Akins

Tommy J. Akins, 42, of Ripley, disabled pipeline worker, died Tuesday of last week at his home.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week at Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

He leaves his mother, Mildred Taylor, and step-father, Melvin Taylor, of Ripley; three brothers, James Paul Akins, of Covington, Danny Ray Akins, of Ripley, and Ricky Lynn Akins, of Dyersburg; and three sisters, Cindy Glimp, Carolyn Prater, and Chrise Smith, of Ripley.

Mrs. Blanks

Naomi Blanks, 87, of Trezevant, the mother of Jeff Blanks, of 250 Thum, Henning, died Friday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Tuesday in First United Methodist Church in Trezevant, with burial in Trezevant Cemetery.

A retired school teacher, she was born at Trezevant June 22, 1917, daughter of the late Hubbard and Clara Smith Williamson. She was the widow of Jeff T. Blanks, Jr.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Blanks, of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a brother, Garrett Williamson, of Pontacello, Idaho; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hamb, Jr.

Raymond Hamb, Jr., 41, of Chicago, Ill., died Sunday in Chicago, of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul C. M. E. Church, Chicago, with burial in Chicago, Gatling's Funeral Home, of Chicago, in charge.

He leaves a son, Raymond Hamb III, a daughter, Shelby Hamb, and his parents, Raymond 'Sonny' Hamb and Elnora Palmer Hamb, formerly of Ripley, all of Chicago; and two sisters, Melody Preston and Angie Hamb.

Mr. Hathcock

Lecil Buford Hathcock, 90, of Ripley, retired farmer, died Tuesday of last week at Greenbriar Meadows Assisted Living Center in Martin.

Services were at 11 a.m. Thursday of last week at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

The widower of Ethel Odell Hathcock, he leaves a son, Bobby Ray Hathcock, of Martin; two daughters, Shirley Elder and Sylvia Smith, of Ripley; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bridgewater

William Clark Bridgewater, 66, of 2137 Conner Whitefield Road, a painter, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Conner Assembly of God, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Georgia Ellen Jackson Bridgewater; three sons, Ricky Lynn Bridgewater, Terry Glynn Bridgewater, and William Donald Bridgewater, and a brother, Zenas Butner Bridgewater, all of Ripley; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kellick

Rose Mary Kellick, 60, of Ripley, widow of William Kellick, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were held Monday in Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include a son, Dale, of Tampa, Fla.; brothers, Ray Dixon, of Dickson, Robert Dixon, of Pleasant Plains, Ark., Wesley Dixon, of Indiana, and Bill Dixon, of Bridgeman, Mich.; and sisters, Emma Marie Patterson, of Batesville, Miss., and Pauline Humes, of Ward, Ark.

Emmett Jones

Emmett A. Jones, 91, of 3845 Lightfoot-Lockett Rd., retired farmer, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

He was a member of Ashport Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Ann E. Jones; a son, Elton, of Ripley; a daughter, Donna Morris, of Olive Branch, Miss.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

James S. Crook

James Samuel Crook, 57, of Ripley, died Saturday in his home.

Rites were Tuesday in Asbury Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Besides his wife, Margaret Best Crook, he leaves a son, David Crook, of Memphis.

Mrs. John Best

Olivia Frances Best, 95, of Ripley, housewife, died Monday at Douglas Nursing Home in Milan.

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home, in charge.

The widow of John L. Best, she leaves a sister, Elizabeth Jackson, of Memphis.

Mrs. Prescott

Mary Prescott, 76, of Ripley, housewife, died Tuesday at Baptist Hospital Memphis.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The widow of O. D. Prescott, she leaves a son, Ray Prescott, and daughter, Joan Stovall, of Ripley; a brother, Gary Howard, of Bartlett, and a grandchild.

Mrs. Graves

Mrs. Rosie M. Graves, 70, of Ripley, homemaker, died at 1 a.m. Monday at Baptist Hospital Memphis.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark Baptist Church, Henning, with burial in Elcannan Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She leaves her husband, Louis T. Graves, of Ripley; three sons, Louis T. Graves, Jr. and Byron K. Graves, of Ripley, and Cyrus D. Graves, of Hampton, Va.; eight daughters, Betty Bostic, of Gates, Patricia Palmer, Stella Graves, Carolyn Allen, Joyce Graves, Rose Graves, Cheryl Parker, all of Ripley, and Linda Graves, of Newport, Va.; a brother, William T. Nelson, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; three sisters, Willie Hawkins and Nettie Boyd, of Chicago, Ill., and Deloise Bonds, of Milwaukee; twenty-one grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.

—Beverly Sills

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks your kind expression of sympathy shown at the loss of our mother and grandmother, Irma Belton Olds. We would like to thank Dr. Srevastavia and his staff and CareAll Home Health for their care and concern for such a long time. We especially want to thank Pam Hilliard for her constant care and love shown to mother for years. We could always depend on you. She loved you all. Your calls, cards, flowers, and especially your prayers and presence were a great source of strength for all of us. Thank you for your love and concern.

Dotsy Sadler
Joyce Goad, daughters
Gene Olds, son
Grandchildren and
Great-grandchild
Adv.

CARD OF THANKS

At this time, we would like to express our deepest thank you to everyone along the way that made our difficult journey with our mother easier. Many thanks to the staff at Friendship Retirement Home, Dyersburg Regional Hospital, Oakwood Nursing Home, Halls Funeral Home, our loving friends, and our church families. May God bless each and everyone of you. Our hearts shall be forever touched.

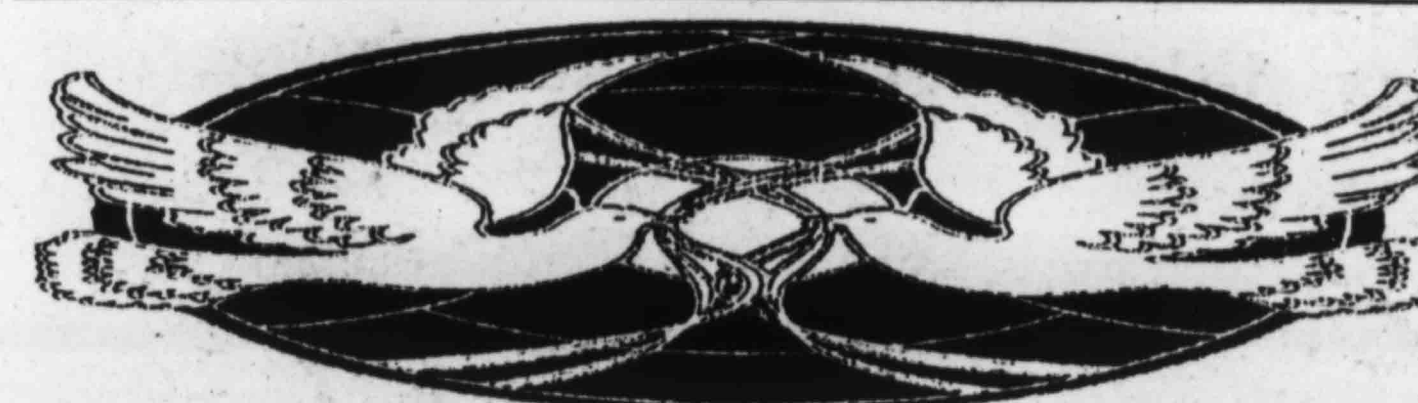
The family of
Mrs. Helen Kinninmonth
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If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.

—Robert South

When love speaks, the voice of all the gods make heaven drowsy with the harmony.

—William Shakespeare,
Love's Labor's Lost



Church Happenings

Curve Baptist Church will hold its summer revival, beginning at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., July 11th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through July 16th with Bro. Robert Johnson as guest evangelist. A nursery will be provided. Virgil Presley, pastor, invites the public.

The Bethesda United Methodist Church, 2170 Hwy. 88 West, Halls, will hold a Bible Institute/Revival at 7 p.m. July 18th through 21st with four different speakers each night. The Rev. Robert Craig, pastor of the Millsfield Parish, will deliver the message Sunday night with his wife, Tiffany, daughter of The Rev. and Mrs. Tom Perkins, performing gospel selections. The Rev. Frank Bratt, former minister of Bethesda and pastor at Spence Chapel near Mayfield, Ky., will deliver the message Monday with Jeannie Vickery and Jane Wiley delivering the musical ministry. The Rev. Ralph Gunter, former pastor of Halls First United Methodist Church and current pastor at Finley United Methodist Church, will deliver the message Tuesday with his son, Steve, and granddaughter, Elizabeth, sharing their talents. The Rev. Terry A. Presson, of Bells First United Methodist Church-Cypress, will deliver the message Wednesday with Janna Searce providing an organ special and the choir will perform a musical selection accompanied by Searce and the trombone. The Rev. Perkins, pastor, serves Edith, Melville, and Bethesda Churches. The public is invited.

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church will hold its revival services at 7 p.m. Sun., July 11th with The Rev. Billy Morphis as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 12th through the 14th. Special music will be provided nightly. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C. O. G. I. C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its Youth Day at 3 p.m. July 18th with Evangelist Vivian Renita Porter, author of "From the Bishop's House to the Crack House", as guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Concord United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services at 11 a.m. July 18th with a pot luck luncheon at noon. The Finchers and the Reed Family will provide gospel selections afterwards. The Rev. Clarence Hare, pastor, invites the public.

Olive Branch Baptist Church, Lightfoot-Lockett Rd., will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 9 p.m. July 12th through the 14th with a balloon lift-off and play day from 10 a.m. to noon, July 10th. The public is invited.

New Hope C. M. E. Church, Henning, will observe their pastor and wife appreciation day at 3 p.m. July 11th with The Rev. Frank Harris, Sr., of Mt. Pisgah M. B. Church, of Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Dowell is pastor. The public is invited.

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

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

TDOC Calls For Historians' Help

The Tennessee Department of Correction is calling on historians and genealogy buffs to help identify employees killed in the line of duty.

Last fall, employees with the TDOC were devastated when Correctional Officer Fred Hyatt was killed in the line of duty. Those same employees are helping fund a memorial that will honor all correctional employees who have lost their lives while serving.

A Correctional Employee Memorial will be built on the campus of the Tennessee Correction Academy in Tullahoma.

According to Quenton White, Correction Commissioner, this is a project that is long overdue. "When Officer Hyatt died, we all experienced a loss and struggled to find a way to honor him appropriately. Although the memorial is dedicated to the memory of those who have fallen and in honor of those who serve, my hope is that we will never have to add another name to it," White said.

The department is identifying a list of employees to be recognized, however, some historical records prior to 1960 cannot be located. During much of this period, employees from the Department of Children's Services and Board of Probation and Parole were also considered correctional employees.

If anyone knows of someone who should be listed on the memorial, contact Project Manager, Mike Dutton, 931-461-7677.

It is not what he has, or even what he does which expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.

—Henri Frederic Amiel

NCLB CHANGES

The Tennessee Department of Education is now set to implement new flexibility under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Law. At a meeting this week in Nashville, the State Board of Education granted its final approval of changes to the state's implementation plan, know as the "accountability workbook."

"When it comes to children and education, there is rarely an effective "one size fits all approach," said Tennessee Department of Education Commissioner Lana Seivers. "These flexibility's are necessary to help us meet the needs of individual schools and students."

Under NCLB in 2003, each state was required to submit an accountability workbook to the U. S. Department of Education to define how it will achieve "adequate yearly progress" (AYP). Each workbook varies from another, giving some states more flexibility than others do. During the first year of implementation, state officials studied the effectiveness of Tennessee's workbook measures and those in other states, leading to the current amendments. The U. S. Department of Education has already agreed to the new plan.

Among the changes with the most impact, Tennessee will now use a five-percent margin of error in determining school performance. With this margin, elementary and middle schools identified as not meeting NCLB standards last year would have reduced from 47 percent to 22 percent while high schools identified would have reduced from 56 to 31 percent.

"There are a number of things that can contribute to errors in data," said Executive Director of Federal Programs Julie McCargar "A

child may not feel well, the testing environment may be distracting, or the questions may not be perfectly formed. A margin of error provides data that is statistically more valid, creating a more accurate picture of what's happening in our classrooms and who is in need of assistance.

In addition, students with disabilities and those still learning English, as their second language, will be allowed five years and a summer to graduate rather than only four years and a summer. Students with disabilities will be allowed an alternate standards assessment, especially developed to measure their progress, beginning next school year. The graduation standard is now 90 percent, or a school must demonstrate improvement over the previous school year.

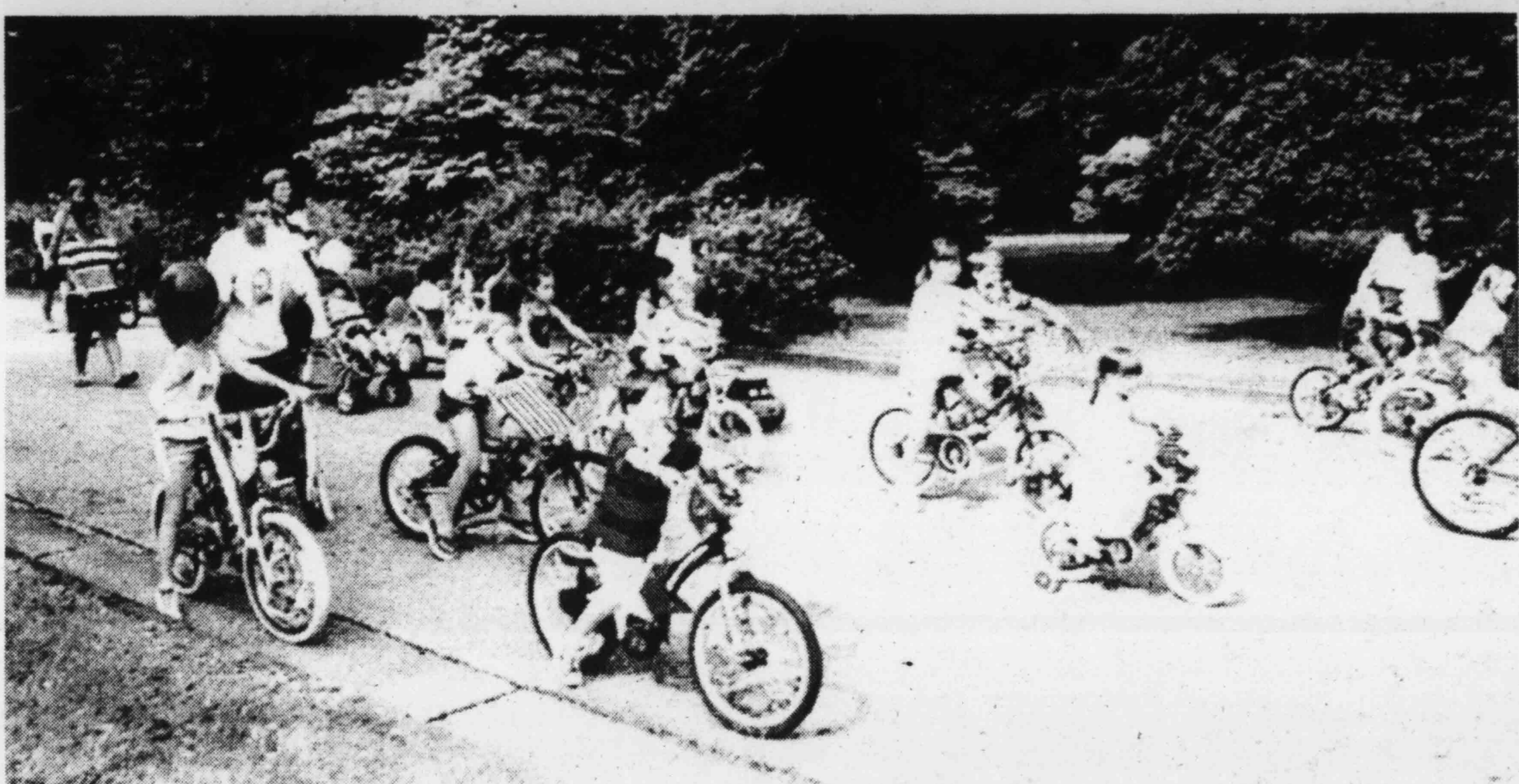
For a complete list of requested revisions to Tennessee's accountability workbook please visit <http://www.state.tn.us/education/acctproposedamend.pdf>. For more information about NCLB please visit <http://www.state.tn.us/education/mncib.htm>.

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—Dinah Shore

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4th Of July Parade



A 4TH OF JULY PARADE was held in Halls at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Refreshments were served at the home of Abe and Beverly Taylor after the parade.



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Anniversaries

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.

July 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hansford, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Vestal.

July 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Keistler.

July 12 - Mr. and Mrs. David Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Elkins.

July 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis King, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Strong.

July 14 - Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gibson.

In this world, I would rather live two days like a tiger, than two hundred years like a sheep.
—Tipu Sultan

Marriages

June 26 - Stephen Thomas Burgin, 21, to Jennifer Ann Mustion, 24, by Roger S. Oldham.

Eric Keith Evans, 34, to Krysta Renee Adams, 28, by Dr. Don Williams.

Kevin Dale Mosier, 21, to Brandy Marie Wilson, 18, by Don Medford.

June 30 - Marvin Blake Rose, 32, to Crystal Rena McAlister, 26, by Herman L. Reviere.

Divorces

Lisa Mann Starnes vs. Lee Hughes Starnes.

Venus Carol Goforth Rich Marise vs. James Blanty Marise, Jr.

Paula Faith Cullum Tomas

vs. Kevin Jermaine Boothe. Marsha Renea Ward Allen Farmer vs. Benjamin Farmer.

Billy Ray Lemons, Jr. vs. Leslie Renee Wright Lemons. James L. Rice vs. Barbara Smith Rice.

Amy Jean Carroll Binkley vs. William Robert Binkley.

FOSTER PARENTS

Youth Villages Dyersburg Office, 1365 Flowering Dogwood Lane, is seeking foster parents. An information meeting is set for foster parent training, July 22nd at 5:30 p.m. and July 24th at 11 a.m. Foster parents receive free training, ongoing support and up to \$18,000 tax-free annual reimbursement. For more information and requirements call Leslie Agee, 731-288-4619 or email: LeslieAgee@youthvillage.org. Save a Child and Save the Future.

Birthdays

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

July 9 - 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.

July 10 - Kate Grammer, W. G. Hendren, Sherry Rose, Cayce Winkler, Cody Burks, Pam Lewis, Sylvia Humphries, Denisha Graves, Laurie Burnham, Steven Belton, Hazel Warren.

July 11 - Caitlin Tillman, Debbie Prater, Ashley White, Jerrod Sanders, Dorean Ward, Stan Paige, Luise Jones, Mary Martha Dyer, Chris Thurmond.

July 12 - Seeley Ashton Layne, Billie Joy Douglas, Tina Jennings, Jimmie Lee Grooms, Burford A. Ward, Enesta Olds, Mary Jane Belton, Steve McCaslin, Irene Fisher, Jason J. Jacox.

July 13 - Blake Ford, Ben Wilder, Gloria Hawks, Frank Alley, Kyle Ray, Leah Eva Hill, C. W. Brown, Sam Sloan, Rachel Hammond, Nicholas Curtis, Keishaun Hubbard, Garrett Morris.

July 14 - Tonya Tucker, Vicki Talley, Mark Hargett, Jr., Preston Brady, Carthell Ross, Johnny Little, Dawn Nottage, Allison Connor, Elana Dale Willis, Donna Hairston, J. D. Green, Madelyne Kate Fain, Larry Tucker, Belinda Gibson, David Rose, Sr.

FSA DEADLINES

Producers seeking Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage of eligible crops are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center before the deadline to identify applicable crops and file an application, strawberries matted on plastic by July 31st. Producers are reminded there are no late file provisions for submitting an application for coverage, producers must pay applicable service fees and provide a certification of prior crop years' production by the application closing date for the applicable crop.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers for eligible crop losses and prevented planting due to natural disasters. Eligible crops are those for which the catastrophic level of Federal crop insurance is not available and include those produced for food, livestock feed, fiber, mushrooms, floriculture, honey, maple sap, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), Christmas tree crops, ginseng, and ornamental and turf-grass sod. For more information contact FSA Office, 635-7686.

It is a source of consolation to look back upon those great misfortunes which never happened.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

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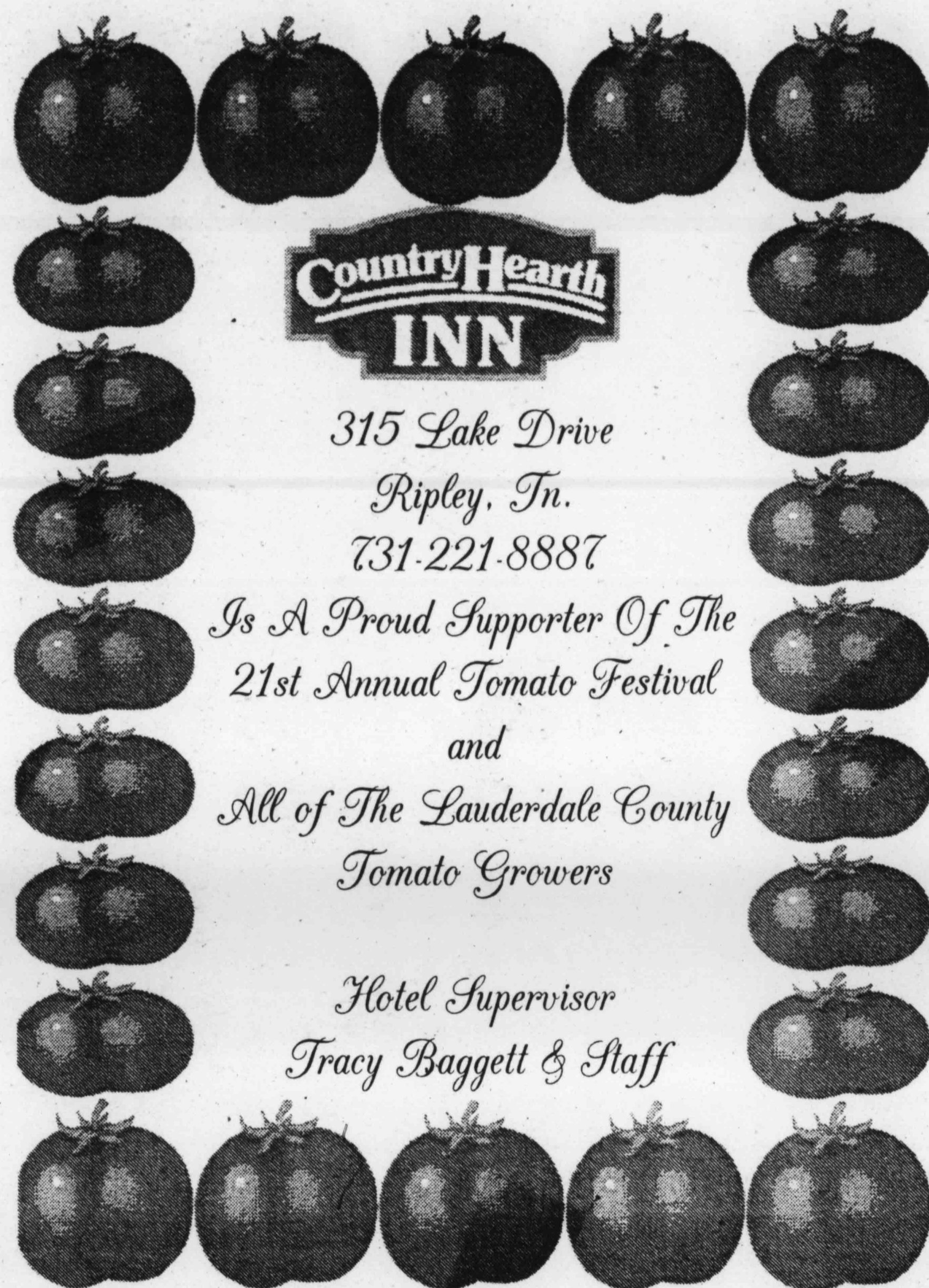
DAVID AND BARBARA HOLOCOMB, pictured with their grandchildren, Hailey and Chase, children of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Holocomb, were named Lauderdale County tomato Farmers of the Year for 2004. Holocomb began farming with his father, James Wilbert Holocomb, and has grown tomatoes for 27 years. They work approximately ten acres, growing Mt. Spring, Sun Pride, Sunbeams, and Mt. Fresh varieties. The tomatoes are trucked to Selmer.

Supplement To
The Lauderdale County Enterprise
And
The Halls Graphic
July 8, 2004



Celebrating Our History

In this issue of the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival insert, many pictures of the county and its surrounding areas, the courthouse square, buildings around the square, and many famous (and not so famous) persons can be found. Do you recognize anyone? Do you remember any of the businesses? The Lauderdale County Enterprise appreciates everyone who helped with compiling the photographs. We apologize for the omission of dates on some of the photographs, they were undated and dates could not be verified.



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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.

NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF A TOMATO

People have become more aware of the nutritional value of food in their diet. Eating healthy food and living a healthy life style have become important goals. Nutritionists suggest eating more fruits and vegetables for improved health. Tomatoes will provide abundant vitamins and minerals. A fresh, raw tomato contains an exceptional amount of vitamin A. In addition, vitamin C, potassium and calcium are available. A raw tomato contains a trace of sodium, whereas regular pack, canned tomatoes contain 100 times the amount of sodium. Americans and Canadians consume most of their lycopene from tomatoes and strawberries. Lycopene contributes to preventing certain types of cancers including prostate cancer. To offer the best, most nutritious food, grow your own tomatoes and eat them fresh from your garden.

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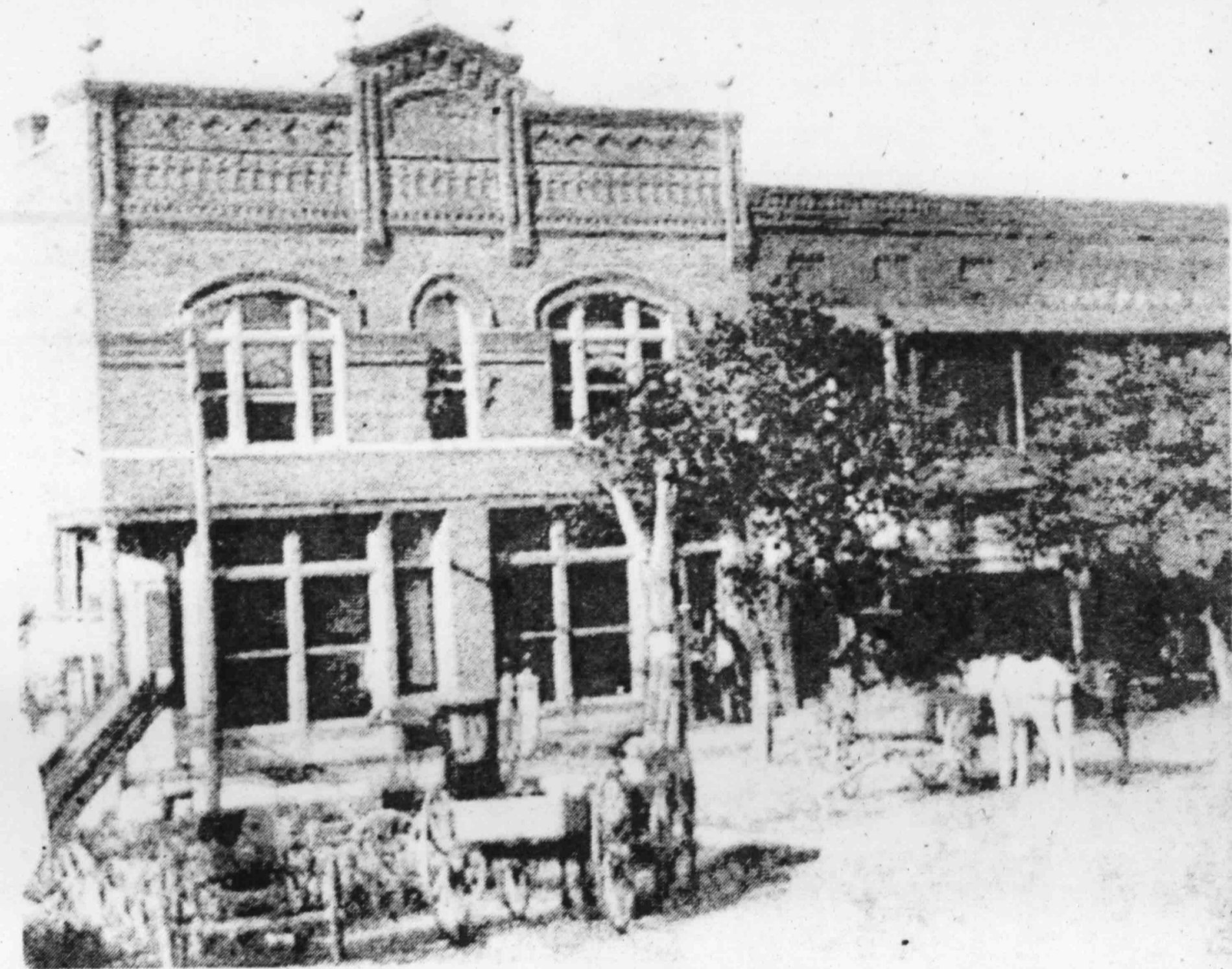
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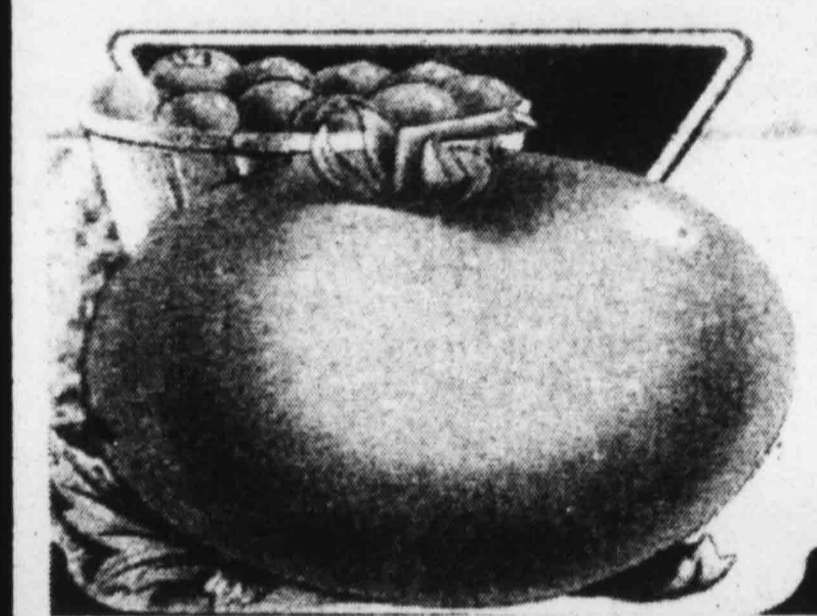
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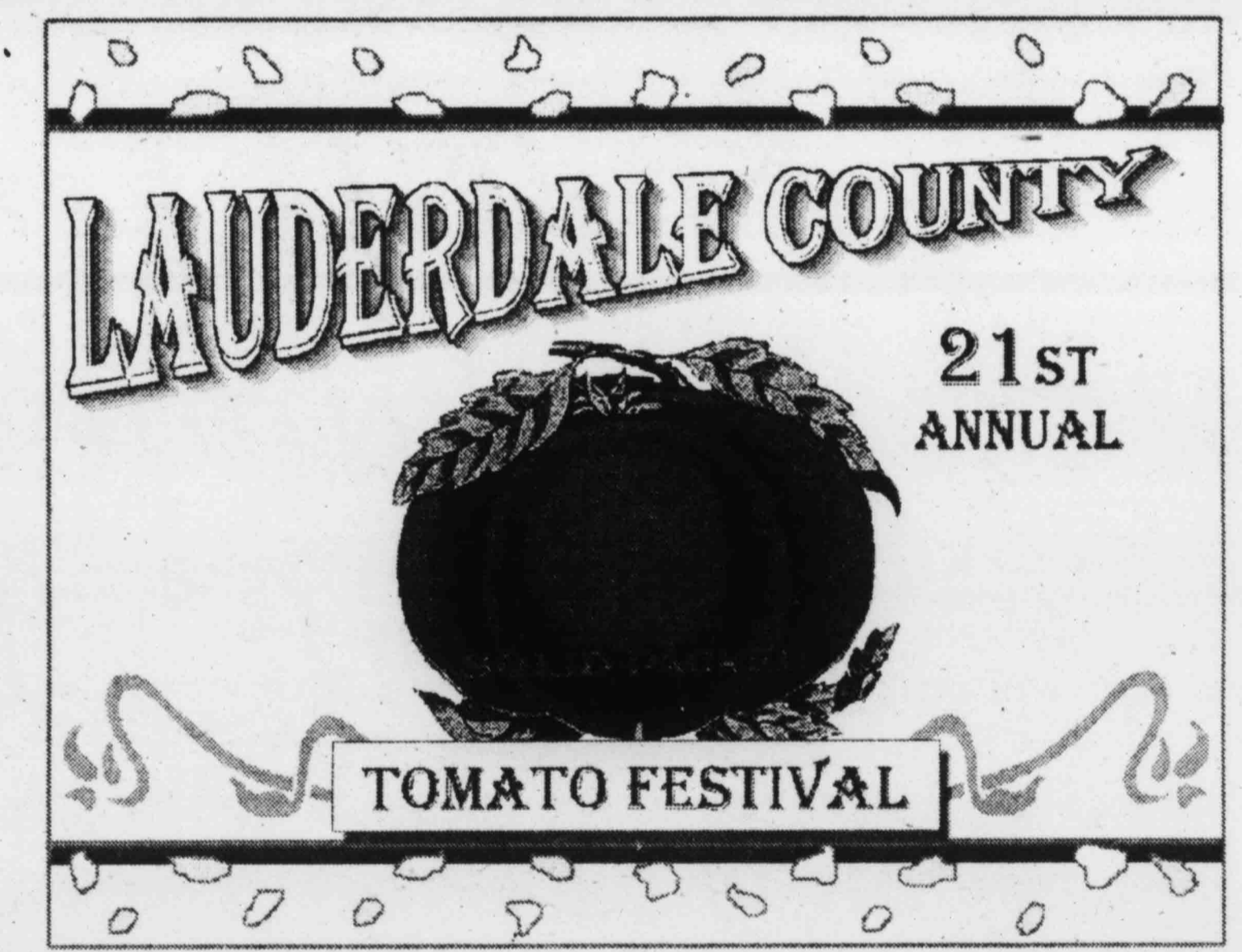
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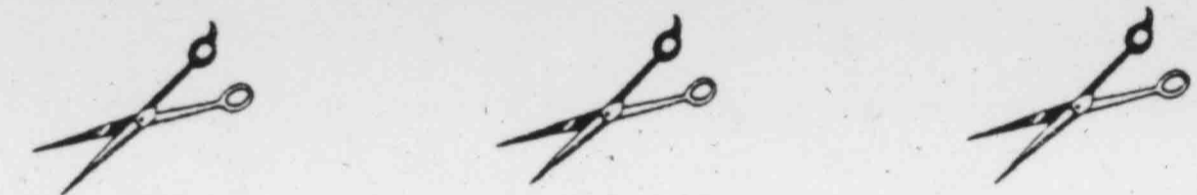
CHARLES CAMPBELL, 1935, former editor and owner of The Lauderdale County Enterprise.



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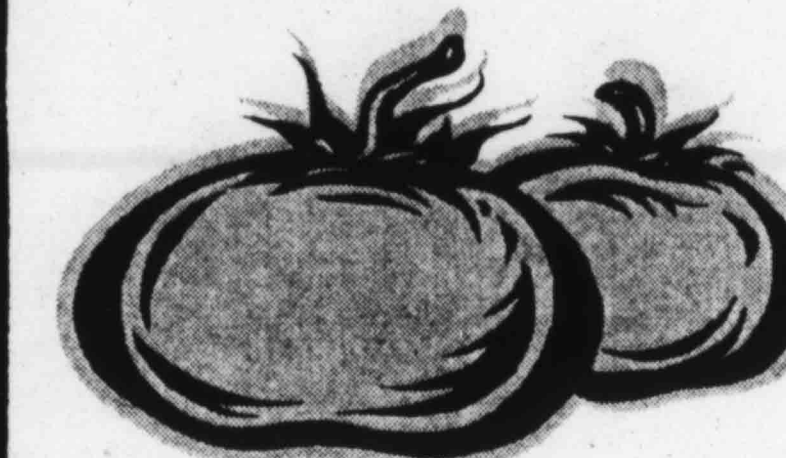
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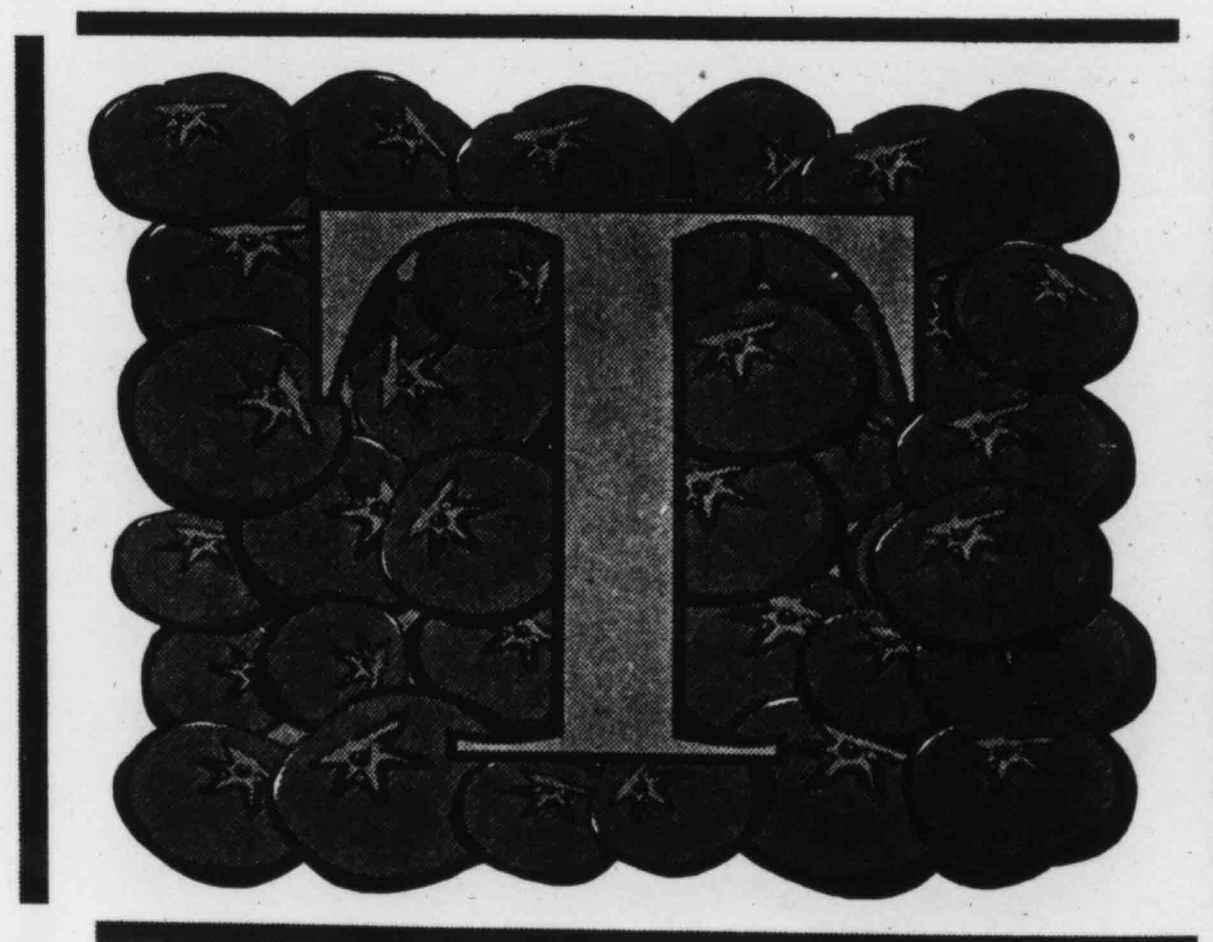
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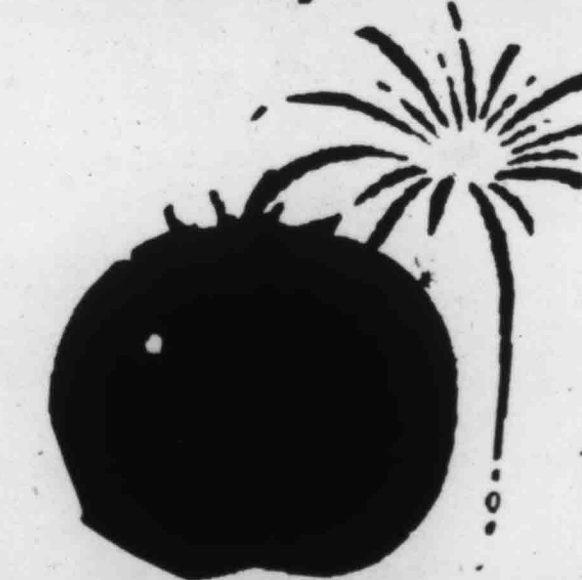
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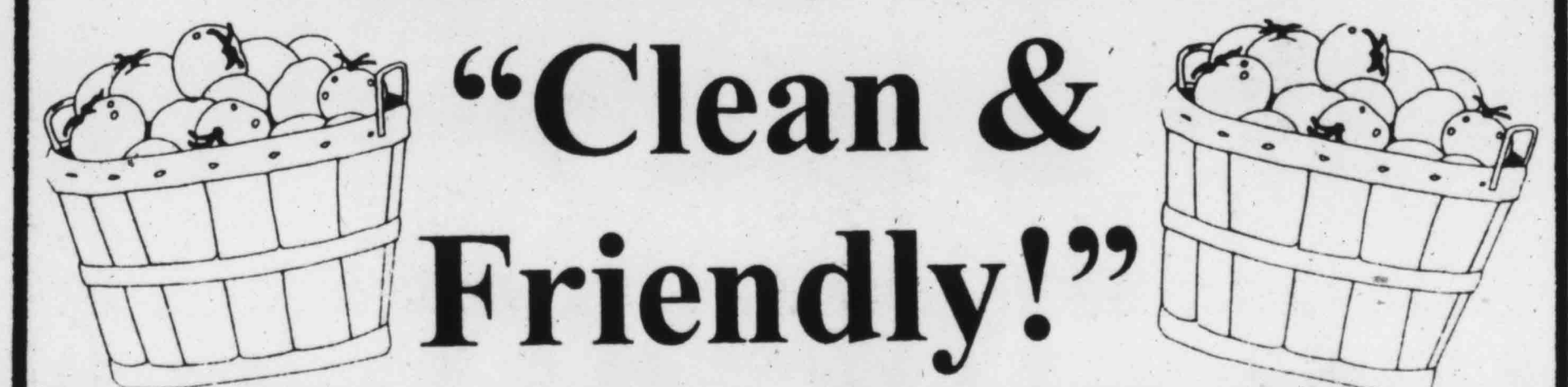
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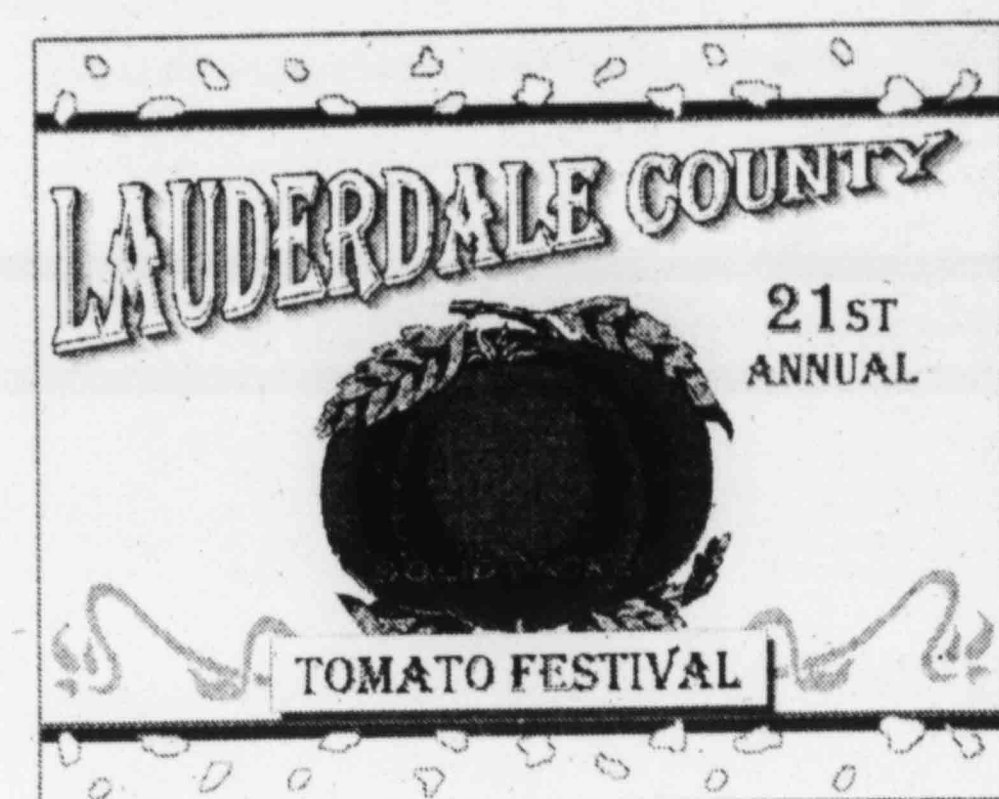


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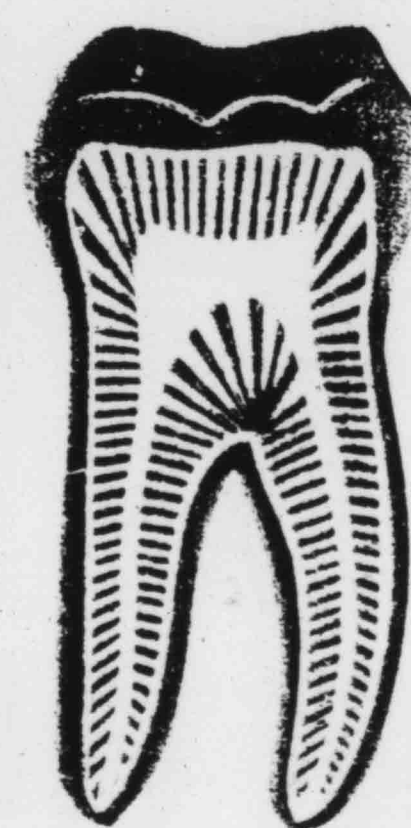
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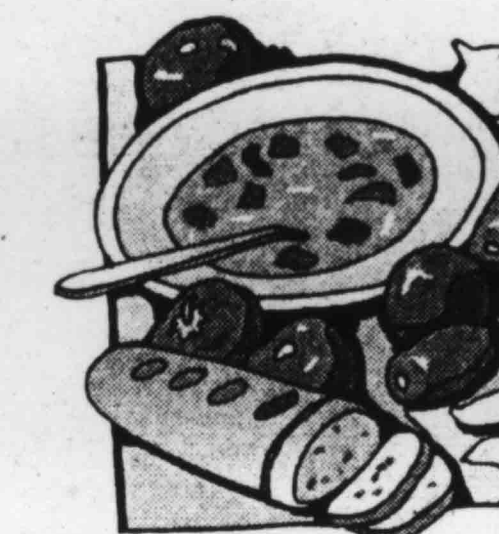


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- 1984 - Unknown
- 1985 - Unknown
- 1986 - Bruce Little
- 1987 - H. M. Tims & Neal Crain
- 1988 - Don Holcomb
- 1989 - Johnie Ford & Steve Watson
- 1990 - Bruce Little
- 1991 - Neal Crain
- 1992 - Barry Connell
- 1993 - Unknown
- 1994 - Unknown
- 1995 - Unknown
- 1996 - Unknown
- 1997 - Mike Voss
- 1998 - Johnie Ford
- 1999 - Herman & Neal Simpson
- 2000 - Coy Summar
- 2001 - Jimmie "Hut" Summar
- 2002 - Chris and Billy Hall Lankford
- 2003 - Russell and Lynn Kiestler
- 2004 - David & Barbara Holcomb

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Written By: Irene Yochum Chipman

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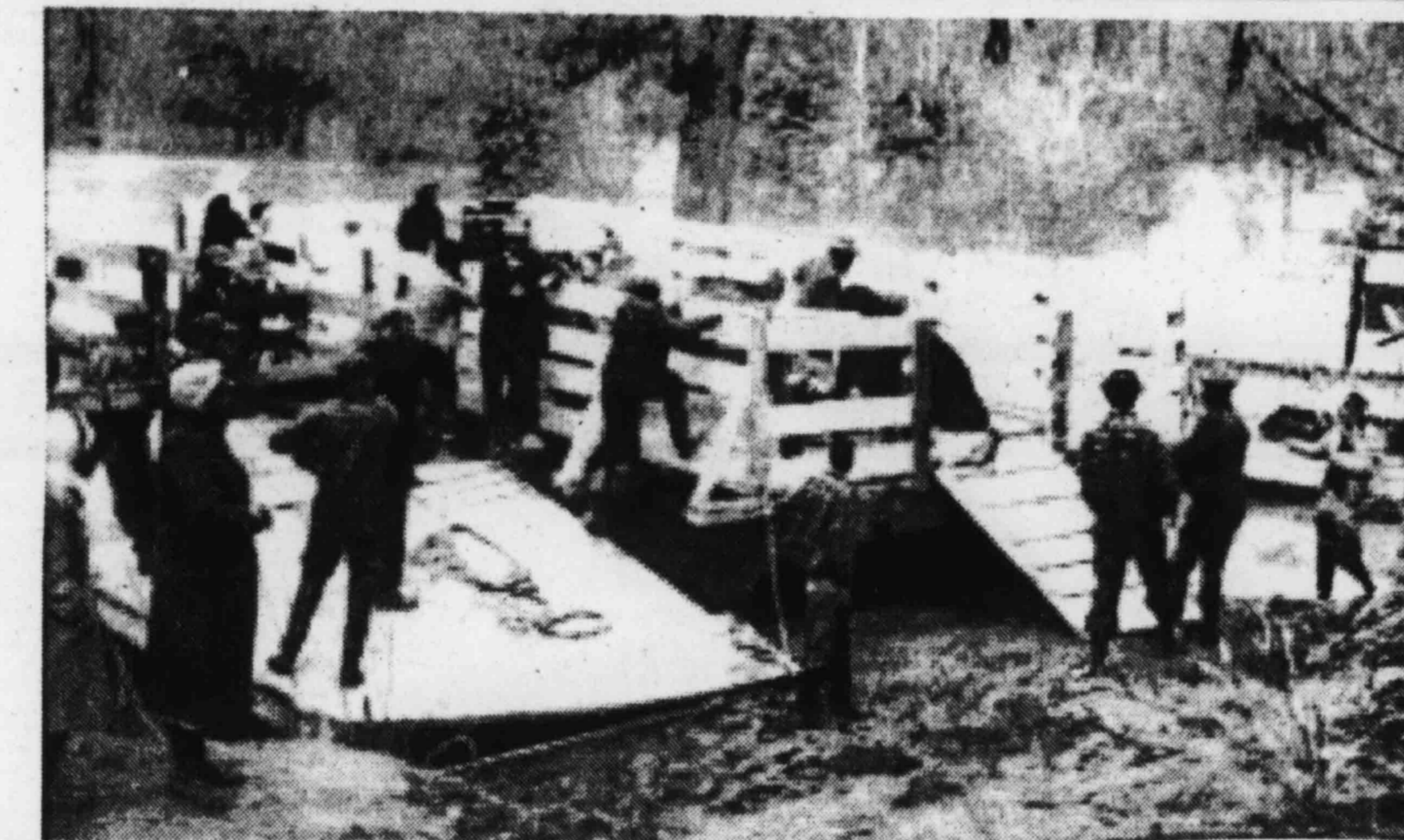
Come to the Festival.
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 If you want the best tomatoes,
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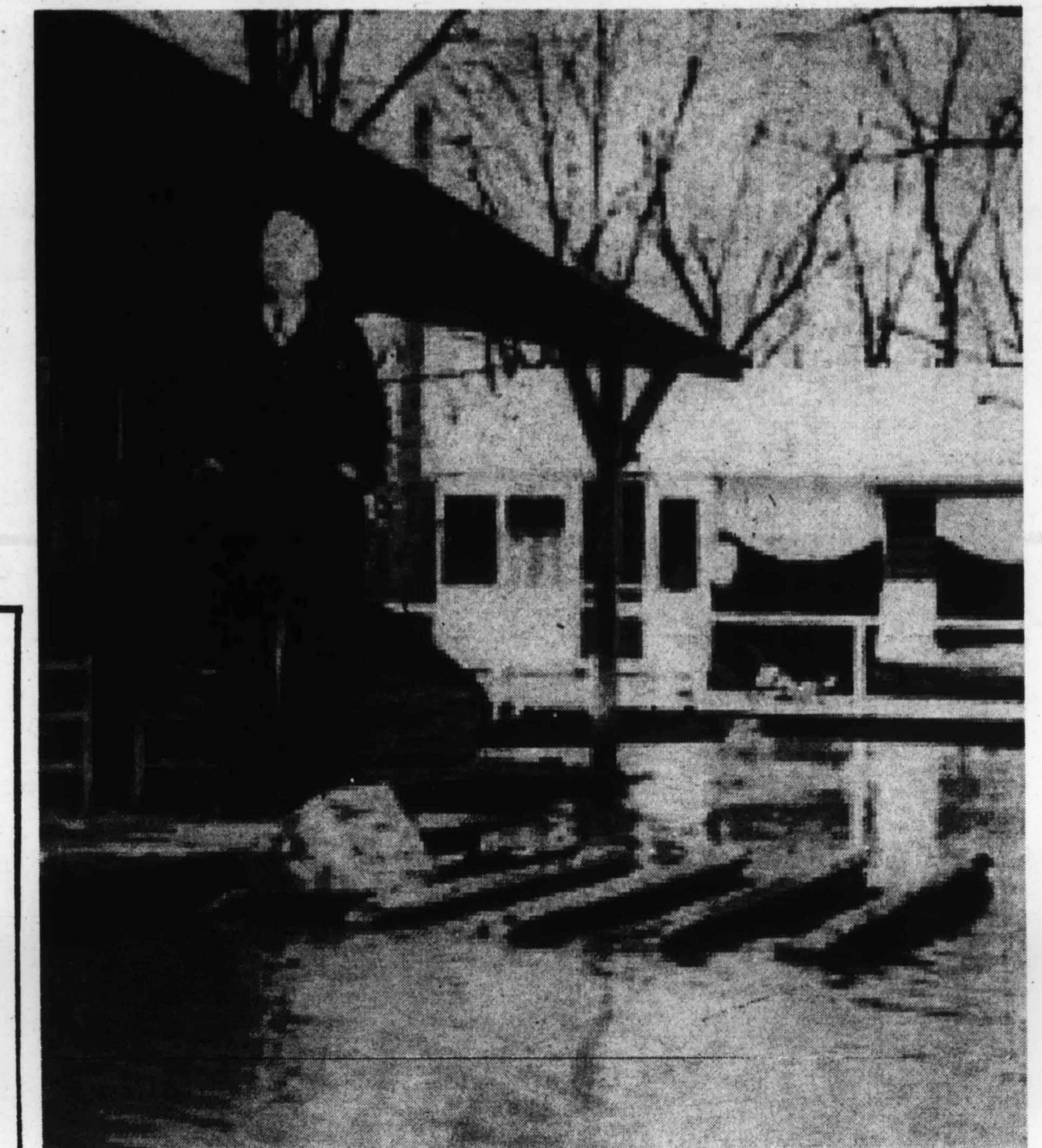
Irene Yochum Chipman, of Ripley, thought it would be interesting to write a song about the Tomato Festival, and in 1986, wrote the Tomato Festival song. Because Ripley home grown tomatoes were so well known, she decided to change the title of the song to "Ripley Home Grown Tomatoes," which a group of 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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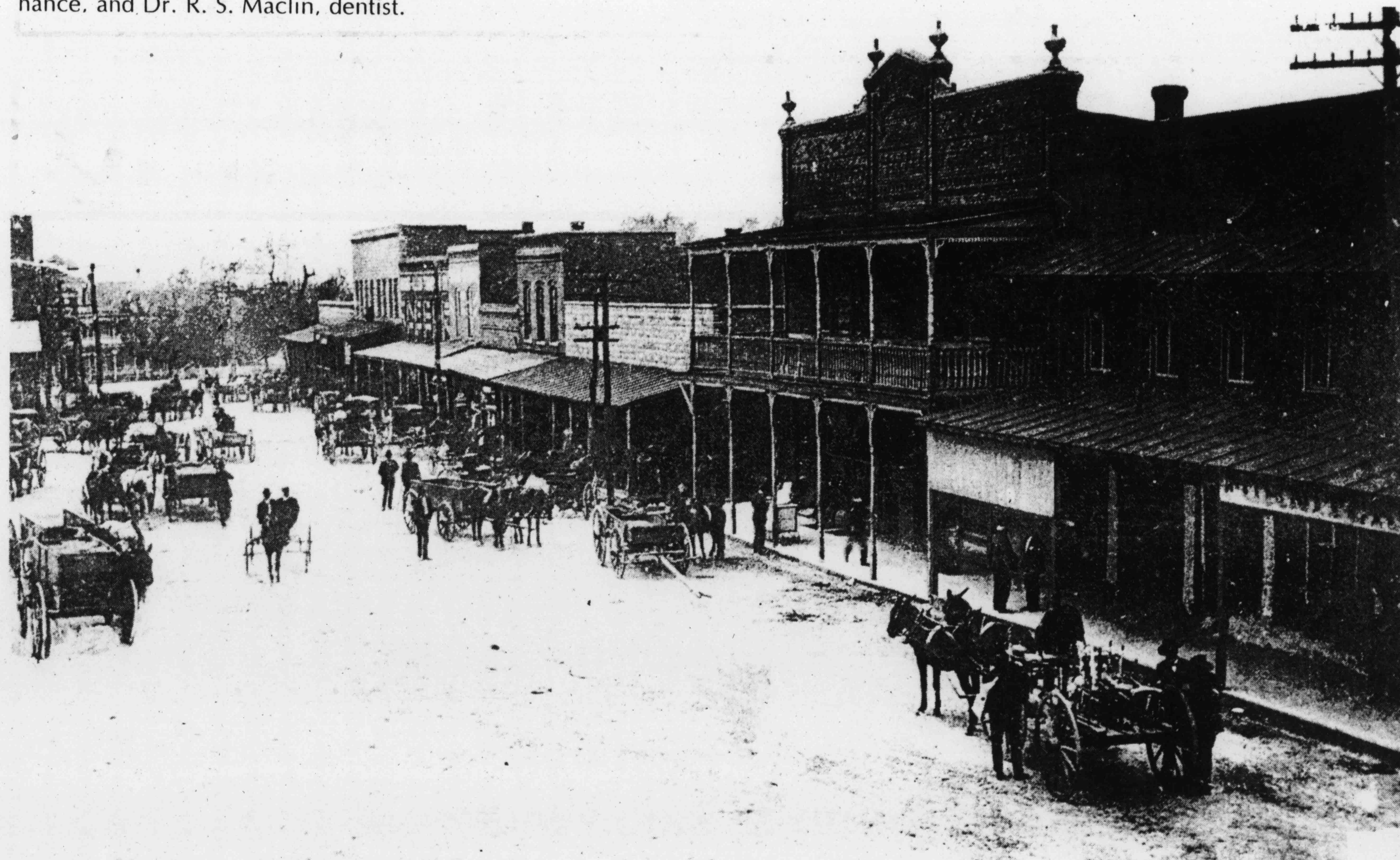
*Sue Toles, Tyrus Wright, Jerry Holland,
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NORTHSIDE of the square, looking west.

The 21st Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival

Thursday, July 8

5th Annual Tomato Festival Art Exhibition & Competition.....10:00am - 8:00pm
 WTN Association of Artists Art Mall, 121 N. Main St., Ripley

1st Annual TF Golf Tournament.....12:30pm
 4-Man Scramble @ RHCC, sponsored by the Lauderdale Co. Chamber of Commerce

Friday, July 9

1st Annual TF Parade.....9:00am
 Line-up begins @ Ripley Park @ 8am. Parade route: Washington St. to the Square

Exhibits Open.....9:00am
 Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - On the Square in Ripley

21st Annual Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony.....10:00am
 Main Stage: Tomato Farmer of the Yr., Sen. Mark Norris, Rep. Craig Fitzhugh & More!

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 WTN Association of Artists Art Mall, 121 N. Main St., Ripley

BARBIE 45th Birthday Party Exhibition.....8:00am - 5:00pm
 Bank of Ripley lobby, Court Square (runs thru 7/31, sponsor: Bank of Ripley)

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

Tomato Contest (entry deadline is 12noon)1:00pm
 Union Planters Bank, Judging: Biggest, oddest, shape, color, taste. Bring entries to UP anytime between Tuesday, July 7 and 12 noon July 9.

Tomato Cafe.....1:00 - 3:00pm
 Lauderdale Co. Courthouse Lobby, an educational exhibit, Sponsor: TSU Cooperative Extension Program & TNCEP

Gospel Music Hour (Main Stage)4:30-8:30pm

Street Dance w/Wild Hearts9:00-11:00pm
 Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Barbeque Cookoff (On the Square).....Cooking begins at 8:00pm
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Saturday, July 10

5K Run/ Walk.....7:00am
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Action Shooting Pistol Contest.....7:30 am
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Baby Crawling Contest (6-18 mos., \$3.00 entry).....9:00am
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 Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Barbeque Contest Judging.....12:00noon

Local Talent Showcase.....2:00pm - 4:30pm
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5th Annual Art Exhibition & Competition Awards Presentation.....3:00pm - 5:00pm
 WTN Association of Artists Art Mall, 121 N. Main St., Ripley

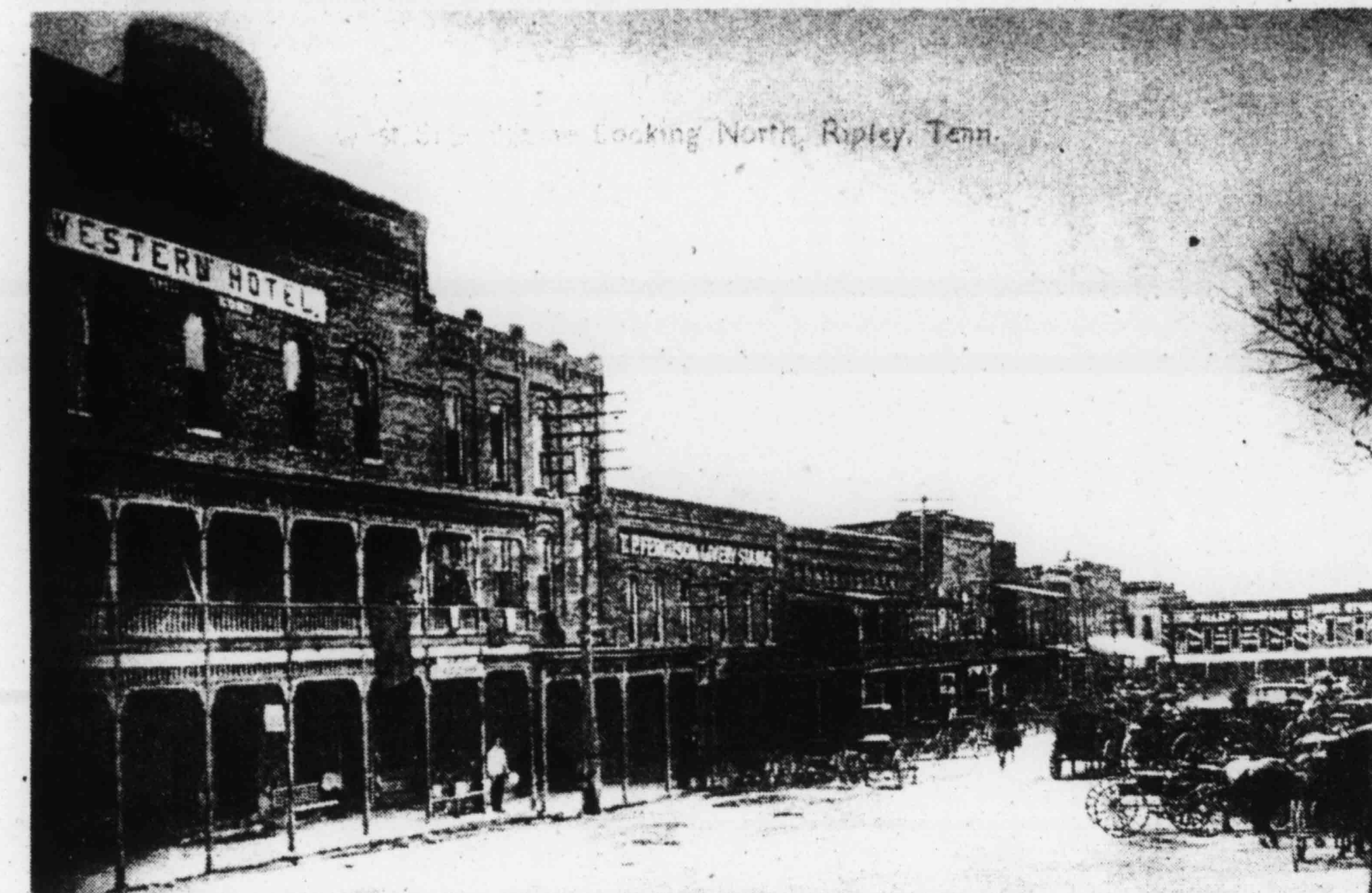
Cheerleading Exhibition.....5:00 - 6:30pm
 HHS, RHS Varsity, HJHS, RHS Freshman, LMS, Star Steppers

Heart & Soul.....7:00 - 8:30pm
 Main Stage, downtown Ripley

The Soulsations.....9:00 - 11:00pm
 Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Saturday, July 24

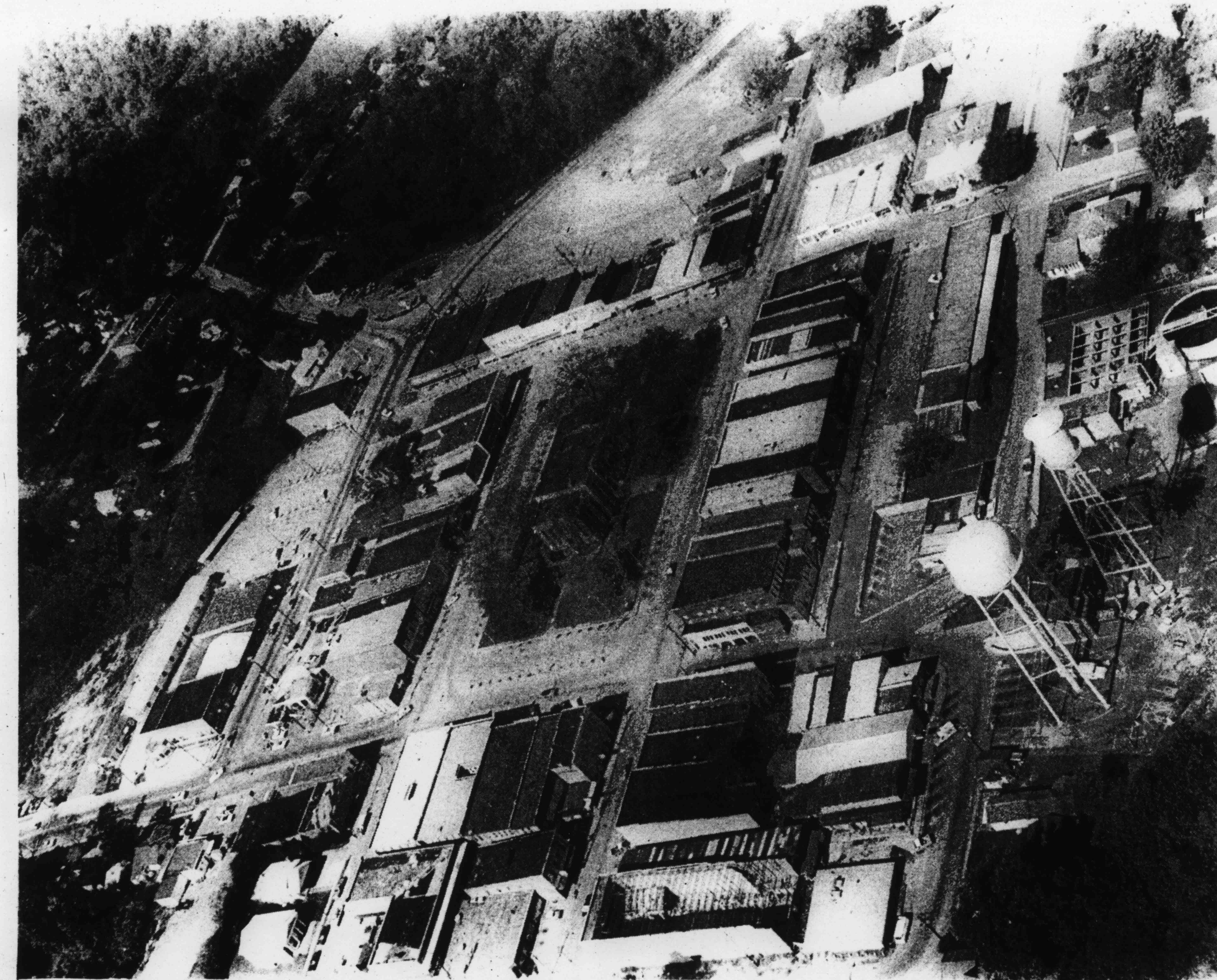
Ripley Walking Horse Classic.....6:30pm
 Ripley Park, Sponsor: Ripley Boy Scout Troop 63



WEST SIDE of the square, looking north.



RIPLEY POST OFFICE built in 1937. Addition was added early 1960's.



ARIAL VIEW of the square in 1975.



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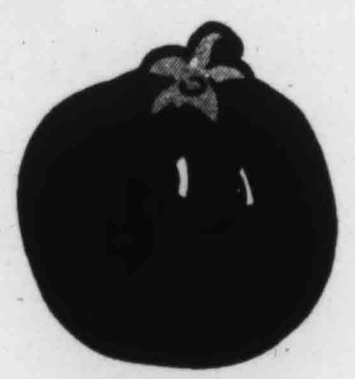
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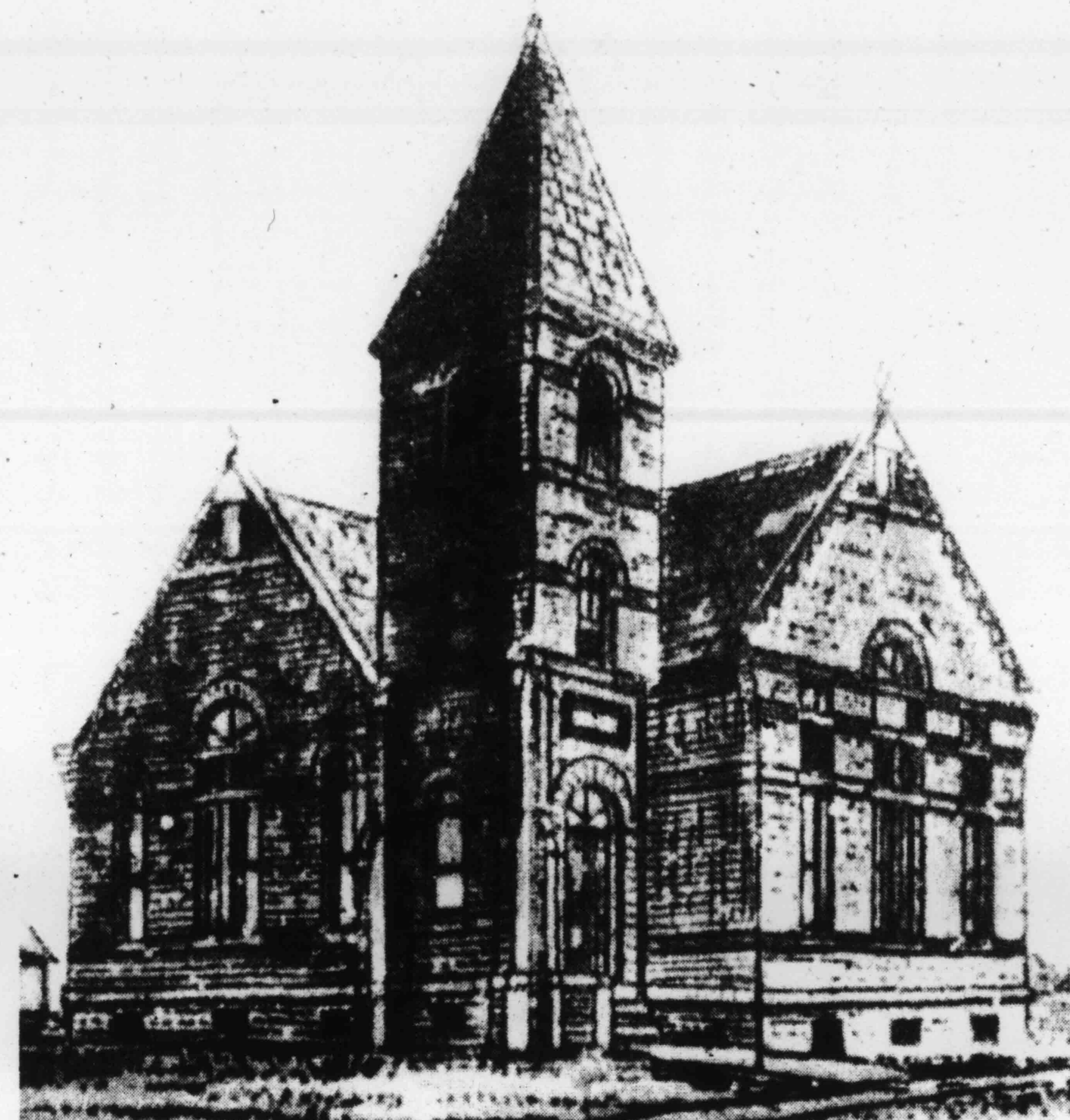


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Featured Tomato Recipes

Tomato Pudding

- 2 cups fresh cooked tomatoes - quartered
- 3 to 4 slices stale dry bread or left over biscuits, broken into pieces
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. freshly grated black pepper
- Pinch of salt
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla flavor

Heat oven to 350°. Combine cooked tomatoes, bread pieces, sugar, margarine, pepper, salt and flavor. Mix well. Transfer to 1 quart casserole or baking dish. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes.

Recipe by: Christene S. Anderson, CFCS
Ext. Agent - Laud. Co. TNCEP
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Breakfast Burrito

- 4 Flour Tortillas
- 4 eggs
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1/2 lb. sausage
- 1 large potato, peeled and grated
- 1 cup grated cheese, mozzarella or cheddar
- Salsa

Cook ground sausage in pan, add potatoes, cook until brown. Drain fat. Warm tortillas according to package. Scramble eggs. Divide all ingredients evenly among the four tortillas. Season to taste with salsa or salt and pepper. Fold tortillas and serve immediately. Serves 4.

Christene S. Anderson, Ext. Agent
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Strawberry Tomato Jam

Yield: 6 1/2 half pints

- 3 cups prepared tomatoes (approximately 2 1/4 pounds)
- 3 cups finely chopped strawberries (1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 4 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 package Fruit Pectin
- 1/2 cup lemon juice

Wash firm-ripe tomatoes. Scald, peel, and chop tomatoes. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Wash, cap and chop strawberries. Combine the strawberries into saucepan with tomatoes. Add lemon rind, allspice, cinnamon, cloves, and lemon juice. Stir pectin into fruit and tomato mixture. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly. At once, stir in sugar. Stir and bring to a full rolling boil that cannot be stirred down. Then boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Skim off foam. Pour hot jam into hot jars, leaving 1/4-inch head space. Wipe jar tops and threads clean. Place hot lids on jars and apply screw bands. Process 5 minutes in a Boiling Water Canner.

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Green Tomato Jam

Yield: About 4 1/2 cups

- 4 1/2 pounds firm, medium-size green tomatoes, cored and cut into 1/8-inch-thick slices
- 6 cups sugar
- Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- Grated rind and juice of 1 orange

Layer tomatoes alternately with sugar in a large mixing bowl; sprinkle with citrus rind and juice. Cover and let stand at room temperature 8 hours.

Spoon tomatoes and juice into a Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Boil gently 2 to 3 hours, depending on desired degree of thickness; stir frequently. Remove from heat; skim off foam, if necessary, with a metal spoon.

Quickly pour jam into hot sterilized jars, leaving 1/8-inch head space; cover at once with metal lids, and screw metal bands tight. Process 15 minutes in boiling-water bath.

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Fried Tomatoes and Gravy

- 3 large firm tomatoes
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 3/4 cups fine dry bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup butter (1/2 stick)
- 1 teaspoon flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk

Cut tomatoes into 1/2-inch slices. Pour 1/2 cup evaporated milk into a shallow dish. In another dish mix bread crumbs, sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. In skillet melt butter. Dip tomato slices in evaporated milk, then in crumb mixture, turning to coat well. Fry over medium heat about 5 minutes or until golden brown on both sides. Remove tomato slices to warm serving platter; keep warm. Remove skillet from heat; stir in flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper. Gradually stir in 3/4 cup evaporated milk. Return to heat and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cook 2 additional minutes. Pour over tomatoes. Servings: 4 - 6.

Green Tomato Salsa

Ingredients:

- 4 green tomatoes
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 2 fresh green chiles, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander (cilantro)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

Mix all ingredients together and serve in 30 minutes.

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Specialty Fried Green Tomatoes

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: about 12 minutes

- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 firm green or under-ripe tomatoes (1 1/2 lbs.)
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Beat eggs and milk in bowl. Combine flour, cornmeal, salt, paprika, cayenne and black pepper on waxed paper. Core tomatoes; cut thin slice from top and bottom of tomatoes. Cut each tomato crosswise into 4 slices. Dip tomato slices first in egg, then in cornmeal mixture to coat. Heat 1/4 inch oil in large nonstick skillet until hot. In batches, brown tomatoes on both sides, turning once, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Remove with slotted spatula to paper toweling to drain. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Stewed Tomatoes with Bread

- 3 tomatoes peeled
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 slices of white bread (or 2 - day old biscuits)
- 2 Tablespoons sugar

Stew tomatoes, add bread broken into pieces, nutmeg and sugar, fold into tomatoes. Simmer 15 minutes.

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Tennessee Pea-Pickin-Tomato Salsa

- 2 cans black-eyed peas (drained)
- 1 8-oz. bottle Italian dressing
- 1 medium red onion (diced)
- 1 16-oz. jar salsa or
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes

For Salsa: Mix all ingredients and chill overnight. For Appetizer: Mash some of the peas with potato masher. Add remaining ingredients, mix thoroughly. Serve with corn or tortilla chips.

Adapted from Carroll County TNCEP
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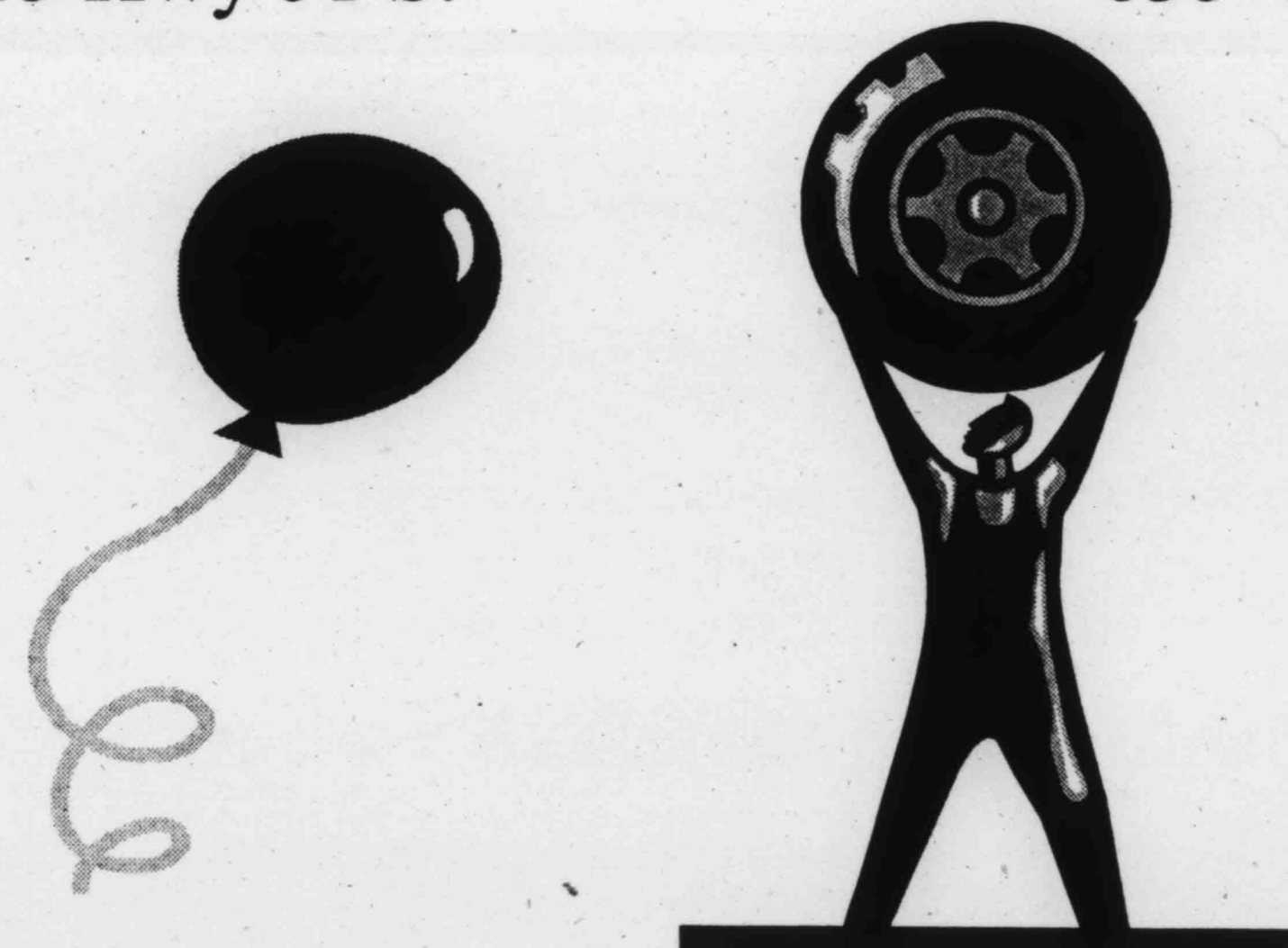
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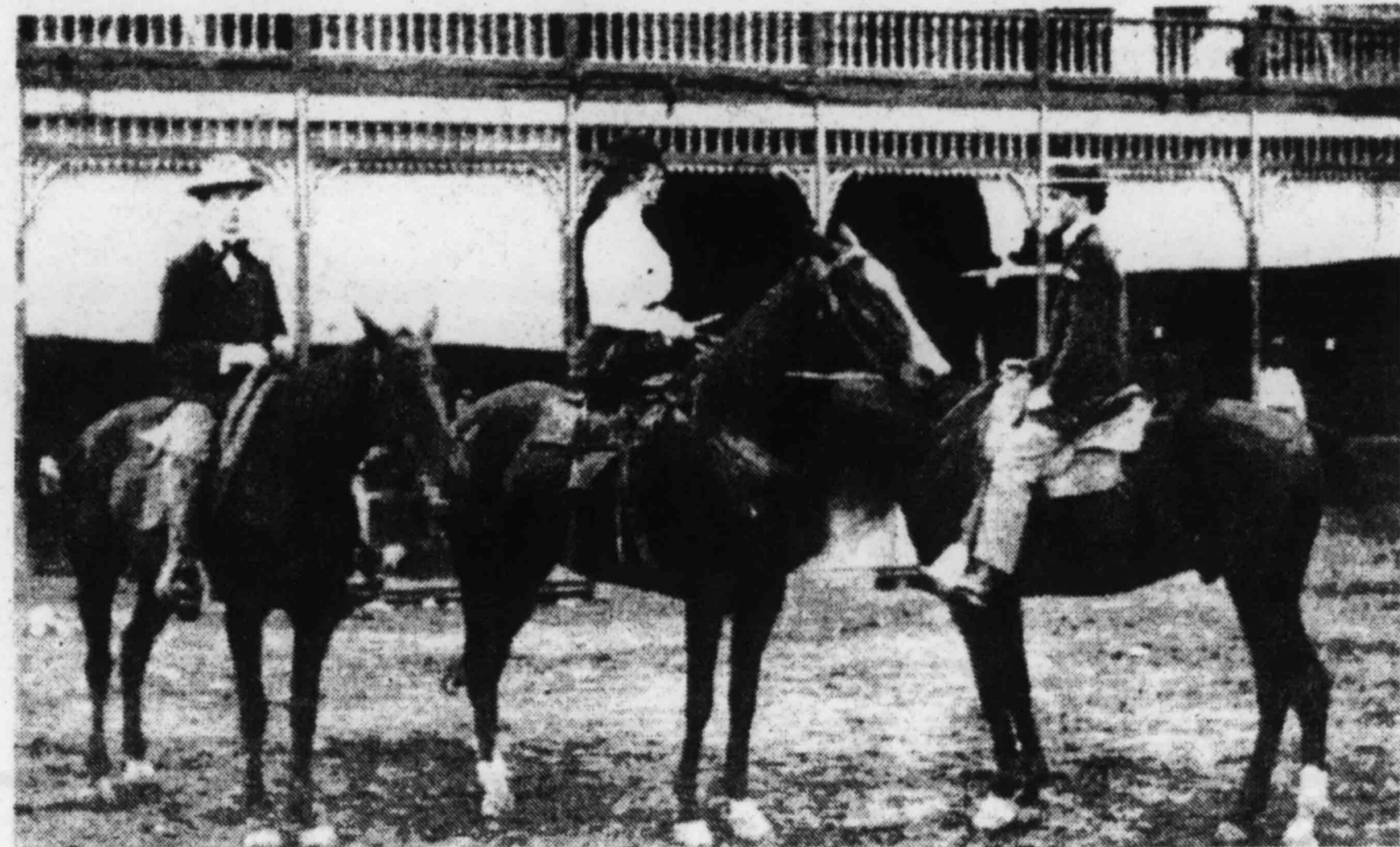


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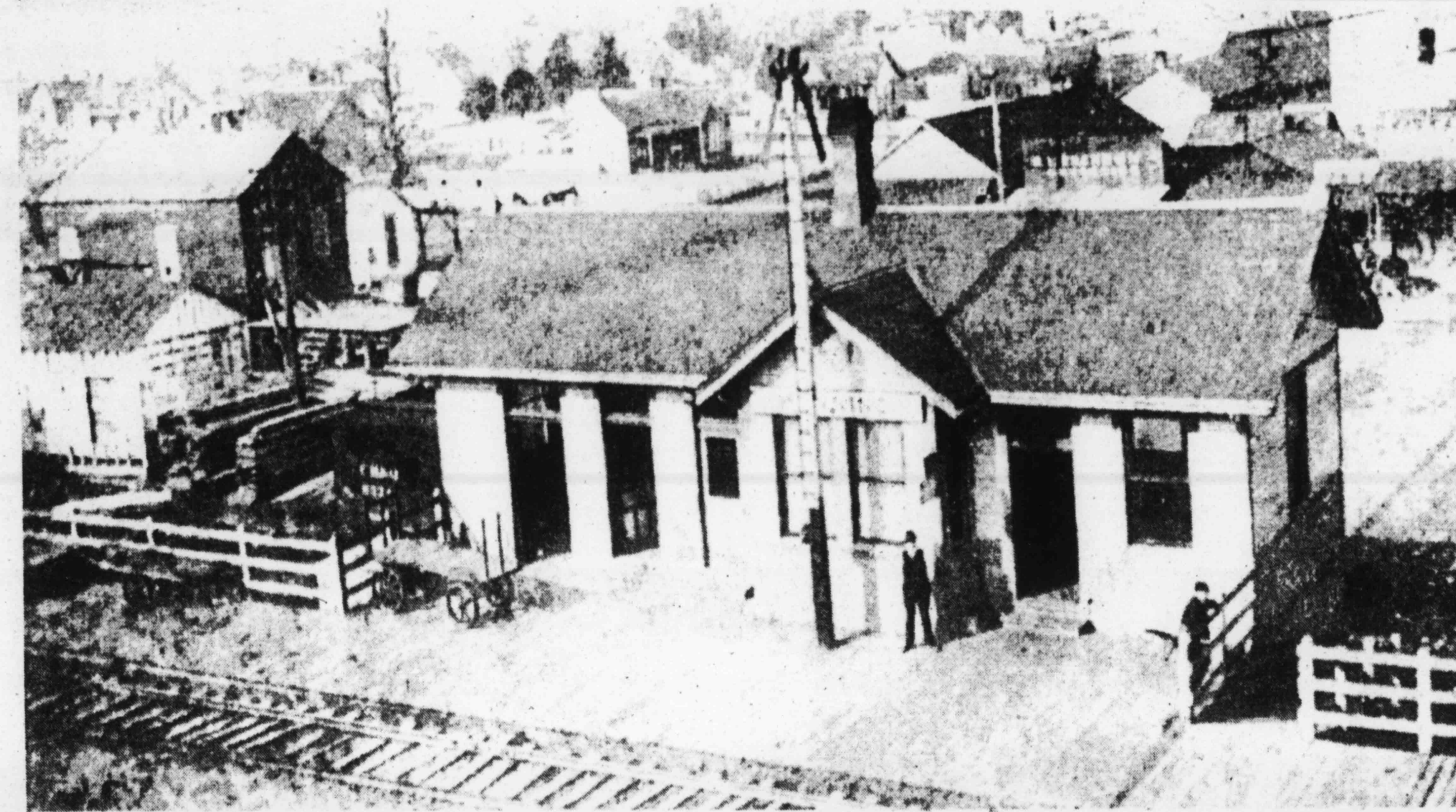
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Sincerely,
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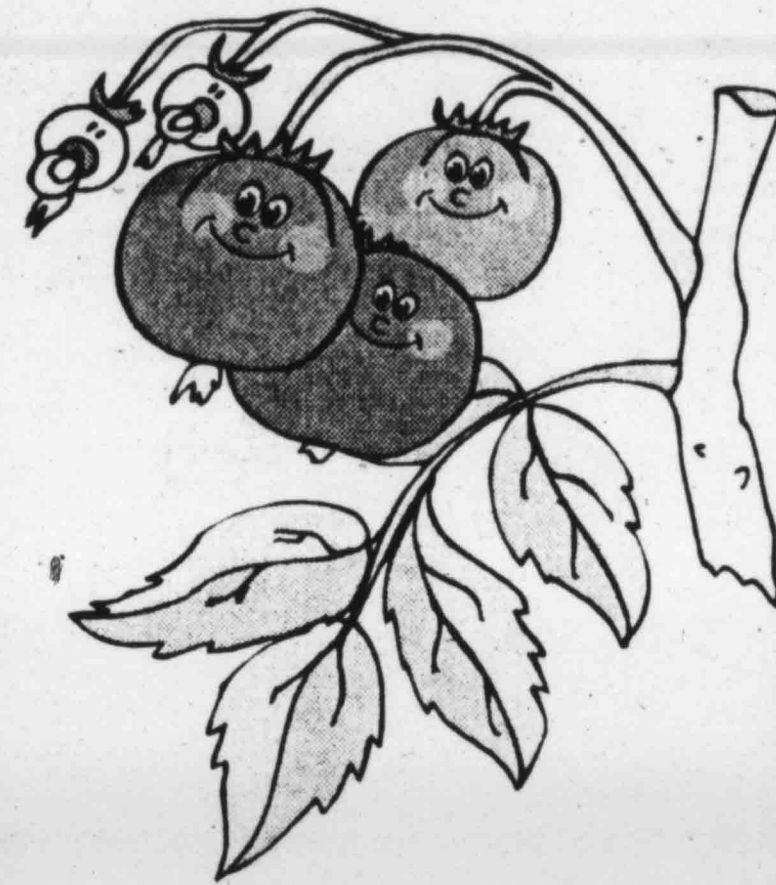
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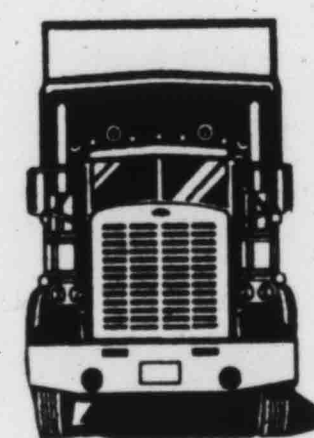
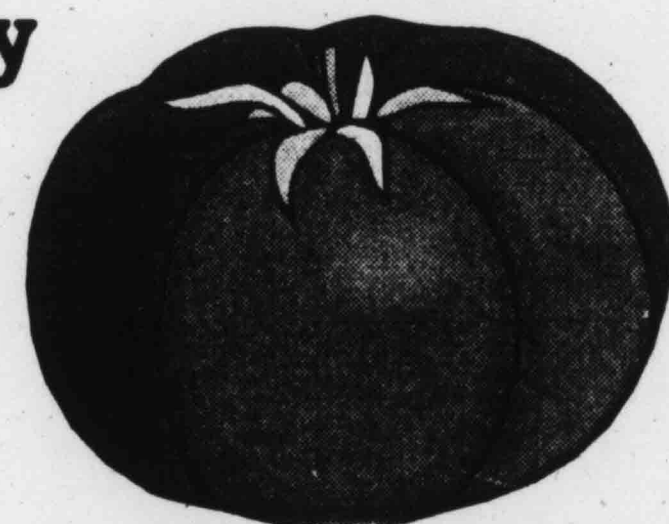
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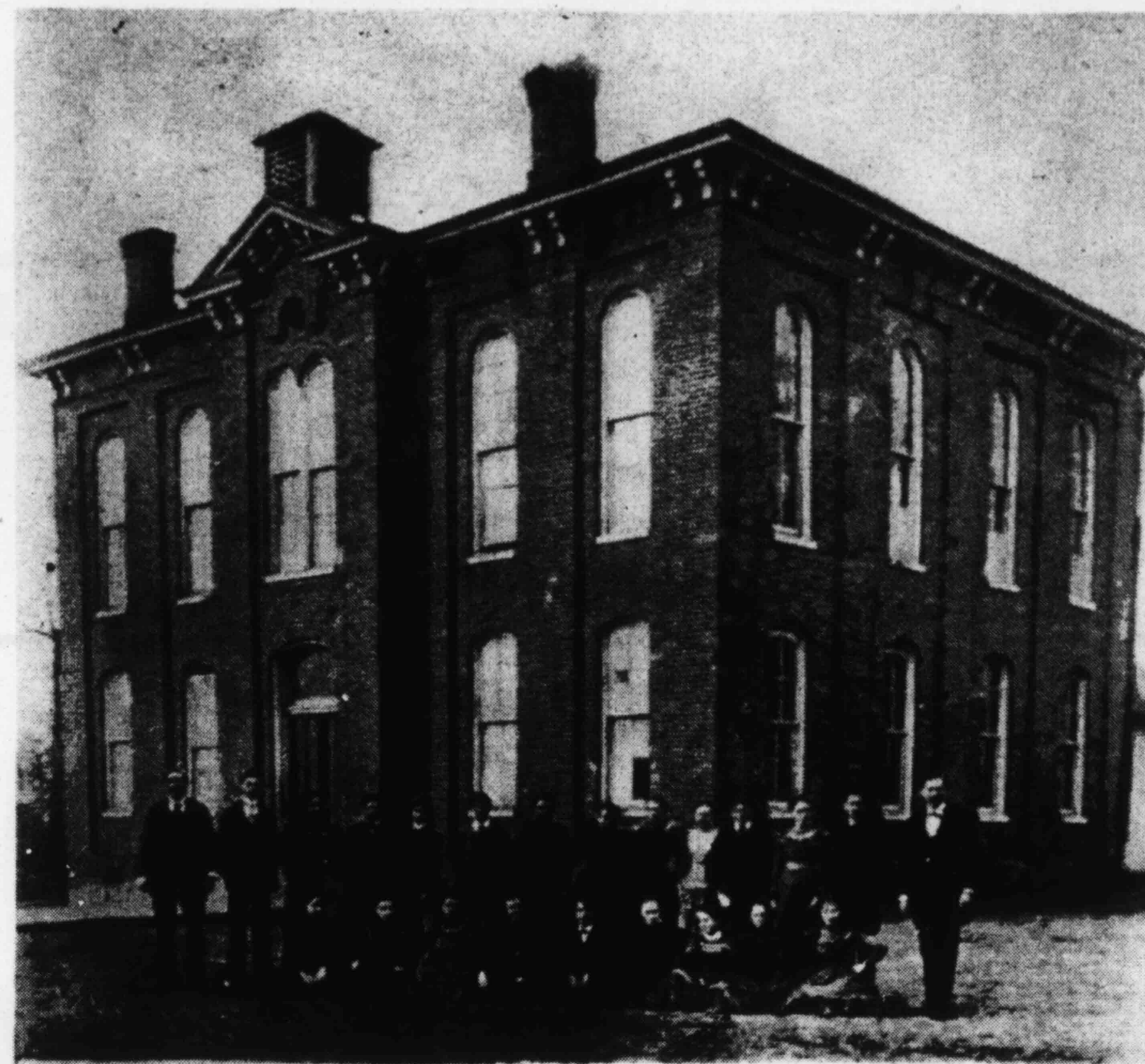
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A RIPLEY SCHOOL CLASS, circa late 1800's, pictured, from left, seated, Estelle Folts, Fannie Foster, Helen Holloway, Monnie Lou Kirkpatrick, Alonzo Klutts, Bessie Mays, Birdie Cobb, Sudie Brodie, and Lizzie Lusk, and standing, Professor C. R. Throop, Tom Johnston, Bessie Graves, George Throop, Hilda Herring, Scott Chapman, Agnes Speck, Daisy Meadows, Nora Boydston, Rosa Lee Jackson, Scott Kirkpatrick, Minnie Lee Brodie, W. Dan Majors, and Professor Jackson.

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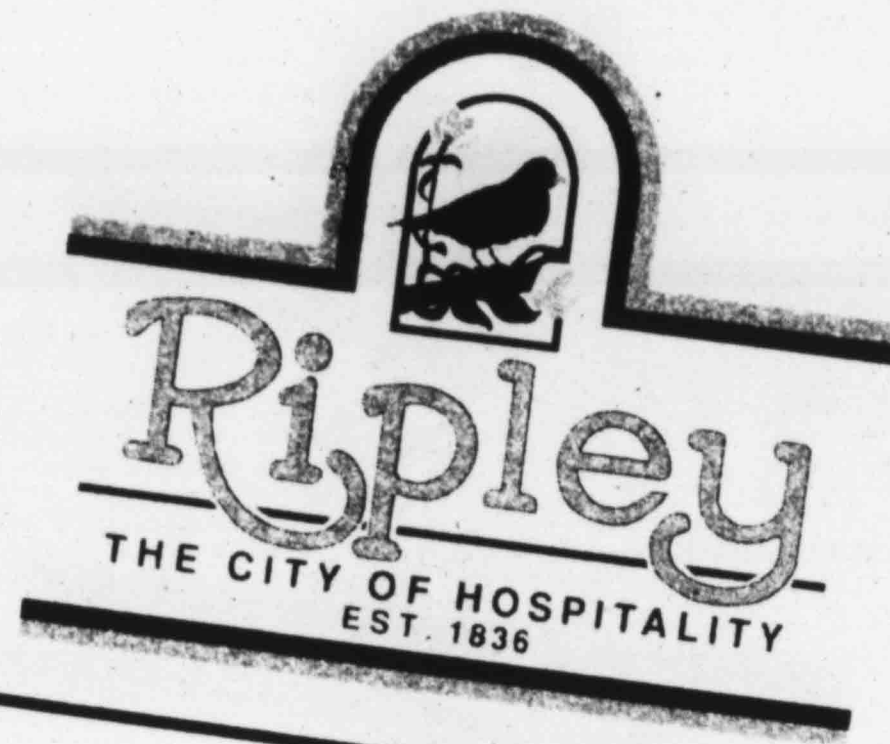
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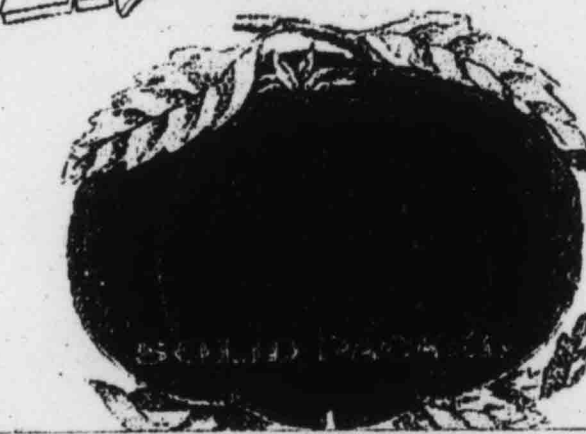
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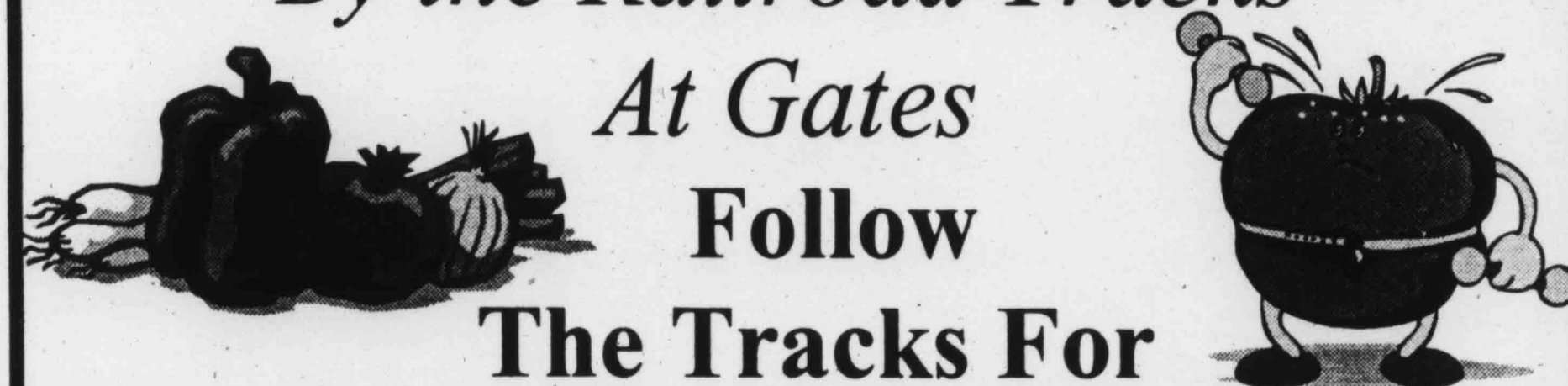
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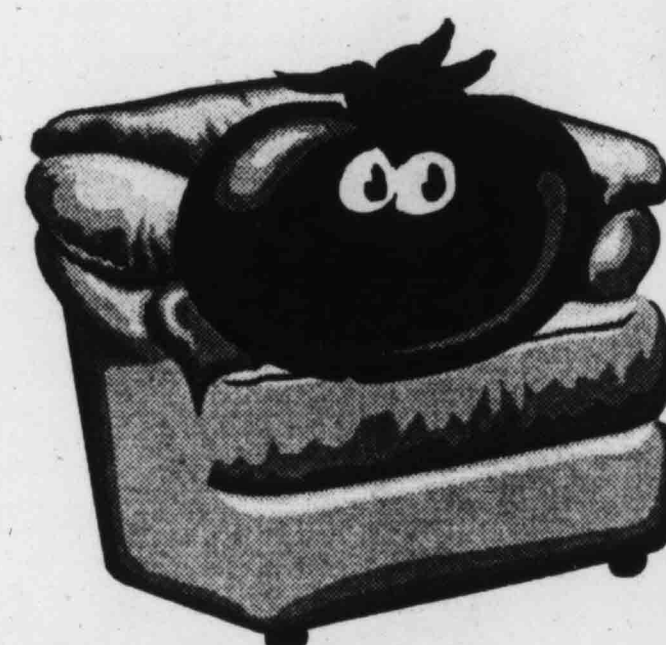


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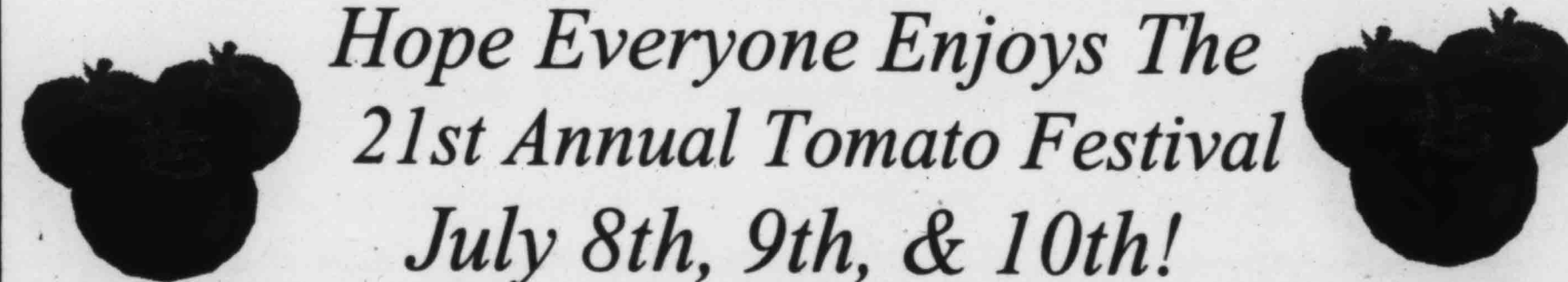
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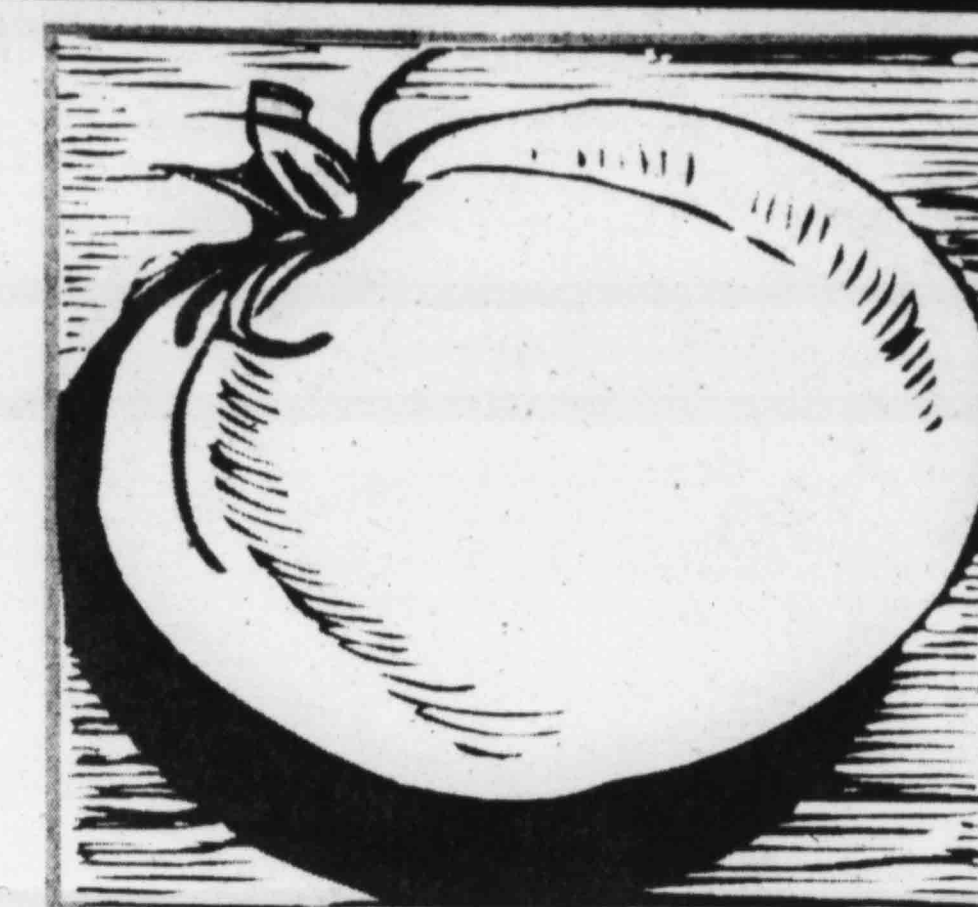
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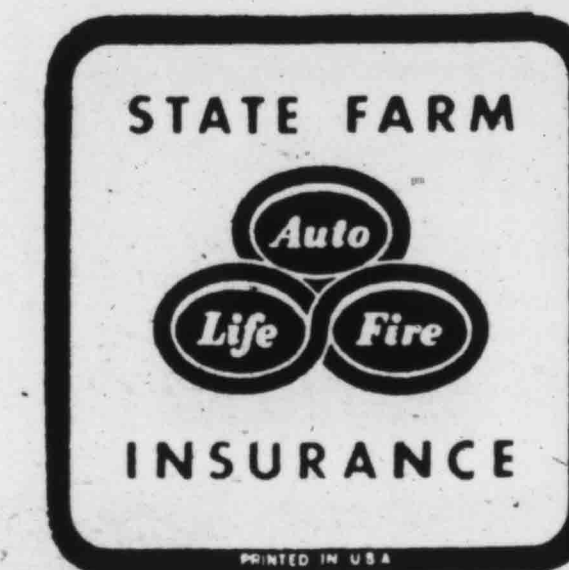
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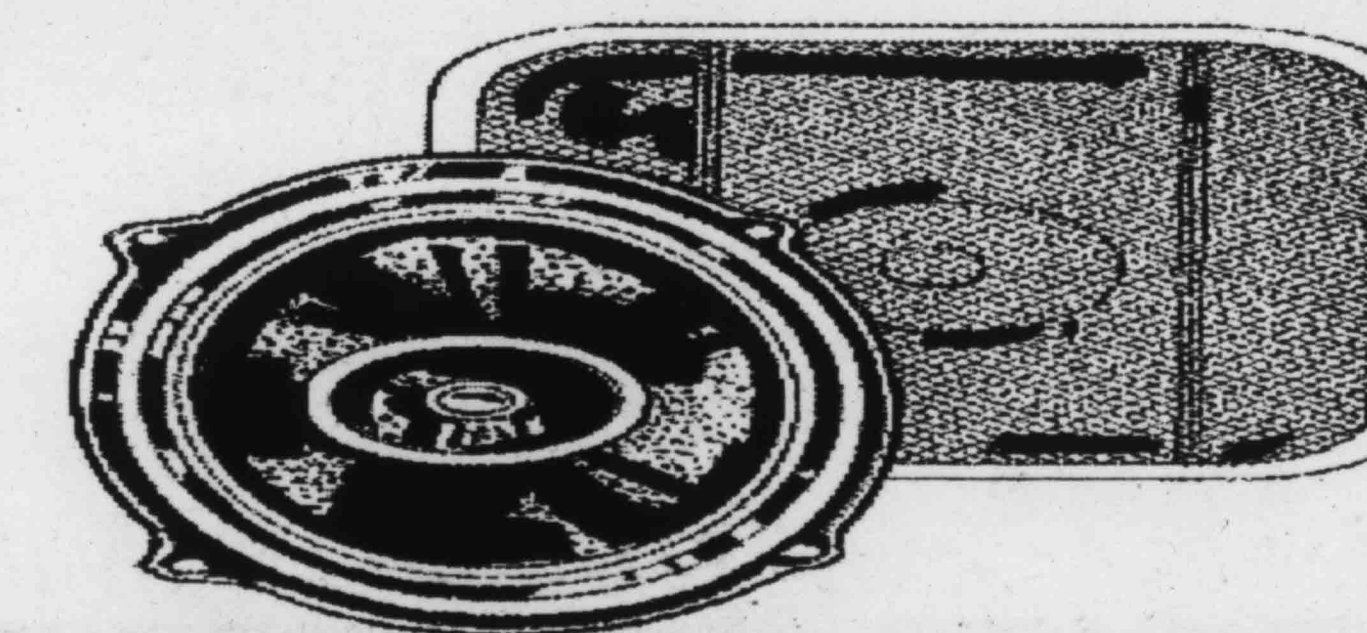
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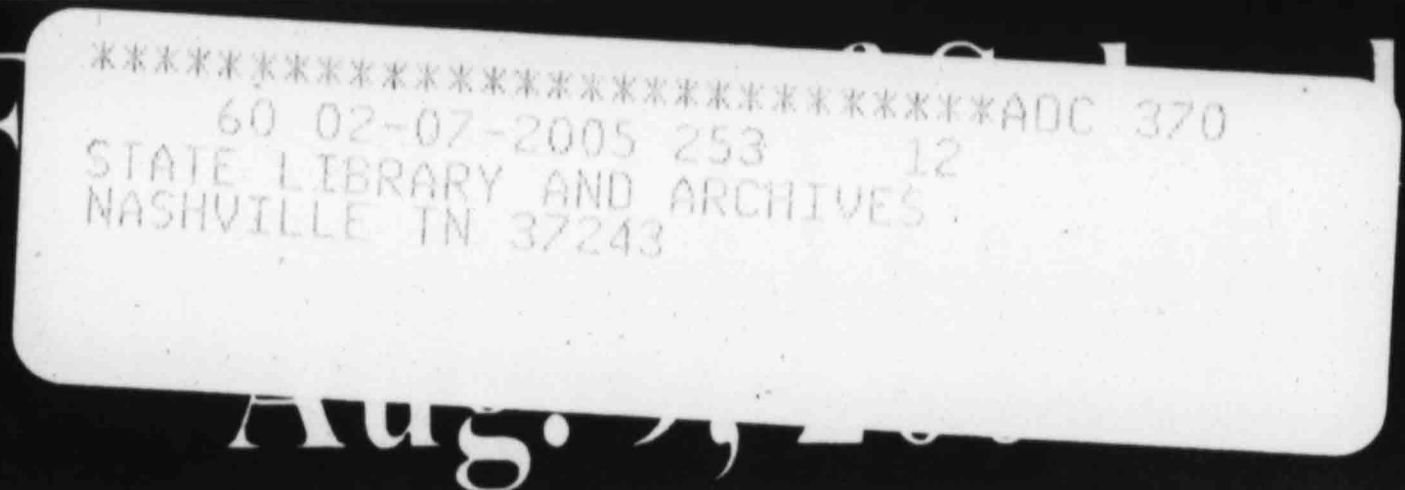
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County Ups Tax, Shuffles Officers

Lauderdale County Commissioners Monday approved, 17-4, a 10% jump in the real estate tax rate, per \$100 assessment, to \$2.33, after five years without an increase, and nine with an increase only for teachers' salaries.

"Nay" votes came from Henry Buckner, Danny Hartsfield, Mike Martin, and Don Moore.

Absent were T. L. Criehtfield, Dennis Sadler, and Chris Shoemaker.

Sadler has resigned his 8th District Commission seat.

Gene Young, employed by the Ambulance Authority, was approved as interim director during the suspension of Myron Kissell. Myron and his wife,

Peggy, also suspended, are invited to appear before the Ambulance Authority Committee at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Jim Jarrett was approved as full-time Emergency Management Director, to succeed Myron Kissell, with an office in the National Guard Armory.

Carolyn Smith was awarded a 3-year term on the Planning Commission, succeeding a 20-year veteran, Neal Caldwell, who had asked to be retired.

Seeks Seat Kirkpatrick Still Missing



Tony Kirkpatrick, 43, of Ripley, reported to have walked into the Mississippi River, from the Fullen Boat Ramp, at Ashport, about 6.30 p.m. July 3rd, has not been found. Active search efforts, in high waters, have ended.

GLARDES W. THOMAS seeks re-election to the School Board for District 4. She issued the following statement.

"I am a tireless proponent of children and education and excited to seek re-election to the school board in District 4. I have a

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No Report From Probe Of Arrest

18 days after Christopher Lee Scallions, 24, had six hours of surgery in Baptist Hospital in Memphis for back and rib fractures and a punctured lung, Lauderdale County officials late Tuesday had no word from Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents looking into charges that his injuries came from Lauderdale County sheriff's deputies.

Roy Ellis, 24, of Bush St., Dyersburg, says Scallions was in the back seat of a 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix in which he, Ellis, Kenneth Frazier, 22 (driving on suspended license), and Scallions' step-father, Curtis Merritt, 39, were returning to Dyersburg just before midnight June 24th.

Lauderdale County deputies Kenny Nelson and Kenneth Richardson, seeking Scallions for questioning about telephone harassment, radioed Dyer County at 11:10 p.m. that they were in pursuit of the Pontiac. Ellis says their blue lights pulled the Pontiac over from the northbound lane of U.S. Hwy. 51 near the Dr. Pepper-Pepsi plant.

Ellis says Richardson held Scallions while Nelson beat him with a flashlight. At the time of the stop, Ellis says, Scallions was speaking to his girlfriend, Kelly Simpson, on a cell phone with an in-

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Seeks Office Candidate



JOHN GAINES has announced his intention to seek re-election to the position of Dist. 4 constable.



SARAH C. HARRELL, of Ripley, announces her candidacy for re-election to the school board in District 6. She issued the following statement.

"The citizens of the sixth district have been so supportive in allowing me to represent them on the school board for the past 18 years. For that, I thank them. I ask for your vote in the election, August 5th. With the changing of district areas, I welcome those who made the change and ask your support and vote. I will be trying to reach each of you personally.

I believe that we have one of the better school systems in the state. In talking with other school board members across the state, our county is fortunate to have the citizenry that believes our school system is our number one resource. That it is a commitment of the county commissioners, the school board, staff, parents, and community to be the best we can and offer our children the resources to avail. We have some of the finest, hard working staff and our buildings and equipment exemplify the results. As the new Ripley High School gym is completed, our system will once again be so proud of

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Announces



SHIRLEY GAINES, of Ripley, announces her candidacy for the school board in District 4. She issued the following statement.

"I am seeking and appreciate the support of the voters in District 4 to elect me as your School Board Representative. I feel that the superintendent, teachers, administrative and school board representatives should work together and pray to be as one, concerning the education and safety of the children

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Anniversaries

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July 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Castellow.

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 20 - Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

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

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Nell White, of Halls, was announced winner in the high school age group at the Lady Lion Basketball Boarding Camp Fri., June 25th, at Freed Hardeman University, Henderson.

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Honored Guests



BILL REVELL, Dyersburg Mayor, right, and **Jane Wiley**, of Halls, left, plus not pictured Dr. George Guthrie, of Union University, Jackson, were guest speakers at both morning services at Dyersburg First Baptist Church, July 4th. Dr. Guthrie presented the message. Mayor Revell led the congregation in prayer. David Willard, Minister of Music, asked Mrs. Wiley to share with the congregation, a song in sign language.

Ft. Pillow Park Celebrating Anniversary Plans Activities

Fort Pillow State Historical Park will be providing a variety of free programs this weekend including a cannon talk at 10 a.m. Friday, sand art at 2:30 p.m., and museum tour at 3:30 p.m. Saturday's activities include a haversack display at 10 a.m., color a soldier at 11 a.m., and a balloon war at 3 p.m. Sunday's events include a fort hike at 9 a.m., a reduce, recycle, and reuse program at 11 a.m., and a museum tour at 2:30 p.m. Please note that no alcoholic beverages are allowed at Tennessee State Parks. For further information, contact the park office at 731-738-5581.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

-Anonymous



CHARLES AND PEGGY WHITE, of Forked Deer, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. July 25th at the Halls Community Center, with all friends and family invited. The couple have a son, Kirby, of Forked Deer; three daughters, Charlotte Cannon, of Elaine, Ark., Linda 'Lucy' Trim, of Slidell, La., and Diane Cochran, of Frog Jump; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

UT-M SCHOLARSHIPS COTTON ROUNDTABLE

John Dodson, son of Johnny and Laura Dodson, of Halls, and April Dowell, daughter of Eric Dowell, of Dyersburg, and Margie Dowell, of Ripley, received scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A sophomore plant and soil science major, Dodson received the Tennessee Farmers Co-op Scholarship. Dowell, a senior economics major, received the Gene and Verletta Stanford Business Scholarship.

The annual July Cotton Market Roundtable will be held Fri., July 18th, at 7:30 p.m. This informative discussion will be broadcast on the web and can be accessed at www.nybot.com. Real Player 8 is required to listen and can be downloaded free from the above website. The Lauderdale County Extension office will be participating and anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information contact your Lauderdale County Extension office or the New York Board of Trade at 1-800-433-4348.

While the fates permit, live happily; life speeds on with hurried step, and with winged days the wheel of the headlong year is turned.

-Seneca

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RONNIE ELDER

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Assessor of Property

In all my years of public service, whether it was military or county service, I have always felt the voter must never be misled and should be kept fully informed. As you know, I am a senior non-commissioned officer in the Tennessee Army National Guard with 35 years of service and I am running for Lauderdale County Assessor of Property.

As all of you know from reports in the media, many of us have been called to active military service in the Middle East on the nation's behalf. I have now received that call, effective Aug. 9, 2004. I want EVERY voter to know that should you place your faith and confidence in me and vote me into office, I shall faithfully fulfill my military obligation and with God-speed return to fill out my term as your Assessor of Property, pursuant to Tennessee law.

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Obituaries

Randy Joe Shea

Randy Joe Shea, 39, of Dyersburg, a carpenter, a brother of Teresa Blakley, of Halls, died Monday of last week in Pemiscot Health System in Hayti, Mo.

Rites were Friday in Dyersburg City Cemetery, J. W. Curry Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include sons, Randy, Jr., of Dyersburg, and Christopher Lee Shea, of Huntington, Ark.; his mother, Betty June Travelstead, of Finley; brothers, E. P. Travelstead, Jr., of Milan, and Tony Lee Travelstead, of Finley; and another sister, Cindy Powell, of Augusta, Ga.

Bonnie Wallin

Bonnie C. Wallin, 71, of Henning, retired BellSouth supervisor, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens in Memphis.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and of Telephone Pioneers of America.

Widow of Jack W. Wallin, she leaves her step-mother, Mary Sue Cooper, of Ripley; a brother, Calvin Cooper, of 7789 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd.; and sisters, Lillian Sylvester, of 2250 Craig Rd., Ripley, Mary Jane Hemby, of 14097 Hwy. 87 west of Henning, Patricia Turner, of Memphis, and Faye Witt, of Queretaro, Mexico.

Lavelle Barber

Lavelle Barber, 52, of Sarah, Miss., sister of Dale Gallo-way, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Memphis Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Friday in Strayhorn Baptist Church, with burial in Truslow Cemetery, at Sarah, Wells Funeral Home, of Batesville, Miss., in charge.

Survivors include her husband, John Wayne Barber; a son, John Henry Self, of Senatobia, Miss.; daughters, Margaret Self Frazier, of Crenshaw, Miss., and Pauline Self Hudspeth, of Dundee, Miss.; other brothers, Wayne, of Humboldt, and Herman, of Longtown, Miss., and nine grandchildren.

Jerald Hamm

Jerald Hamm, 57, of Dyersburg, father of Dan Hendrix, of 2924 Arp-Central Rd., and Stuart Hendrix, of 1598 Hurricane Hill Rd., died Saturday, in his home.

Rites were Monday in Cornerstone Church of God, where he was a member, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, J. W. Curry Funeral Home, where he was an apprentice funeral director, in charge.

A graduate of Dyersburg High School, he attended Austin Peay State University.

An Army veteran, he owned Hamm Investigative Agency.

He had been co-chairman of the Dyer County Job Service Employer Committee.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie; other sons, Chris Hamm, of Dyersburg, and Keith Hamm, of Jackson; a sister, Joan Enochs, of Jackson; and six grandchildren.

Richard Spear

Richard Harding Spear, 75, of Ripley, retired mechanic, died Thursday of last week at his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Holloway Spear; a son, Charles Spear, of Aurora, Oregon; a daughter, Cynthia West, of Elizabethtown, Ky.; a sister, Joan Howard, of Keene, N.H.; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Crawford

Frances Jean Crawford, 77, of Ripley, retired Southern Bell operator, died Sunday at Baptist Hospital in Lauderdale.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

The widow of Paul Harris Crawford, she leaves a son, Ronnie Crawford, of Ripley; two sisters, Harriet King and Linda Glover, of Ripley; and a grandchild.

Mike King

Michael Wayne King, 52, formerly of Dyersburg, a business owner and contractor, died Tuesday of last week at his home in Longview, Tex.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday of last week in his home and at 11 a.m. Friday at Northside Church of Christ, Dyersburg.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Trosper King; daughter, Whitney; his mother, Maxie Rook; three brothers, Robert King, of Longview, Thomas King, of Dyersburg, and Carl King, of Newbern; two sisters, Cynthia Collier and Janice King, of Dyersburg; his grandmother, Aileen King, of Dyersburg. He was the son-in-law of Lynn and Hazel Trosper, of Ripley.

Mrs. Hardister

Lola Geraldine Hardister, 71, of Brownsville, homemaker, died Thursday of last week in Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery, at Nutbush.

She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Lynn Rose and Randy Rose, of Ripley, and David Binford, of Ripley, Miss.; three daughters, Carol Gabbard, of Memphis, and Debra Grisham and Sherry Collins, of Brownsville; a brother, Oliver Arwood, a sister, Katherine Weaver, and a half-sister, Thelma Arwood, all of Ripley; and 13 grandchildren.

CORRECTION

The baby shower for Kimberly and Vance Brewster was held in their home June 19th, not in the home of Sharon Rose as was published in last week's issue.

Carrie Owens

Carrie Clorine Owens, 81, of Covington, retired cashier, died Sun., July 4th at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Jefferson Mortuary had charge of arrangements.

Survivors include three sons, Rowland Capes, of Covington, James Capes, of Memphis, George Capes, of California; a sister, Ruby Sanders, of Lauderdale County; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Thomas xxx

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love for children that energizes me to work pro-actively on behalf of the community. We have worked to keep our schools accredited; we have received full accreditation for all schools for 2004. We have been successful in retaining our teachers by elevating their salaries to a level comparable to surrounding counties.

I have my pulse on the community and offer the experience to invest ways and means wisely. My greatest wish is to continue to strengthen the schools and allow the children to gain an excellent education within the best educational system possible.

Having raised several generations of children who have attended these schools, I hold my campaign slogan, "For You and Yours", close to my heart and realize that protecting our treasured public school system is a cornerstone of the quality of life in Lauderdale County.

I humbly seek, with your help, to continue to be a part of arming our "Future Leaders" for unlimited endeavors. Your vote and support is appreciated.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

—Sir James Barrie

Readers Speak

Editor,

Right now, somewhere in Lauderdale County, a child is at risk of being poisoned by lead.

That child is not doing anything wrong, just the everyday things that little children do. Crawling on the floor, picking up a toy, chewing on everything from fingers and pacifiers to teddy's ear, all of which could be covered with invisible lead dust.

Though the lead enters the child's blood stream right away, it will take a little time for the symptoms to show up. There is no telling where it might strike first. Lead often attacks a child's developing brain, making it harder for a child to concentrate or do well in school. Lead poisoning can also cause behavioral problems, hearing impairment or even reduced growth. By the time mom and dad notice there is something wrong, the effects may be permanent.

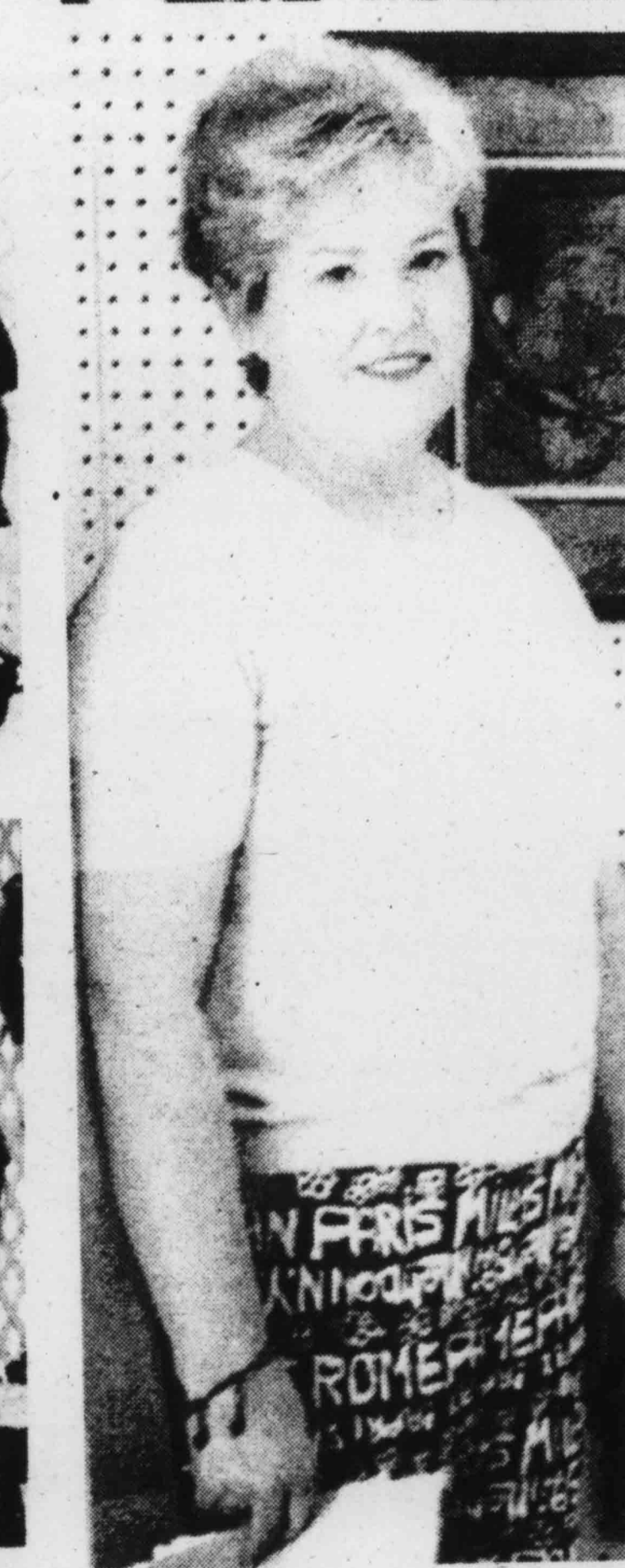
According to the most recent data available, almost one million children under the age of six in the United States have enough lead in their blood to harm them.

With your help we can change this picture. The Lauderdale County Health Department has inaugurated an education and outreach program to give parents and grandparents good practical information about how they can protect children from lead hazards.

We would be very happy to tell you about lead poisoning and about what you can do to protect your child.

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Patriotism Recognized



LARRY AND SHEILA REYNOLDS, of Halls, left, and Cole's Do It Best Building Center, represented by, from right, Mary Bass, Cole Huffman, and April Holmes, were recognized for their outstanding display of the American Flag by the Lauderdale County Exchange Club during the July 1st "Proudly We Hail" meeting. Cole's received the commercial award for the giant flag on Highway 51 Bypass. Exchangeite and program chairman, Wade Stanley, third from left, presented the awards.

In middle photo, Beth Sadler, center, Halls High School graduate and Exchange Club Student of the Year, presented the program by giving her award-winning speech on the lesser-known signers of the Constitution of the United States. She is the daughter of Dennis and Felicia Sadler. Beth is pictured with Mr. Stanley, left, and Exchange Club President Julie Pillow, right.

In lower photo, new members, Mary Beth Massey, left, and Kim McAdams, center, were inducted during the meeting by membership chairman, Tom Scott, right. Massey is employed by the Tina Turner Family Center and McAdams, Bank of Ripley.

Harrell xxx

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another needed accomplishment. The board and staff continually strive to acquire any teaching programs and equipment that will enhance the child's learning process to be a success in life. Our children and schools are often recognized across the state. This is an asset that produces productive citizens that in turn makes our system be a leader to others and our county prosper.

I have been associated with the schools for many years. My husband, John, and I have six children that were educated in the Lauderdale County schools, as well as ourselves.

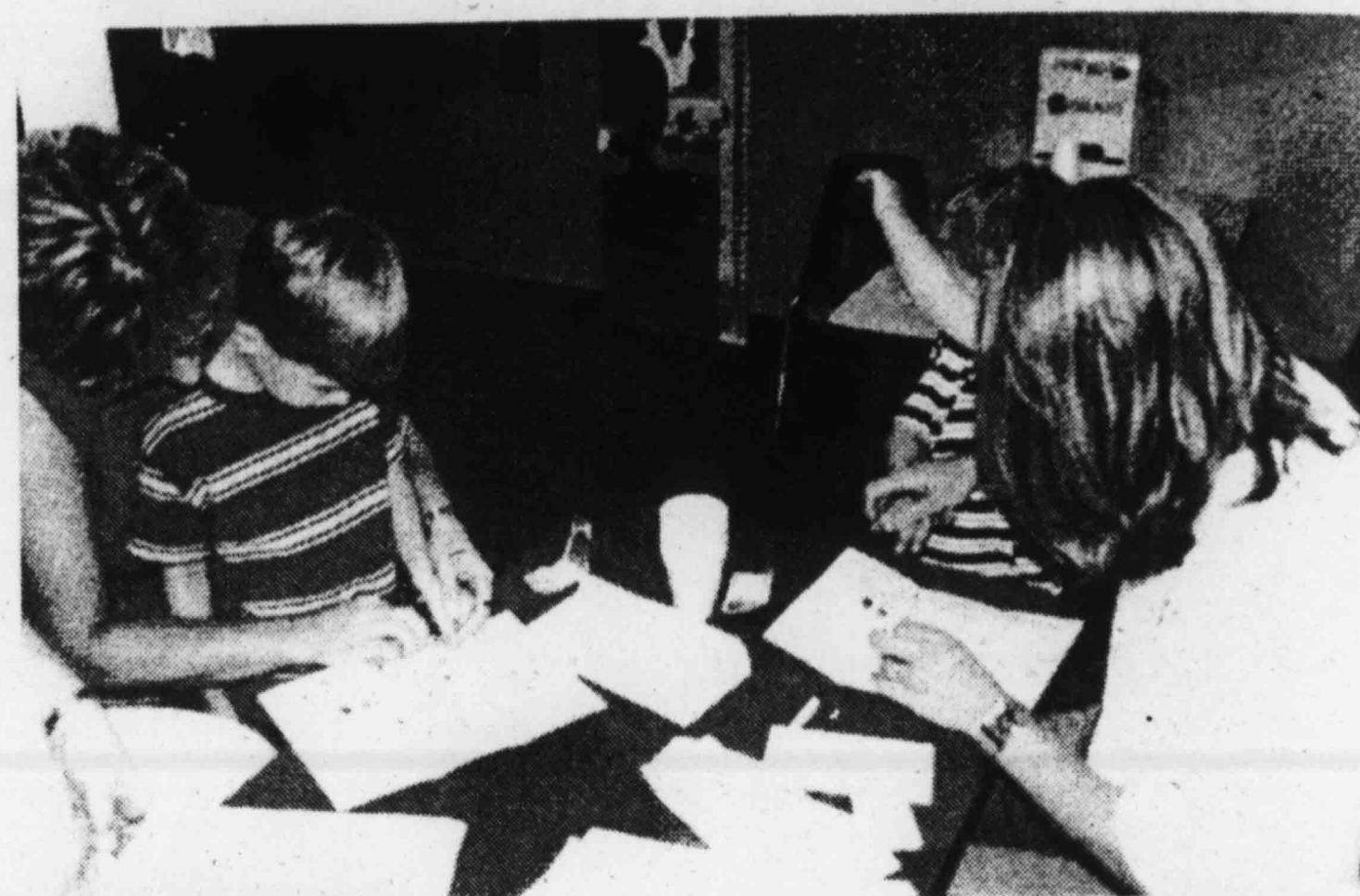
I taught many years in the system and was principal of Curve Elementary. Several of our 19 grandchildren are being educated in Lauderdale County. My parents are Howell G. and the late Alvieta Caldwell. Mother retired as an elementary teacher, my sister, Nancy Peek and my daughter, Cindy, and her husband, Earl Anderson, are teachers in our system. At present, I am employed by Delta Human Resource Agency as Child Care Supervisor. I also have served in various capacities on the administrative board of New Hope United Methodist Church at Central. I will receive my certification as a Level IV School Board member from the Tennessee School Board Association this year.

I want to serve another term on our school board and I want your vote. Please vote August 5th."

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined.
—Henry David Thoreau

Some dream of doing great things, while others stay awake and get on with it.
—Anonymous

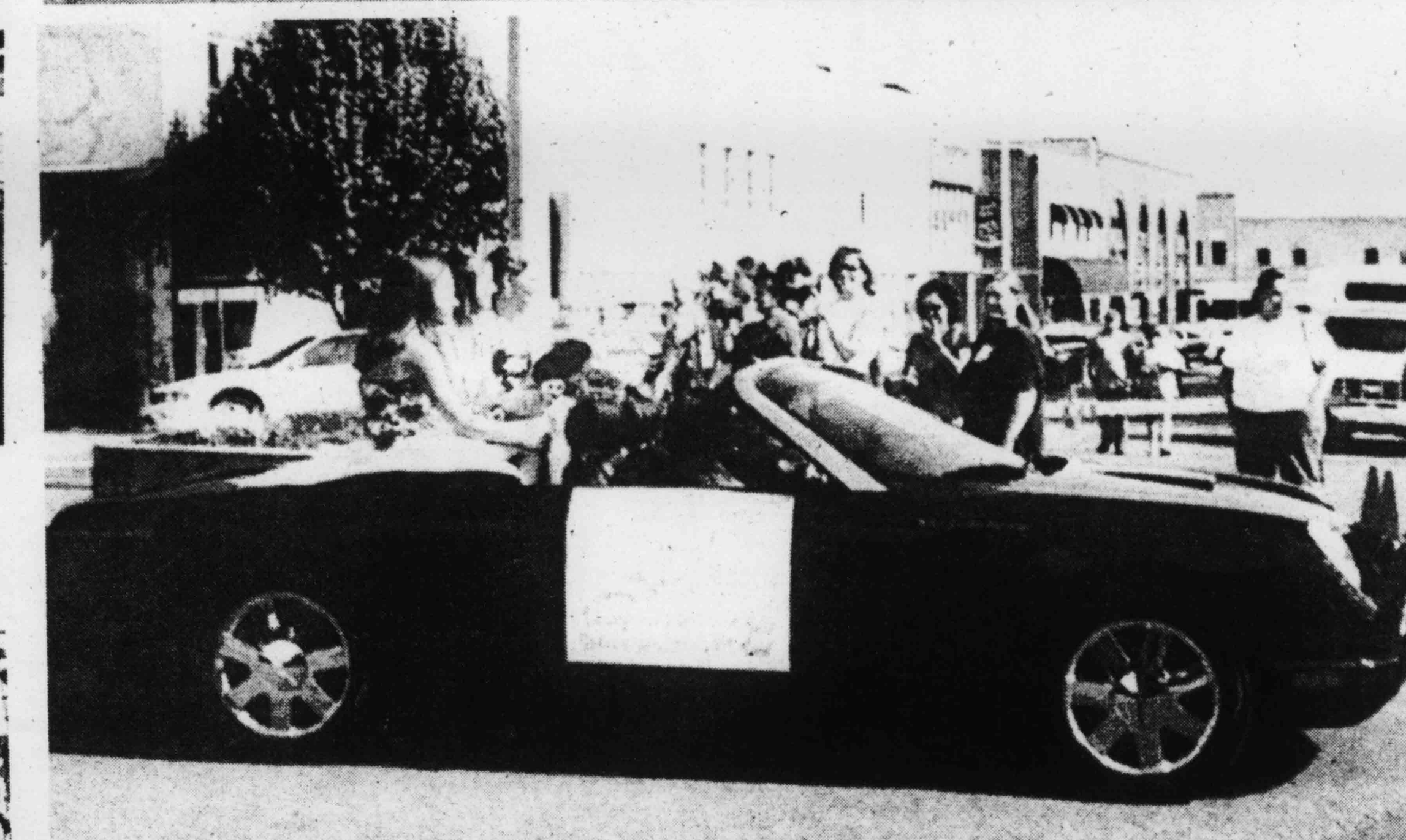
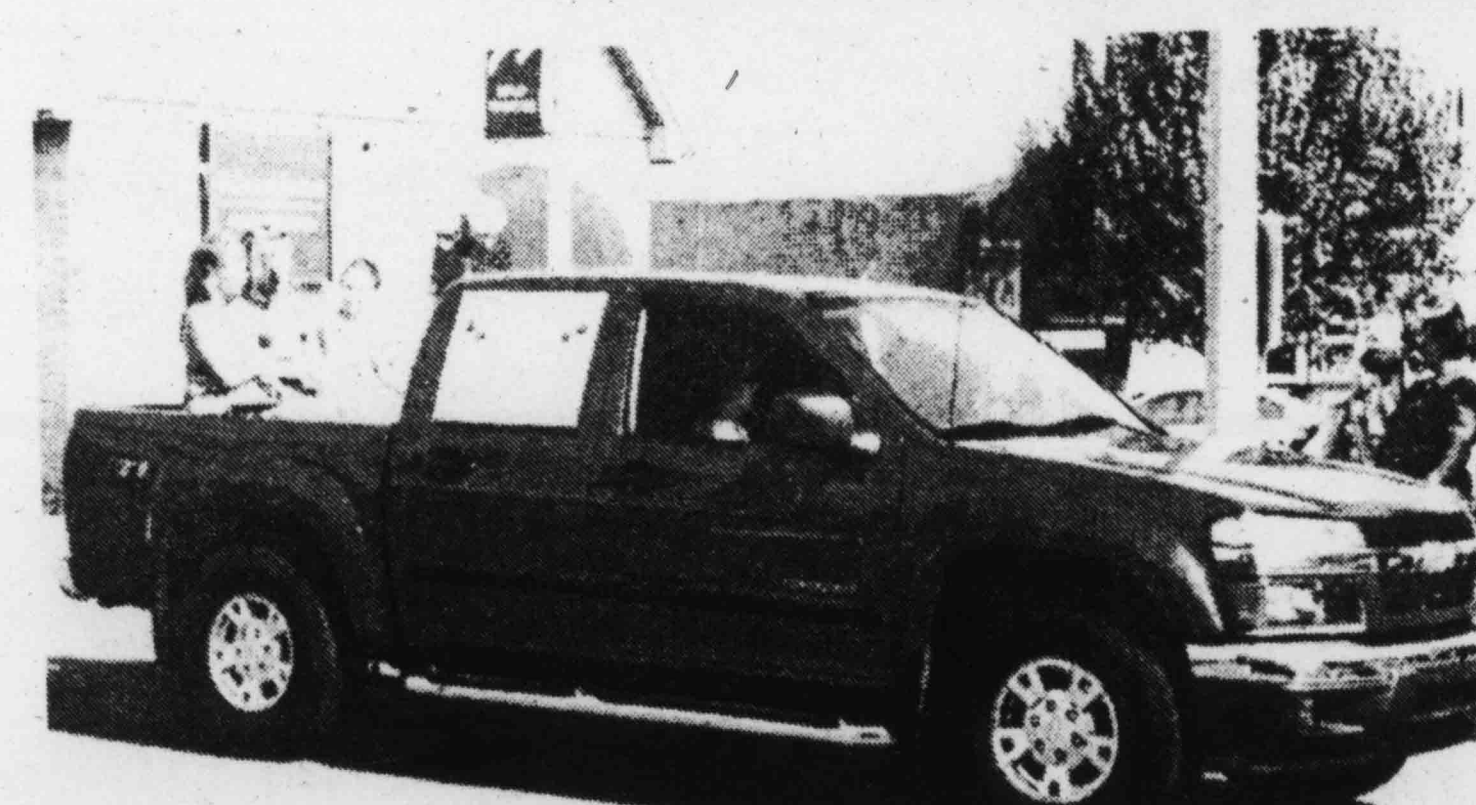
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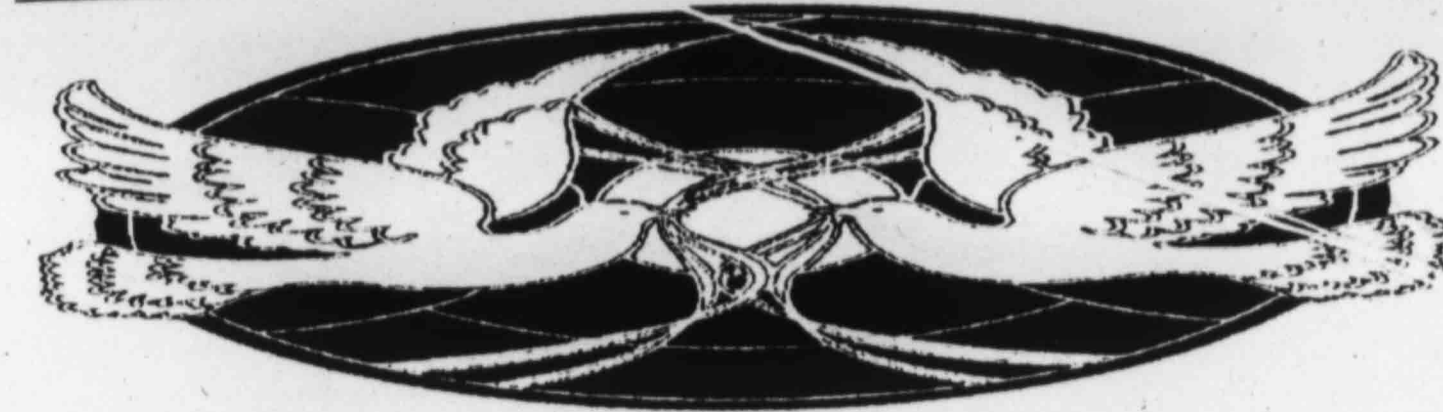
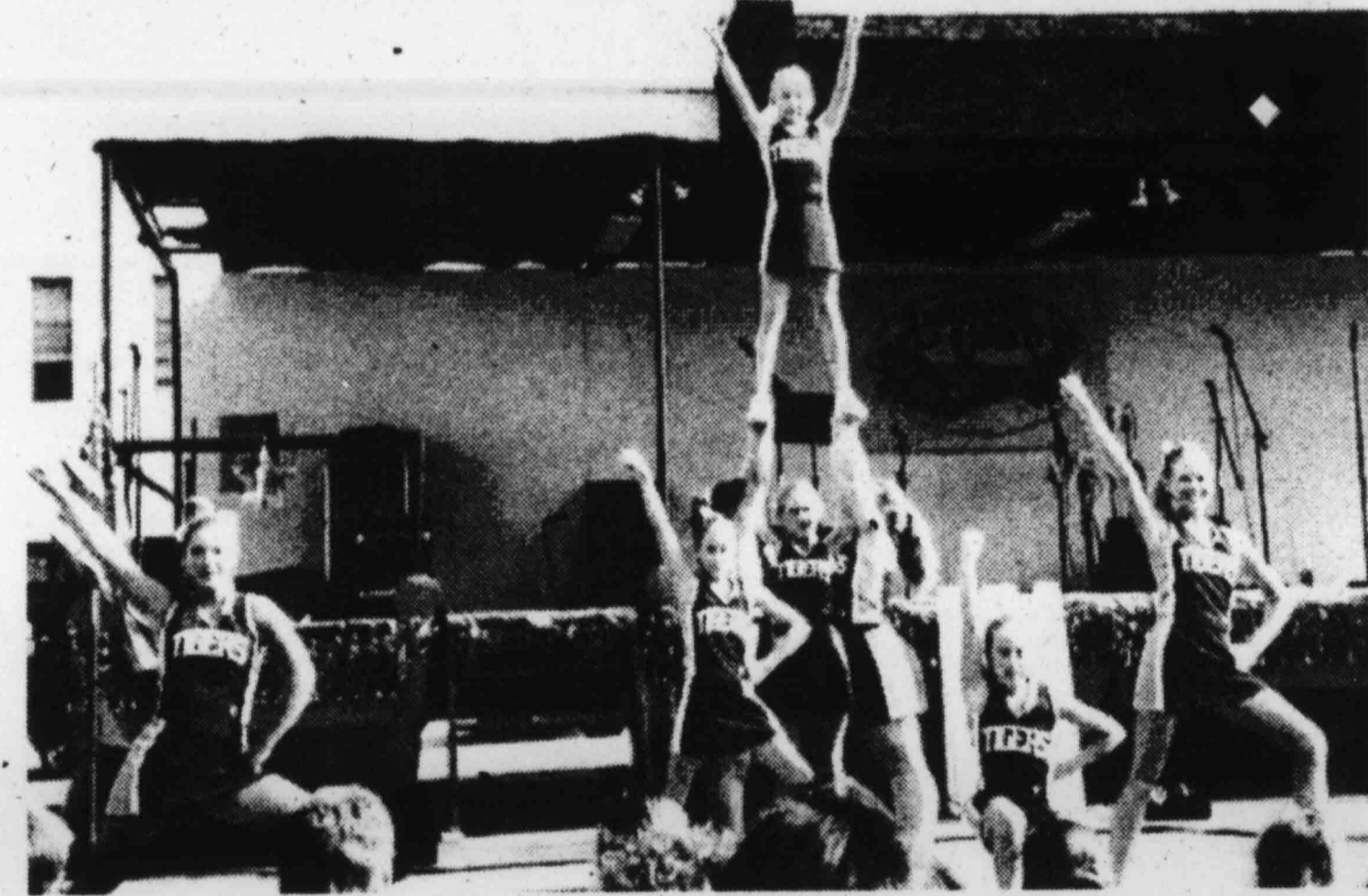
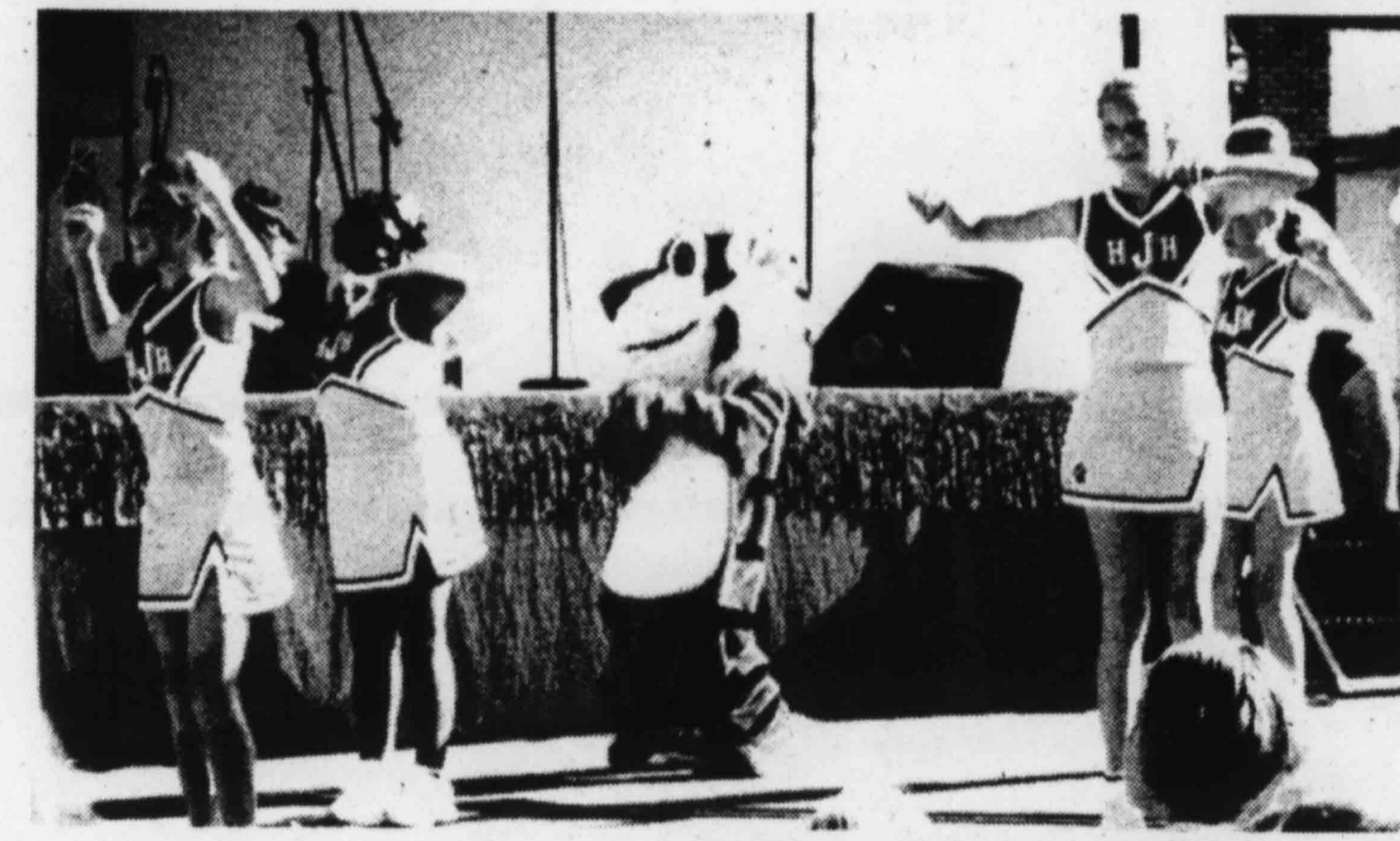


MEMBERS of The Junior Auxiliary of Ripley-Lauderdale County embarked on a new project for children in Lauderdale County, fingerprinting and DNA swabbing. The National Focus of Junior Auxiliaries is keeping children safe, which is exactly what the local chapter had in mind when it started the new project. Members started the activity in May at the Abundant Life Christian School. Each student was sent home with a permission slip for parents to sign, giving consent to either fingerprint their child, take a DNA sample, or both. Each child is assigned a kit, which includes each child's date of birth, age, weight, height, eye color, and parent's names, fingerprints of each finger, and an optional DNA sample. Each child's fingerprints are taken by using discolored ink and special paper, which alleviates any mess. The DNA sample is taken by painlessly swabbing the inside of the child's cheek. This endeavor is a 100% service project, which means Junior Auxiliary will not make a profit from this venture. Mike Allmand, of Ripley Utilities, donated all of the fingerprinting/DNA kits to the Junior Auxiliary. The fingerprinting/DNA project will continue in the fall, when members will begin working with the Lauderdale public school system. In upper photo, Jenny McWilliams and Rachel Criner took the fingerprints of two students. In lower photo, Krissi Miller taking a student's DNA sample.

Of all earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart.
—Henry Ward Beecher

Tomato Festival Highlights





Church Happenings

Enon Baptist Church, in the Nankipoo Community, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly July 19th through the July 23rd. For more information, call 836-0753 or 836-7443. The public is invited.

The Bethesda United Methodist Church, 2170 Hwy. 88 West, Halls, will hold a Bible Institute/Revival at 7 p.m. July 18th through 21st with four different speakers each night. The Rev. Robert Craig, pastor of the Millsfield Parish, will deliver the message Sunday night with his wife, Tiffany, daughter of The Rev. and Mrs. Tom Perkins, performing gospel selections. The Rev. Frank Bratt, former minister of Bethesda and pastor at Spence Chapel near Mayfield, Ky., will deliver the message Monday with Jeannie Vickery and Jane Wiley delivering the musical ministry. The Rev. Ralph Gunter, former pastor of Halls First United Methodist Church and current pastor at Finley United Methodist Church, will deliver the message Tuesday with his son, Steve, and granddaughter, Elizabeth, sharing their talents. The Rev. Terry A. Presson, of Bells First United Methodist Church-Cypress, will deliver the message Wednesday with Janna Scearce providing an organ special and the choir will perform a musical selection accompanied by Scearce and the trombone. The Rev. Perkins, pastor, serves Edith, Melville, and Bethesda Churches. The public is invited.

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, 1255 Dry Hill Rd., Halls, will hold revival services beginning at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sun., July 18th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly July 19th through the 23rd with The Rev. Ron Finger as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C. O. G. I. C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its Youth Day at 3 p.m. July 18th with Evangelist Vivian Renita Porter, author of "From the Bishop's House to the Crack House", as guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Concord United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services at 11 a.m. July 18th with a pot luck luncheon at noon. The Finchers and the Reed Family will provide gospel selections afterwards. The Rev. Clarence Hare, pastor, invites the public.

Faith United Methodist Church, 8301 Hwy. 87 W., in the Cherry Community, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly July 18th through the 20th with Dr. Joe Piercey as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Elcanaan Missionary Baptist Church will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. July 26th through the 30th with The Rev. Felton Williamson, of Peaceful Chapel, Brownsville, as guest evangelist. The Rev. J. E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will host a Youth Fest beginning at 1:45 p.m. July 31st for registration and opening ceremonies will be held at 2:45 p.m. The first band will perform at 3 p.m. and supper will be served at 5 p.m. The main attraction will be held at 6 p.m. and the evening will end at 8 p.m. Reservations can be made, by calling 836-5193 by Fri., July 23rd.

All area youth are invited to attend.

Curve Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon July 19th through the 23rd for ages 2 to 12. The theme is Far Out! Far East! Rickshaw Rally, Racing to the Sun. For more information, call 635-1372.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, at Frog Jump, will hold revival services beginning at 7 p.m. July 18th and continuing at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 19th through the 23rd with Jackie Fincher as guest evangelist. A special prayer will be held 30 minutes before services each night. Special music and testimonies will be held nightly. A pot luck dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday night. Monday is family night, Tuesday, bring a friend night, Wednesday, youth night, with pizza for the youth of all ages at 6 p.m., Thursday, worship with us night, and Friday, ice cream fellowship, with ice cream and cookies following the service.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Sun., July 18th through Thurs., July 22nd with The Rev. Melvin Buford, of New Salem Baptist Church, Bolivar, as guest evangelist. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., July 24th featuring Southern Heritage and Promise. A love offering will be taken and a fund-raiser spaghetti supper for area youth at Halls will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with donations accepted. For more information, call Kirby Ogden, 731-589-2178.

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 3827 Hwy. 51 N., Covington, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Mon., July 26th through Fri., July 30th with The Rev. Marshall Hall, of New Foundation Christian Center, Detroit, Mich., as guest evangelist. The public is invited.

The Frog Jump Quartet will perform gospel selections during morning worship services at 11 a.m. Sun., July 18th at Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., near Henning. Dan Holland, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of God will hold a camp meeting at 7 p.m. July 19th through 23rd with Nic Hill. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

Springhill Baptist Church, Hwy. 78 in Dyersburg, will hold a gospel concert with the Dixie Echoes at 7 p.m. Fri., July 23rd. A love offering will be taken, free admission. This is the first time in three years the group has been in Dyersburg. The public is invited.

House of Refuge Holiness Church, 327 Cleveland St., Ripley, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. Thur., July 15th through Sat., July 17th with different speakers each night. Elder Barbara Roberts, pastor, invites the public. For further information, call 635-4557.

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.

Arrest xxx

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ear receiver, and she heard "yelling and scuffling".

At 11:57 p.m., two Dyer County deputies reported the incident closed, with one person in custody.

Ellis says officers ignored Frazier's suspended driver's license and an open container of beer between Ellis's knees. "They told me to take it home and drink it," Ellis says.

Scallions' family has sought legal advice to pursue damages from Lauderdale County, which has no insurance for such incidents as those alleged.

The Dyersburg State Gazette reports that in January, 2000, Scallions, of 1860 Curve-Woodville Rd., was arrested for attempting to forge \$4,000 in stolen checks at the Little General Store; that he was later arrested three times for driving on a suspended license; and that last November, he was arrested in Dyersburg for public intoxication, assault, and resisting arrest, after a card game.

Police pursued him on foot to capture him hiding behind a Dumpster at the Short Stop store on Lake Rd.

Officers said they had to spray him with a chemical before they could hand-cuff him, and at the jail, he allegedly assaulted an officer before he was again subdued.

The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm but because of those who look at it without doing anything.

—Albert Einstein

The tragedy of life is not so much what men suffer, but rather what they miss.

—Thomas Carlyle

Couple Plan Vows



WENDY GAIL PARKER, daughter of Carol Pipkin, of Ripley, and Rusty and Tina Pipkin, of Nashville, will marry Terry Lee Webster, Jr., son of Jean Webster De'Shields, of Bowling Green, Mo., and Terry Lee Webster, of Curve, at 6 p.m. July 24th at 5596 Conner Whitefield Rd.

The couple will reside in Curve.

Birthdays

July 15 - Bill Davis, Elizabeth Garrett, Kim Kolb, Laura Keller, Brittany Nicole Goodwin, Brad Brown, Crystal Vincent, Justin Baker, Jerri Kay Ward, Becky Jones, Jean Garrett, Shirley E. Weir, Christy Coulston, Seth Sumrow, Myles Clark, Kim Grantland.

July 16 - Amber Kirby, Rachel Freeman, Steven Alford, Addison Carmack, Jo Ann Jennings, Elizabeth McClerkin, Bryant Ward, Judy Bailey, Wade Privett, Erin Steelman, Norman Layne, Amy Smith.

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 Dilard, 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, Dorthea McBride, John Beasley, Shelia Reynolds, Lu-

Receives Award



THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, was recognized June 3rd at the meeting of the administrators for the 17 hospitals in the Baptist Memorial Health Care System for having the Highest Patient Satisfaction scores for the Emergency Department during the months of January through March 2004. New Administrator/CEO, Keon Falkner, presented the staff with their trophy at an indoor Luau held to celebrate the department's award. Dr. Faisal Shamsad is the Emergency Department Medical Director.

There were 12,083 total visits in the emergency room for the year 2003 and of those 3,302 were pediatric visits. The department sees a wide range of cases. Major trauma cases are stabilized first in our emergency room and transported by helicopter to Memphis or Jackson by a 17-minute ride. The Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Pictured at the Luau are staff members, from the left, in front, Cassie Williams, RN (ED Nurse Manager), Michelle Thompson, RN, Mary Williams, RN, and Angela Jones, RN, in middle, Bryan Lester, RN, Faisal Shamsad, MD (ED Medical Director), Ruth McLemore, RN (ED Head Nurse), Michelle Fain, RN, and Amy Binkley, RN, plus, not pictured, Carrie Moore, LPN, Christy Land, LPN, Sandra Pierce, RN, Sherry Fitzpatrick, RN, Anna Boyd, RN, Connie Hensley, RN, Vonda Emerson, RN, John Beasley, RN, Autumn Garrett, RN, Diane Fletcher, RN, Shannon Atchison, RN, Carolyn Conley, LPN, and Heather Medford, RN.

cas 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.

The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.

—Robert Hutchins

ANDREA WALKS

Andrea Conte, First Lady of Tennessee, wife of Governor Bredesen, plans to walk 650 miles throughout different parts of the state as a fund-raiser for Child Advocacy Centers in Tennessee.

This first-ever event will visit the 25th Judicial District, which includes, Lauderdale, Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy and Tipton counties.

Anyone may join the walk/run for a \$35 entry fee/donation and all participants can choose distances that fit their abilities. Donations to the cause are also accepted with all proceeds raised by this portion of the walk going to child advocacy services in the District.

To participate in the event locally, to donate or to volunteer your time, please contact Bethany Kirby, program director, Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center of Tipton County, 901-476-1515

FUND RAISER

The Boys of Troop 63, Ripley, annual fund-raiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital will be July 24th at the City Park. Bring your family, friends, and appetites. Tickets at the gate, \$5 per person, or \$10 per carload. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with gates open at 5 p.m. The proceeds from this event will fund the Scouting program right here in Lauderdale County. A portion will be sent to support the research and treatment of childhood cancers at St. Jude in Memphis.

If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves. —C.G. Jung

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Receives Scholarships



BRENDA MACLIN, second from left, Holly Young, center, and Beth Ray, second from right, were named the recipients of the Adult Education Council Nursing Scholarship. Brenda attends the evening/weekend Munford location of the Four Rivers Regional Practical Nursing Program through the Tennessee Technology Center at Covington. Holly and Beth both attend the day class at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. They plan to graduate in September. Pictured with them are Yvette Dixon, left, supervisor of the Adult Education Program, and Cyronose Spicer, right, president of the Adult Education Council.

The greatest happiness you can have is knowing that you do not necessarily require happiness. —William Saroyan

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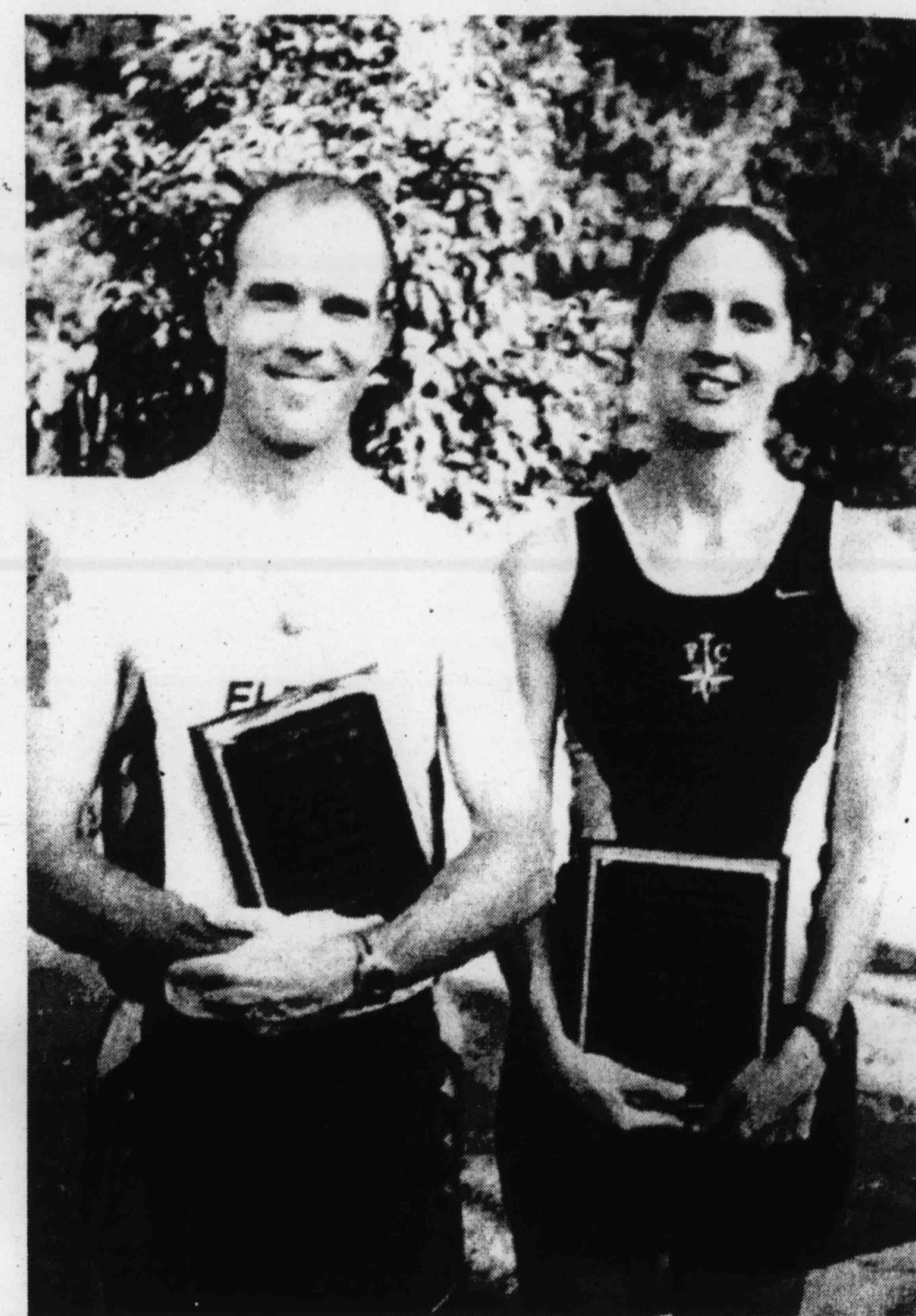
in Lauderdale County. I attended the public school system in Ripley and I am a graduate of the class of 1981. My husband, John, and I have 5 children, two of which attend Lauderdale County Schools and one will be starting soon. I have been employed at Wal-Mart Supercenter for ten years where I am the grocery manager. My family and I are members of New Bethel Church, in Cherry. I would like to thank each one of you for your support and vote.

All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers. —Orison Swett Marden

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength and his pleasure. —George Sand

5K Winners Named



JONAS HOLDEMAN, left, of Germantown, with a time of 16:58, was named the male overall winner of the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale and First Citizens National Bank, Sat., July 10th. The race began and ended at the front entrance to the Hospital. Female Overall winner was Jessica Myers, right, of Halls, with a time of 21:20.

Tomato Festival Winners Named

Winners, in the annual Tomato Festival contests, include, for the baby crawling contest, Rachel Daniels, 11 month old, child of Kevin and Heather Daniels, of Ripley, first place; Emerson White, 10 months old, child of Chris and Mary Claire White, of Eads, second place; and Quinn Hoxie, child of Jesse and Hillary Hoxie, of Jacksonville, Fla., third place.

Barbecue cooking contest winners include, Ribs: 2 Little Pigs, of Dyersburg, first place; Comtrax, of Germantown, second place; Overall

Winners/Smokin Overalls, of Memphis, third place; and TN Backwoods/Brian Booth, of Henning, fourth place.

Shoulders: 2 Little Pigs, first; Simply Sam's BBQ, of Ripley, second; Rose Integrated Service, of Covington, third; and overall Winners/Smokin Overalls, fourth.

Everything Butt: 2 Fat Larry's, of Memphis, first; Guard Shack Cookers, of Hornbeak, second; Darren Kissell, of Ripley, third; and 2 Little Pigs, fourth.

The grand champion was 2 Little Pigs.

The float of Autumn Hills/Lauderdale Homes, LP and Buehler Affordable Homes was named the winner in the parade.

Tennessee Technology Center At Ripley

127 Industrial Drive, Ripley

will be offering the following two night classes:

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WINDOWS XP

Meets Thursday, beginning July 29, 2004
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (total of eight weeks)

This introductory course is designed for individuals who have basic computer experience and wish to expand their knowledge of Microsoft Windows. Students must be familiar with using a keyboard and mouse before taking this course. Prior experience with Windows 98/ME is advised, but not required.

Cost of class: \$91 tuition, plus \$50 book

Computer Fundamentals

Meets Monday, beginning July 26, 2004
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (total of eight weeks)

This course is designed for individuals who have little computer experience and for those wishing to expand their computer knowledge. Students will start by learning the basics of computer technology, and then progress through more advanced topics, such as hardware and software operations, using the Internet, and basic networking fundamentals. NOTE: This is not a Windows course. Students must be familiar with Windows and know how to use a mouse before taking this course.

Cost of class: \$91 tuition, plus \$50 book

Interested students may register for either class at the center Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until July 23, 2004. Limited registration available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class must have a minimum of eight (8) enrollees. For further information contact the center at 731-635-3368.

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Land Transfers

July 2 - Rodney C. Hines and Janet Hines Hurt to Travis M. Byrd, Jr. and Pamela J. Byrd, lot.
Tina Marie Reeves to

Willie M. Jester, Dist. 12, lot.
Tina J. Reeves to Willie M. Jester, Dist. 12, lot.
Tina J. Reeves to Willie M. Jester, Dist. 17, lot.
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becca Wood Grimes, Judith Carolyn Viar, Judith Carolyn Viar, trustee, and Lon R. Viar III Testamentary Trust to Charles M. Joyce, Dist. 2, lot.
Jerry Buckner to Clara

Jean Blackwell, Dist. 3, lot.
July 6 - Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Doug McFarland, 3,240 acres.
Joe Max Davis and Billy Wayne Davis to Joe Max

Davis, Dist. 16, lot.
Raymond E. Ellis, trustee, and Raymond Ellis Trust to Carl D. Belmont, Dist. 7, 2 lots.
Joe Max Davis and Billy Wayne Davis to Bart Davis, Dist. 16, 2 tracts.
Byron C. Golden to Corey Manns, Dist. 2, lot.
July 8 - Mary Mount Haislip and James Haislip to Michael C. Ross, Dist. 7, lot.
Cecil Mosby to Larry Cooper, Dist. 2, lot.
Randall's Auto Sales to Randall Moore, Dist. 17, lot.

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Marriages

June 18 - Ricky Joe Prestridge, 37, to Katherine Heidi Baker, 28, by Frank McMeen.

July 2 - Brian Keith Arwood, 33, to Janet Ann Maness, 44, by Pam Deen.

Timothy Charles Vincent, 36, to Jenny Marie Prater, 22, by Gary A. Green.

Jackie Dwane Biggs, Jr., 28, to Candace Lynn Taylor, 20, by Don Medford.

Billy Lee Belew, 44, to Dana Jo Burns, 36, by Tracy Henson.

July 3 - Matthew Dewitt Fullen, 21, to Tera Lynn Moore, 19, by Don Medford.

July 4 - Richard Alan Mauppins, 24, to Tina Renee Michaels, 28, by Herman L. Reviere.

Charles Henry Grimes, 61, to Peggy Jeannette Nelson, 40, by T. L. Crihfield.

Edward Charles Franklin, 53, to Carolyn Faye Wells, 40, by Lajoy Currie.

July 8 - Buster Clyde Rust, 52, to Theresa Ann Owens, 47, by T. L. Crihfield.

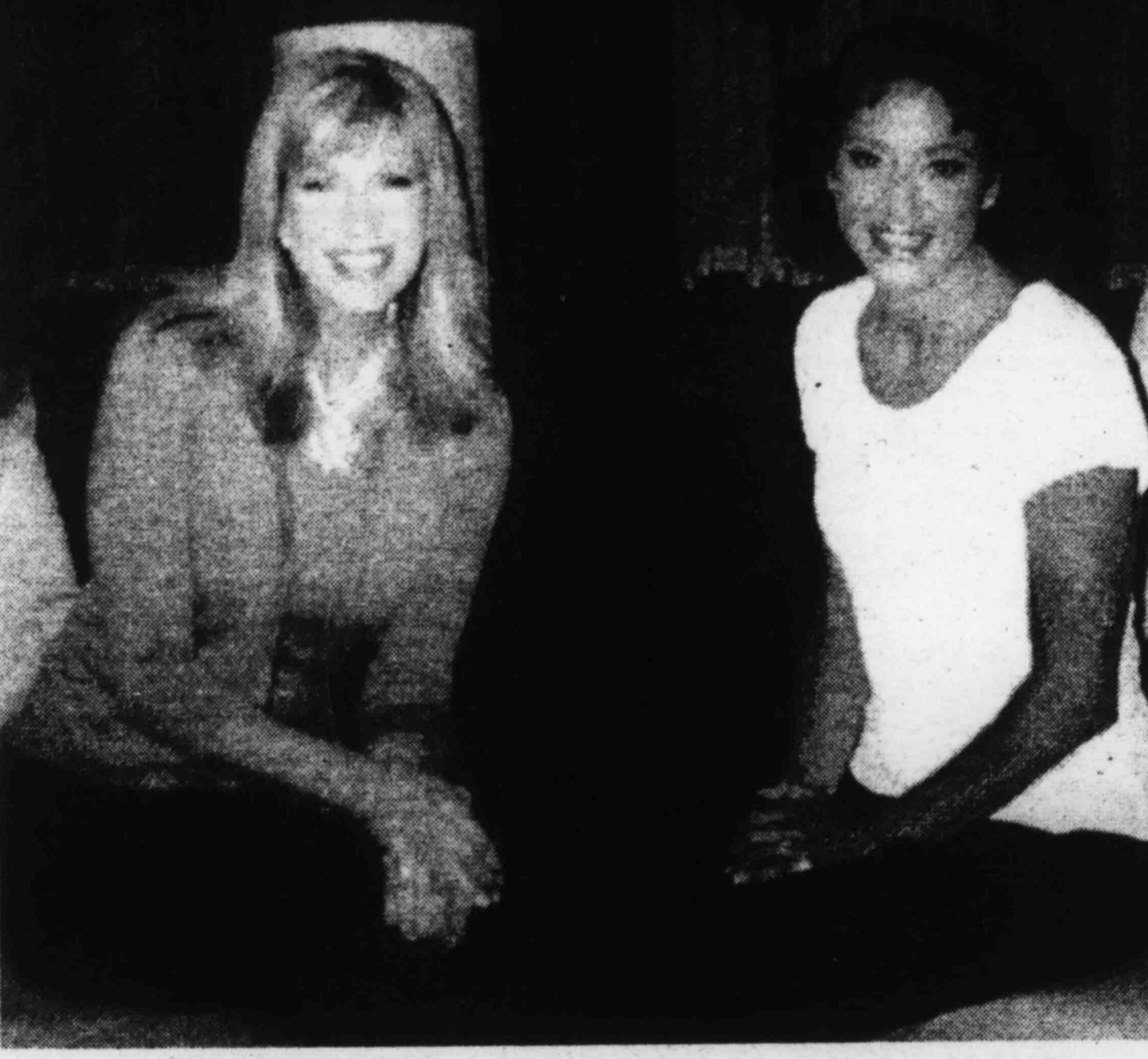
July 9 - Johnny Wayne Littles, 30, to Melissa Nell Adkerson, 25, by Tracy Henson.

Good humor makes all things tolerable.
—Henry Ward Beecher

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Hostages In TV Special J.H. Cheshier, County Commission To Halls Mayor Decide Fate Of Kissells



THE STUDENTS and Dana Incrocci, right, Dyersburg State Community College Pre-Algebra teacher, who were held hostage by knife and gunpoint Sept. 17, 2003 for 9-1/2 hours, will be the focus of a "Lifetime" channel special, *What Would You Do?*, planned for broadcast at 10 p.m. Sat., Aug. 7th, hosted by Leeza Gibbons, left. The 13 students and Incrocci never imagined after such a horrifying experience their story would reach the studio of Lifetime. The documentary will briefly explain the ordeal and experts will reveal what others should do in such a situation. Producers interviewed several students by telephone and traveled to Dyersburg in mid-March for personal interviews. Incrocci was invited to Hollywood to finish the documentary at the studio. Students participating in the interview included Tina Baker, Angela Bishop, Chasity Farley, Jacob King, Michelle Lemaster, Amanda Queen, Sarah Smith Thurmond, and Shannon White.

James Henry Cheshier, 88, twice Mayor of Halls (1973-74, 1981-83), died Friday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

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

He had managed Dyer Lumber Co. in Halls and had been co-owner of the Friendship Funeral Home.

A Mason, he was a member of First United Methodist Church in Halls and of its Methodist Men's Club.

He leaves his wife, Katherin Allen Cheshier; a son, Hugh, of Savannah; daughters, Jane Crihfield, of Halls, and Ellen Henderson, of Jackson; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

During an administrative hearing, Tuesday night, the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority Board, comprised of county commissioners, voted 8-1 to recommend to the full Lauderdale County Commission to relieve Ambulance Authority Director Myron Kissell and Assistant Director Peggy Kissell of their duties at the next monthly meeting. The Kissells have been suspended, without pay, since June 28, 2004. After a lengthy hearing, board members, Charlie Moore, John Bates, Talmadge Crihfield, Danny Hartsfield, Carolyn Pilcher, Eugene Pugh, Judy Conrad, and Ronnie Elder voted yes. Thomas Spiller was the only dissenting vote. The Kissells were represented by Attorney Steve Crain.

Seeks Votes Robin Meeks



JAN PATTON MOORE is announcing her candidacy for Constable of the 7th District August 5th. She made the following statement.

I will be seeking the office of my late father, Gene Patton, as constable of this district. I have lived here all of my life and I would appreciate your vote and support.



ROBIN MEEKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Meeks, of Halls, was inducted into the Athletic Trainer Hall of Fame in Columbia, Mo. She has been an athletic trainer at Southwest Missouri State University since 1988. She is described as a professional that performs her duties with a high degree of accuracy and is a very competent and consistent individual. Robin graduated from Halls High School, received her undergraduate

Max Held For \$8,000 Theft

Timothy Lee Max, 44, of 5969 Edith-Nankipoo Road, has been indicted by a Tipton County grand jury for theft of \$8,000 in cash from Baskin Tractor, Inc., in Covington.

Robin graduated from Halls High School, received her undergraduate (Continued On Page 5.)

Candidate



R. KEITH DAVIDSON, of Ripley, announces his candidacy for election to the school board in District 6. He issued the following statement.

"I have two children in the Lauderdale County school system, which gives me a vested interest in the progress and direction of our schools. I look forward to working with the parents and teachers of Lauderdale County, as well as the (Continued On Page 5.)

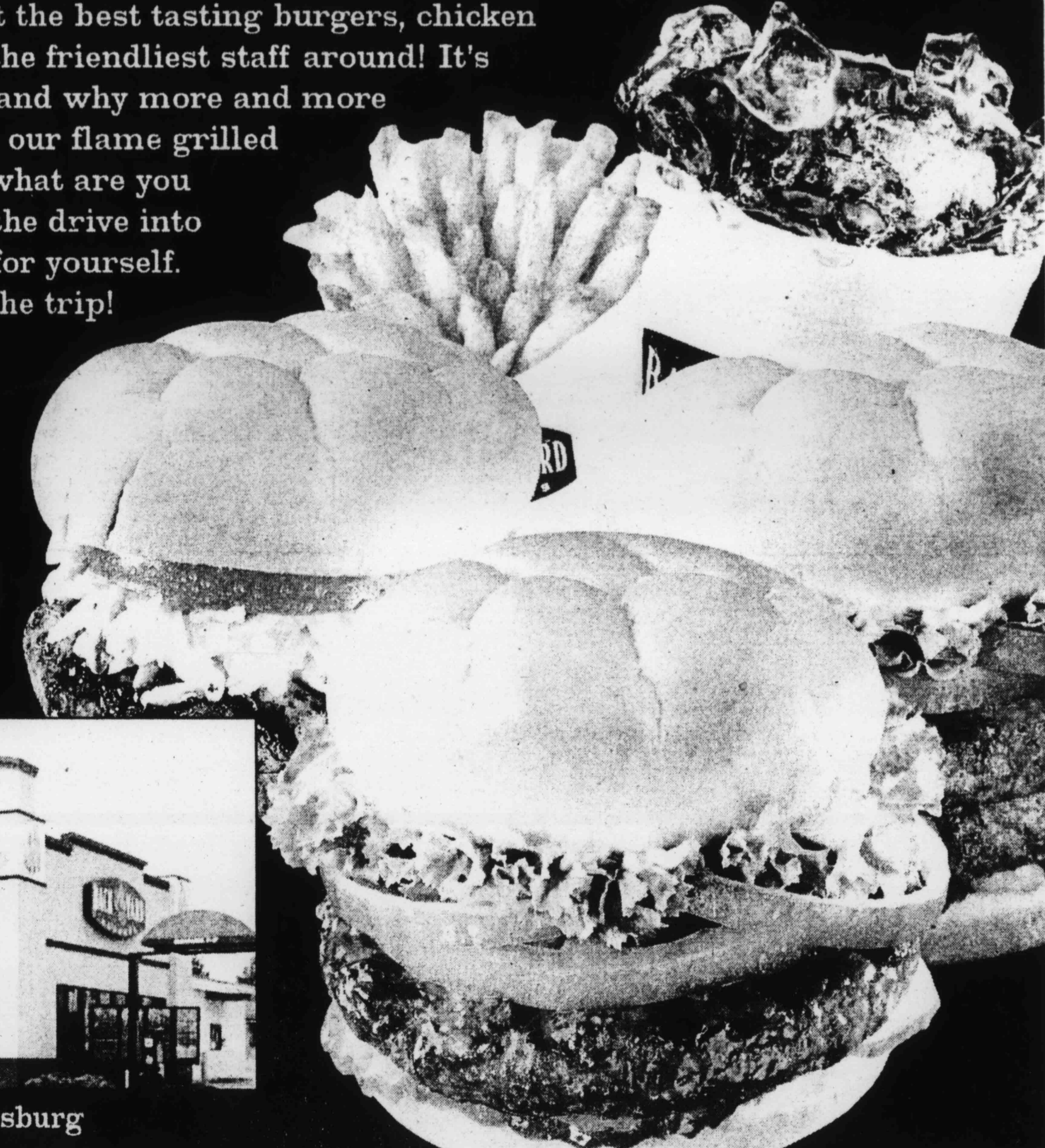
Heart Patients To Beware of Letters

According to the American Heart Association, at least one fraudulent letter has been sent to heart transplant candidate, encouraging them to fill out personal information on a "physicians release form" and return to a P. O. Box in Dallas. The letter apparently suggests that by participating in a government study they can get priority for a transplant. Their AHA heart and torch service mark is being used in this letter without their knowledge or endorsement.

It is unknown whether this is an isolated incident or more widespread. If any candidates receive this or a similar mailing, notify the American Heart Association at Legal Department, American Heart Assoc., 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Tex. 75231-4596 or faxed to 214-373-9818.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Lauderdale County Republican Party will hold an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tues., July 27th at Emily's Restaurant on Highway 51 in Ripley. All Republican voters are invited to attend and participate after a Dutch treat dinner.

To accept good advice is but to increase one's own ability.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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Teacher's Journey



MRS. PATRICIA PATRICK, daughter of Eugene Meeks, of Halls, and French teacher at Bartlett High School, returned July 7th from a 14-day journey to Paris, Nice, and Avignon in France, Venice, Florence, and Rome in Italy, Monte Carlo, and Monaco. A highlight of the trip was a gondola ride for the group in Venice. They are pictured standing in St. Mark's Square in front of the Doge's palace. She is planning a trip to Sweden, Denmark, and Norway for June of 2005. If anyone wishes to join the next tour group, call 901-496-8434 for information.

WORKFORCE AWARD

Dyersburg State Community College's Northwest Tennessee Workshop Board recognized for its contribution to

successful partnership under the "Economic Development" category at the Tennessee Workforce Partnership Summit.

Elaine Perryman, Administrator for the Tennessee Employment and Workforce

Development said in presenting the award, "The key to winning in the Economic Development category was the successful integration and strategic planning of local elected officials working in collaboration with both existing and new workforce partnerships to implement an economic vision." The winning program was Dyersburg State's Fast Track LPN to RN Program.

The goals of this program are many: To assist area health care providers in meeting their demand for Registered Nurses by increasing the RN workforce, to improve the area's health care services, and provide working LPNs the opportunity for advancement and increased income.

Students began participating in the DSCC program in the Fall 2003 semester. For Spring 2004, the program has 18 students. The vast majority of these students are continuing to work as LPNs full-time while attending school. Instructor Pam Burris said she was impressed with the

students and all that they are able to accomplish.

In addition to the stated goals of this program, the benefits have had personal meaning to 18 individuals who were able to begin working towards a dream that seemed impossible a year ago. Other immediate benefits of the program are that area healthcare providers are one step closer to having their immediate workforce needs met, and it has helped pave the way for future collaboration to address other pressing healthcare needs and issues in Northwest Tennessee.

The other achievement awards presented by the State Workforce Development Board paying tribute to Tennessee's 13 Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) were for outstanding achievements in developing quality programming in the areas of Education/Training, and Employment Opportunities.

The Workforce Board serves residents of Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, and Tipton counties.

Newborn



AUBREE C. BREWSTER, 5 lb. 7 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Jr., of Halls, was born June 30th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Measuring 18-1/4 inches long, Aubree Claire is the granddaughter of Tammy and Mike Vaughn and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Sr., all of Halls. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Adams, of Friendship, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brewster, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold "Shorty" Vaughn, of South Fulton. Pazetta Adams, of Friendship, is her great-grandmother.

CLARIFICATION

Kelly Simpson, who was listed as involved in the Scallions case, published in last week's issue, is not Kelly Simpson Moore, wife of Brian Moore, mother of Madison Griggs, and daughter of Raymond and Michelle Simpson and Tommy and Jean Mills, of Ripley.

If the individual is narrowly concentrated on the goal, to the exclusion of other relevant aspects of the problem situation, he is often unable to achieve a solution. The creative thinker must stand sufficiently detached from his work.
—Mary Henle

Duties of the Assessor Of Property

REAL PROPERTY

- Through Deed And Transfer Documents Recorded In The Register Of Deeds Office, The Assessor Maintains Current Ownership And Creates New Parcels Through A Mapping System.
- The Assessor Is Responsible For Physically Inspecting All Parcels In The Jurisdiction And Listing The Characteristics Of The Property That Create Value.
- Property Is Valued Using The Three Approaches To Value - Sales Comparison, Cost And Income (Used For Income Producing Properties).

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- The Assessor Is Responsible For Assessing All Commercial And Industrial Personal Property.

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NOTICE

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Mon., Aug. 2nd at Halls City Hall.

A public hearing at 6:45 p.m. will precede the meeting concerning:
2004-2005 Tax Rate Ordinance
2004-2005 Proposed Budget Ordinance

Obituaries

Clara Grigg

Clara Dell Jones Grigg, 88, of Dyersburg, the mother of Billy Jones, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

She was a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Odie B. Jones and Frank Grigg.

Survivors include another son, Odie, Jr., and a daughter, Shirley Thurmond, of Dyersburg; other daughters, Carolyn Krzeminski, of Lake City, Fla., and Judy Welch, of Palm Beach, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Walker

Linnie Ruth Palmer Walker, 53, sister of James Robert Palmer and Aline Barnies, of Ripley, died July 11th in West Tenn. Transitional Care in Jackson.

Rites were held Saturday in Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Haywood County, with burial in the church's cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Jessie Walker, daughters, Linda and Teresa Palmer and Barbara Jean Walker, another brother, Curtis Lee Palmer, and other sisters, Annie V. Anthony, Mary Louise Davis, and Ola Mae Shaw, all of Brownsville; and nine grandchildren.

W. H. Robbins

Willard Herbert Robbins, 77, of Dyersburg, father of Norma Kay Riggs, of Ripley, died Saturday in his home.

Rites were Sunday in Sorrells Chapel Cemetery, Dyersburg Funeral Home in charge.

A Dyer County constable for 18 years, he was self-employed at the Southtown Flea Market.

He was a member of South Side Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie; sons, Roger and Ronald, and other daughters, Wanda Robbins, Crystal Baucum, Kathy Mallard, and Rebecca Jones, all of Dyersburg; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Emma Bishop

Emma Claire Bishop, 21-month-old granddaughter of Billy Bishop, of 1922 Central Curve Road, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton, Covington.

Rites were Sunday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Townsend Cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, Tracy Terry and Billy Bishop II, and her grandfather, Sam Beard, of Covington; her grandmother, Sue Hankins, of Dyersburg; and great-grandparents, John Bishop, of Ripley, Inez Haynes, of Brownsville, and Clifford and Ruby Adkins, of Burlison.

Paul Stanley

Paul Stanley, 85, retired farmer, died Sunday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

A World War II veteran, he was a member of Halls' First United Methodist Church.

He leaves a brother, Carlton "Bug" Stanley, of 85 Pennington Road, Halls.

Mary Cubine

Mary Cubine, 61, of Ripley, 911 dispatcher, died Saturday, in her home.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Fraternal Order of Police building in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of Charles Cubine, she leaves sons, Mike, of Memphis, and Steve, of Hollywood, Calif.

Memorial gifts to St. Francis Animal Rescue in Clarksville, Tenn., would be appropriate.

Bessie Brown

Bessie Louise Brown, 64, widow of James Brown, died Saturday in Primary Healthcare in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial at Mary's Chapel.

She leaves a son, John, of Bartlett; brothers, Bob and J. C. Hendren, of Ripley, Nevel Hendren, of Henning, Douglas Hendren, of Indiana, and Paul Hendren, of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Shelyv Lusk, of Michigan; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Campbell

The Rev. Kamaill R. Campbell, 59, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Creola, Ala., and former pastor of Whitefield Assembly of God Church in Ripley from 1981 to 1988, died Thurs., July 8th at his home.

Services were held Mon., July 12th at Radney's Funeral Home in Saraland, Ala.

A graduate of Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla., he served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War and later pastored churches in Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, and Alabama. He was a Rotarian.

Born and reared in Kingsport, he leaves his wife, Jacklyn, three daughters, Kim, Keri, and Kourtney, all of Creola; and three brothers, Sam, Kenneth, and Jack, and three sisters, Leta Marshal, Patricia Galloway, and Gaynell Smith, all of Kingsport.

Mrs. Duvall

Bertha Irene Duvall, 81, wife of Frank Duvall, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

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

She was a member of the Dyersburg Church of God.

Survivors include her son, Frank, and a daughter, Linda Pipkin, of Ripley; a brother, Thomas Thompkins, of Olive Branch, Miss.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Donald Rickard

Donald Dewayne Rickard, 44, of Memphis, a painter, grandson of Frances Gitchell, of Halls, died Sunday in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Grace Cemetery at Central, Christian Funeral Directors in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Whitney Rickard, his parents, Daisy and Doug Rickard, and a brother, Dustin, of Memphis; and another brother, Doug, and a sister, Denise Leavell, both of Lebanon.

Mrs. Crowder

Jackie Lynn Crowder, 31, wife of Steve Lewis Crowder, of Halls, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Ripley Church of God, where she was a member, with burial in the Dry Hill Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include her father, Freddie Lee Ward, and a sister, Vickey Watkins, of Ripley; her mother, Carolyn Hughes, and a sister, Lanna Hammons, of Halls; and her grandmother, Mary Benham, of Nashville.

Mrs. Patterson

Mrs. Evelyn Patterson, 68, widow of Maynard Harrell, Jr., and Joy Patterson, died Wednesday of last week in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

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

She was a member of Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

She leaves her mother, Clydie Walpole, and a daughter, Judy Harber, of Halls; another daughter, Kaye Jones, of Ripley; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Sanders

Gertrude Sanders, 94, widow of Henry Sanders, died Sunday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were held Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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

Survivors include sons, Thomas Sanders, of Memphis; and James Sanders, of Memphis; daughters, Jennie Odell, of Newbern, and Margaret Gray, of Memphis; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Homer Byars

Homer R. Byars, 69, of 3122 Poplar Grove Road, Halls, retired maintenance worker for U.S. Steel, died Sunday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Halls Funeral Home has charges of services.

A Navy veteran of the Kore-

Cleveland Broglin

Cleveland Broglin, 63, of Ripley, retired engineer at A. O. Smith, died Monday at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Nona; two sons, Chris Broglin and Jeffery Davis, of Ripley; a daughter, Cindy Alexander, of Jackson; a brother, Bobby Cox, of Ripley; two sisters, Kathy Ivy, of Ripley, and Wanda Scott, of Knoxville; and four grandchildren.

A. W. Howard

Arthur 'A. W.' Howard, 88, of Halls, retired factory laborer, died Tuesday at Baptist Hospital in Lauderdale.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He was a member of Westside Baptist Church, in Halls.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian; two sons, Gailey Howard, of Memphis, and Mike Gooch, of Halls; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Simpson

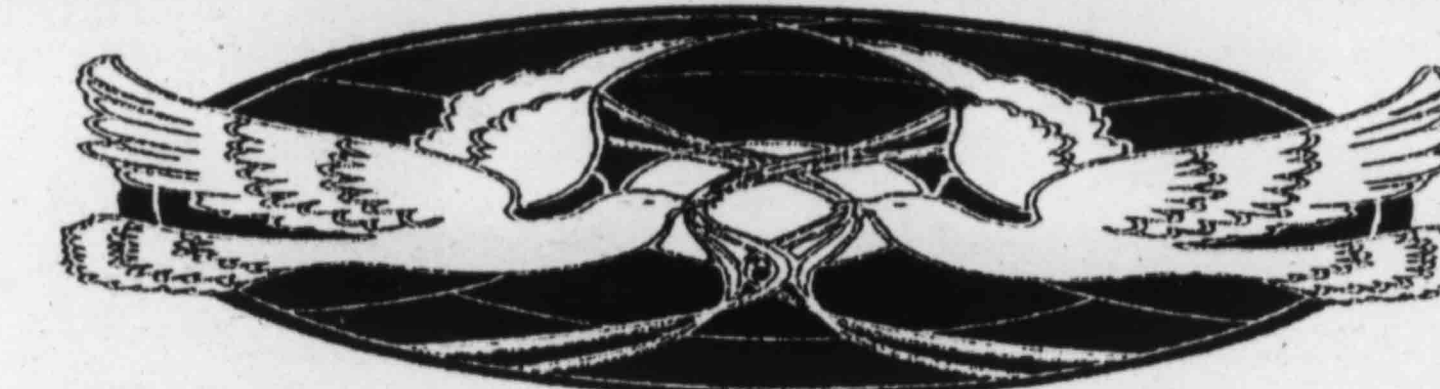
William Simpson, 64, of Ripley, died Monday in his home.

Memorial services are pending.

Per his wishes, his body was donated to science.

Survivors include his wife, Dale; a son, Edward Simpson, of Alameda, Calif.; three daughters, Michelle Lawson, of Ventura, Calif., Nicole Cougher, of Shelton, Wash., and Janna Clack, of Los Osos, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

an War, he leaves his wife, Sharon A. Nichols Byars; one daughter, Janice Jernigan, of Dyersburg; brothers, James, of Valparaiso, Ind., and Leba Leroy Byars, of Dyersburg; sisters, Edna Qualls, of Newbern, and Sue Walker, of Dyersburg; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.



Church Happenings

Lightfoot United Methodist Church will hold its homecoming services at 11 a.m. Sun., July 25th with The Rev. Wendell Smith delivering the morning message. A pot-luck luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. Take time to 'come home' and share in this special day.

Open Door Baptist Church will hold Sunday services beginning at 10:30 a.m. July 25th at the large pavilion in the Ripley City Park. Southern Heritage will perform gospel selections and a pot-luck luncheon will be served. The public is welcome. For more information, call 731-635-4039.

Gates Baptist Church will hold dedication services for pew Bibles and pulpit furniture in memory of Bro. Gus Hughes and Mrs. Ruby Daniel at 11 a.m. Sun., July 25th with David Hughes, grandson of Gus, delivering the message. A luncheon will be served at noon in the activities building of the church. The public is invited.

New Bethel Church, 4540 Hwy. 371 West, Henning, will hold its annual 'Pack-A-Pew' service at 3 p.m. Sun., July 25th with T. J. Lewis, pastor, of Greater St. John Church and the church family, of Covington, as special guests. Larry L. Dixon, pastor, invites the public.

Elim Baptist Church will hold revival services beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., July 25th with Sunday School, worship services at 11 a.m. with The Rev. Greg Gilbreath, a luncheon at noon, and The Frog Jump Quartet performing gospel selections at 1:30 p.m. Services will continue at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fountain of Life C. O. G. I. C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly July 21st through 23rd with the theme, Spotlight on Jesus. Sat., July 24th a church picnic will be held at the park, known as the "Black Top" in Halls. The public is invited.

Elcanaan Missionary Baptist Church will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. July 26th through the 30th with The Rev. Felton Williamson, of Peaceful Chapel, Brownsville, as guest evangelist. The Rev. J. E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will host a Youth Fest beginning at 1:45 p.m. July 31st for registration and opening ceremonies will be held at 2:45 p.m. The first band will perform at 3 p.m. and supper will be served at 5 p.m. The main attraction will be held at 6 p.m. and the evening will end at 8 p.m. Reservations can be made, by calling 836-5193 by Fri., July 23rd. All area youth are invited to attend.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., July 24th featuring Southern Heritage and Promise. A love offering will be taken and a fund-raiser spaghetti supper for area youth at Halls will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with donations accepted. For more information, call Kirby Ogden, 731-589-2178.

Student Ambassadors



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, named as 2004-2005 Dyersburg State Community College Students Ambassadors, include, from left, Michael Thorpe, Juanita Finch, Melinda Olds, Amy Midkiff, and Eboni Overall, plus, not pictured, Ashlea Turner. The student ambassadors are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress, promote and participate in student activities, and familiarize with the college and its programs and services.

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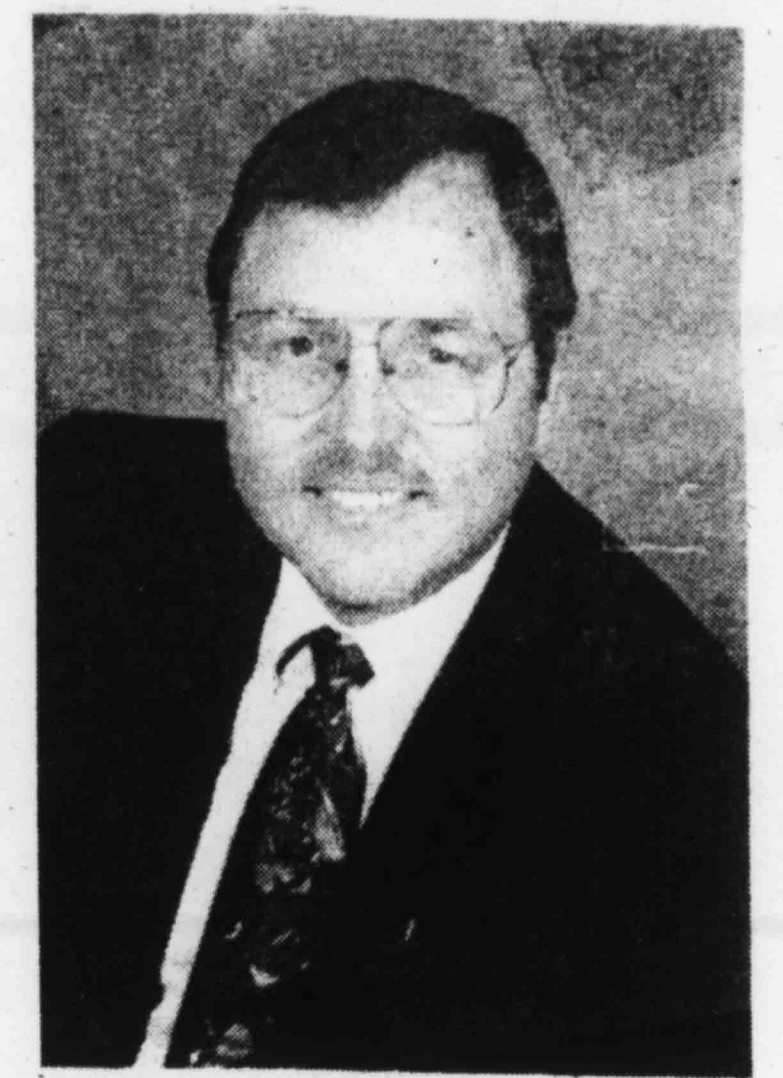
degree from the University of Memphis and her Master of Arts in 1980 from the University of Northern Iowa.

After receiving her Master's degree she joined the athletic training staff at the University of New Hampshire where she attended to the women athletes and was the director of the undergraduate athletic training program.

In 1988 Robin began her current position at Southwest Missouri State University. She is currently the Assistant Director of Athletic Training Services at SMSU. She attends to the needs and supervision of all 21 Division 1 intercollegiate teams. She teaches, handles the administrative needs of the athletic training room and is a clinical instructor among other responsibilities.

Robin is currently a member of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association and has served on several committees including the Advisory Committee for the State of Missouri Board

Minister



CHRISTOPHER C. WARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward, of Halls, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist Church, Erwin in East Tennessee for ten years, was named director of missions for the Riverside Baptist Association. He is also director of Seminary Extension of the association and a member of the associational youth council.

He has also served as pastor for Gleason First Baptist Church; Jones Chapel Baptist in Paris; Eva Baptist Church; Leatherwood Baptist and Houston Baptist in Waynesboro; and assistant to the pastor/youth minister of a church in Georgia.

A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned the doctor of ministry degree, he is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., and Union University in Jackson.

He has served on the Arrangements Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and as moderator and vice moderator of Holston Baptist Association, based in Johnson City.

Ward and his wife, Susan, have two daughters. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bishop, of Camden.

Clothes and manners do not make the man, but when he is made, they greatly improve his appearance.

—Henry Ward Beecher

It is not enough to speak, but to speak true.
—William Shakespeare,
A Midsummer Night's Dream

of Healing Arts and the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

CANCER SUPPORT

The Hope Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 29th at Ripley's First United Methodist Church.

"It is our hope that not only cancer patients, but caregivers too, can benefit from this group setting. It always helps to discuss your problems with others, as well as your good news," said Annie Laura Jennings, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society.

Light refreshments will be served. Call 635-2171 or 635-9741 for more information.

HHS Class of 1949 Holds Reunion



MEMBERS of the Halls High School Class of 1949 held its 55th annual reunion July 17th at the Fraternal Order of Police building in Ripley with 23 attending from a class of 39. Attending were, in front, from left, Aunita McNeil Emerson, Lynne Crihfield Hudson, Marion Norman David, Martha Alice Haynes Godwin, Frances Watson Harris, Juanita McNeil Stanley, Margaret Voss Allen, Cindy Ashford Webb, Helen Paige Hale, Lula Muril Sadler Meadows, and in rear, Jackie Belton, Hertis Daugherty, Barton Simmons, Pat Avery Savage, Jane Hall Comstock, Romaine Smith, Gilbert Sanders, Tommy Simmons, Geneva White Pope, Jane Smith Larkin, Betty Edens, Clyde Simmons, and Marilyn Lightfoot Field. They remembered classmates deceased, including, Ray Caviness, Douglas Collins, Elizabeth Cates Collins, Joan Hoggard Emerson, Bobby Hale, William Archie, and Glover Throgmorton.

Birthdays

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, Douglas Elmore.

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 Tumbow, Roger Jetton, Tina Anderson, Martha Massongill, Richard Hargett.

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,

Ambria Platzke, Jane Vaden.

July 26 - June Hatch, Elaine Gruggett, Dolph Smith, Shelly Ogden, Lottie Savicz, Peyton English, Sandra Hughes, Shirley Webb, Vicki Edwards, Summer Edwards, Adron Wiggins, III, Lee Roberts, Teresa Chisholm, Alecia Wagoner, Jerry Elton Carmack, A. W. Howard, Debbie Walker.

July 27 - Warren Nunn, Daniel Moore, Debbie McCormack, Blake Savely, Katie Curtis, Lindsey Bowie, Emilie Hendren, Matt Fullen, Geneva Crihfield, Brandon Carmack, Susan White, Shakya Gooch.

July 28 - Herman Reviere, Laddarus Henderson, Leslie Hamby, Teresa Henderson, Rachel Anthony, Karl Prescott, Rita Dowling, Mike McBroom, Amanda Winn, Jerry Homer, Rita Barnes, Ricky Homer, Heather Hickman, John Parsons, Laura Beth Hill.

Divorces

William Freddie Clark vs. Brandy Lynn Clark.

Anniversaries

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

July 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones.

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

July 25 - 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. Jerry Crihfield, 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.

You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again.

-Bonnie Prudden

Halls Summer Concert



HALLS Summer Concert Series continued Thursday of last week.

Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep.

-Fran Lebowitz

Leggett Family Reunion Slated

The 29th annual Leggett family reunion will be held beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 1st at the Fraternal Order of Police building, 196 Viar Ave., Ripley. A pot-luck luncheon will begin at 1 p.m. All family members are invited.

Marriages

June 9 - Gary Alexander Webb, 43, to Jacqueline Deniece Braden, 36, by Louis Sanders.

July 10 - Arthur Vincent Mallory, 43, to Audry Elaine Brown, 33, by Harold Blackwood.

To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first.

-William Shakespeare, Henry VIII

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE VOTERS OF DISTRICT 8

I am running for your school board representative in District 8. However, my National Guard unit, the 230th Area Support Group, has been mobilized effective August 4, 2004. I plan to continue my campaign for office, but if I don't get to see you prior to the election on August 5th, I do apologize. If you elect me, I will assume my seat on the School Board upon my return from active duty. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times.

Sincerely, Dave Strong

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will be offering the following two night classes:

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Meets Thursday, beginning July 29, 2004

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (total of eight weeks)

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Cost of class: \$91 tuition, plus \$50 book

Computer Fundamentals

Meets Monday, beginning July 26, 2004

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (total of eight weeks)

This course is designed for individuals who have little computer experience and for those wishing to expand their computer knowledge. Students will start by learning the basics of computer technology, and then progress through more advanced topics, such as hardware and software operations, using the Internet, and basic networking fundamentals. NOTE: This is not a Windows course. Students must be familiar with Windows and know how to use a mouse before taking this course.

Cost of class: \$91 tuition, plus \$50 book

Interested students may register for either class at the center Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until July 23, 2004. Limited registration available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class must have a minimum of eight (8) enrollees. For further information contact the center at 731-635-3368.

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Weststock 2004

Halls Westside Baptist Church

705 Sumrow St., Halls

will host a

Youth Fest

Sat., July 31st

With Ripley's "At The Cross" & Mississippi's "J. P. Wallace Band"

Beginning at 1:45 p.m. - Registration

Opening Comments at 2:45 p.m.,

First Band to Perform at 3 p.m., Supper at 5 p.m.,

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the church office, 836-5193, Gary Wilson, 635-

8186, Shannon Blackwood, 836-5395, John

Compere, 836-6138, or Jerry Broglin, 836-5293

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Halls T-Ball Cardinals



MEMBERS, of the Halls T-Ball Cardinals, 4-5 year olds, include, in front, from left, Cole Edwards, Mariah Cafrack, Callie Belton, Tanner Patterson, Conner Wright, and Wade Cherry; in middle, Justin McNeill, Keeley Fowler, Dayton Gay, Tabor Hurt, Haley McCalister, Andrew Harris, and Will Hartman; and in rear, coaches, Chris Hurt and Kevin Wright.

Attends 4-H Camp



JR. 4-H CAMP was held June 14th - 18th at the Buford Ellington Training Center in Milan with 103 junior campers and 16 teen and adult leaders attending. The theme was "Go for the Gold". 4-H members from Decatur, Fayette, Hardin, and Weakley Counties also attended.

During the week, campers participated in swimming, ga-ga, putt-putt golf, sporting events, making crafts, rifle range, mud tug-of-war, Land Olympics, scavenger hunt, archery range, cooking over an open-pit, riding in paddle boats, canoeing, fishing, and a campfire.

4-H sponsors who provided scholarship money for the camp included Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Lauderdale Community Living Center, FCE Council, and Do So, Curve-Woodville, Town and Country, Variety, and Bexar FCE Clubs. Teen and adult leaders attending included Bryan Burnett, Phillip Ezekiel, Jr., Tyler Fitzhugh, Miranda Hopkins, Rachel Isaak, and Leah Meyer, Kelvin Bates, Rita Chaires, Phillip Ezekiel, Julie Harper, Matthew Harrell, Jamal Holloway, Anita Michaels, Glenda Pearson, Alisha Williams, and Vanessa Wilson, along with JC Dupree and Jane H. Connell, extension agents.

Land Transfers

July 9 - Mike Douglas to Reginald E. Henning, Dist. 2, lot.

Allen Buette Bradford to Lori Buckner, Dist. 12, lot.

John Michael Cunningham, Taylor Lois Cunningham, Jonathan Dewayne Cunningham, Kathy Forsythe to John Michael Cunningham and Bethany Ann Cunningham, Dist. 12, lot.

Joe T. Parker and Florence Parker to Charlene Parr, Dist. 16, 2 acres.

July 12 - Ginger L. Blakely, Lavon Goodman, and Ginger Lavon Goodman to Dan B. Bennett and Saantha Bennett, 1.00 acres.

Annie Laura Jennings to Tonya Jacobs and Mike Ja-

cobs, Dist. 12, lot.

Paul B. Betz and Jackie S. Betz to Matthew McWhorter and Savannah J. Willard, Dist. 2, 2.11 acres.

July 13 - Debra J. Robinson to Beverly A. Patton, Dist. 2, lot.

Robert S. Maclin III, E. Denby Brandon, Trustee, Ann M. Mehrling, Robert S. Maclin, Jr. Estate, Margaret C. Cepparulo, Co-Exec. and E. Denby-Brandon, Co-Exec. to James E. Ray, Dist. 2, lot.

July 15 - Margaret Criner to Coy E. Summar and Annie K. Summar, Dist. 2, 7.291 acres.

Jimmy Dewayne Webb to Bobby Kerby, Dist. 12, 1.0 acres.

In America, an hour is 40 minutes.

-German saying

U OF M DEAN'S LIST

Lauderdale County students named to the dean's list at the University of Memphis for the spring semester include Jimmy R. Carroll, Jr., Jana M. McCCommon, Jeremy L. McBroom, Kristen M. Mitchell, Jonathon D. Mooney, and Kelli Tidwell, of Ripley, Richard J. Schoepke and James E. Vaden, Jr., of Halls, and Christina M. Cleek, Elizabeth M. Houghtaling, and Timothy C. Manley, of Henning.

Under all speech that is good for anything there lies a silence that is better. Silence is deep as eternity; speech is shallow as time.

-Thomas Carlyle

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Aug. 7, 2004

County, Sheriff, Dahl Seeks Ambulance Authority 2 Deputies Sued House Seat Sued For 'Sleep Time'

Christopher Lee Scallions, who has been in Baptist Hospital in Memphis since June 25th, with a broken neck, paralysis below the neck, and ventilator-dependency, has filed suit in the U.S. District Court in Memphis for \$100,000,000 in damages, plus punitive damages, from Lauderdale County, County Sheriff Louis Craig, and two deputy sheriffs, Kenneth N. Richardson, the deputies sued both individually and as county officers.

The suit alleges that: "Immediately prior to the events which give rise to this complaint, Scallions and Brandon Long (hereinafter "Long") had been engaged in numerous argumentative telephone conversations.

"On Thursday, June 24, 2004 Scallions was a passenger in a green 1995 Grand Prix automobile belonging to, and being driven by Curtis Merritt, Sr. (hereinafter "Merritt"). Also in the car were Roy Ellis (hereinafter "Ellis") and Kenneth Brashier, a.k.a. "Petie" (hereinafter "Brashier").

"On the evening of June 24, 2004, Merritt drove Scallions by Long's

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Dave Dahl has announced his candidacy to become the next State Representative of the 82nd district. He issued the following statement. "Lauderdale County deserves better than what it has received the past several years. I am asking for your support to help give the people of Lauderdale County a much-needed voice in Nashville. It is time for us to step up and do what is right for this district.

In order to secure a strong future for the counties of Crockett, Dyer, and Lauderdale, we must first invest in our children." He plans to focus on reducing class sizes and fully funding the Basic Education Plan (BEP).

Over the past few years, (Continued On Page 5.)

Thirteen Emergency Medical Technicians employed by the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority have filed suit in U.S. District Court in Memphis, charging that they "were not paid for appropriate sleep time, had meal times deducted even if they worked through the meal time, and had over-time impermissibly calculated."

They ask the allegedly unpaid wages plus an equal amount as damages.

Complainants are James Bailey, Phillip Glenn, Michael Kissell, Greg Mills, and James Tettleton, of Ripley; Marty Ellis, Autumn Garrett, Terry Janda, and Eric Newman, of Gates; Gene Young, of Maury City; Danny Parker, of Dyersburg; Chad Nichols, of Trimble; and Kevin Brogdon, of Jackson.

COUNTY FAIR

A Lauderdale County Fair is scheduled for August 26th-29th, 2004, at the Dyersburg Army Airbase in Halls. The Chamber is hard at work making plans to make this a memorable event. Preliminary plans include several contests, livestock displays, fair rides, food and craft vendors, a fireworks show, (Continued On Page 5.)

Schools Receive \$100,000 Grant

Ripley Elementary School and Ripley Primary School were awarded a \$100,000 Comprehensive School Reform Grant from the State Department of Education.

Texas Culver, assistant principal at RES, wrote the grant application for the school with the focus of the school's plan to be used for Fast ForWord, a scientifically-based, computerized program with substantial possibility for increasing student achievement in language development.

Donald Wieber, assistant principal at RPS, wrote the grant for this school with the focus of the school's plan to sustain, on-going scientific

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Lauderdale County's New Teachers



NEW LAUDERDALE COUNTY TEACHERS for the 2004-2005 school year for Lauderdale County include Mandy Bushart, Christie Crews, and Joan Hill, Halls Elementary School; Thomas Arnold, Sandra Brandenburg, Tina Chalk, Miakia Nathaniel, Karen Norfolk, Brett McComb, and Teresa Taylor, Lauderdale Middle School; Doug Crowder and Vicky Lake, Optional/Alternative School; Tina Hartsfield, April Jetton, Billie Kissell, Pam Langley, April Merando, Jeannette Tippett, Shalonda Turner, and Danielle Weaver, Ripley Elementary School; Mary Coffman, Curtis Griffith, Deborah Mitchell, Elaine Neal, Reed Willis, and Jeff Wyatt, Ripley High School; and Linda Beatty and Kathy Johnson, Ripley Primary School.

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Know people for who they are rather than for what they are.
-Anthony J. D'Angelo

People need to respect each other's concerns and differences. And frankly, there's far more in common than divides us.
-David Dinkins

Bebop was about change, about evolution. It wasn't about standing still and becoming safe. If anybody wants to keep creating, they have to be about change.
-Miles Davis

Our bravest and best lessons are not learned through success, but through misadventure.
-Amos Bronson Alcott

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FIRE ENFORCEMENT

Tennessee Fire Marshal Paula Flowers is stepping up enforcement of a state law requiring that all fires be reported to the Fire Marshal's office within 10 days of the incident.

In a July 20th letter to city and county leaders and fire chiefs from across the state, Flowers explained the importance of reporting fire incidents through online Tennessee Fire Incident Reporting System (TFIRS). The enforcement of the reporting requirement is part of Commissioner Flowers' continuing effort to reduce Tennessee's high rate of fire death.

"The reporting requirement has been in the law for years and yet some of the largest and best staffed fire departments in the state have failed

to provide us with this critical information," said Flowers, who is also Tennessee's Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance. "It is extremely important that department's report through this free, user-friendly program.

Alone, there were 143 fire deaths in Tennessee, a 40% increase from 2002, according to Vital Records statistics collected by the Dept. of Health. Without the data from TFIRS, the Fire Marshal's office has no way to analyze the causes of those fires, determine who is most at risk, or target its fire prevention efforts.

TFIRS software and online training is free and additional training is provided at a minimal cost through the Fire Service and Codes Academy or through regional training sessions hosted by the State Fire Marshal's Of-

ice. A task force has been appointed which includes firefighters, codes officials, insurance professionals, and state officials to study and take a comprehensive approach to Tennessee's fire death problem.

Marriages

July 10 - Von Kristaphor Murphy, 18, to Amanda Leigh Akins, 18, by Bobby Mooney.

July 15 - Paul Stephen Merando, Jr., 30, to April Leanne Morris, 22, by Jeff Ownby.

July 17 - Wendell Gene Smith, Sr., 51, to Jennifer Lynn Vaughn, 41, by Clarence E. Hare, Jr.

July 20 - Tommie Jean Johnson, 71, by Steve Marlin.

July 20 - Billy Ray Lemons, Jr., 27, to Gwendolyn Carol Lemons, 27, by Don Medford.

Land Transfers Celebrating

July 19 - Union Planters Bank NA to Russell L. Prince, Dist. 3, lot.

Thomas E. Bowers and Shirley L. Bowers to Peter J. Davis, Dist. 14, 5.00 acres.

James E. Thompson to Stuart Shoaf, Dist. 6, 11.404 acres.

July 20 - Marion Rodenhouser to Alvin D. Permenter and Constance I. Permenter, Dist. 16, lot.

Brenda Lynn Harmon, William M. Harmon, Billy M. Harmon, Willie Mae Harmon, and Harmon Enterprises to William A. Maxwell and Timothy Ray Carter, Dist. 6, lot.

Roy Lee Bonds and Roy Lee Bonds, Jr. to Nathaniel Beard and Aletha Beard, Dist. 2, 4.00 acres.

Monroe Boyd Currin and Lillian Currin Palmer to Lazell Beard and Lue Vinner Beard, Dist. 12, lot.

July 22 - Dave W. Cooper, Rosanne B. Cooper, and Roseanne B. Cooper to Anthony J. Funaro and Theresa L. Funaro, Dist. 8, 20.00 acres.

Birthdays

July 29 - Charles Thompson, Courtney Nix, Elizabeth Anthony, Matt Lemons, Carson Reynolds, Dylan Klutts, Will Jacques, Gwen Johnson, Michael McAlister, Jr.

July 30 - Beth Richards, Peggy Reviere, Lisa S. Hankins, Sammie Sue Reviere, Derek Young, Dana Ferguson Rose, Wendi Henry, Gary D. Maness, Andy Baggett, Katherine Litles, Jerry Jenkins, Tim Smith, Nathan Cole Smith, Whitney Kee, Tony Tinker, Quincy Richmond, Carolyn Wright.

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

Aug. 1 - Stephen Herron,



LUCILLE BELTON will be honored from 2 to 4 p.m. Sat., July 31st at Enon Baptist Church fellowship hall for her 80th birthday. In lieu of a gift, donations to Enon Baptist Church would be appropriate.

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 Duval.

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

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

Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater.
-Gail Godwin

We succeed in enterprises which demand the positive qualities we possess, but we excel in those which can also make use of our defects.
-Alexis de Tocqueville

Reasons To Elect Jimmy Johnston Assessor Of Property



- ✓ If Elected I Will Be Available To Take Office Immediately
- ✓ I Have No Outside Business Interest
- ✓ I Understand The Needs Of The Farming Community
- ✓ Experience In Plotting Lots And Using Land And Aerial Maps
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ELECT JIMMY JOHNSTON ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY

AUGUST 5, 2004

Paid For By Jimmy Johnston

Obituaries**Mrs. Langley**

Mildred Jenkins Langley, 90, widow of Hubert E. Langley, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Monday in Ripley Church of Christ, where she was a member, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, Robert Langley, Jr., of Columbia; three daughters, Janet Colvin and Rose Vasilko, of Ripley, and Linda Lovejoy, of Camden; a sister, Rose Louise Smythe, of San Diego, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Deason

Gracie Lee Deason, 60, of Dyersburg, sister of James Andrew Frame, of Halls, died Sunday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Dry Hill Cemetery near Halls.

She had owned a house cleaning service.

She attended the First Baptist Church in Tiptonville.

Survivors include sons, David F. Deason and Billy Wayne Deason, of Ridgely, and Mark Wade Deason, of Newbern; a daughter, Tammy Louise Warden, of Dyersburg; other brothers, Gary Frame, of Searcy, Ark., and L. V. Frame, of Florida; sisters, Sadie Pearl Deason, of Dyersburg, Ada Vivian, of Blytheville, Ark., and Jean Vivian, of Searcy, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Floyd E. Harris

Floyd Earl Harris, 67, of Brighton, brother of Virginia Walton, of Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were entrusted to Munford Funeral Home.

An Air Force veteran, he was a home siding contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Brister Martz Harris; sons, Kevin, of Brighton, and Ronnie, of Munford; daughters, Lucretia Newman, of Covington, and Rhonda Sherman, of Chicago, Ill.; a brother, Claude, and another sister, Ruby Elzie, of Covington; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Larry Keen, Retired Teacher

Judith Ann 'Judi' Smart Keen, 59, wife of Larry Freeman Keen, of 323 Pennington Rd., Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week in Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, for which she served as session clerk, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She had served as treasurer of Delta kappa Gamma, a teachers' sorority, and was a member of the Town and County FCE Club. She had taught school at Halls Junior High School and Ripley High School.

Survivors include a son, Randy, and a daughter, Shelly Kimble, of Ripley; a sister, Fran Addicott, of Collierville; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson

Pauline Anderson, 88, of Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Spring Hill Baptist Church, east of Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves sons, Nathaniel Anderson and James Earl Evans, and daughters, Jeanette Anderson, Christy Dewalt, and Diane Taylor, of Ripley; a sister, Leflora Warren, of Cleveland, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

B.K. Koontz, Sr.

Bryan K. Koontz, Sr., 62, of Middleton, Wis., formerly of Gates, a lawyer, died Friday at his home.

Graveside services were set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Lana Williams Koontz; three sons, Bryan Koontz, Jr., of Washington, D. C., Jason Koontz, of Chicago, Ill., and Ethan Koontz, of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Leanne Koontz, of Orlando; a brother; and three sisters.

Betty Brooks

Betty Jane Healy Brooks, 64, of Southaven, Miss., formerly of Halls, died Monday of last week at her home.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date, Twin Oaks Funeral Home had charge.

A former personnel manager for Container Corp. of America, she was a Methodist. Her husband of 45 years, Ray Brooks, is the son of Mrs. Flossie Brooks, of Ripley. She was the daughter of the late Mrs. H. Latham, of Edith.

Other survivors include a son, Willis Ray Brooks II, of Southaven; a brother, Raymond Latham, of Savannah, TN; and a grandchild.

Sara P. Moore

Sara Pearl Moore, 74, of Halls, retired Tupperware Co. employee, died Monday at Ridgely Rehabilitation Center in Ridgely.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Greenhill Memorial Gardens, in Halls.

She was a Baptist.

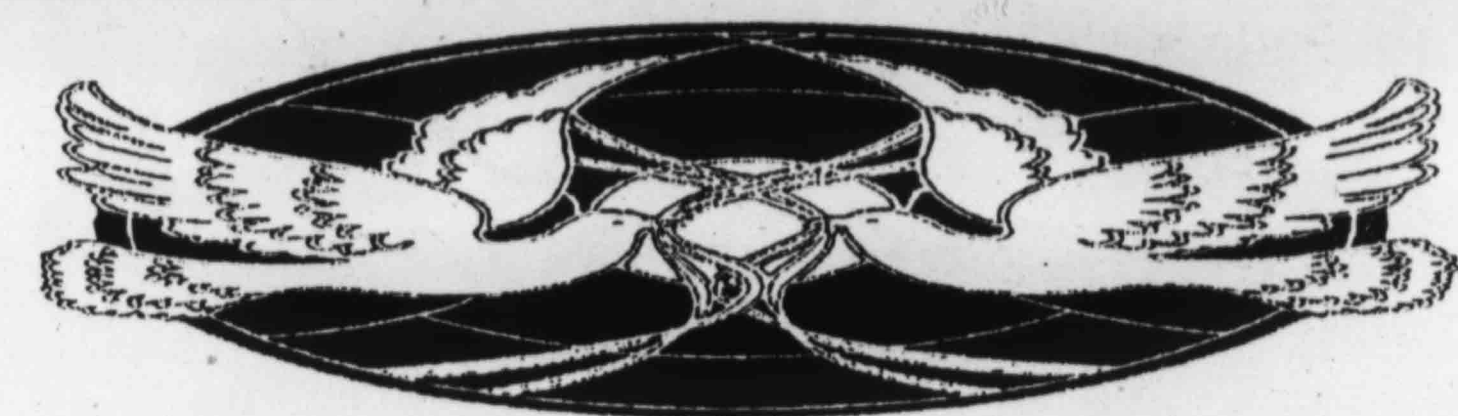
The widow of Harvey Moore, she leaves two daughters, Joy Seratt, of Ridgely, and Melba Huff, of Shanburg, Ill.; three brothers, Tommy Nix, of Halls, Haywood Nix and Earl Nix, of Hartsville, Ala.; a sister, Darlene Zigler, of Decatur, Ala.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

D. L. Walters

Daniel Lawrence Walters, 73, of Alamo, father of Debbie Demeris, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, at home.

Rites were Saturday in Ronk Funeral Home, with burial in Oakview Memorial Gardens.

Other survivors include his mother, Elsie Walters, and sisters, Kay Fry, Rebecca Thomas, and Wanda Sue Grabe, of Alamo; sons, Danny, of Dyersburg, Jeff, of Humboldt, and Randy, of Crockett Mills; another daughter, Pam Walters, of Friendship; a brother, Donnie, of Crockett Mills; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Church Happenings**

Springhill Baptist Church, 237 Springhill Rd., will hold its revival services at 7 p.m. nightly beginning Mon., Aug. 16th through Fri., Aug. 20th with The Rev. Willie Dyson, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, as guest evangelist. The public is invited.

Durhamville Baptist Church will hold homecoming services August 1st. The Joylanders will provide music at 10 a.m. with worship services at 11 a.m. and luncheon at noon. Bro. J. B. Haynes, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley First United Methodist Church, 145 S. Main, will hold homecoming services during the month of August with different speakers during the 10:55 a.m. service each Sunday. Rusty Reviere will speak Aug. 1st; The Rev. Church Pittman, Aug. 8th; The Rev. Russell Gallimore, Aug. 15th; The Rev. Jim Alford, Aug. 22nd, and Dr. Mickey Carpenter, Aug. 29th. A potluck luncheon will be held Aug. 1st and Aug. 29th. The public is invited.

Nelson Chapel Church in the Flippin Community, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 4th through the 6th with Garie Andrews, pastor of Praise Temple Community Church, as guest evangelist. Claxton Reese, pastor, invites the public.

Disciples for Christ Baptist Church, 31 Garrett Ball Rd., in the Woodville Community, will hold its homecoming services at 10 a.m. Sun., Aug. 1st with Tom Haynie as guest speaker. Lunch will be served at noon with local talent performing gospel selections afterwards. Danny Hutcherson, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of God will continue its camp meeting at 7 p.m. nightly July 26th through the 30th with Nic Hill as guest evangelist. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C. O. G. I. C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its fall revival at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 2nd through 6th. The missionaries at Fountain of Life will be the guest speakers. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will host a Youth Fest beginning at 1:45 p.m. July 31st for registration and opening ceremonies will be held at 2:45 p.m. The first band will perform at 3 p.m. and supper will be served at 5 p.m. The main attraction will be held at 6 p.m. and the evening will end at 8 p.m. All area youth are invited to attend.

Henning First Assembly of God, 620 Graves Ave., Henning, will hold a kids' crusade at 7 p.m., Aug. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with the theme of "Lava Lava Island, Where God's Love Flows". The public is invited.

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

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

County Fair xxx

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gospel music, a Fairest of the Fair pageant, and main stage entertainment. A preliminary schedule of events include, 6-11 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 26th, opening ceremonies, family night (wristbands will be available), fireworks show, Navy band and midway; Friday, Aug. 27th, 3p.m.-midnight, Senior citizen day-discounted entry of \$2, \$1 discount off admission with stub from night's football game, 7 p.m. on stage, Mid-south Fair Talent show, local entertainment after talent show, Midway open 10 a.m. - midnight, Sat., Aug. 28th; local talent on stage all day as well as any exhibitions, Main stage entertainment that evening to be determined, Midway open; 1p.m.-5p.m., Sun., Aug. 29th, gospel music on main stage all afternoon and midway open till 5 p.m.

The actual midway will be provided by C & J Amusements in Tampa, Fla. They will bring about 20 rides. If this is successful, we will try to get an even larger one next year. In addition to the midway, there will be several contests/exhibitions. Those contests are: Baby Picture Contest, open to babies through 4 year olds, classes for boys and girls. There is a \$2 entry fee. For complete rules and entry forms, contact the Chamber. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each class; photography contest is open to amateurs only. Two categories: black & white and color. There is a \$5 entry fee. For complete rules and entry forms, contact the Chamber. Cash prizes will be awarded in each class, \$60- 1st, \$30-2nd, \$15 - 3rd, and ribbons for HM; art contest, plans underway, not final yet; livestock contest, to be co-ordinated by FFA/Ag departments

at Ripley and Halls High School; Fairest of the Fair Pageants, beauty pageants for age 3-21. Forms are available at the Chamber and will be available at area banks, Merle Norman and school offices when school starts back. The pageants will be held on Aug. 21st at Halls High School.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these competitions, please call the Chamber.

The Chamber is looking for volunteers to help with all of these events. We are also looking for school groups or civic organizations willing to help with the gate, parking and other activities during the fair.

Fair admission will be \$3. Children 5 and under will be free. Parking will be free. If you are interested in being a food or craft vendor, contact the Chamber.

For more information on the Lauderdale County Fair or if you are willing to volunteer, contact the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

Dahl xxx

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far too many jobs have been lost in Lauderdale County. We need strong leaders who understand the needs of both small and large businesses and who will fight to bring industry into the county, instead of letting it leave." Dahl, who is the director of an international education foundation and a small business owner, says that he will use his international business experience to help bring in industry to Lauderdale County.

Besides focusing on education and industrial development, Dahl also understands the importance of the agricultural community to the area. Having grown up on a farm, he knows the rewards and struggles that

farmers face everyday, "I would like to focus on an international marketing plan that will increase the value of the farmer's products. Also, I would like to help create a tax structure that is both fair and balanced to farmers."

Dahl owns two small businesses, Dahl's Worldwide Travel and Technology Consulting, Inc. He is also the director of the non-profit educational organization, the WISE Foundation. Dave is a member of the Dyersburg National Exchange Club, serves on the Dyersburg Red Cross Board, the Dyersburg Downtown Development Board, as an advisor for the Japanese Ministry of Education, and is a member of the West Dyersburg Church of Christ. Dave resides in Dyersburg with his wife, Pam, who is originally from Weakley County, and their 7-year-old daughter, Katlin.

County Teachers To Gain Laptops

As a beginning phase of a program being launched in Lauderdale County Schools entitled "One to One Learning Laptop Initiative," Lauderdale County teachers and administrators will be receiving new Apple iBooks (laptop computers) for the 2004-2005 school year. Teachers will be receiving the iBooks in the first few weeks of school and will be trained by the local technology department first and then by Apple trainers later in using the technology in classroom instruction. In addition to the iBooks, each school will receive camcorders, digital cameras, iSite cameras and Pro-scopes which can be used to teach and learn in creative and imaginative ways.

The scope of the entire program provides iBooks for students as well." It is our hope to be able to at some point to provide iBooks for

all students in grades six through twelve. This is a revolutionary approach to learning, especially for a small, rural system like Lauderdale County. We have examined systems in other states like Green County, N.C., which is very similar in demographics to Lauderdale County as well as Henrico County, Virginia, who have embraced this program. The results are improved test scores, fewer dropouts, suspensions and expulsions, a significant increase in family involvement in the schools and a high degree of teacher and staff morale and markedly improved graduation rates. There is no public school in Tennessee in this program at present. We are working to find funds to phase in the student iBooks from federal, state, and local funds. We are also seeking private funding. Anyone interested in assisting with this effort should contact me," says Superintendent Phillip Jackson.

"We have examined every aspect of this initiative and feel that it will benefit our students more than anything we have ever attempted but more than that it will benefit our county. Having computers in the homes with access to the Internet provided in cooperation with Internet access companies at reasonable rates will provide an opportunity here-to-fore never dreamed in our county. The impact for economic and job development and the impact on teacher recruitment and retention are also critical considerations. When we are able to put this program into full operation, Lauderdale County will have stepped into the twenty-first century in a way few have. How soon this happens will depend on the response we receive from our efforts to find funding. The program is a four-year lease program and when fully funded will cost approximately one million

dollars a year. To indicate the seriousness of our intent, the Lauderdale County Board of Education has taken the first step by finding funding within our current revenues and expenditures to obtain the iBooks and training for teachers beginning this year," reports Jackson. "If we believe we can accomplish this, we can."

The manner in which the hours of freedom are spent determines, no less than labor and war, the moral worth of a nation. —Maurice Maeterlinck

The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do. —John Holt

ENROLLMENT

Northwest Tennessee Head Start is currently accepting applications for enrollment of children for the 2004-2005 program year.

If your child will be four on or before September 30th and you are interested in enrolling him or her in the Head Start program, you are invited to complete an application for enrollment during registration day, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., July 23rd- July 30th, at Lauderdale County Head Start Center, 142 Nelson Street. Contact Rosemary Conder or Hope Childs, 635-8234.

You must bring the following items of information when you come to register your child: birth certificate (certified or mother's copy), social security numbers for all family members, at least 3 emergency contact person's names and telephone numbers, and food stamp number. A copy of the following items that can be kept is required: TennCare card and/or insurance card, proof of income, and immunization card.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Students may still receive HOPE Scholarships and other Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) awards as long as their applications are submitted and processed by Aug. 20th. The Tennessee Student Assistant Corporation (TSAC) has extended the priority deadline for this year only, in order to allow all eligible students a chance to apply.

Dr. Myron Oglesby-Pitts, deputy executive director of TSAC, stated "The Legislature made several changes to the scholarship program in this first year that will make many students eligible who did not meet criteria under the original rules. We want

to make sure all eligible students have time to get their applications in so they can take advantage of this terrific new educational opportunity. Legislation changes to HOPE Scholarship eligibility that went into effect this spring included changing the ACT requirement for home school students to 21 from 23; eliminating core curriculum requirements; and extending eligibility to Tennessee residents who graduate from out-of-state boarding schools and out-of-state high schools in counties bordering Tennessee. In addition, dependent children of U.S. military or Tennessee National Guard on active duty out of state, who have maintained home of record in Tennessee and graduates of

high schools on military bases located in whole or in part in Tennessee, are eligible under the revised rules. To apply for HOPE and other TELS awards, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and enroll at an eligible institution. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applications must be processed no later than Aug. 20th.

The TELS program awards up to \$4,000 per year for eligible students to attend a college, university or technology center in Tennessee. So far, more than 42,000 awards have been made. For more information about Tennessee Scholarship Dollars, the HOPE Scholarship and other TELS awards,

visit www.TNScholarDollars.com, or call the HOPE Hotline at 615-741-1346 (press 1) or 1-800-342-1663 (press 1).

Ft. Pillow Park Plans Activities

Fort Pillow State Historical Park will be providing a variety of free programs this weekend including a fort loop hike at 9 a.m., outdoor essentials at 10:30 a.m. and a haversack display at 11:30 a.m. Friday. Saturday's activities include breastwork hike at 9 a.m., museum tour at 1 p.m. and balloon war at 3 p.m. Sunday's activities include mosquito facts at 10 a.m., fort hike at 11 a.m. and fishing tidbits at 2 p.m. For further information, contact the park office at 731-738-5581.

BLOCK PARTY

Children and Family Services, Inc. will be sponsoring a Back 2 School Block Party, 10 a.m., Sat., Aug. 7th, at 412 Alston Avenue (Frazier campus), Covington, in partnership with Save The Children, Bank of Tipton, BMH Tipton, UT Medical Group, Premier Women's Clinic and others. There will be free books and free back to school supplies. School supplies will be issued on a first come first serve basis and you must have your school supply list.

Children and Family Services, Inc. is a non-racial, non-religious, non-fraternal organization providing services to low income families of Tipton, Lauderdale, Fayette and Haywood counties.

To find out more about the after school programs Children and Family Services offers, contact Ruth Cohill, 901-476-2364, ext. 11.

From the little spark may burst a mighty flame.
—Dante

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.
—Henry Ford

Zest is the secret of all beauty. There is no beauty that is attractive without zest.
—Christian Dior

Anniversaries

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.

July 31 – Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Crain, 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 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.

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FRAUDULENT GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Education issued a note of caution to students Tuesday of last week. Someone impersonating an U.S. Department of Education official is offering students grants for a processing fee.

The Department had learned that someone claiming to be a representative of the department was calling students, offering them grants, and asking for their bank account numbers so a processing fee could be charged. The caller is noted to have specifically mentioned to the students that he knew the student had federal student loans and offered to replace the loans with an \$8,000 grant. The caller then said that a processing fee needed to be charged for the purpose and asked the students' checking account information.

The U.S. Department of Education says there is no program to replace loans with grants and that there is no processing fee to obtain. Further steps to protect one's bank account number and credit card information was also provided.

If a student has become a victim of this fraud, contact your bank, explain the situation and request that the bank monitor or close the compromised account. Report the fraud to the office of Inspector General Hotline at 1-800-657-8733. Report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC has an online complaint form at www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams and a hotline at 1-877-372-4357. Notify the police about the incident. Impersonating a federal officer is a crime.

For more information on identity theft prevention, students may visit www.ed.gov/misused.

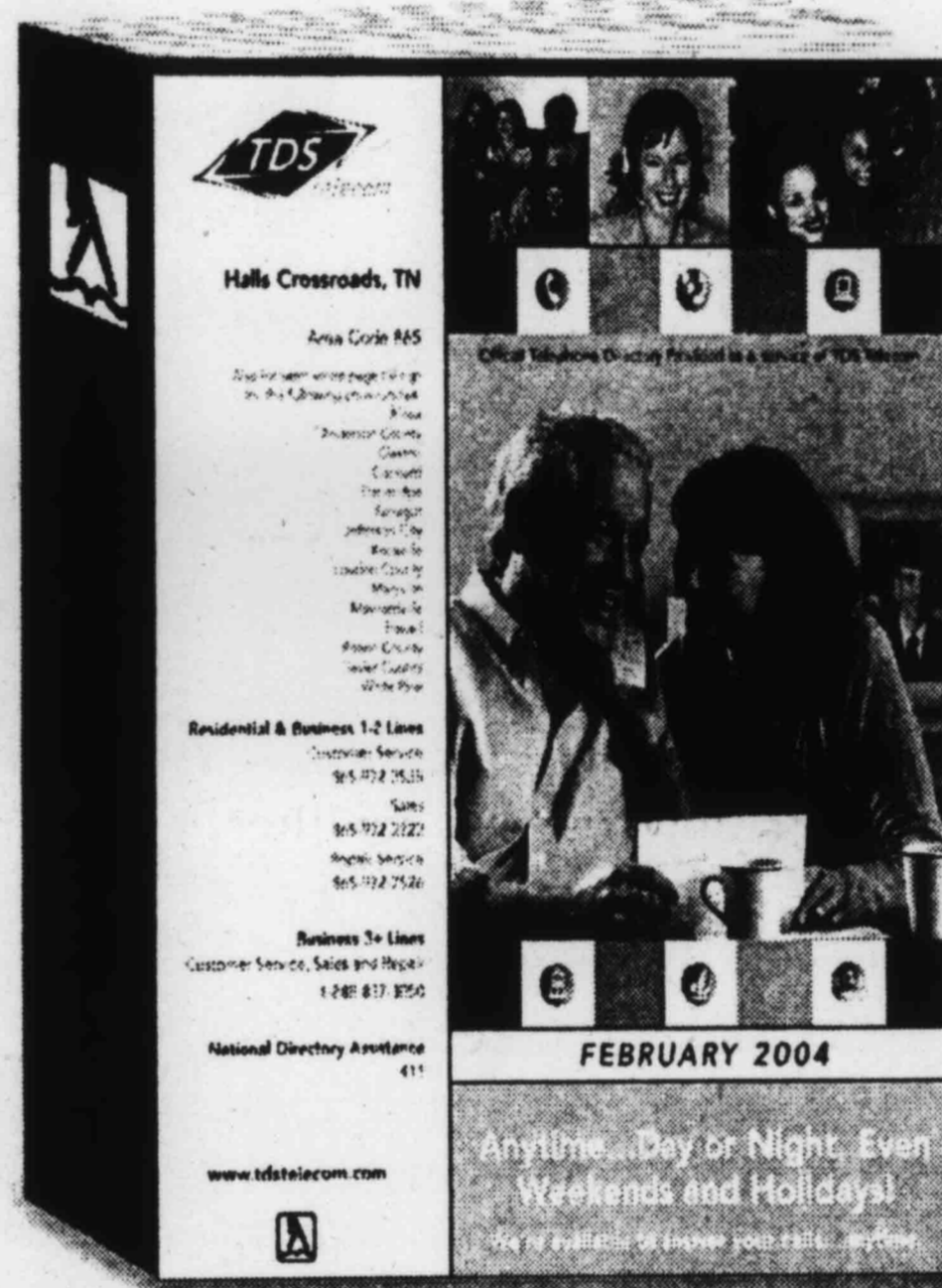
Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes.
—Anonymous

BACKPACK FACTS

Sending your child back to school next month? According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, overloaded backpacks send about 5,000 school children to the emergency room each year. You and your child can help prevent injuries by using a hip strap for heavier weights; use a backpack with wide padded straps and padded back; use both of the backpack's straps, firmly tightened, to hold the pack two inches above the waist. Using only one strap over a shoulder puts excess strain on muscles; keep your child physically active to maintain strong back and abdominal muscles; teach correct lifting techniques, mainly, to bend with both knees when picking up a heavy object; place the heaviest items close to the back; help your child pack the backpack neatly to prevent jostling and uneven weight distribution. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children carry no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of their own body weight and that backpacks should weight less than 15 pounds.

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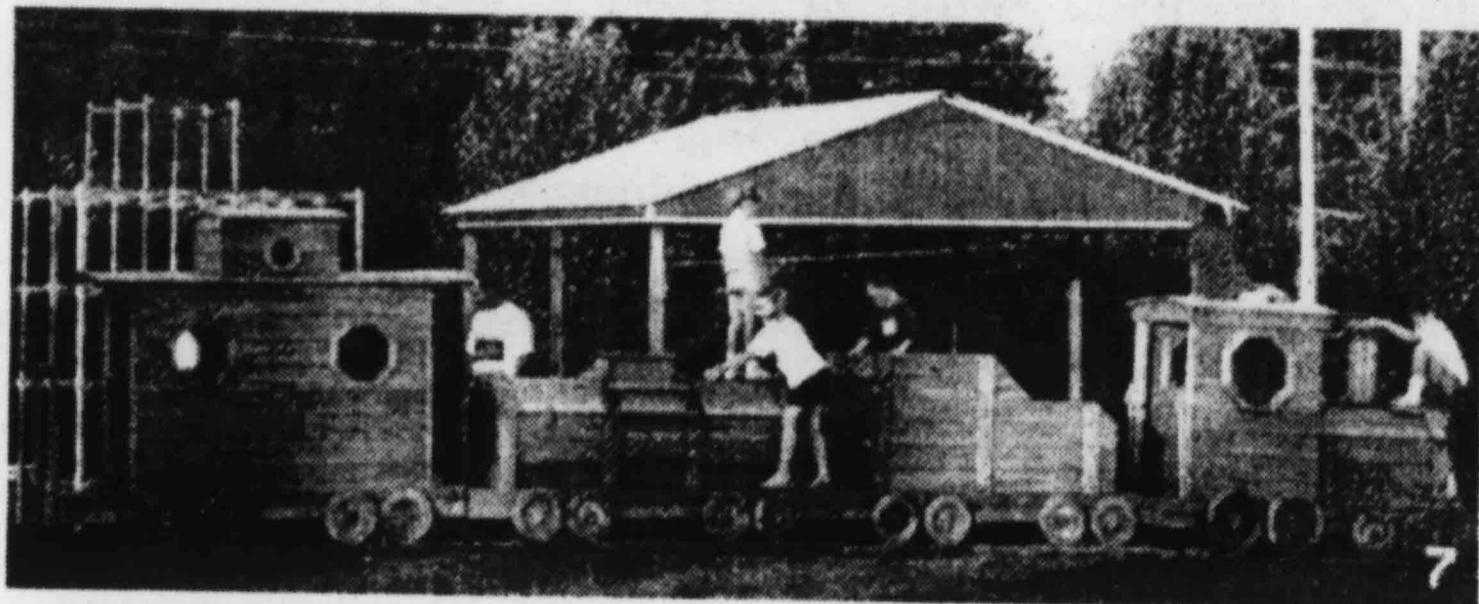
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Play Train Constructed She's Three



A TRAIN, for the Curve Community Center's playground, was constructed by inmates from the West Tennessee State Penitentiary's Building Trades class. Under the supervision of Bob Cabay, instructor, the inmates use public service projects to achieve national certification through the National Center for Construction Education and Research. Through this cooperative effort, non-profit organizations save the labor costs associated with their projects and the taxpayers save the cost of materials while providing inmates with skills they can use when they return to their communities.



AIYANA MEDFORD, daughter of Thad and Tonya Medford, of Gates, will celebrate her third birthday Sat., July 31st. She is the granddaughter of Jeff and Judy Johnson, of Dyersburg, and the late Kevan Ward, of Halls.

School Grant xxx

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cally-based professional development for the staff at RPS.

Personnel from the Lipman Center at the University of Memphis will assist teachers at the school in designing developmentally appropriate practices in their classrooms.

The grants are renewable for two additional years, pending Federal funding and increased academic achievement at the two schools. These grants join grants already in place in Lauderdale County schools including the 21st Century Community Learning Grant at Halls Junior High and Ripley Elementary School and GEAR-UP grant awarded to HJH, Halls High School, Lauderdale Middle School, and Ripley High School.

SCHOOL HEALTH

The Tennessee Department of Education and the Department of Health will soon work together in a new, innovative way to implement and better coordinate school health programs. These efforts are supported by a \$1.6 million grant awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Good health and overall well being of students is critical to their education, you can't learn when you don't feel well or when you're distracted by unhealthy habits," said Education Commissioner Lana Seivers. "CDC's support of our efforts to promote school health programs is invaluable."

The Coordinating school program is intended to reduce tobacco use and addiction, improve eating patterns, increase physical activity, and reduce obesity among youth. According to the 2003 Tennessee Youth Risk Behavior Survey, www.k-12.state.tn.us/yrbs/, about 15 percent of high school students in the state are overweight with another 15 percent at risk of becoming overweight. Most students,

62 percent, have tried cigarettes and close to 20 percent have smoked daily.

The grant, issued through CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health, funds a director position in both state departments for the Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP). Jerry Swaim is director for the Department of Education while the Department of Health director is yet to be named. The two directors will work collaboratively to supervise school health programs.

"Our first objective is to raise awareness of these issues that affect health; they go beyond diet and exercise and include things like security, emotions, and atmosphere," said Swaim. "Then we'll work to equip teachers, nurses, guidance counselors and others with the training, tools and resources they need to improve student's health."

Hitting is 50 percent above the shoulders.

—Ted Williams

Man, unlike any other thing, organic or inorganic, in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments.

—John Steinbeck

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Lawsuit xxx
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home, where the young men verbally taunted each other, with Scallions remaining in the vehicle. Merritt and his passengers then drove off.

"At approximately 10:41 p.m. Donald Williams, an adult residing with Long, called the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department via telephone, complaining that "a car full of boys are coming to his house to cause problems." He further told the dispatch officer that the young men in the car had thrown beer bottles in his yard, and they were in a green Grand Prix.

"LCSO dispatched deputy sheriff Tommy Simpson (hereinafter "Simpson") to William's home, where he arrived at approximately 11:03 p.m. "At approximately 11:10 p.m., the LCSO advised Dyer County Sheriff's Department that four white males in a green Pontiac Grand Am would be traveling to Dyer County where they were planning on fighting.

"The Dyer County Sheriff's Department was also advised that the individuals in the car were wanted in Lauderdale County for "harassment" and that a Lauderdale County officer was already in Dyer County looking for them.

"Harassment is a misdemeanor under Tennessee law. Law enforcement officers are precluded from arresting an individual for a misdemeanor not committed in their presence without first obtaining an arrest warrant.

"Furthermore, under Tennessee law, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Deputies have no jurisdiction to set up surveillance, or to stop a vehicle or make an arrest in Dyer County due to a prospective fist fight planned in Dyer County, or due to a reported misdemeanor harassment charge which allegedly occurred in Lauderdale County.

"At approximately 11:49 p.m., Merritt was driving the Grand Prix north bound on Highway 51 in Dyer County, approximately 3.5 miles north of the Lauderdale County line. Merritt saw "blue lights" and immediately pulled over to the side of the road and stopped the vehicle.

"At the time the Grand Prix was pulled over, Merritt was driving the Grand Prix and Ellis was in the front passenger seat. Brasher was seated in the rear seat behind the driver, and Scallions was seated in the rear seat on the right passenger side. The Grand Prix is a two door vehicle.

"Nelson approached on the driver's side of the Grand Prix and Richardson approached on the passenger side. At this point, Scallions, Ellis, Merritt, and Brasher were all seated inside the Grand Prix.

"Nelson illuminated the inside of the vehicle with

a large flashlight, spotted Ellis and called Ellis by name. Nelson stated that they had received a harassment complaint against Scallions and Pettie. Richardson then looked at Scallions and asked if he was Chris. Scallions denied that he was Chris.

"Richardson then opened the passenger side door and told Scallions to get out of the car. Scallions proceeded to step out of the vehicle and compliantly placed his hands on the roof of the Grand Prix. "Richardson made a comment towards the young men, calling them "crackheads". Ellis responded angrily, "hold on a damn minute, ain't nobody a crackhead".

"Richardson then grabbed Scallions and slammed him against the car, using excessive force, hurting Scallions. Richardson hit Scallions with his fist several times. Nelson then approached Scallions and hit him several times with his flashlight.

"While Scallions was on the ground, Nelson and Richardson continued to beat him. Scallions did not at this point reflexively flinch as his body was assaulted. Scallions was totally limp, unresponsive, and he had difficulty breathing.

"Richardson and Nelson handcuffed Scallions and left him on the side of the road, laying motionless about six feet from the car. They then asked Ellis, Merritt, and Brasher for identification and their addresses.

"Richardson and Nelson informed Ellis that Scallions had an outstanding arrest warrant in Lauderdale County.

"The warrant, issued out of the General Sessions Court of Lauderdale County, was for failure to pay \$220 in court costs assessed upon a dismissed misdemeanor warrant, which under Tennessee law is a civil debt.

"Richardson and Nelson told Ellis, Brasher, and Merritt they were free to go, but because they had been drinking, they would have to call someone to drive them home.

"Richardson and Nelson dragged Scallions' limp body and threw him in the back of Nelson's squad car.

"Ellis called Scallion's girlfriend, Kelly Bullion, on Scallion's cell phone, and asked Kelly Bullion and Ellis' wife, Margo Ellis, to come meet them so one of the women could drive them home in the Grand Prix.

"Nelson began transporting Scallions from Dyer County to the Lauderdale County Jail at approximately 12:23 a.m. on June 25, 2004.

"Nelson arrived at the Lauderdale County Jail at approximately 12:40 a.m. Jail personnel refused to admit Scallions because he could not breathe, stand, or sit. They then directed Nelson to transport Scallions to the hospital.

"Scallions arrived at the Baptist Lauderdale

Emergency Room at approximately 1:11 a.m. Nelson have unlawfully beaten other arrestees and later transported by ambulance to Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

The suit also alleges that Sheriff Craig "has himself condoned and approved of the beating of individuals under the custody and control of LCSO. Craig has personally beaten at least one individual while Sheriff, and has acted with deliberate

indifference towards numerous beatings by deputy sheriffs upon individuals, including acting with deliberate indifference towards beatings of individuals previously be Nelson and Richardson, and rewarding at least one deputy sheriff with promotion, who severely beat one citizen of Lauderdale County."

A talent is formed in stillness, a character in the world's torrent.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Opportunity is sometimes hard to recognize if you're only looking for a lucky break.
—Monta Crane

When you cannot make up your mind which of two evenly balanced courses of action you should take—choose the bolder.
—W.J. Slim

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Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin:		518
Interest-bearing balances:		
Securities:		68
Held-to-maturity securities:		11,778
Available-for-sale securities:		
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:		2,045
Federal funds sold:		0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell:		
Loans and leases held for sale:	19,310	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income:	314	0
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses:		
Trading Assets:		18,996
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases):		0
Other real estate owned:		1,095
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies:		125
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding:		0
Intangible assets:		0
Goodwill:		0
Other intangible assets:		1,092
Other assets:		36,470
Total assets:		
Letters of Credit:		4

LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	32,289
Noninterest-bearing:	3,617
Interest-bearing:	28,672
Federal funds purchased:	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase:	0
Trading liabilities:	1,312
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases):	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding:	0
Subordinated notes and debentures:	145
Other liabilities:	33,746
Total liabilities:	0
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries:	0

EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus:	0
Common stock:	355
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock):	470
Retained earnings:	2,270
Accumulated other comprehensive income:	(371)
Other equity capital components:	0
Total equity capital:	2,724
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital:	36,470

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: SHARON ROSE
Director #2: VIRGINIA S. HARRIS
Director #3: GREGORY P. CRIHFIELD

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE }

Personally appeared before me, Janet Haley, Notary Public, Sharon Rose, whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledges that they executed the within instruments for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand, at office, this 27th day of July, 2004.
Janet Haley
Notary Public

My commission expires:
April 16, 2007

