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Hargett Reappointed



MAJOR GENERAL GUS HARGETT, JR., center, native of Ripley, signs the Oath of Office for Adjutant General of Tennessee in the presence of his wife, Shirley, left, and Governor Phil Bredesen, seated right. A 45-year veteran of the military, he was reappointed in ceremonies at the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville Jan. 20th. He was first named to the post in 2002. Following Gov. Bredesen's 2006 re-election, he selected Hargett to continue as the State's top military leader.

As Adjutant General, he is responsible for the supervision of the Military Department of Tennessee that includes the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and the Tennessee State Guard.

He has served in various staff and leadership assignments with the Tennessee Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau to include assignments as Assistant Adjutant General, Army; Chief of Mobilization Plans with the III U.S. Corps; Chief of Plans Division with the Fifth U.S. Army; and Chief of Overseas Deployment Training at HQ, U.S. Army Europe. In 2004, he completed a two-year term as Chairman of the Board, National Guard Association of the United States, and continues to serve on the its board. He currently serves as a member of the Department of Defense, Reserve Forces Policy Board.

He is the son of Gus L. Hargett, Sr. and the late Martha Hargett, of Ripley. His wife is the former Shirley Wilson, of Ripley. They have four children, Tre, Shea, and John Hargett, and Karen Baker, and five grandchildren.

Bureau Celebrates Check-Out Week

The cost of food in America remains affordable, according to the Lauderdale County Farm Bureau. The

latest statistics compiled by the USDA's Economic Research Service, states American families and individuals currently spend, on average, just under 10 percent of their disposable income for food. Food Check-Out Week will

HES Accelerated Reader Top Ten



STUDENTS, at Halls Elementary School, recognized as the top ten accelerated readers, for the 2nd nine-weeks semester, include, in front, from left, Julie Hill, Adam Greer, Maddie Hutcherson, Jacob Smith, and Alicia Freeman, and in rear, Chelsy Aitken, Hunter Burks, Keana Gooch, and Ally Cherry, plus not pictured, Amber Spicer. The Parent Teacher Organization provided each winner a \$10 gift card. The top two students, Julie Hill and Adam Greer, had over 100 points each.

Two Charged In Reckless Driving

Corey Dean, 30, and Cedric Huglett, 19, both of Covington, were arrested Saturday, after an officer, on routine patrol, observed a vehicle at Randall's Auto Sales, jacked up with its tires missing and two black males leaving the scene at a high rate of speed in a white Jeep, according to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders.

The officer followed the vehicle with the subjects trying to avoid capture. The vehicle overturned on Gates Rd., injuring both suspects. They were treated for minor injuries and charged with theft over \$1,000, felony evading arrest, and reckless driving.

be observed Feb. 4th through the 10th in recognition of the

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HES Spelling Bee Winners



WINNERS, of the annual Halls Elementary School, spelling bee, held Fri., Jan. 12th, include, in upper photo,

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verification purposes. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. We reserve the right to disregard and/edit letters that are potentially libelous. Only one letter per person or family per subject per month. Published letters are not necessarily the opinion of this newspaper or its staff. 12-tf

Marriages

Dec. 23 - Sammy Joe

Kirby, 58, to Gayle Maness, 55, by Jack B. Maness.

Dec. 28 - Edward Lloyd Williams, 72, to Joyce Ann Moore Tucker, 67, by Frankie Pilcher.

Jan. 3 - Mirack Ramon Smith, 30, to Tracy Burnea Clariett, 39, by Gloria D. Wright.

Jan. 23 - James Curtis Grisson, 27, to Amber Lee Brooks Lewis, 27, by Tracy Henson.

Divorces

Jennifer Nicole Pilcher vs. Kevin Parham Pilcher.

Anniversaries

Feb. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCaslin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Caldwell.

Feb. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Haley.

Feb. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Finley Green.

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

Feb. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hayles.

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Scouts Visit Museum Newborn Dresden Tops Halls Cagers



ABRIANNA N. GRAY, 5 lb. 12 oz. daughter of Jason and Angela Gray, of Ripley, was born at 4:46 p.m. Dec. 7th in Baptist Women's Hospital in Memphis. Bree is the sister of Stella Jansel Gray, the granddaughter of Wayne and Susan Curran, of Halls, and Roger and Pattie Gray, Tim and Linda Broyles, and the late Mark and Sharon Haynes, of Ripley, the great-granddaughter of Hilda Erwin and the late Estella Broyles, of Halls, and Betty and Gus Hargett, J. B. and Martha Haynes, and the late Wayne and Gracie Gray, all of Ripley, and the great-great-granddaughter of Ilean Williams, of Ripley.

In Dresden Friday, Halls girls (1-14) lost, 77-42, and Halls boys lost, 58-49.

Dresden led the girls, by periods, 21-11, 28-12, 15-11, and 12-8 (one point missing from game report).

Phylcia Richmond led girls' scoring with 19 points, including three 3-pointers.

Christi Meeks had 8, with two 3-pointers; Megan McBroom 5, including a 3-pointer; Crystal Belew 4, with a 3-pointer, Cassidy Hardee 4, and Jessie Ellison 2.

Boys Faded After Half

Halls boys were tied with Haywood 25-25 at the half but lost the third period 13-8 and the fourth 20-16.

Demarcus Patrick scored 13 points for Halls, including three 3-pointers.

Darius Ivory had 11, including a 3-pointer; Rodney Foster 8, Tony Hudson and Nathan Smith, 6 each, Ricky Bennett and Calvin Steel, 2 each, and Jones 1.

Halls teams hosted South Fulton Tuesday (results too late for this edition).

Cocktail Meatballs
12 oz. chili sauce
12 oz. grape jelly
1 package (36 oz.) frozen meatballs

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Obituaries

Anna Patton

Anna Frances Patton, 63, of Ripley, a retired licensed practical nurse, died Thursday, January 25th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 28th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery.

She was a member of Henning First Assembly of God.

She leaves her daughters, Sheila Jackson and Penny Raine, both of Ripley, and Anna Darlene Alexander, of Horn Lake, Miss.; brothers, Damon and Raymon Noel, of Horn Lake, Miss.; sisters, Janie Connell and Dorcus Snyder, of Dyersburg; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mavis Stanfield

Mavis Ann Stanfield, 69, of Ripley, widow of Henry B. Stanfield, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Woodville Cemetery.

She leaves daughters, Barbara and Patricia Wright, and a sister, Jean Britt, of Halls; other daughters, Theresa Midkiff, of Dyersburg, and Henrietta Rowland, of Southaven, Miss.; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Bond Smith

Bond L. Smith, 81, of Ripley, a retired factory worker, died Sunday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29th, in Maplewood Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

He leaves brothers, Otis C. Smith, of Sunnyhills, Fla., and Bobby G. Smith, of Burbanks, Ill.; and a sister, Beulah Carpenter, of Ripley.

Luther Sanders, Insurance Agent

Luther "Buck" Sanders, Jr., 75, former Ripley agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., died Monday of last week in Standing Stone Care in Monterey.

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

He was a member of Ripley's First United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Bettye Jane Milan Sanders; a daughter, Tina Moore, of Cookeville; and sisters, Betty Newman, of Ripley, and Bernice Chipman, of Eddyville, Ky.

Floyd Glenn

Floyd Glenn, 80, of Ripley, a retired farmer, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale.

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

He leaves his wife, Pauline, and sons, Tim, Dan and Randy Glenn, all of Ripley; another son, Phillip Glenn, of Henning; a daughter, Gale Pidkowitz, of Knoxville; a sister, Ruby Barron, of Rosemark; seven grandchildren; and a grandchild.

C.H. Brown, Jr.

Charles H. Brown, Jr., 60, of Ripley, a retired auto mechanic, died Saturday, Jan. 27th, at his residence.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday, January 29th, in Poplar Grove Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

He was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

He leaves his sons, Charles Brown III, of Streamwood, Ill., and Shawn Edward Brown, of Morton Grove, Ill.; step-sons, Randall Arnold, of Ripley, and Tim Arnold, of Milton, Fla., formerly of Ripley; four grandchildren; and his fiancée, Margaret Parker, of Ripley.

Mourning



RAY C. LANGLEY, 76, of Ripley, owner of Ray's Drive Inn and Langley's Exxon Station for many years, died Thursday, Jan. 25th, at Methodist North in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Jerri Garrett Langley, daughter, Charlotte Cove, brother, James Larry Langley, and sisters, Betty Wright, Maggie Savage, Genelle Hendren and Linda Hunt, all of Ripley; a son, Danny Ray Langley, of Halls; another daughter, Alison Langley, and brother, Robert Langley, both of Memphis; another sister, Crystal Augustine, of Detroit, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Frances Midyett

Frances Lurlene Midyett, 91, of Ripley, a homemaker, died Friday, Jan. 26th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 28th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley.

The widow of Herbert Midyett, she leaves a daughter, Frances Kidwell, of Covington; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Peggy Ellis

Peggy Thornton Ellis, 95, of Jackson, formerly of Ripley, died Tuesday at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1st, at Munford Funeral Home in Munford, with burial in Helen Crigger Cemetery.

The widow of Raymond Ellis, she retired from Third National Bank in Nashville, volunteered for many years at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, and holds a life membership in the Belmont Aid Society in Nashville and Union University in Jackson. She was on the Board of the New Century Club in Nashville and also started the library at Munford Baptist Church in her husband's memory.

Survivors include a brother, Albert Thornton, of Ripley; and a sister, Nannie Laura Johnson, of Ferndale, Wash.

Memorial contributions to Gideons International or the Salvation Army, would be appropriate.

Mrs. Nance-Kirk

Luery Jean Nance-Kirk, 75, of Gates, sister of Booker Joe Nance, Marcellus Nance, Charlean Nance, and Carol Cates, of Gates, died Jan. 21st in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in the Maury City Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Other survivors include a son, Stanley, of Compton, Calif.; daughters, Janice Kirk, of Duluth, Minn., and Linda Kirk, of Gary, Ind.; other brothers, J. Lewis Nance, of Huntsville, Ala., and Clyde Moore, of Jackson, Mich.; another sister, Louise Nance, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. Moorer

Our obituary last week for Mary Frances Moorer, 91, of Henning, identified her as Mrs. Mooney, due to poor writing furnished. Apologies for mis-spelling.

Judy B. Owen

Judy Brandon Owen, 63, residing near Newbern, sister of Bette Brandon (Mrs. Gene) Davis, of 957 Dr. Hall Road, Halls, who is the Lauderdale County Historian, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital, after nearly a year's battle with lymphoma.

Rites were Monday in First United Methodist Church in Newbern, where she was a member, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Newbern, Johnson-Williams Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Halls, April 17, 1943, to the late William Roy Brandon and the late Mary Lois Brandon.

Retired from teaching in Dyersburg, she was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and of the Random Readers Book Club.

A past president of the Martiau Chapter of Manakin Huguenots, she had served as secretary of the Tennessee Branch.

She entered Anderson Hospital in Houston, Tex., in mid-October. She was flown to Jackson Jan. 18th.

Survivors include her husband, R. C. Owen; a son, Rob, of Newbern; a daughter, Brandon Gibson, of Alamo; another sister, Merle Mooney, of Munith, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to her church (Box 72, Newbern 38059), the Imagination Library Personal Development Center (305 College, Dyersburg 38025), or the Am. Cancer Society would be appropriate.

Students Named To Dean's List

Halls students, attending the University of Memphis, named to the dean's list for the fall semester include Neena H. Elmore, Bailey A. Hutcherson, Beth Ann Scearce, and Jessica L. Matthews.

Students must maintain a grade point average of 4.00 with six to eight graded hours; nine to 11 graded hours with a minimum GPA of 3.66, or completion of 12 or more graded hours with a semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

Earline Lewis Eddie Medlock

Earline Lewis, 95, of Henning, a homemaker, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton in Covington.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at Elam Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home of Henning in charge.

The widow of Andrew T. Lewis, she leaves sons, Will Lewis, of Nashville, Raymond C. Lewis, of Clarksville, and Raymond Mac Lewis, of Milwaukee, Wis.; daughters, Evelyn Glenn and Doreen Ward, of Henning, and Bonnie Jean Lewis, of Milwaukee; a sister, Wilma Barnes, of Milwaukee; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Billy D. Trosper

Billy D. Trosper, 63, of Rockford, Ill., chief executive officer of Spider Co. since 1976, died Tuesday, January 23rd.

The son of the late Ocie Holman Trosper and Era E. Edwards Trosper, he was born and reared in Lauderdale County and a 1962 graduate of Halls High School.

He leaves his wife, Marvis; sons, Michael, of Rockford, and Tim Trosper, of Byron, Ill.; daughter, Lorri Trosper, of Chana, Ill.; brothers, Bobby Trosper and Ocie, Jr., of Ripley, and Quinton Trosper, of Love's Park, Ill.; sisters, Marjorie Cribfield and Dorothy Grear, of Ripley; and five grandchildren.

Memorials to the Crossroads Project in Ripley, would be appropriate.

Halls Locals

Attending funeral services from Halls for Eddie Scott Medlock, Sr. January 9th in West Jackson Street Baptist Church in Tupelo, Miss., were Jamie and Jo Ann Brown, Vanda Shelton, Lynne Harris, Tommy McDearman and Carl Hoggard, Jr. Lori Shelton Longest, formerly of Halls, attended from Mississippi.

Eddie Scott Medlock, Sr., 62, of Saltillo, Miss., grandson of the late Ed Rawles and Virginia Hurt Rawles Scott, of Halls, died Saturday, Jan. 6th, at the Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville after a brief illness.

Services were Jan. 9th in West Jackson Street Baptist Church in Tupelo, Miss.

He was born August 29, 1944, in Dyersburg, to Milton Scott Medlock, Jr., and Martha June Rawles Medlock.

He graduated from Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Science degree in education and from Mississippi State University with a master's degree in industrial education. He retired from the Saltillo school system where he taught for 38 years. He was a member of West Jackson Street Baptist Church in Tupelo, Miss., where he taught Sunday School.

He leaves his wife of 37 years, Vera Anne Medlock, and a son, Eddie Scott Medlock, Jr., both of Saltillo; a daughter, Melanie Anne Medlock, of Memphis; brother, Milton David Medlock, of Cordova; sister, Gina Brown, of Millington; and two grandchildren.

Memorials to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the West Jackson Street Baptist Church Building Fund in Tupelo, would be appropriate.

MANAGERS MEETING

The Lauderdale County Workforce Employer Outreach Committee and Managers Meeting will hold a Dutch-treat luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 8th at Olympic Steak House, 475 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley. The guest speaker will be Randy Hutchinson, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of the Mid-South. He will speak on protecting your business from



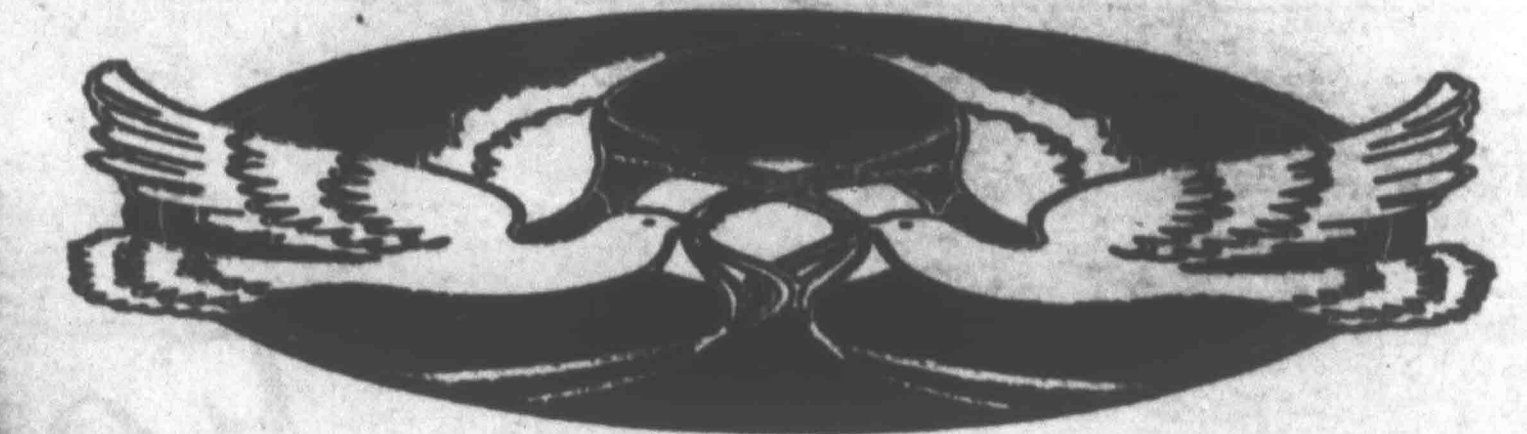
CANDIE L. LAYNE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Layne, of Halls, graduated Dec. 16th from Middle Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree in advertising and a double minor in marketing and psychology. The granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Strey, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Layne, of Big Sandy, and the late Ann Layne, Candie is a 2001 graduate of Halls High School. Her activities in college included vice-president of MTSU Advertising Club and a member of the Advertising Club for Young Professionals. Her ad slogan, "Where Music Meets The Air", was selected by the Nashville Airport to be used in its new airport renovation project. Her future plans include pursuing a career in advertising and is currently being considered for a job with the Nashville Airport in the area of communication specialist.

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For more information, contact Beaton Matthews, 635-1230, or Mary Yarbrough, 635-3479.

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—Mark Victor Hansen



Church Happenings

The list of churches is published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold special winter services during the month of January and February. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. A noon meal will be followed by Winter Bible study, of the Books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and a prophecy study, "Surviving the Last Days". There will not be a night service. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

Beasley's Chapel Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., near Ripley, has changed worship time to 1:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 315 Ann St., Halls, will relocate to their new facility, 748 E. Tigrett St., Halls, with special services at 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 18th with Superintendent L. C. Hayslett as guest speaker. Elder Alonza F. Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

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

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HALLS, TN MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12th
Halls Municipal Building

- Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
- Approval of Previous Minutes
- Old Business
 - Any properly presented business
- New Business
 - Review and consideration for approving an amendment to the Halls Municipal Zoning Text to provide for retail liquor in specified commercial districts.
 - Consideration for readopting the Town of Halls Official Zoning Map
 - Any properly presented business
- Building and Enforcement Report
- Adjournment

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Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello, uall-L.C. here. Zeek, the four legger, is on his pillow, he is on sick leave and recovering from his tutoring at Dr. English's. He told me to update you on Nankipoo. I swear his bark is an octave higher. Now it will be hard for me to tell you all about the four leggers here since I am higher on the animal ladder, you see I am told that I am a cat.

Mr. Buddy said that we have some cute puppies with two rounds of shots that will soon be ready for a home. Jasmine and Tinkerbell are still waiting along with Sandy for the right two leggers to come along. Then there is Sally, a black long haired Shepard, that Miss Pam say's beautiful every time her name is mentioned.

Oh by the way, I am famous. There is a two legger that comes by just to see me. He says that I am his namesake. Most people know him as Louis (the sly cat) Craig.

I keep hearing about Labs, Bassetts and Hinze 57's needing good homes. Hope you know what they are because I don't. Talk in the kennels is that everyone wants to find a home with two leggers and they don't care if they are young, old, pretty or ugly as long as they are nice.

Some two leggers get to sit in my favorite chair. Miss Pam say's that's okay because they bring us goodies. I like the toys but Zeek likes the chews. So I guess need to say thanks to Mrs. Judy Blackwood, Mrs. Judy Groenke, and David and Marlene Vandegriff plus an additional thanks to Misty and Kristie for feeding me and cleaning the bathroom.

I think I will call the mayor and ask for more respect around here especially since I am an author along with my other admirable qualities.

This past weekend we had some young two leggers from Halls High that spoiled everyone. You should of heard the boys when they were braggin about how they got to kiss them pretty two leggers. They are praying that they will come back next weekend. I even heard a howl or too while they were dreaming.

There is a dude called Mr. Sammy. Now from what I understand he gets four leggers from the city that are in need- because the two leggers are not doing there job. So seems like to me that if everybody would take care of everybody then it wouldn't be so crowded around here plus the medicine bills could be reduced. Miss Pam is still asking all the two leggers to spay and neuter there pets and yes I know what that means and I believe that even Zeek will completely understand in a few days. Ha! Ha!

It's dinner time but let me tell you the one about the two legger who said, "MY GOAL IN LIFE IS TO BE AS GOOD AS MY DOG THINKS I AM." Please come and see all of us four leggers and adopt some of Zeeks buds. Fewer the better in my book and If you adopt tell' em that L.C. sent you and I will get more toys and treats. So as Zeek would say for a thrill and a deal come to Nankipoo. L.C. out.....

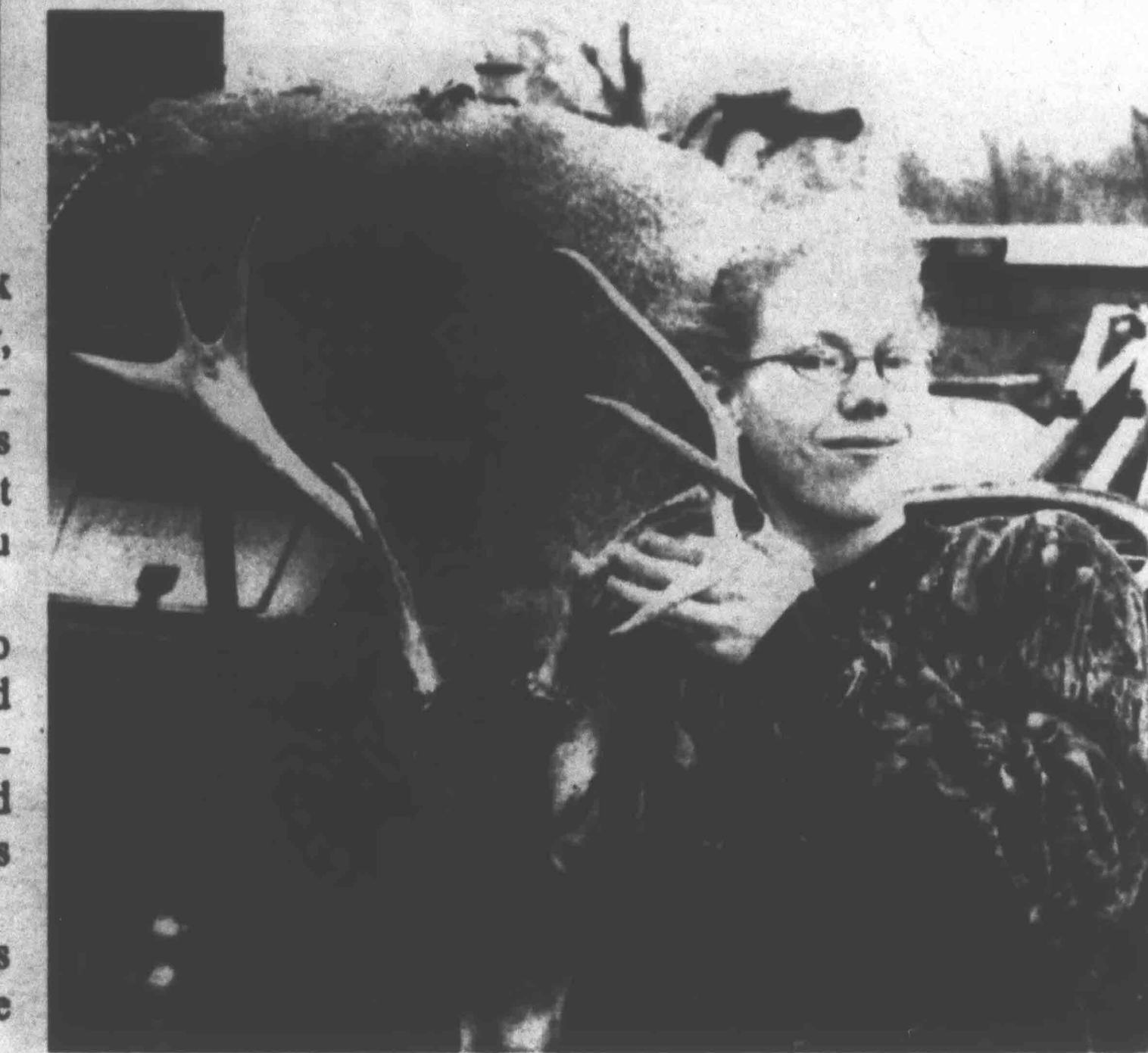
Land Transfers

Jan. 21st to Jan. 27th
Latham Homes LLC to Mary Ann King, Dist. 2, lot. William O. Terry, Sr. and

Joseph L. Morris, Jr. and Pamela M. McCart to Velma Jean Douglass, Dist. 2, lot. Sandra D. Terry to William O. Terry, Sr., Sandra D. Terry, William Terry, Jr., and Kerry Terry, Dist. 17, lot.

William E. Hendren, Barry Diggs, and Jim K. Scott to O. B. Grear III, Dist. 2, lot. Larry T. Olds and Mary P. Olds to Gina Olds, Dist.

Hunter Kills Deer



TONI JO PITTMAN, 14, daughter of John Paul and Mary Pittman, of Gates, killed her first deer, an 8-point buck, Dec. 30th while hunting with her father at Lower Hatchie.

11, lot.

Midland Mortgage Company to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dist. 3, tract.

Carlin Broadnax, William Broadnax, and Carlin Taylor to Glenn Lazure, Dist. 3, tract. Georgia Blackwood to Roland Kevin Hardy and Barbara Denise Jennings, Dist. 12, lot.

Mickie Downs Allred to Betty S. MacPherson, Dist. 6, 1.00 acres.

Randy Lankford, Steve Cherry, Jeremy Helton, Ryan Whiteside to Dustin Gilliland, Dist. 2, lot.

Dustin S. Terry and Jackie D. Terry to Angela Bowden and Lynda Climer, Dist. 17, lot.

Homesales, Inc. to Tracey Johnson, Dist. 2, lot. Russell G. Anderson, Jr. to Bobby R. Walker and Scott Walker, 5.00 acres.

Kenneth Simbeck and Kathryn A. Simbeck to James M. Smith and Hope C. Smith, lot.

Chris Fleming to Carter Custom Homes LLC, Dist. 7, 2 tracts.

Linda Craig to Kenneth Read, Dist. 3, tracts.

W. G. (Bill) Thompson to Keith Davidson and Melissa

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School
Halls Elementary School
Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, Feb. 5th
Pizza
French Fries
Applesauce
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 6th
Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 7th
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 8th
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 9th
Cheese Toast
Chicken Noodle Soup
Carrot Sticks
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Davidson, Dist. 6, 8.036 acres.

Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee Inc. to Shane Lange, Dist. 2, lot.

Sylvia Parchman Rose to Rickey E. Rose and Teresa L. Rose, Dist. 2, tract.

Ernest Leon Greenhaw to Richard A. Greenhaw, Elisha G. Jacket, trustee, and Christopher A. Greenhaw, Dist. 10, 6.247 acres.

Mike Douglas to Felicia Parker, Dist. 2, 1.00 acres.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 5th
Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce
Pineapple Tidbits
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 6th
Steak Fingers
Fish Fillet
Broccoli Bites
Black Eye Peas
Banana
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 7th
Spaghetti
Entrée-School's Choice
Green Beans
Corn Nibbles
Pineapple Tidbits
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 8th
Chicken Nuggets
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Jell-O w/Fruit
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 9th
Deli Sandwich
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Chicken Noodle Soup
Fresh Vegetable Sticks w/Dip
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Bureau xxx

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fact that the average household will have earned enough disposable income to pay for its annual food supply in about 36 days, according to Talmadge Carihfield, Sr., president, Lauderdale County Farm Bureau.

Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it is also the most affordable and is responsible, at least in part, for our nation's increasing standard of living. Compared to food, Americans work longer each year to pay for their housing, federal taxes, and medical care," said Carihfield.

Americans must work 52 days each year to pay for health and medical care, 62 days to pay for housing and household operation, and 77 days to pay their federal taxes.

Winners xxx

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second and third grade, Kirsten Solomon, first place; Mariah Carmack, second; and Trey Fain, alternate. In lower photo, fourth through sixth grade, Mandy McClellan, first place; Kelsey Yarbrough, second; and Cole Nichols, alternate. The top two students in each division move on to the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee, held Jan. 30th at Halls Elementary School.

Birthdays

Feb. 1 - Hillary Bailey Hogue, Amanda Conrad, Judy Mills, Laura Thompson, Lisa Oates, Christy Adkins, Tammy Wright, Sheila Hubbard.

Feb. 2 - Natalie Carpenter, Matt Berkley, Kaylyn Charles, Jimmy Patterson, Lauren Neal, Martha Miller, Brian Brodgon, Trent Liggeons II, Shirley G. Bryant, William Hopkins, Patsy Whitson, Stacy Unger, Amy Morris, Justin Hayles, Dianna Beard.

Feb. 3 - Susan White, Ivan Criner, Paul Douglas Spoon, Jr.,

Leadership Lauderdale Visits HES



MEMBERS, of Leadership Lauderdale, toured Halls Elementary School, had lunch, and were treated to a presentation by students in the Excel classes. The students sang, played the piano, and performed skits for the group. In upper photo, the fourth grade students performed a skit they wrote about Christmas. In lower photo, Freeman Arthur, sixth grade student, performed a song, he composed, on the piano.

Beau Simpson, James Hemby, Mary Ellen Ractliffe, Rev. Lyle Larson, Jason Butner, Bryan McAlister, Jr.

Feb. 4 - Jennifer H Caffey, Jerry Crichfield, Brittany Buckner, Rob Henry, Tommy White, Terry White, Tina White, Lee Cannon, Maddison Webb, Drew Hearnberger, Bill Myrick, Billy Ables, Charlotte Bryant, Quenton Reed, Nellie Ward Harrison, Clyde Garrett, Mark Dillard, Sr., William Herron.

Feb. 5 - Ned Poynter, J. F.

(Jay) Chipman, Marley Sigman, Dabney Maxwell, Prichard Norman, Jean Criner, Alice McCoy, Danny Simpson, Shea Lea Harris, Johnny Williams, Angela Kent, Jane Coulston, Orville Van Duesen, Elizabeth W. Holdeman, Rob Wilder, Frances Carihfield, Will Coley, Ronnie Moore, Janet Houston. Feb. 6 - Nancy Weaver, Page Box, Jr., Dee Pilant, Lori Wilburn, Leslie Sigman, Corrine Herron, Rosanderian Reed, Tina Barnett, Mary Ann Jarrett,

Wesley Baker, S. N. Anthony, IV, Nancy Kiestler, Dorris C. Ungericht, Dennis McCastlin, Linda McWilliams, Evelyn Margaret Nichols, Addison Hansford, Hank Thurmond, Jean Crawford, Crystal Buckner, Ava Grace Young, Alyssa Hayles.

Feb. 7 - Kevin Mudd, Pam Fitzhugh, Kelly Kirby, Sandra Chisholm, Kelly Wade Maxwell, Cathy Toomes, Kathy Leadingham, Gary Drumwright, Linda Barham, Robin Greaves, Ronnie Roberts, Randy Hargett, Oneal Kiestler, Melanie Moore, Dawn Chalk, Blake McAdams, Pam Owen, Rachel Gibson, Bryson Ray.

Man's best possession is a sympathetic wife. -Euripides

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February Grand Jury Returns Indictments With A Student Will Not Come To Court

Keithen Eric Jones was indicted Monday by the February term of the Lauderdale County Circuit Court Grand Jury for the rape of a 9-year old child in September 2006. Other indictments include Michael Arender, aggravated sexual battery. Zanie Barbee, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment. Christopher Antonio Bell, aggravated assault, two counts; reckless endangerment; and possession of handgun: certain convicted felons. Kimberly Woods Bishop, initiate manufacture of methamphetamine. Adrian Bonds, theft of property \$500-\$1,000; DRL; and domestic assault. Victor Brantley, violation of HMVO order. Daniel Brown, aggravated burglary; theft under \$500; simple possession marijuana; and possession drug paraphernalia. Bobby Joe Buckner, aggravated burglary; theft \$1,000-\$10,000. Angela Lannette Burns, attempt to acquire fraudulent prescription, 2 counts. Kimberly Dian Champion, forgery, 4 counts. Orlando Claybrook, delivery schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more. Maurice Currie, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more and possession drug paraphernalia. Nathan Dewalt, Jr., possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more; possession schedule VI (MJ) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz. or more; and violation of registration law. Charles Wayne Dunavant, Jr., aggravated assault. Ronald Durham, theft \$1,000-\$10,000. Lacy Phillip Ennis, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, 6 counts. Mary Ann Ennis, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, 6 counts. Mary Ann Ennis, forgery, 2 counts. Dexter Martay Floyd, reckless aggravated assault and reckless endangerment. Thomas Gause, Jr., theft over \$60,000; vandalism over \$60,000; and burglary. Labou Dewayne Turner, theft over \$60,000; vandalism over \$60,000; and burglary. Joel Nathan Goodman, felony evading arrest endangering others; reckless driving; vehicular assault; felony DUI; and prior DUI. Emmanuel Stewart Green, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver; tampering with evidence; and evading arrest. Tony B. Harris, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more. Angela Holloway, possession schedule IV (MJ) with intent to deliver 1/2 oz. or more; simple possession schedule II (Hydrocodone); and possession drug paraphernalia. Kenny Johnson, delivery schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more. Debbie L. Kennedy, contributing to the delinquency of a child, five counts. Lynn L. Kennedy, contributing to the delinquency of a child, five counts. Brittany Kiestler, contributing to the delinquency of a child, two counts. Randall McKinney, identity theft and identity theft trafficking. Kenyatta Parr, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more. Hrondy Rogers, possession

Halls Officers Make Arrests

According to Halls Police Chief Rod Ward, officers arrested several persons including: Sammy Joe Henson, 23, of Halls, driving under the influence and violation of implied consent law. Patrolmen Tracy Jones and M. C. Swims conducted a stop Feb. 4th, after noticing Henson's vehicle did not have a license plate displayed. They could smell alcohol on his person and his speech was slurred. Upon asking if he had anything to drink, he stated he had about three 40-ozs. of beer during the Super Bowl. Officers asked Henson to get out of his vehicle for a field sobriety test. After stumbling and holding on to the truck, he was placed under arrest. Paul Timothy Hudson, 51, of Halls, possession of drug paraphernalia. Patrolmen Jones and Swims conducted a stop Feb. 3rd after the headlights on Hudson's vehicle were inoperable. After searching the vehicle and the suspect, a crack pipe, pieces of a Brillo pad, and aluminum foil were found. A piece of crack cocaine was found in a plastic baggy in his sock. Toyola Antonio Eison, 28, of Halls, for simple possession of schedule VI, marijuana. Patrolmen Jones and Swims spotted a vehicle Jan. 29th without license plates and asked the driver for permission to search the car. The passenger in the backseat, Eison, was searched and several items were found in his pocket, including three small bags of a green leafy

District Attorney General D. Michael Dunavant, of Ripley, asserts "ample evidence" that Regina Dawn Steelman, a teacher in Halls Elementary School, then about 27 years old, had "sexual contact" with Justin W. Nelson, then about 15 years old, and a freshman in Halls High School, "on multiple occasions and at multiple locations ... including at least once in Steelman's class-room," in 2002. Dunavant says Nelson first consulted authorities on Aug. 22, 2006, when the statute of limitations (four years for the most serious charge possible) had (after investigation) run. The teacher, resigned from the Halls Elementary School faculty, faces no charges.

Halls Boys Top Gleason As Season Nears Close

Halls High School's boys led Gleason, 61-55, Friday, in their next-to-last season game, to run their record to 8-16 (6-11 in District 14-A). Halls closed its season Tuesday, hosting Bradford, in another 14-A match-up, results too late to report. Halls boys led Gleason 18-7 and 13-10 in the first (Continued On Page 8.)

Town Of Halls Board Meeting

A public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on an ordinance to establish location restrictions and rules, regulations, and procedures for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Town of Halls. Several residents spoke in support of keeping the distance from which liquor stores could be located next to public parks, (Continued On Page 8.)

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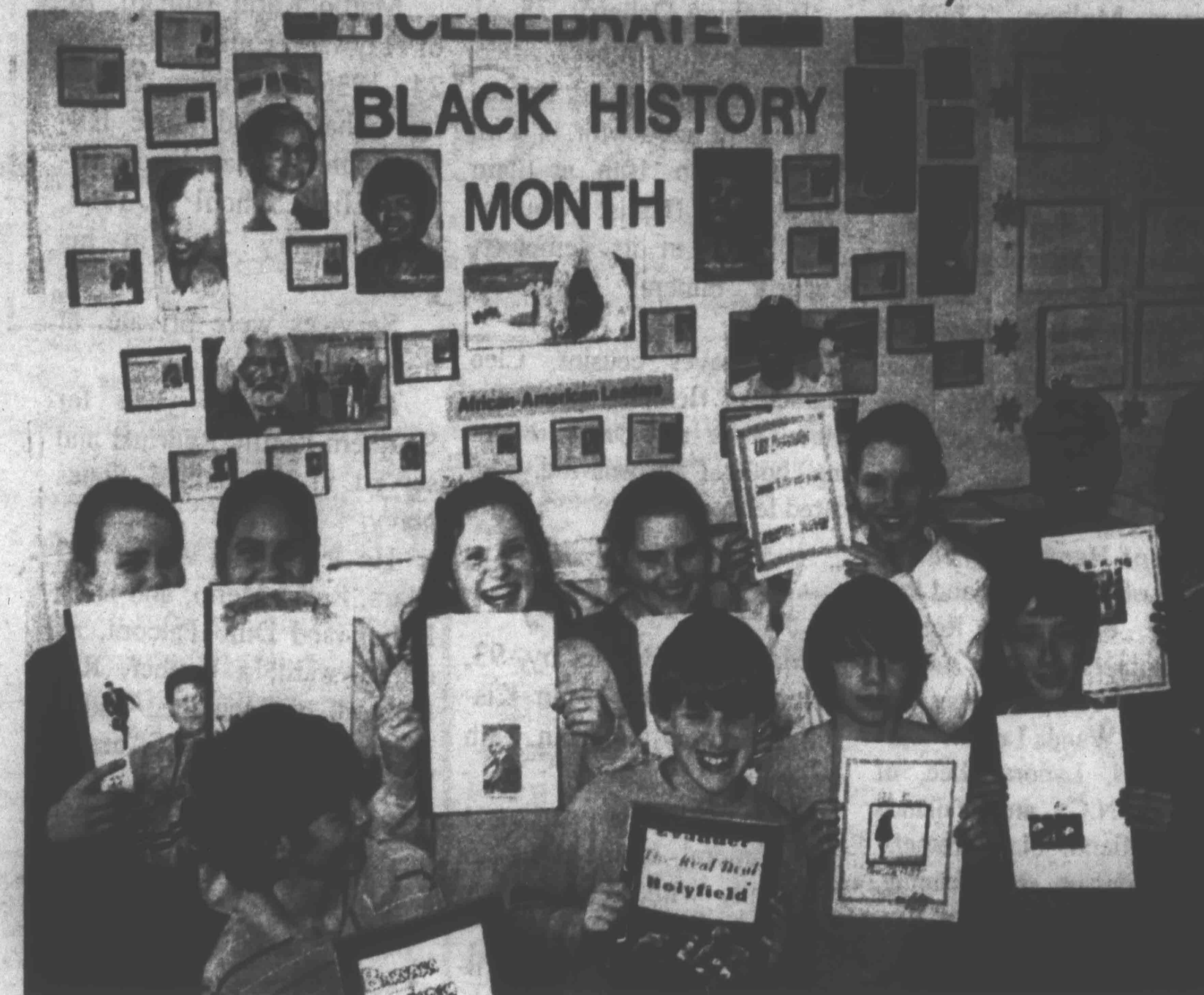
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HES Celebrates Black History Month

R/C Flight School Gift



STUDENTS, at Halls Elementary School, are celebrating Black History Month by researching an African American leader and writing a report. Students in Mrs. Tammy Nelson's 5th grade reading class will display their reports at the end of the hallway throughout the month of February.



SHAYNE CHERRY, right, of Discount Hobbies, Jackson, presented a remote control trainer aircraft to William Welch, left, secretary for the Halls R/C Flyers. The trainer will be used for the new flight school scheduled for every other Saturday morning in the spring, to begin the first week of April. The goal of the school is to create an interest in remote control aviation for young and old alike. Members of the Halls R/C Flyers want to use this opportunity to serve the community and to help young people learn more about aviation, its history, and to install a sense of accomplishment in their lives. Each individual will receive a certificate of completion and a set of pilot's wings after they solo successfully. The flight school will be free and will consist of classroom instruction, flight simulator instruction, and real flight training on a buddy box system with an instructor. For more information call James Paris, 731-635-1940 or 731-413-8573, or William Welch, 731-635-5999 or 731-413-8475.

Land Transfers

January 28th-February 3rd

Jo Ellen Johnson to State of Tennessee, Dist: 3, 0.759 acre.

Robert C. Stovall and Connie Jackson to State of Tennessee, Dist. 2, tract.

Charles B. Thompson to Alvin N. Akin and Sylvia Akin, Dist. 6, 17,307 acres.

William A. Tate and Mildred A. Tate to Bobby Joe Mitchell and Carolyn Kissell Mitchell, Dist. 3, 3.294 acres.

Wells Fargo Bank NA, TR and Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC to Dareina Johnson, Dist. 2, lot.

Mary Mitchell to Billy Lemons and Gwen Lemons, Dist. 17, lot.

Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Paul K. Stout and Valerie Stout, Dist. 2, lot.

Billy G. Chapman, TR and Billy Chapman Living Trust to David W. Mann and

Donna Joy Mann, Dist. 14, 5.56 acres.

Raymond Proctor to Stephen Floyd, Dist. 11, 0.320 acre, and Dist. 6, 2 tracts.

William H. Smith and Betty J. Smith to Jessica Starks, Dist. 2, lot.

Wachovia Bank NA to Carter Custom Homes LLC, lot.

HSBC Bank USA NA to Jeremy Helton, Dist. 3, lot.

Joe Oneal Simpson to Lauderdale County, Dist. 2, 0.156 acre.

William J. Carmack to Lauderdale County, Dist. 2, 0.504 acre.

Bernie Norman and John Hendren to Dorothy A. Rouser, Curtis J. Rouser and Kenneth Currie, Dist. 2, lot.

Delois J. Fowler to Samuel Keith Gesford and Mary F. Gesford, Dist. 3, 0.83 acre.

Brenda Northcott to Steve Floyd, Dist. 6, lot.

Farris Frederick and Sandra Frederick to William J.

Rasp and Janet C. Rasp, Dist. 2, lot.

Manson Younger to Tracey Rose and Clinton S. Rose, lot.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Blaine Stanley and Suzette Stanley, Dist. 2, lot.

Gary Konkle to Luciana Taylor, Dist. 6, lot.

Randy Lankford to Jonathan Smith and Amanda Harden Smith, Dist. 7, tract.

Marion Bond, Sr., to Vickie Terry, Dist. 2, lot.

Sharon Danette Wright, Sharon Danette Ross, and Jim Ross to Richard Benson and Cassie Benson, Dist. 12, lot.

Birthdays

Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Buddy Haynes, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion, Terrence Mitchell, Bro. Thomas Eugene Sanders, Tammy Winchester, Anna Lauren Mills.

Feb. 9 - Michael Anthony Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Kelvin Lyles, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Wakeshia Lyles Mitchell, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Crihfield, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Ray Willis, Stacey Gaines, Emily Katherine Fisher, Andrea Joseph, April Dowell, Malissa Hughes, Kevin Connell.

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

Feb. 9 - Michael Anthony Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Kelvin Lyles, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Wakeshia Lyles Mitchell, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Crihfield, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Ray Willis, Stacey Gaines, Emily Katherine Fisher, Andrea Joseph, April Dowell, Malissa Hughes, Kevin Connell.

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Feb. 11 - Bubba Klutts, Nickie Langley, John Forrest Douglas, Norene Douglas, Ernie Ellis, Marc Alley, Betty Bernard, Lyndsay Erin Dotsen,

Feb. 12 - Bud Young, Paul Spoon, Mark Bryant, Shannon Williams, Mary Ellen Jones, Bill Prescott, Larry Shelby, Marley Elizabeth Trospier, Mickey Arwood Hamlin.

Feb. 13 - Jill Hawks Sullivan, Amy Mills, Janie Burris, Brenda Olds, Bunnie Fullen, Mike Currie, Brenda Marshburn, Judson Vaden, Tammy Horner, Franklin Garner, Andrea Baynes, Rivers Nelson, Janice Grigsby, Anna Moffatt, Larry Cain, Eli Larson, Darrell Smothers, Venus Crowder.

Feb. 14 - Carolyn Bridges, Kamlin Williams, Ericka Allyson Williams, Betty Fowler, Michael Shane Olds, Kristen Crihfield, Monty McWilliams, Todd Burks, Jennifer Baker, Melissa Olds, Stacey Drumwright, Katherine Montague, Roger McCoy, Jr., Judy Swope.

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Obituaries

Bob Norman

Bob Norman, 80, of Dyersburg, father of Burnie Norman, of 119 Thompson Drive, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

He had retired as owner of Norman's Radio-TV Clinic and Video in Dyersburg.

A member of RoEllen Presbyterian Church, he had been a Rotarian for more than 40 years.

He was a member of the American Orchid Society.

He was the widower of Eunice Norman. Survivors include brothers, Bill and Lewis, of Dyersburg, and two grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the Dyersburg-Dyer County Union Mission would be appropriate.

Shakira Estes

Shakira Mo'Nay Estes, 10-hour-old daughter of Fred "Noo Noo" Estes and Shamica Currie, of Ripley, died Sunday, of respiratory failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday in Bluff Cemetery near Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Grandparents are Willie Fred Estes, Diane Burnett, and James Currie, of Ripley, and Jackie Parker Moss, of Millington.

William Winters

William Winters, 69, of Millington, father of William C. Winters, of Henning, died Jan. 28th in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 3rd in Munford Funeral Home - Millington.

He had retired from the Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; daughters, Teresa Frazier, of Munford, and Vicki L. Winters, of the state of Washington; and nine grandchildren.

American Heart Assn. memorial gifts would be appropriate.

Mrs. Gammon Was A Writer

Marjorie Rains Gammon, 85, of Bartlett, formerly of Henning, died Sunday.

Rites were Wednesday in Munford Funeral Home Millington Chapel, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery, Henning.

She was nominated for *Who's Who* in accounting while working for many years for Rotary Business Forms.

She contributed to a Lauderdale County history and wrote *Marjorie's Precious Memories*.

She leaves a son, James Barkley Gammon; daughters, Ruth Alice McCoy and Sarah Rebecca Couey; a sister, Rebecca Tarwater, of Partis, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Wilbert Bond

Wilbert Bond, 81, of Memphis, was buried Wednesday in Love Cemetery near Halls, after rites in Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Memphis.

Rawls Funeral Home, of Brownsville, had charge.

He died Friday in University Hospital in Memphis.

He leaves his wife, LaVerne Love Bond; sons, Thomas, of Memphis, and Wilbert, Jr., of Portland, Ore.; daughters, Cordia Starling, of Tunnel Hill, Ga., and Loretta Grubb, of Maywood, Ill.; sisters, Mollie Rawls, of Nashville, and Bernice Burgess, of St. Louis, Mo.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Harold Hayden

Harold Kenneth Hayden, 73, of Millington, uncle of Charlene Renée Allred, of Ripley, died Jan. 28th in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were Jan. 30th in Northridge Woodhaven Cemetery in Millington.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he had retired as a shipping/receiving foreman for Nobel Business Systems in Memphis.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Millington.

Survivors include a sister, Glenda Donaldson, of Munford, and a nephew, Wyatt Edward Shankle, of Madison, Ala.

Memorial gifts to the Salvation Army would be appropriate.

James M. Lee

James Melbon "Chicken Hawk" Lee, 64, of Henning, formerly employed by S-R of Tennessee in Ripley, died in his home, Monday of last week, of lung cancer.

Rites were Saturday in New Bethel Baptist Church at Henning, with burial in the cemetery of Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Sadie Dean Lee; sons, Rodney Barnes, of Henning, Ventrus Norfolk, of Dyersburg, and Patrick Lee, of Warner Robins, Ga.; daughters, Yvonne Taylor, of Ripley, Pamela Jones, of Covington, Wanda Lee, of Warner Robins, Lynoral Lee, of Charlotte, N.C., and Yolanda Lee, of Miami, Fla.; brothers, Larry Anderson, of Henning, and Patrick Anderson, of Ripley; a sister, Patricia King, of Ripley; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Brenner Davis, 47, sister of Linda and Melissa Dixon and Prentise Pitts, of Ripley, died Jan. 31st in her home in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Rites were Saturday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Davis, a son, Graeci, and step-sons, Gregory and Tracy Davis, of Milwaukee; another sister, Hattie Richardson, of Hammond, Ind.; and a brother, Stanley Dixon, of Orlando, Fla.

Doss Vaughn

Doss Avery Vaughn, 84, retired farmer, died Saturday in his home at 615 Paris Road, Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

The widower of Margaret Vaughn, he leaves sons, Doss, Jr., and Sonny, of Ripley, and Roy Lee Vaughn, of Tennessee; daughters, Charlotte Koonce and Lillian Tillman, and a sister, Minnie Jackson, of Ripley; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Josephine Deberry

Josephine Deberry, 78, of Ripley, a homemaker, died Friday, Feb. 1st, at her home.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10th, at Elam Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves cousins, Cleo Palmer, of Henning, and Anna Mae Taylor and Denise Fleming, both of Brownsville, who cared for her.

Mrs. McCoy

Maugrette E. McCoy, 93, sister of Martha Dean Kissell, of Ripley, died Jan. 28th in Duluth, Ga.

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

She was the widow of William F. McCoy.

Survivors include sons, Jim, of Memphis, and David, of Duluth; a daughter, Joyce (Mrs. Walter) Barnes, of Orlando, Fla.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Jessie Lee Craig

Jessie Lee Craig, 99, widow of Joel Paul Craig, died Monday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

She was a Methodist.

Her former daughter-in-law, Peggy (Mrs. Kenneth) Max, of Munford, and Mr. Max had looked after her.

Survivors include two grandsons, three step-granddaughters, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mary Meeks

Mary Franklin Meeks, 65, wife of Leonard Meeks, of 829 Meeks Road, Halls, died Friday, in Memphis.

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

She was a charter member of Hawthorne Baptist Church in Dyersburg.

Survivors include sons, Russell and Scott, and a daughter, Jennifer Nelson, all of Halls; a brother, James Larry Crews, of Dyersburg; and four grandchildren.

Martin Hilliard

Martin 'Karin' Hilliard, 70, of Hayward, Calif., born May 24, 1936, in Ripley, to the late Charlie and Susie Hilliard, and graduated from Ripley High School in 1954, died January 26th in his home.

Services were private, at his request.

He worked 35 years for Southern Pacific Railroad and served in the United States Navy.

He leaves his wife of 25 years, Retha Merlo, and sons, Robert and Dino Falconi, all of Hayward; a brother, Ray Hilliard, of Memphis; and a sister, Linda Drury, of Tampa, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to the American Cancer Society would be appropriate.

Mrs. Beaird

Willie Bell Beaird, 84, of Bartlett, sister of Harold Gilliland, Annette Webb, and Lorraine Hand, all of Halls, died Thursday of last week.

Rites were Saturday in Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of Christ Church in Bartlett.

She was the widow of Euell Beaird. Survivors include a son, Dennis, of Bartlett; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Become A 'Relay For Life' Helper

Volunteers are needed to help put together 2007 Relay For Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society. A meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13th, at the Tennessee Technology Center, for volunteers to learn how to be a team or committee member or to walk in the upcoming relay. The event is set for May 11th and 12th at the Ripley Park.

TN's Alternative Fuels Strategy

Governor Phil Bredesen announced that his proposed 2007-2008 budget will include \$61 million for a comprehensive alternative fuels strategy to position Tennessee to be a national leader in the production of biomass ethanol and related research.

Combined with \$11.6 million in existing funding for an ongoing related project at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the Governor's proposal represents a \$72.6 million comprehensive plan.

"This proposal, at its core, is about joining the best of Tennessee's agricultural and academic resources and leveraging them in a unique way that will position us to take advantage of the opportunities of tomorrow," Bredesen said. "These investments will help secure our economic and environmental future and allow us to maximize our potential to be a farm-based fuels leader."

Bredesen's proposed budget includes \$40 million to build a pilot biomass ethanol plant that will operate at a capacity of five million gallons per year.

"We know we can make ethanol from grassy and woody materials," Bredesen stated. "The challenge is producing it in large volumes and at a price that is competitive with gasoline, and in proving we can be the ones to take the discovery from the laboratory to the marketplace."

Scientists at ORNL and the University of Tennessee (UT) Institute for Agriculture have developed ethanol from switchgrass, a crop that can be grown virtually anywhere in Tennessee. Biomass crops like switchgrass represent significant new markets for Tennessee farmers and new opportunities for Tennessee's economy.

The Governor's proposal

augments \$11.6 million provided by the General Assembly by construction of the Joint Institute for Biological Sciences currently at ORNL. The facility is scheduled for completion in August. UT and ORNL are competing for a \$125 million Bioenergy Research Center from the U.S. Department of Energy. If successful, the Bioenergy Center would be housed in the Joint Institute for Biological Sciences.

Other components of the

plan in the 2007-2008 proposed budget include: \$10 million for UT and ORNL to fund additional research to increase switchgrass production and achieve efficiencies in the production of cellulose ethanol, \$3 million in research funding to find other, non-biomass alternative fuel sources, and \$8 mil-

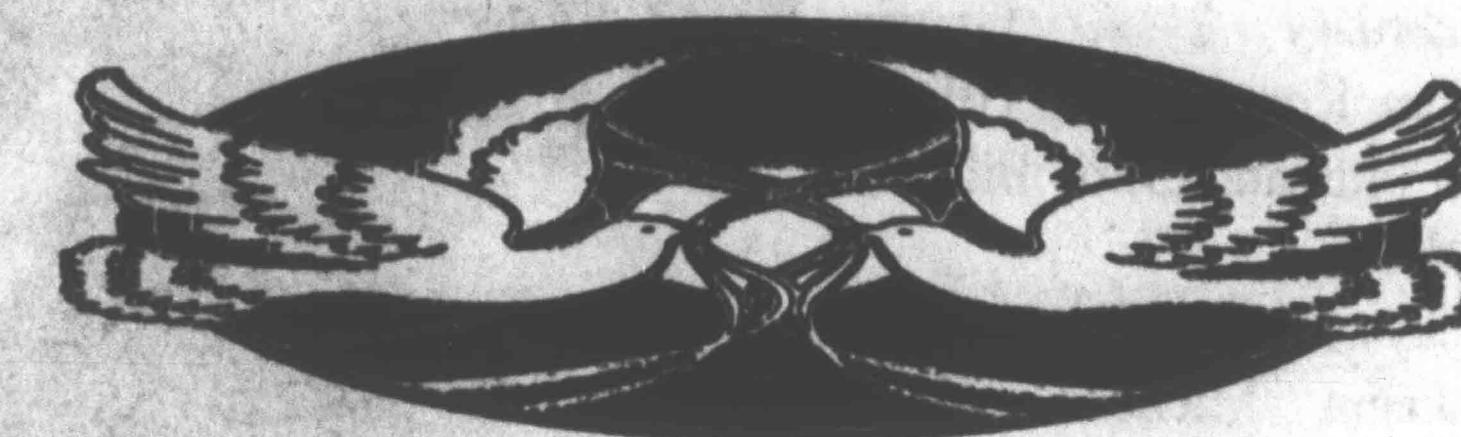
lion in agricultural incentives to help Tennessee farmers tap into the new farm-based

fuels market and produce switchgrass in the quantities required to supply the pilot ethanol plant.

Bredesen made \$3.5 million in grants and loans available to increase the accessibility, development and production of biofuels in Tennessee. The departments

coordinating the alternative fuel grant and loan process and managing the allocation of funds include: Agriculture, Economic and Community Development, Environment and Conservation, and Transportation.

For more information, call 731-635-7686.



Church Happenings

The list of churches is published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold special winter services during the month of January and February. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. A noon meal will be followed by Winter Bible study, of the Books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and a prophecy study, "Surviving the Last Days". There will not be a night service. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

Beasley's Chapel Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., near Ripley, has changed worship time to 1:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 315 Ann St., Halls, will relocate to their new facility, 748 E. Tigrett St., Halls, with special services at 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 18th with Superintendent L. C. Hayslett as guest speaker. Elder Alonza F. Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Springhill Baptist Church will present its 2nd youth outreach ministry in action program at 4 p.m. Sat., Feb. 10th featuring various guest choirs, soloist master, Rodney Mitchell, Cathy Robinson, and Minister Julian Bufford, guest speaker. The event is sponsored by the church's February Committee. The Rev. Ollie Joe Allen, pastor, invites the public.

Henning Grove Baptist Church, Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will install its new pastor, The Rev. Herman Emery, of Humboldt, at 2 p.m. Sun., Feb. 11th. The Rev. Tommy Broadnax, pastor of Matthew Zion Baptist Church, Halls, will serve as guest speaker. The Rev. Emery's former pastor, A. D. Emery, and his church family from Greater 6th Street Church, Humboldt, plan to attend. The public is invited.

St. Mark Baptist Church, Henning, pastor's aide committee, will sponsor a Sweetheart Banquet at 6 p.m. Feb. 20th at the New Hope Dowell Complex, Moorer Ave., Henning. 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.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopted the following ordinance at their regular board meeting, Monday, February 5th, 2007:

Ordinance 07-01

An Ordinance to Establish Location Restriction and Rules, Regulations, and Procedures for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the Town of Halls, Tennessee.

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Marriages

January 30 - Roger Dale Lescure, 46, to Deshawn Gail Seratt Leger, 35, by Tracy Henson.

Benjamin Earl Green, 27, to Natasha Renee Gunn, 22, by Don Medford.

February 2 - Jimmie Crossen Kent, 26, to Tiffany Leigh Pittman, 25, by Billy P. Brandon.

Clayton Lynn Crowder, 28, to Joann Michelle Wood Webb, 33, by Billy P. Brandon.

Zack Claybrook, Jr., 57, to Martha Ann Love, 54, by Tracy Henson.

February 3 - Craig Lavel Harris, 33, to Sheshauna Nicole Barnes, 34, by Archie Larry.

February 5 - Jason Allen Jackson, 23, to Kristin Nicole Murphy Neal, 25, by Tracy Henson.

February Nuptials Near Nankipoo Dog News



JESSICA HILLIARD BURNS, daughter of Linda Hilliard and the late J. W. Hilliard, of Halls, will marry Gaspar Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benito Garcia, of Laredo, Mexico, at 3 p.m. Feb. 10th in Halls Westside Baptist Church, with formal invitations.

A 1998 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect is employed by Factory Connection of Ripley, as an assistant manager.

The groom-elect is employed by Grecian Steakhouse, of Dyersburg, as a cook.

The couple plan to reside in Halls.

by Zeek Hello! Zeke here and back on duty as top dog at Nankipoo. L.C. thinks he is hot stuff after last weeks article. After three days of rest, I had all of L.C.'s name callin that I could take. I decided it was time to take charge. I ended up with some claw marks on my nose, but it was worth it, plus he is no longer calling me a short legged gelding.

Well, can you tell by the sound of my voice that I have been tutored. I am trying to get my growl back but so far no luck. I don't think I owe Dr. English anything after what he did to me, but a two legger (that everybody calls Momma Jayne) paid my bill. There will be no more licks for her.

I was in the back today and had a lot of special requests from the four leggers. There is a cute little yellor girl named Labby. She just wants to run in a yard. Then there is Anna, a black and white little girl, that smiles when you rub her, and she wants to be a lap dog. Baby boy is a yellow boxer mix pup that loves to bark and jump he just needs attention. Nelson is a tan and white collie mix who loves kids and can stay outside. We also have Shelia a red tick hound that would love to take a two legger hunting. She is one fine looking girl for a cooner. There are several young-uns that were given to us; they are Lab/Chesapeake mix, along with five Pekinese mixed pups that are real cute. I must be showing my softer side. I can't leave out Speed who is a red beagle and he can't wait to chase rabbits. We also need a home for that sweet Haley a beautiful black and white Bassett hound who will soon have a litter. Her husband is a black Bassett hound named Rambo. He is real friendly to everyone and both are house trained. Two of my extra special buddies, a chocolate and a yellow Lab, are exceptional. They go by Ben and Blondie. Oh yea, we have furry cats that have been spayed and other cute cats (if you think cats are cute).

I will keep it short this week because I am still healing. Mr. Buddy and Ms. Jennifer says thanks to all the two leggers that bring us goodies and vittles. L.C. keeps telling me to mention his name and thanks the 49 two leggers that came in January and made homes for my buds. That makes a big tear come to my eye (told you I had a soft side). Come on by and take home a four legger - you need one or two. I will leave you with the thought of the week - A dog is not my whole life, but a dog makes my life whole - and as always FOR A THRILL AND DEAL COME TO NANKIPOO.

Zeek.



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Divorces

Danny Alford Tipps vs. Roxie Lawson Tipps.

Sarah Elizabeth Jackson Hicks vs. Jason Allen Hicks.

Anniversaries

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

Feb. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tims.

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

Feb. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheatley.

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

Feb. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. James Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coughlan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ja-

son Hayles, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smothers.

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie

Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Halpin, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rose, Mr. and Mrs. David Booker.

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By Pettus L. Read Tennessee Farm Bureau

Tax Freedom Day Continues To Come Later

Several years ago, somewhere in the 1970s, somebody calculated just how many days it takes us to work to completely pay the taxes we are required to pay each year. When they first began to make that calculation, the date they found was some time in April. They named that day Tax Freedom Day. The words tax and freedom really don't seem to fit together, but that's what they decided to call it.

Since its very beginning, Tax Freedom Day has continued to get later and later every year. In 2005 it was April 23 and in 2006 it was April 26. It was even postponed to May 3 in 2000 due to the economic boom, the tech bubble and higher tax rates that pushed tax burdens to a record high.

In fact, it took the average American 116 days to earn enough money to pay federal, state and local taxes last year. We worked 42 days to pay individual income taxes, 31 days to pay social insurance taxes, 16 days to pay sales taxes, 11 days to pay property taxes, 12 days to pay corporate income taxes and 4 days to pay some other taxes that no one seems to know exactly what they are for. Any way you look at it, that's a long time to work to earn enough money just to pay our taxes.

You can always count on death and taxes, but there is another thing you can count

on that most folks really don't realize. That is the abundance of affordable food in America. It continues to be more affordable each year, compared to the less affordability of more taxes.

Just as people calculate Tax Freedom Day, we can now calculate figures for another day that continues to creep backwards instead of forward like Tax Freedom Day.

It is called Food Check-Out Day. That's the day we celebrate reaching the point in the calendar where all of our food for the year is paid for from our yearly income. The great thing about celebrating this day is the average American only has to work from January 1 until February 6 to earn enough money to pay for his or her family's entire 2007 food supply.

As I said, the date has continued to creep backwards. In 1970, Food Check-Out Day would have been held 14 days later. So, at the rate we are going, in the year 2095, give or take a year, food ought to be free! Right? Don't bet on it.

Due to the efficiency and productivity of America's farmers, we are able to celebrate this day. Their hard work and ability to get the job done and provide for the consumer at affordable prices makes it important to remember "who brought us to the dance in the first place."

The American Farm Bureau reports that the bounty of affordable food produced by America's and Tennessee's farmers benefits

our consumers, who pay less of their incomes for food than citizens of any other country in the world. On average, Americans spend just under 10 percent of their disposable income on food, according to Agriculture Department statistics. This means it takes only about 36 days or five weeks for most Americans to earn enough money to buy their groceries for the entire year.

The percentage of disposable personal income spent for food in the United States has declined over the last 37 years, due to increased standards of living. The last time Americans used 12 percent or more of their disposable income to purchase food was in 1983. In 1984, the average dropped to slightly less than 12 percent, and it has steadily declined since then. For the past 10 years, Americans have spent an average of less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food.

USDA research shows that food is more affordable in the U.S. today due to a widening gap between growth in incomes and the amount of money spent for food. The decrease in percentage of income used for food purchases is especially interesting when you consider that Americans today buy more expensive convenience food items for preparation at home, as well as more food away from home.

America's and Tennessee's farmers are the most productive in the world. Food Check-Out Day on February 6 should make us proud of their contribution to society

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School Halls Elementary School Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, Feb. 12th Hot Dog Tater Tots Applesauce Cookie Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 13th Tacos w/Trimmings Rice Grapes Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 14th Valentine's Day Southern Fried Chicken Whipped Potatoes Orange Sections Roll Sweet Heart Cake Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 15th Menu - School's Choice

Friday, Feb. 16th Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich Corn On The Cob Peaches Cookie Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 12th Hot Dog Pizza Tater Tots Carrot Sticks Applesauce Fruit Mix Cookie Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 13th Tacos w/Trimmings Chicken Fajitas w/Trimmings Corn Nibblents Rice Grapes Banana Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 14th Valentine's Day Southern Fried Chicken Hamburger Steak w/Gravy Whipped Potatoes Green Peas Grapes Or Banana Roll Sweet Heart Cake Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 15th Menu - School's Choice

Friday, Feb. 16th BBQ Pork Ribblet Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Corn On The Cob Peaches Pear Halves Cookie Choice Of Milk

and it also allows us to share in some of the success. Food remains quite a bargain for consumers and not an economic burden as it is in many other countries around the world.

I hope you have a happy Food Check-Out Day and remember to thank a farmer for making it possible.

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schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more; and possession schedule VI (MJ) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz. or more.

Keith Tyus, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more; and possession schedule VI (MJ) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz. or more.

Dontae Sawyer, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stacy Jennings, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Matthew P. Shadbolt, burglary, and vandalism \$10,000-\$60,000.

Adrian Shaw, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams or more.

William Sims, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams.

Zedric Smith, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

Edward Stephens, theft of property \$1,000-\$10,000, two counts.

Rickey Clyde Taylor, delivery schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more, three counts.

Jeculvie Theus, possession schedule VI (MJ) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz. or more; possession drug paraphernalia; alteration of item's permanent distinguishing numbers; and theft of property less than \$500.

Jason Wallace, aggravated burglary and assault.

Kristie Nicolette Ward, forgery.

Tonya Dianne Wilson, forgery; theft of property less than \$500; felony FTA, two counts; simple possession schedule II; and possession drug paraphernalia.

Christopher Joe Younger, possession schedule VI (MJ) with intent to deliver 1/2 oz. or more; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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substance, admitted to be marijuana.

James Richard Arwood, 68, of Halls, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with evidence, possession of schedule II, and resisting arrest. Patrolmen Richard Mauppins and M. C. Swims, while on patrol on Nelson Rd., spotted Arwood Jan. 19th on the property of a condemned house. After the officers stopped, Arwood became belligerent and non-cooperative. He placed his hands in his pockets several times and after Swims attempted to place the suspect in handcuffs, he became combative. When told he was under arrest, he pulled a metal object out of his pocket and threw it. It was later found to be a crack pipe. After a search, other drug paraphernalia was found including two pieces of crack rock.

Juan Munos De Jesus, 39, of Brownsville, no driver's license. Patrolmen Jones and Swims conducted a stop after noticing a vehicle without headlights. When asked if the driver had a driver's license, he couldn't produce a valid Tennessee license. When asked if he lived in Tennessee, he provided three different addresses. He stated he was in the country, illegally.

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\$20,000 from Wiley Hutcherson. Mayor McManus thanked Mr. Hutcherson for his support of the young people of Halls. The naming rights for the skate board park have been given to Mr. Hutcherson to be announced at a future date.

Neal Doolin, airport manager, reported that an engineering study would be done to prepare for new paving at the airport, and a new security gate will be installed within the next month.

The board gave Aldermen

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two periods, for a 31-17 advantage at half-time.

Gleason savaged the Tigers in the third, 23-10, cutting the Halls lead, after three periods, to 41-40.

Halls rallied in the final stanza, 20-15, to eke the win.

Kevan Ward led Halls scoring with 22. Darius Ivory had 16, Demarcus Patrick 10, Rodney Foster 7, and Ricky Bennett, Tony Hudson, and Calvin Steel, 2 each.

2nd Fatal For Girls

Halls girls trailed 21-12 in the first period and lost the second, 18-2, for a half-time deficit of 39-14.

They lost the third only 12-8, and won the fourth, 10-6, but far short of salvaging the second stanza debacle.

Shacretia Foster posted 10 points for Halls, Phylicia Richmond 9, each with two 3-pointers.

Keyawna Parker had 4, including a 3-pointer; Crystal Belew, 3; and Cassidy Hardee, Heather Hill, and Megan McBroom 2 each.

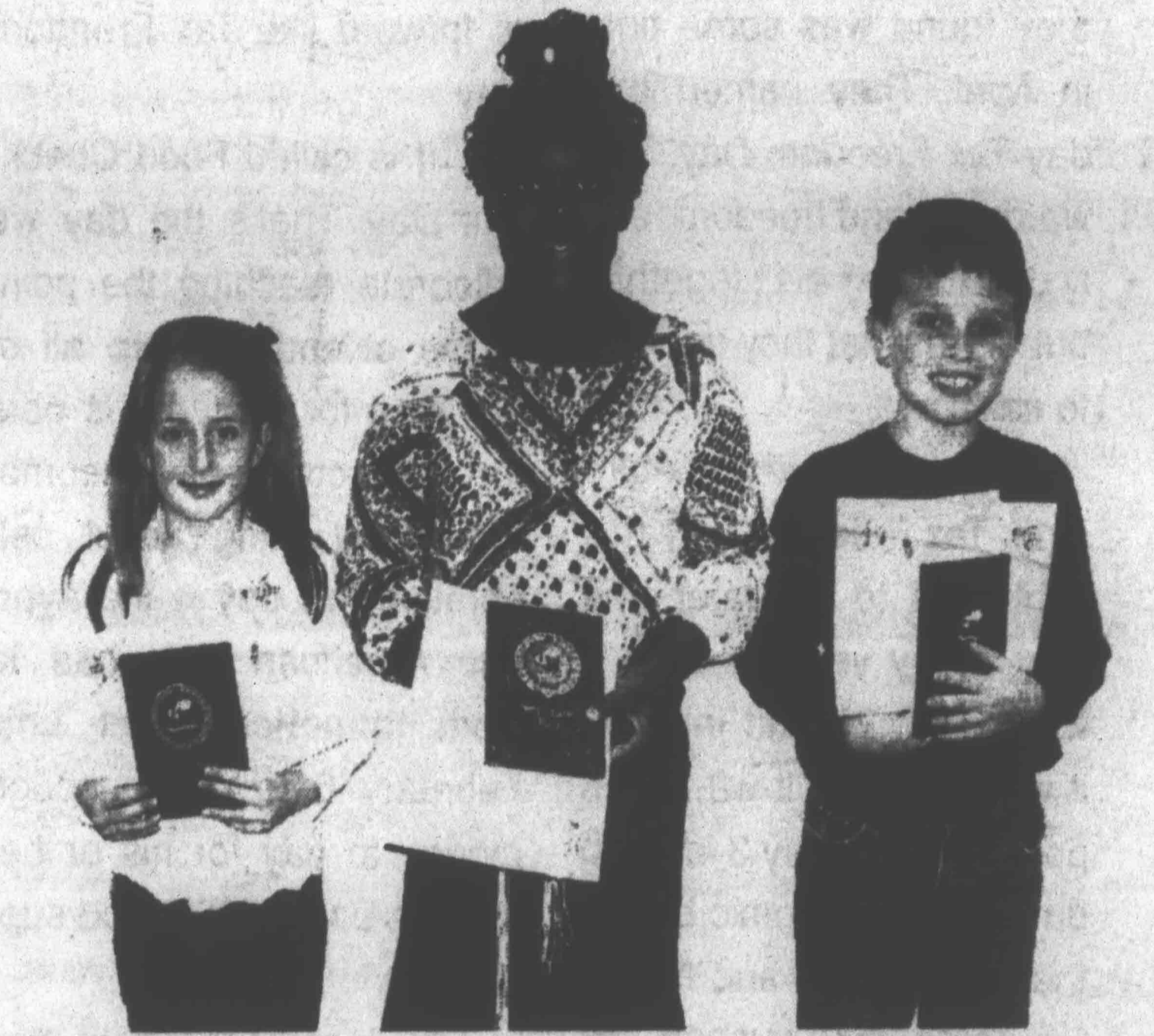
David Jennings, James Tyus, and Mayor McManus the authority to hire a new parks director.

Alderman Mike Moore reported the Senior Center would host The Smile and See program May 19th and 20th. This is a program to provide free dental and vision care.

The board gave the authority to Alderman Jennings, Public Works Director Alan Cherry, and Mayor McManus to enter into gas contracts that would result in lower gas rates for the Town of Halls if the opportunity presented itself.

The board passed the ordinance to establish location restrictions and rules, regulations, and procedures for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Town of Halls as presented. Aldermen Stan

County Spelling Winners



WINNERS, of the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee, held Jan. 30th at Halls Elementary School, include intermediate, in upper photo, from left, Breshae Damper, second place, Lauderdale Middle School, 7th grade; Kirby Cherry, first place, Halls Junior High, 8th grade; and Amanda McClellan, third place, Halls Elementary, 6th grade; and in lower photo, primary, Mariah Carmack, first place, HES, 3rd grade; Shelvesha Barbee, second place, Ripley Primary, 2nd grade; and Weston Conrad, third place, Ripley Elementary School, 3rd grade.

Kirby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cherry, will represent the county in the Mid-South Spelling Bee March 3rd in Memphis.

Breshae is the daughter of LaShaunda Barbee. Amanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McClellan. Mariah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bret Carmack. Shelvesha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Barbee. Weston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Conrad.

Savings Bonds were presented to the winners, donated by Bank of Ripley, BankTennessee, First Citizens National Bank, Gates Banking and Trust Company, and The Lauderdale County Bank. Other donations included Bank of Halls, Pizza Hut, and McDonalds.

Young, Mr. Jennings, and Aldermen Jennifer Moore Mr. Tyus voted in favor with and Mike Moore opposing.

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Crash Kills Driver, An Infant Injured

Kristi L. Threlkeld, 24, of 1270 Johnson Rd., Ridgely, died at 12:44 a.m. Tuesday, in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, of injuries received when a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu she was driving west on Edith-Nankipoo Rd., about 6:22 p.m. Tuesday of last week, left a curve near the intersection with Porter's Gap Road, and over-turned.

Injured, despite his proper restraint device, was Logan Highway Patrolman William Hunter Gooch, 14 months old, am Butler says the crash resulted from excessive speed.

Grand Jury Releases Additional Indictments

Additional indictments, released by the February term of the Lauderdale County Grand jury include:

Johnny Lynn Hunt, aggravated sexual battery, three counts; rape of a 13-year old child, five counts; and aggravated statutory rape.

Albert Walter Terry, rape of a child, under the age of 13-years old.

John Brown Beasley, aggravated statutory rape, two counts; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, two counts; and coercion of a witness, two counts.

Donnell Barbee, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more, three counts.

Emmanuel Green, delivery schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

Letitia Harris, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

Tamika Hurdle, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

James Austin Jarrett, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more, two counts.

Ricky Jones, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

Ricky Baron Jones, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

Nicholas Marrow, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more.

Cedric Brown, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams or more, two counts.

Lasun White, delivery of schedule II (cocaine) 0.5 grams or more.

Chamber Coffee Held



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD and City of Ripley Public Works Department hosted a Chamber Coffee Friday at the facility on 103 Industrial Dr., to allow chamber members to network with each other. Chamber Coffees are held the second Friday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The next coffee is scheduled for March 9th at Halls Police Department.

Halls Girls Lose Dist. Debut By One Point; Boys Into 2nd Game

Halls High School's girls, ninth-ranked in the District 14-A tournament, lost Saturday to eighth-ranked Trenton, 54-53.

Halls boys, ranked seventh, Monday led tenth-ranked Gleason, 67-43, to face second-ranked Lake County at 7 p.m. Thursday on the Falcon's home-court.

TEP Receives Bomb Threat

Officials with Tennessee Electroplating, TEP, received bomb threats during the evening hours Fri., Feb. 2nd and Sat., Feb. 3rd, according to Ripley Chief of Police Milford "Pop" Durham. After a search of the building, both times, the threat was believed to be a hoax. Ripley officers were assisted by James Jarrett, director of Emergency Management, and officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department.

The matter is still under investigation. Anyone with any information, is asked to call the Ripley Police Department, 635-1515.

Bank On Ripley Square To Close

Regions Bank (once Farmers Union Bank), at the north-east corner of Ripley's Court-house Square, is set to close May 11th.

The Peach Patch Branch, at 662 Hwy. 51 North, will continue to offer services.

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GAGE WARD, 9 lb. 0.3 oz. son of Brandy Ward Turnbow, of Halls, was born at 9:59 a.m. Dec. 29th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Measuring 21 inches long, Gage Teddy-Lynn is the brother of Haley Turnbow, 12, the grandson of Frankie "Lois" Ward, and the late Ted Ward, all of Halls, and the late Homer and Helen Burket, of Memphis.

Norris Named To Committee

State Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris (R-Collierville) has been named a Principal of the National Intergovernmental Forum on Transportation Finance in Washington, D.C.

Norris was nominated to the national post by the Council of State Governments (CSG) after being elected to the Executive Committee of the CSG's Board of Directors last month. He will continue to serve as Chairman of the Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee of the CSG's 16-state Southern Legislative Conference.

Norris will meet with other leaders to begin a six-month study of policies and agreements to prepare for future surface transportation needs over the next 25 years.

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Obituaries

Coleen Barnett

Coleen Barnett, 56, of Halls, janitor at Halls Elementary School and mother of Tonya Brown, of Halls, died Feb. 3rd in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in the Friendship Freewill Baptist Church in Union City, with burial in East View Cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home, of Union City, in charge.

She was born at Trenton, Aug. 28, 1950, to Nannie B. Harris Roach, now residing in Martin, and the late Glenn Powell.

She had resided in Union City.

She was a member of Henning Grove Baptist Church, Halls.

Survivors include her husband, John Barnett, of Milwaukee, Wis., whom she married in 1973; sons, Michael Brown, of Union City, Jerome Barnett, of Whiteville, and William Barnett, of Milwaukee; another daughter, Freda Brown, of Nashville; brothers, Joseph Harris, of Martin, and Lee Thomas Harris, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Patricia Massey, of Wyandotte, Mich.; and 21 grandchildren.

Dolly Walker

Dolly Dimple Walker, 74, of Ripley, widow of C. H. Walker, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

She leaves daughters, Lisa Dale Walker and Teresa Newman, of Ripley; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lillian Palmer

Rites Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home mourned Lillian Palmer, 90, of Memphis, retired sales clerk, with burial in Palestine Cemetery near Halls.

She was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church.

Widow of Carter Palmer, she leaves her son, Jim, of McKinney, Tex., and a daughter, Toy Strickland, of Memphis.

Brenner Davis, John Roy Doyle, Pink Dots Aide

Brenner Davis, 47, of Milwaukee, Wis., sister of Linda and Melissa Dixon and Prentise Pitts, of Ripley, died Jan. 31st in her home.

Rites were Saturday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She had been employed by the Legendary Pink Dots, musicians set for a North European tour this spring and summer, an appearance at the Castle Party Festival in Bolkow, Poland, confirmed for July 29th.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Davis, a son, Geracie, and step-sons, Gregory and Tracy Davis, of Milwaukee; a brother, Stanley Dixon, of Orlando, Fla.; and another sister, Hattie Richardson, of Hammond, Ind.

James Ross

James Ross, 74, of Henning, died Monday of last week in the Veterans Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, near Henning, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Widower of Bettye Ross, he leaves a son, James, Jr., of Memphis, a daughter, LaDawn Robinson, of Pasadena, Calif.; an adopted daughter, Theresa Crawford, of 169-B Chapel Circle, Ripley; and three grandchildren.

Darrell Stewart

Darrell G. Stewart, 73, former Riplian, died Saturday in Homestead Hospice in Owatonna, Minn.

Rites were Wednesday in First Baptist Church in Owatonna, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery there, Michaelson Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Sara Jean Stewart; daughters, Nina (Mrs. Eric) Sellner, of Owatonna, Kathryn (Mrs. Joe) Coulter, of Lockesburg, Ark., Margaret (Mrs. Jeff) Ozbun, of Dothan, Ala., and Gail (Mrs. Dave) Nicholson, of Astley, England; sisters, Mary Lou (Mrs. Don) Hamilton, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Sarah (Mrs. Del) Carmean, of West Burlington, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John Roy Doyle, James Kirby, 82, Alline Price, 102, Fireman, Builder Doctor's Widow

John Roy Doyle, 73, died Thursday of last week in his home at 2994 Curve-Woodville Road, near Ripley.

Rites were held Saturday in the Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Brownsville Memorial Gardens.

He was the son of the late Dock C. Doyle and the late Donie Castellaw Doyle.

He had managed the Osceola, Ark., Cargill plant and had been employed by this county's sheriff's department.

He leaves his wife, Betty Rains Doyle; a son, David, of Beebe, Ark.; a step-son, Carleton Davis, of Germantown; step-daughter, Cevee (Mrs. "Sonny") Peace, of Brownsville; and two grandchildren.

James F. Kirby, 82, of Jackson, who was born in this county Dec. 5, 1924, to the late Mack and Clara Jenkins Kirby, died Monday, at home.

Rites were Wednesday in the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Jackson, where he had been chairman of the board, president of United Methodist Men, and co-chair of the building program. Burial was in Highland Memorial Gardens, with Arrington Funeral Directors in charge.

He served in the Navy in World War II as an aviation ordnance technician. He later rose to the rank of staff sergeant in the Marine Reserves.

He retired in 1979 after 27 years as a Jackson fireman.

He then founded Kirby Builders, which constructed several residences in the Jackson area.

Brothers, Charles and Mack Jenkins Kirby, and a sister, Martha Williams, preceded him in death.

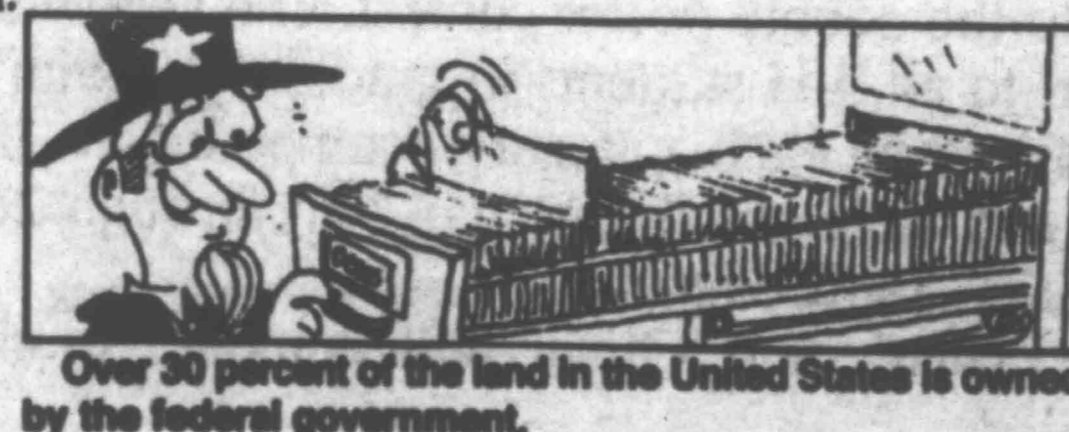
He leaves his wife for 58 years, Ann B. Kirby; daughters, Jane Elizabeth Kirby and Katherine Ann (Mrs. Terry) Tritt; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Edith Gause

Edith Pearl Gause, 50, of Henning, a cook at Midway Market at 600 N. Main in Henning, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Truth and Faith Baptist Church, Ripley, with burial in the Morrow Cemetery, with Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a son, Antonio, and her daughter, Arbardella Gause, of Henning; a brother, Donald Eugene Capers, of 50 Gabrielle Cove, Ripley; a sister, Stella Louise Capers, of Ripley; other brothers, Johnny B. Phillips and Randy Miller, of Decatur, Ill., and Henry Phillips, of Chicago, Ill.; another sister, Alice Mae Gause, of Decatur; and five grandchildren.



Over 30 percent of the land in the United States is owned by the federal government.

Alline Love Price, 102, of Covington, widow of Thomas H. Price, M.D., was buried Saturday in Lane Cemetery, near Halls, after Tipton County rites, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

She had been a school principal.

Among four nieces and nephews, Laverne Bond, of Memphis, looked after her. She also leaves a step-son, Thomas E. Pettaway, of Houston, Tex.; one step-grandson; and many Beard, Currin, and Love cousins in Lauderdale and Haywood Counties.

Mrs. Miller

Marguerite Johnson Miller, 88, of Dyersburg, a member of Ripley's First Baptist Church, died Saturday in Dyersburg's Regional Medical Center.

Rites for the widow of Ralph Miller were Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, Curry Funeral Home, of Dyersburg, reports no close relatives.

REGISTRATION

The YMCA of Dyer County is accepting registration for Spring Outdoor Soccer League through Friday, March 9th, for girls and boys between the ages of three to 14. Each child is guaranteed to play at least half of every game and start every other game. Practices and games will be on Monday and Thursday of each week with the season running April 2nd through the end of May. Some games may be played in Halls.

For more information, call 731-288-9622.

Fund-Raising Committee



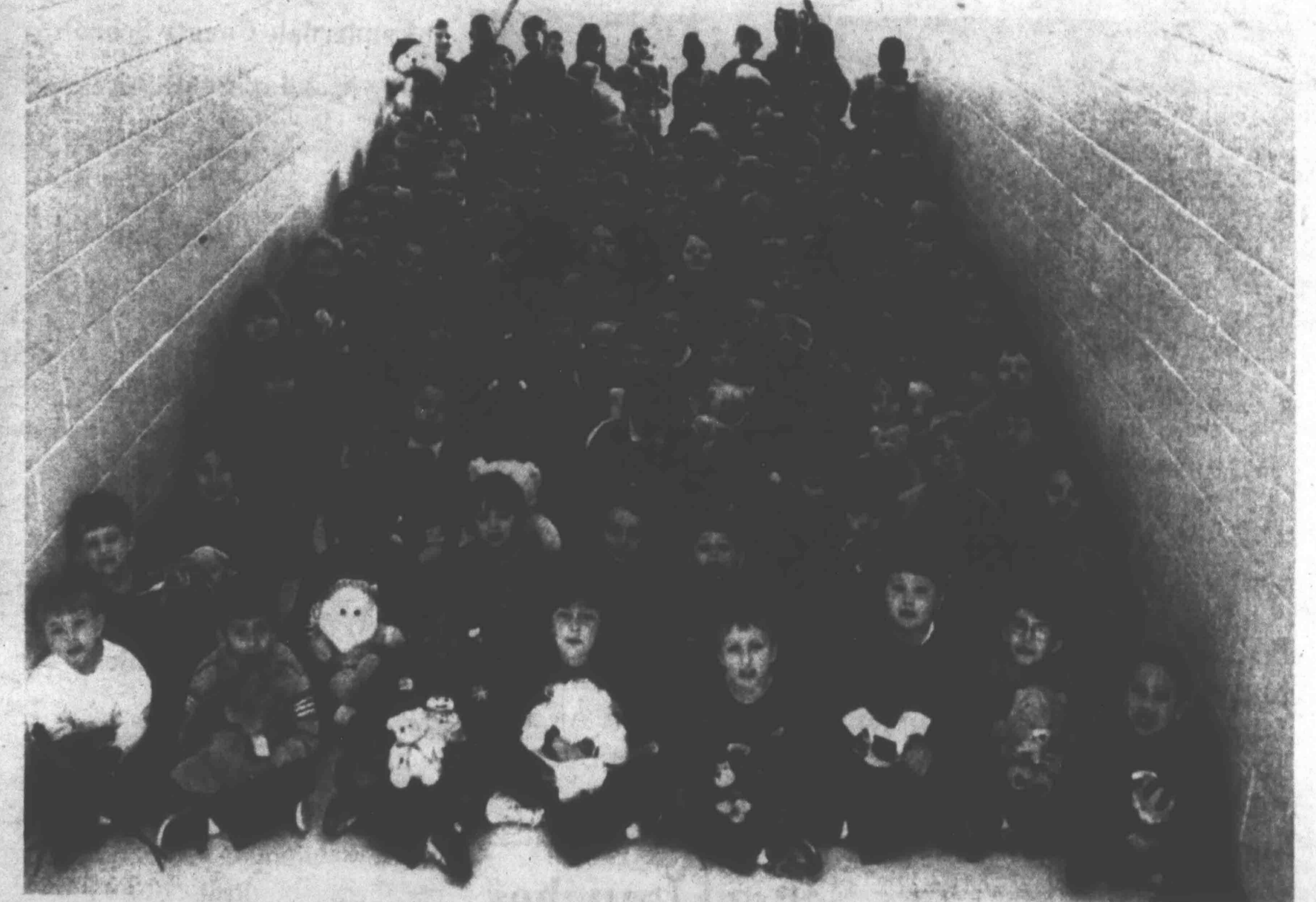
MEMBERS of the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center fund-raising committee, Judy Tyree, left, and Carol L. Walker, right, met with Youlanda Jones, center, director for the UT-Martin Ripley Center, Feb. 2nd to plan for the kick-off campaign, scheduled to begin Feb. 19th with a reception to be followed by two calling sessions in the months of February and March. Scholarships and endowments will be established to assist students attending the UT-Martin Ripley Center with their unmet financial needs. To make a contribution, call Youlanda at 731-221-8778.

Scouts Enjoy Bowling



MEMBERS of Halls Pack 167, Den 2, in front, Cade Moore, Justin McNeill, Alex Hutcherson, Myles Clark, and in rear, Tim Clark, den leader, Tanner Ream, Tyler Barnes, Kenny Hammock, Logan Hurt, and David Ream, den leader, discussed the courtesy of bowling, its rules, and participated in a game at Dyersburg Bowling Lanes, Sun., Feb. 11th. Each scout will earn their bowling belt loop for their efforts.

HES Kindergarten Bear Parade



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS, at Halls Elementary School, brought a bear to school to participate in a "Bear" parade to celebrate the letter "B" week.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will celebrate its 2nd annual 'Books From Birth' program with a birthday party at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23rd, at the Lauderdale County Courthouse Court Room with refreshments and a story-time by Dr. Joan Hartman, sponsored by the Lauderdale County Education Foundation.

Divorces

Stephanie Noel Humphrey vs. Jason Kendall Humphrey, Sr.

Anniversaries

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

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

Feb. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Huffman.

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

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

Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. I got a surprise this week. The stitches started to itch and I did my usual lick and guess what there's nothing to lick. What have they done to me? Then Miss Pam says it's time to pull those stitches. Dr. English and James put me in some contraption called stirrups and before I new what was happening I was spread eagle. I was embarrassed since Miss Pam was watching. She started laughing and told Doc that all I needed now was a naval ring. Let me invite you to Nankipoo to witness the first navel ring in a four legger. Now Miss Pam is talking about piercing my ears and outfitting me with dangling earrings. Please come to visit us and talk her out of this idea or call 836-PETS to change her mind.

Shelia, the Red Tick hound, found a home with three kids. They called and said she was trained in two days, now she is sleeping with the kids. I told you that Nankipoo dogs appreciate good homes.

The other night I heard a noise outside and I saw some two legger sneaking off. He left us five beautiful puppies they are black, tan and white and real healthy. In addition we have some Chesapeake retriever pups, Harley, our basset hound, had six pups and there papa, Rambo, the basset, sure is proud of his family.

For you purest we have a full blooded Rottweiler called CUJO, two labs and two beagle hounds. Mr. Buddy reports that we have a registered Boxer with white markings being fostered who is in need of a good home along with a beautiful Yorkie. For you non purest we have Peanut, Coty and Patch who would make anyone a great pet.

Zeek reports that he and all his buds are very close to God who taught them to love everyone and to forgive the two leggers when they are mistreated. If you want someone to admire you, greet you when you come home and love you unequivocally come to Nankipoo where you get a thrill and a deal for only \$25 dollars. Call 836-Pets, better yet come and see my navel ring.

ZEK

HES Family Night



PARTICIPANTS, in the second accelerated reader family night, gathered at Halls Elementary School Mon., Feb. 5th to read books and allow students to take AR tests. The night was a success with a great turn-out. Staff members plan to continue the event in the future.

Network Program School Lunches Scheduled To Begin

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development announces Sharing How Access to Resources Empowers (SHARE) Network, a program that will help expand access to workforce development services to benefit Lauderdale, Tipton, Dyer, Crockett, Gibson, Lake, and Obion counties. Through the SHARE Network, job seekers and their families will discover a wide range of excellent support services offered by faith and community-based organizations, government agencies and non-profit organizations.

SHARE Network Tennessee is designed to improve the effectiveness of the job search system by building bridges between faith-based and community organizations. The program consists of online resource directory and access points. The online directory will consist of various service providers, including workforce development system partners, faith-based organizations, and businesses and government agencies. The access points located at faith-based or community-based organiza-

Ripley Primary School Halls Elementary School Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, Feb. 19th
President's Day
No School

Tuesday, Feb. 20th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 21st
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 22nd
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 23rd
Corn Dog
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

tion locations will provide core services and referrals to clients.

For more information or if interested to become a member visit www.tnsharenetwork.com.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 19th
President's Day
No School

Tuesday, Feb. 20th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Trimmings
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 21st
Chicken Breast Fillet
Baked Ham
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans
Apple
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 22nd
Chili Pie
Deli Sandwich
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple tidbits
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 23rd
Corn Dog
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

—George Bernard Shaw

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE COLUMN

The Tragedy Of Abortion

By Rex M. Rogers

Twenty-three chromosomes from a woman join 23 chromosomes from a man. In that miraculous moment, the 46 chromosomes become a human baby. The woman becomes a mother, the man a father.

At conception, the forty-six chromosomes or zygote possesses all the unique attributes of a mature human being. The zygote just doesn't look like one yet. The Pro-Choice lobby calls the zygote "potential life." Conservative judge Robert Bork calls the baby "life with potential."

About 1.5 million abortions take place every year in the United States. That's about 30 million since 1973 when Roe vs. Wade made abortion-on-demand legal. That death toll is more than the total dead of any disease or pestilence, more than the total dead of any war, more than five times the number of Jews estimated to have been killed in the Holocaust, more than the total population of sixteen states, more babies per year than the total students in America's 40 largest universities.

The human womb may now be justly called the most dangerous place in the world. And now the merchants of death have "perfected" abortion techniques with so-called "partial birth abortions." With this we enter a new phase of cultural degradation, debasement, and destruction.

Abortion is not about protecting the lives of mothers. Abortion is about convenient birth control. Repeat abortions now comprise some 43 percent of the total abortions per year.

Abortion is the taking of innocent human life. The passage of time and gradual tolerance of this tragedy does not make it any less morally offensive than it was when Roe vs. Wade was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court. I'm still sickened by abortion and want to work legally and politically to curtail it. Are you?

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Baby Lee Welcomed



MRS. WHITNEY LEE, third from left, was honored Sun., Jan. 14th with a baby shower at Halls First United Methodist Church. Special guests were Mrs. Janice Kee and Mrs. Kathy Lee, grandmothers-to-be, and Mrs. Melissa Adams, Mrs. Jessica Lee, and Kara Lee, aunts-to-be. After participating in baby games, guests were treated to refreshments, featuring a cake made by Mrs. Cindy Hunt to welcome little William Kent Lee, as well as Baby Blue Punch, quiche, cheese ball, chipped beef dip, Kiss cookies, and an assortment of crackers, nuts, and mints. The hostesses, from left, Robin Privett, Katie Privett, Janice Kee, Amanda Hunt, and Cindy Hunt, presented Whitney with a Vera Bradley diaper bag in the Java Blue design, along with an assortment of other helpful baby items on a "Baby Tree" created by Cindy. Whitney and her husband, Todd, are expecting their first child, Kent, in February.

Land Transfers

February 4th-February 10th

William M. Harmon III, Brenda Lynn Harmon, Billy M. Harmon, Willie Mae Harmon, and Harmon Enterprises to Leroy A. Dack and Darlene J. Dack, Dist. 2, 0.40 acre.

Michael B. Stewart to Jay Ray and Lindy Ray, 3 tracts.

Mark L. Callender and Carolyn J. Callender to John M. Eskridge and Angie Eskridge, Dist. 12, lot.

Doris Stocklin to Marvin Land and Raymond Proctor, Dist. 2, lot.

Household Financial Center Inc to Rod Ward and Kendra Ward, Dist. 8, lot.

Lillian V. Tillman to Michael D. York and Chrystal N. York, lot.

Edna Ann Little to Sylvia J. Johnson Wedmore, Dist. 2, lot.

Bobby Parchman and Annie Mae Parchman to Jeffrey

Ray Parchman, Dist. 2, 1.0 acre.

Tim L. Barlow, Cheryl Barlow and Cheryl Manns to Frederick Burnett and Markita Burnett, Dist. 6, lot.

Wallace Mathis and Wade Mathis to Lynwood Sinclair and Geraldine Sinclair, Dist. 6, lot.

Dennis Lee and Randy Lankford to Danny K. Hartsfield and Tina S. Hartsfield, Dist. 3, lot.

Chris Fleming to Quentin Lee, Dist. 11, lot.

Belinda G. Halpain and Richard Halpain to Belinda A. Halpain and Richard Halpain, Dist. 12, 0.5292 acre.

FREE CONCERT

The Dyersburg Area Community Concert Association in joint sponsorship with the Dyersburg State Gazette will offer a concert by The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6th, at Dyer County High School Gym, Hwy. 211 just outside of Newbern.

For free tickets send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to DACCA, 215 Elm St., Dyersburg, TN 38024. Anyone needing more than four tickets, call 731-286-3260.

Birthdays

Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myrna Ambrose, Adam Alkin, Janet Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglas, Marrison Simmons, Jimmy H. Jones, Ana Maria Summar, W. D. Drake, Lynda Butler, Frances Mueller, Robert Maxwell, Clay King, Beverly Sellers, Valeri Scott, Janet Grantland.

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

Feb. 17 - Dr. Wayne Dudeney, Diane Kiestler, Wade Mathis, Keith Smith, Larry Wright, Linda Thurmond, Ricky Cribfield, Kay Hansford, Allison Renee Hurt, Angie Layne Briggs, Linda Jetton, Patricia Turner, Hailey Holcomb, Lindsey Moffatt, Brad Cain.

Feb. 18 - Pam Rhodes, Marilyn Garrett, T. J. Green, Barry Wakefield, Shawn Rivera, Jr., Austin Crutchfield, Elaine Barcroft, Judy Crook,

Rose Heath, Tyler Wiggins, Sandra Jackson, Phillip Michael Cook, Teresa Tyler, Wayne Mitchell, Angela LeMar, Chase Holcomb, Dylan Roberts, Hayden Scoggins, Cindy Echols, Harrison Belton.

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

Feb. 20 - Roger Charest, Hannah Moore, Linda Daum, Betty Klutts, Carolyn Polk, Jack Baynes, Don Smith, Richard Halpain, Dustin Gordon, Drea Ross, Jason Kiestler, Chad McAlister.

Feb. 21 - Celina Colvin, Clarence Delk, Lee Jennings, Dawn Platzke, Pat Carmack, Vicky Emerson, Robert Crutchfield, Brady Fleming, Taylor Carney, Nick Powers, Eric Scoggins, Rev. Doris Crawley.

Church Happenings

The addresses and phone numbers of area churches are published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold special winter services during the month of January and February. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. A noon meal will be followed by Winter Bible study, of the Books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and a prophecy study, "Surviving the Last Days". There will not be a night service. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley's First Baptist Church will host a Bible study at 10 a.m. Sat., Feb. 24th in the sanctuary featuring Diane McNeil, author of the book, *Ruth, 3,000 Years of Sleeping Prophecy Awakened*. The event is open to all women in the community and is sponsored by the church's Faith Sunday School class. Diane will walk participants through the process of writing this study, will explore prophecy found in the Old Testament book of Ruth and will examine many ancient Jewish customs found in Ruth. For more information, call Maurine Childress, 635-4111, or Lisa Hendren, 635-1117.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 315 Ann St., Halls, will relocate to their new facility, 748 E. Tigrett St., Halls, with special services at 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 18th with Superintendent L. C. Hayslett as guest speaker. Elder Alonza F. Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, 3654 Coffee Shop Rd., will hold its annual black history program at 2:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 18th featuring several singing groups as special guests. The public is invited.

St. Mark Baptist Church, Henning, pastor's aide committee, will sponsor a Sweetheart Banquet at 6 p.m. Feb. 20th at the New Hope Dowell Complex, Moorers Ave., Henning. The public is invited.

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

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Uncle Sid Gets Onboard To Produce Bio-fuels

It was the afternoon of the day after the Governor had announced his program for making Tennessee a national leader in bio-fuel development that I pulled into the long gravel driveway of Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie's farm. The day had been an unusually cold one as January days can be around the end of the month and I could see Uncle Sid walking around out in the front yard of the family home place. I was looking forward to our visit, because a visit with the old farmer always sends me away a much better person than when I had arrived.

As I parked my car beneath one of the huge maple trees near the house, I could see he was really studying the lay of the ground around the old white frame house. Before I reached where he stood he had even gotten down on one knee to get a better sighting of how the soil drained down the hillside to the cow pasture where his Angus cattle grazed in the late afternoon sun.

Being somewhat curious about what he was doing out there on such a cold winter's day, I approached him slowly hoping his actions would give me a hint on what was going on in his age-experienced head. However, with Uncle Sid it could be anyone's guess on what he was thinking about.

Seeing me coming toward him he grinned real big and said, "I'm sure glad to see you. I need some advice on where to plant my Bio-Victory Garden to help the war effort."

With that statement I knew it would take me a while to get in the house for some of Aunt Sadie's tea cakes and a warm cup of coffee. "What are you talking about?" I asked as I tried to understand just what he could be planning for.

Pushing his old felt hat back on his head he said, "I heard on the news the other night that the Governor is going to make fuel right here in Tennessee out of some kind of switchgrass to help us cut off our money from going to those old boys over there in those oil countries. I'm all for it and ready to get started right now. There's a war on and it is time to do something about it!"

I then understood he was talking about Governor Phil Bredesen's announcement that he is proposing for his 2007-2008 budget \$61 million for a comprehensive alternative fuels strategy to position Tennessee to be a national leader in the production of biomass ethanol and related research. That along with a combined \$11.6 million in existing funding for an ongoing related project at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the Governor is proposing a \$72.6 million comprehensive plan. Bredesen's proposed budget includes \$40 million to build a pilot biomass ethanol plant that will operate at a capacity of five million gallons per year.

Scientists at ORNL and the University of Tennessee (UT) Institute for Agriculture have developed ethanol from switchgrass, a crop that can be grown virtually anywhere in Tennessee. I knew that was what Uncle Sid was talking about and I asked him how he planned to

help.

He said, "I figure the Governor will need everybody's help to get the job done right. So, just like we did back during World War II we will need to plant 'Bio-Victory Gardens' rather than Victory Gardens as we did back then. I thought I would plow up my front yard and plant it full of switchgrass so I can help the war effort."

Knowing Aunt Sadie would not take too kindly to Uncle Sid messing with her beautiful front yard I thought I had better explain a little more what the Governor has in mind. I said, "Uncle Sid, that's a good thought, but I don't think that is

what the governor wants you to do. Biomass crops will be grown on farms like yours, but in fields, not in yards. His plan includes \$10 million for UT and ORNL to fund additional research to increase switchgrass production and achieve efficiencies in the production of cellulosic ethanol. There will be \$3 million in research funding to find other, non-biomass alternative fuel sources.

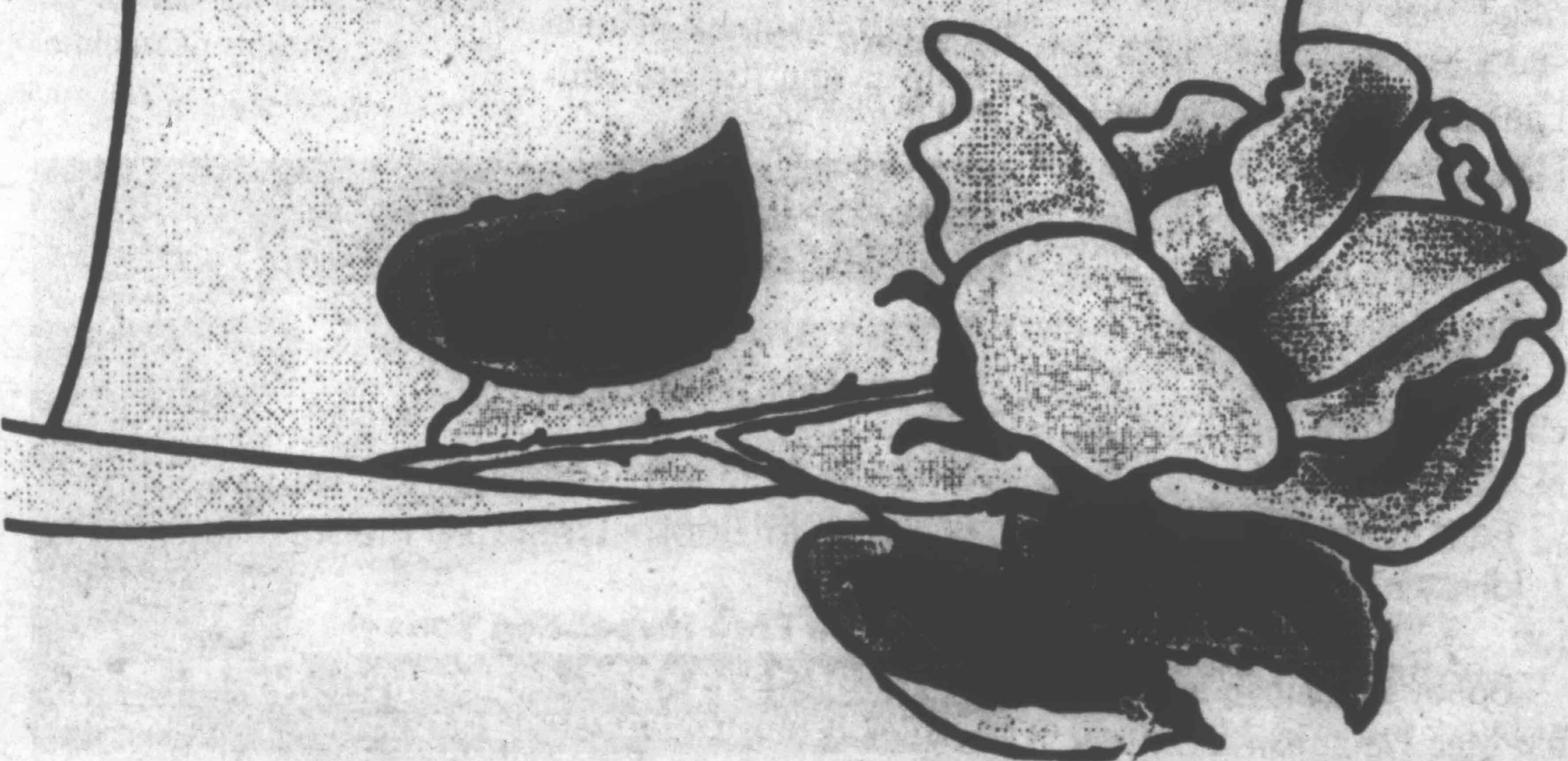
"Uncle Sid, where you may come in is there will be \$8 million in agricultural incentives to help Tennessee farmers tap into the new farm-based fuels market and produce switchgrass in the quantities required to supply the pilot ethanol plant. That back field of yours that you just bushhog off during the summer time would be a better place to plant than your front yard."

The old man stood there

for just a minute and then said, "That would be a better place for that switchgrass than this yard. Sadie does get sort of unhappy with me whenever I just mow down one of her petunias. I can't even imagine her attitude if I plowed this place up. Son, in 60 years of marriage we have never had a short word with each other. Several long ones, but never a short one."

As we walked to the house and those tea cakes waiting on us at the kitchen table, it felt good to know that people like Uncle Sid are ready to do something about our mid-east fuel dependency problem and find a method to add to the rural economy. One thing for sure, if you are in a war, you want Uncle on your side!

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Commissioners Approve Healthgroup Settlement

Lauderdale County Commissioners approved a resolution Monday of last week to resolve the Volunteer Healthgroup insurance claim of Chris Scallions for \$146,210.92. The approximate total could have been \$500,000, saving the county \$353,789.08.

Other business included approving \$500 to validate and demonstrate the County's effort toward the Mississippi River Corridor Project, a potential tourist attraction.

Ronnie Roberts was appointed to the Agricultural Committee after Leslie Crook rotated off. Re-appointments to the committee included Betty Ray, Al Jones, and Rob Reviere.

Larry Shelby was hired, at \$5 a year, to research ways of saving money in the various county departments, as an assistant to County Mayor Rod Schuh.

Countians Join Mission Trip



THE REV. WILLIE POUNDS, right, in front, of Ripley, and Donald Williams, left, in rear, of Beech Grove, near Halls, joined a team of 22 mission volunteers on the Cross Partners Ministry (CPM, Inc.) team to Luzon Island, in the Philippines. The team, led by Dr. Charles Pratt, in front, right, pastor of First Baptist Church, of Kenton, saw 10,405 professions of faith and 863 other church decisions recorded. Pratt has been leading teams to the Philippines over the past 18 years and has developed some great relations with the Filipino Baptists. The Rev. Pounds, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church, Kenton, was on his first overseas mission trip. He said, "I was humbled by the Filipino pastors when they begged me to come again and help them. If it is the will of God, I will go because the people are so grateful." The Republic of the Philippines is a Third World Country that consists of 7,100 islands filled with over 88 million people. The partnership mission work was developed approximately 18 years ago by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and has been continued through the efforts of CPM, Inc. Dr. Pratt serves as president of the mission organization sending volunteers for short time mission work. Most of the team members raised their own support, as well as, the money for New Testaments and Bibles. They gave away over 30,000 New Testaments, hundreds of whole Bibles, and over 28,000 Gospel tracts. A baptismal service was conducted in the South China Sea where 157 were baptized. Evangelist Braxton Hunter, member of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, pictured with his wife, Sarah, brought a message on the meaning of Bible baptism.

Among those attending were, in front, Charles Pratt, First Baptist, Kenton; Barry Enoch, First Baptist, Lafayette; and Willie Pounds, St. Paul's Baptist, Kenton; in middle, John Hayes, medical doctor, member of South Fork Baptist, near Friendship; Stan Parker, pastor of Faith Baptist, Lansing, Mich; D. C. Melton, Lakeview Baptist, Selmer; Doug Duncan, pharmacist, member of First Baptist, Dyer; Darrell McLaughlin, computer programmer, member of South Fork Baptist, near Friendship; Jerry Foster and Jeff Hay, Zion Baptist, Brownsville; Tommy Griggs and Brenda Griggs, members of Bethpage Baptist, Kenton; Tony Michael, pastor of Bethpage Baptist Church, Kenton; Mike Hopper, member of Zion Baptist, Brownsville; and Eddie Wilbanks, Finley Baptist, Finley; and in rear, Donald Williams, Beech Grove Church, near Halls; Bill Mims, member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; Jerry Legg, retired pastor, from First Baptist, Dyer; The Rev. Randy Crews, pastor of Ashland Baptist, Ashland, Miss.; David Garland, Brownsville Baptist, Brownsville; and Sarah and Braxton Hunter, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville.

Council Presents Play



CAST MEMBERS of "Martin Said So", a one-act play by Wanda Schell and Kenny Bento, include, in front, from left, Apollo Muex, Sabrina Edwards, Charletta Campbell, and Terrance Henning, and, in rear, Kirby Long, Justin Word, Demetria Currie, and Marquez Jackson, plus, not pictured, Skye Hickey.

The Lauderdale County Council of Arts, in honor of Black History Month, is presenting "Martin Said So". The play tells the story of four generations of an American family of African descent as they are affected by the Civil Rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s. It also shows how the philosophies of both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X change the family's life and affect the attitude of the younger generation. The play is directed by Mary Kathryn Coffman. Performances are 3 p.m., Sunday, February 25th at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theatre at Ripley High School; Thursday, February 22nd at Halls High School and Halls Junior High; Friday, February 23rd at Lauderdale Middle School; and Monday, the 26th, at Ripley High School. Admission is free to all the performances.

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Halls Boys Lose Dist. Tilt To Lake County

Halls High School's boys, in their second game in the District 14-A basketball tournament, after a 60-46 win from Gleason, lost Thursday of last week at Lake County, 76-52.

Halls boys were seeded seventh, the Falcons second.

Lake went into the meet 22-6, 15-3 in the district, and third in the state in The Associated Press 1-A poll.

Lake won Saturday from Humboldt, 70-69, to face, in Tuesday's finals, Union City, (score too late for this issue).

Union City won Saturday from Trenton, 130-93, with 21 3-pointers.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 26th
 Hamburger
 Pizza
 French Fries
 Carrot Sticks
 Applesauce
 Fruit Mix
 Rice Krispie Treat
 Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 27th
 Steak Fingers
 Fish Fillet
 Broccoli Bites
 Black Eyed Peas
 Banana
 Orange Sections
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 28th
 Spaghetti
 Entrée-School's Choice
 Green Beans
 Corn Niblets
 Pineapple Tidbits
 Grapes
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 1st
 Chicken Nuggets
 Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
 Whipped Potatoes
 Green Peas
 Jell-O w/Fruit
 Apple
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 2nd
 Deli Sandwich
 Toasted Cheese Sandwich
 Chicken Noodle Soup
 Fresh Vegetable Stick w/Dip
 Peaches
 Pear Halves
 Cookie
 Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School
Halls Elementary School
Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, Feb. 26th
 Pizza
 French Fries
 Applesauce
 Rice Krispie Treat
 Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 27th
 Fish Fillet
 Black Eyed Peas
 Orange Sections
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 28th
 Spaghetti
 Green Beans
 Pineapple Tidbits
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 1st
 Chicken Nuggets
 Whipped Potatoes
 Apple
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 2nd
 Cheese Toast
 Chicken Noodle Soup
 Carrot Sticks
 Pear Halves
 Cookie
 Choice Of Milk

USDA COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by DHS and USDA, will distribute commodities between the hours of 8 until 10 a.m. Wed., Feb. 28th at the Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St.; Rice Park, 107 Watkins St.; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St.; and Henning City Hall, 105 S. Main St.

Bring someone to carry the bag to your car. Commodities will be given on first come first serve.

MEETING HELD

A Community Needs Assessment meeting, presented by the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, will be held noon, Friday, March 2nd, at the Tennessee Technology Center. The meeting is sponsored by Lauderdale County Exchange Club and Concerned Citizens for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Lauderdale County.

Anniversaries

Feb. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scallions.

Feb. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Climer, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hargett.

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

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

Feb. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Todd White.

Feb. 28 - Dr. and Mrs. Art Poisal.

Marriages

February 14 - Roger Wesley, Jr., 21, to Ashley Michelle Frazier, 20, by Tracy Henson.

February 15 - James Edward Tomlinson II, 20, to Rachel Elizabeth Gibson, 18, by Tracy Henson.



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Obituaries

Barbara Pittman

Barbara Pittman, 69, of 223 Kellar, Ripley, a retired teachers' aide, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She was a member of Calvary Hill Baptist Church.

She leaves sons, Brandon, Clay, and Lee Pittman, a daughter, Darla Johnson, mother, Goldie Savley, brothers, Billy and Bobby Savley, all of Ripley; another daughter, Tina Dillingham, of Jackson; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Peggy Brown

Peggy Ann Land Brown, 71, of Ripley, retired factory seamstress, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Conner Assembly of God, where she was a member, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Brad and Gary, and daughters, Becky Sanders, Judy Greer, and Phyllis Rye, of Ripley; another daughter, Faye Stiles, of Somerville; sisters, Bessie King and Catherine Forsythe, of Ripley; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Norma Kelley

Norma Sue Kelley, 67, of 397 Turkey Hill Road, Ripley, wife of Roy Kelley, died Thursday of last week in St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She leaves brothers, Freddie and James Haislip, of Ripley, and Donnie Haislip, of Covington; sons, Larry Kelley and William Leggett, and daughters, Darlene Bly, Debie Biggs, and Teresa Batey, of Nashville; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

'Jodie' Wilson

Joseph "Jodie" Wilson, 87, of Ripley, a mechanic, died Wednesday of last week in Good Samaritan Health and Rehab Center in Antioch, a suburb of Nashville.

Rites were Saturday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Currie Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include sons, Darrell Wilson, of Jackson, Melvin Wilson, of Memphis, Joseph A. Wilson, of Tacoma, Wash.; Ronald Wilson, of Vancouver, Wash.; and Joseph Kirby, of Fort Washington, Maryland; daughters, Stephanie Wilson, of Jackson, Michelle Wilson, of Nashville, Brenda Ingrams, of Antioch, and Vicki Young, of Merrillville, Ind.; a step-daughter, Cathy Bailey, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; a sister, Margaret Pitts, of Flint, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Essie VanCleave

Essie VanCleave, 73, of 211 Northcrest, Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She was a member of Ashport Baptist Church.

She leaves her brother, Dewitt "Buddy" Taylor, of Ripley; a daughter, Judy D. Cross, of Theodore, Ala.; step-daughters, Brenda VanCleave and Shirley Copeland, of Wilson, Okla.; a sister, Mary Faye Turberville, of Frisco City, Ala.; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Harris L. Savage

Harris Lee Savage, 68, of Ripley, a mechanic, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Martha Jane Savage, a son, Mike, and a daughter, Deborah Crowder, of Ripley; another daughter, Vickie Davis, of Henning; and six grandchildren.

Ed Kirkpatrick

Eddie Lewis Kirkpatrick, 96, of Ripley, retired farmer, died Tuesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Grace Cemetery.

He was a member of the Central Assembly of God.

He was the widower of Rhea Hopper Kirkpatrick.

He leaves a son, Eddie, of Ripley; a daughter, Peggy Aureli, of Memphis; a brother, Jim, of Kingsport; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Ms. Buchanan

Cherry Elaine Buchanan, 56, of Dyersburg, sister of Glenda Cartwright, of Ripley, died Feb. 10th, in her residence.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

She was the daughter of the late Raymond and Ethel Summers.

Survivors include her companion for 23 years, Don Roberson; a daughter, Anna Tull, brothers, Donald, Gaylon, and Raymond Summers, and sisters, Audrey Garrett and Carolyn Perry, all of Dyersburg; another brother, Billy Summers, of Dallas, Tex.; another sister, Brenda Glass, of Pensacola, Fla.; and one grandchild.

Gary W. Palmer

Gary Wayne Palmer, 54, of Mason, brother of Cindy Moore and Patsy Harwell, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Drummonds, in Tipton County.

He drove trucks for DSI Tramac Transport, of Memphis.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara House Palmer; his father, James M. Palmer, of Brighton; sons, Gary Palmer, of Mason, Paul Palmer, of Burlison, and Shannon Boothe, of Munford; a daughter, Angie Turner, of Burlison; brothers, James, of Brighton, and William, of Memphis; other sisters, Maxine Gibson, of Brighton, Beverly Gabriel, of Paris, and Geneva Miller, of Detroit, Mich.; and nine grandchildren.

Rev. Jackson

The Rev. Henry Earl Jackson, 45, of Covington, brother of Mary Hall, of Ripley, died Feb. 2nd in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Services were held Feb. 10th in the Canaan Grove Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

A 1979 graduate of Covington High School, he was a food service specialist.

He was a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Arthur and Lue Alice Jackson, of Mason; a daughter, Sabrina Blake, of Detroit, Mich.; a brother, Willie Louis Jackson, and sisters, Alice Faye Elkins, Lue Ivory Williams, Minnie Dickson, Stephanie Young, and Telesa Ann Clemons, of Covington; other sisters, Angela Keshelle Becton, of Mason, and Lue Ella Jackson, of Pontiac, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

T. D. Thurmond

T. D. Thurmond, Jr., 63, of Ripley, a carpenter, died Wednesday of last week, in his residence.

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

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

He leaves his wife, Judy Carolyn Vowell Thurmond; a son, Danny, of Ripley; a daughter, Sandy Giger, of Newbern; a sister, Ruby Moore, of Somerville; and five grandchildren.

Ora Sanders

Ora Jane Sanders, 92, of Union City, who was born in this county, May 9, 1914, to the late James and Eliza Cogshell Taylor, died Feb. 8th in Union City Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were in Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, where she was the oldest member, with burial in East View Cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, Willie, of Decatur, Ill.; a daughter, Eliza Mae Smith, of Union City; a sister, Sally Williams, of Princeton, Ind.; 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 77 great-great-grandchildren.

Hershell B. Gray

Hershell B. Gray, 82, of Ripley, a retired farmer, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21st, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Ruby Peterson Gray, daughter, Shirley, McWilliams, and sister, Ruth Crowder, all of Ripley; another daughter, Kathy Jackson, and another sister, Betty Stafford, both of Gates; brothers, Herbert Gray, of Halls, and Jeff Gray, of Memphis; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Sylvia Snipes

Sylvia Snipes, 46, of St. Louis, Mo., employee at LaCleda Gas Co. in St. Louis, died Wednesday of last week of cardiac arrest at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17th, at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary had charge.

The daughter of the late Alvin Snipes, she leaves her mother, Carolyn Snipes, of Ripley.

Erma Lee Olds

Erma Lee Olds, 84, of Halls, widow of Wilbert Milton Olds, died Saturday in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Halls Assembly of God.

She leaves sons, Bill, James, and Larry, of Ripley, Mike, of Henning, and Ronnie, of Gates; daughters, Judy Below, of Henning, and Pansy Nolen, of Halls; a brother, Gale Erwin, of Maury City; sisters, Nancy Nix, of Halls, Mildred Childress and Rachel Hong, of Troy, and Geneva Lovelace and Peggy Gillenwater, of South Fulton; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Helen West Hay

Helen West Hay, 80, of Halls, formerly of Dyersburg, died Wednesday of last week at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale.

Services were at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17th, at Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

She was a retired school teacher and a member of First Baptist Church, of Dyersburg, and Dyersburg Women's Club.

The widow of The Rev. Parker Lee Hay, she leaves daughters, Belinda Smith, of Halls, and Phyllis Throckmorton, of Pine Mountain Club, Calif.; a brother, Basil West, of Michigan; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Betty Dixon

Betty Jean Ricks Dixon, 51, of Brownsville, formerly of Ripley, a West Tennessee State Penitentiary Correctional Officer, died Monday at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday, February 24th, at Rice Park Church of Christ in Ripley, with burial in Springfield Cemetery in Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a daughter, De-sandilan Robertson, of Brownsville; her mother, Lessie Mae Jones, brothers, Earl Coleman, Arthur Jones, Jr., and Ollie B. Ricks, and sister, MaeElla Win-bush, all of Ripley; another brother, Bobby Louis Jones, of Norfolk, Va.; and three grandchildren.

CORRECTION

The obituary, published in last week's issue, of Louise Gause Barnes, 69, of Ripley, who died Jan. 21st of respiratory failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital, incorrectly listed her cause of death as cancer. We regret inaccurate information.

Josephine Burton

Josephine Burton, 77, of Burlison, mother of Celia Lake, of Henning, died Thursday of last week in Covington Care Center.

Rites were Wednesday in St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church in Tipton County, with burial in National Cemetery in Memphis, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

She had retired as an insurance broker and Head Start assistant.

She had been a deaconess in Bright Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, David Burton, of Memphis, Jeremiah Burton, of Cordova, Carl Burton, of Atlanta, Ga., and Timothy Burton, of Fayetteville, N.C.; other daughters, DAI-Sey Burton, of Memphis, Pearl Andrews, of Munford, Alice Bell, of Nashville, Mazie Powell, of Atlanta, Ga., and Kimel Hodges, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; brothers, Pink Sherrill, Jr., and Cornell Sherrill, of Burlison; sisters, Florence Trent, of Philadelphia, Pa., LaRue Albritton, of Burlison, Cleopatra Thompson, of Stone Mountain, Ga., Gloria Sherrill and Barbara White, both of Covington; 42 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Willie Stenson

Willie Stenson, 46, of Halls, a janitor at Halls High School, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale.

Services are set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24th, at St. Mark Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in Old Cemetery in Halls, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his wife, Margaret E. Stenson, sons, Jarvis Roberts and Bradley Stenson, daughters, Toshia Roberts and Candace, his father, Willie B. Peter Stenson, Sr., a brother, Christopher Stenson, and sisters, Luratrice McKinney and Christy Stenson, all of Halls; other brothers, Sanford Stenson, Sr., of Gates, Andravus Stenson, of Ripley, Randall Stenson, of Atlanta, Ga., Jason Stenson, of Covington, and Lamar and Samuel Stenson, of Martin; other sisters, Patha Wells, of Gates, Samantha Stenson, of Ripley, Dennis Parrish, of Memphis, Be-

Terry Taylor

Terry Sue Taylor, 52, of Ripley, machine operator for S-R of Tennessee in Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Munford Funeral Home reports no services.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25th, at the Halls Community Center in Halls. This will include a time of fellowship and sharing memories, and anyone wishing to do so may bring a dish.

She was a Church of Christ member.

She leaves her companion, Steve Williams; sons, Jeremy, Lynn, Michael, and Steven Mims, and a brother, Johnnie Hudson, of Ripley; another brother, Jessie R. Hudson, of Halls; a sister, Linda Smith, of Brighton; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be given in Terry's memory, and will be used toward funeral and other outstanding expenses, mail to: Ray Hudson, 419 Locust St., Halls, TN 38040.

INTERAGENCY FAIR

An interagency fair is set for 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22nd, at the Tennessee Technology Center to inform the public about resources available in the community. Approximately 20 agencies will be available to answer questions and provide materials.

RELAY FOR LIFE

A Relay For Life meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 27th at the Tennessee Technology Center. Volunteers are needed for teams, committee members, and walking.

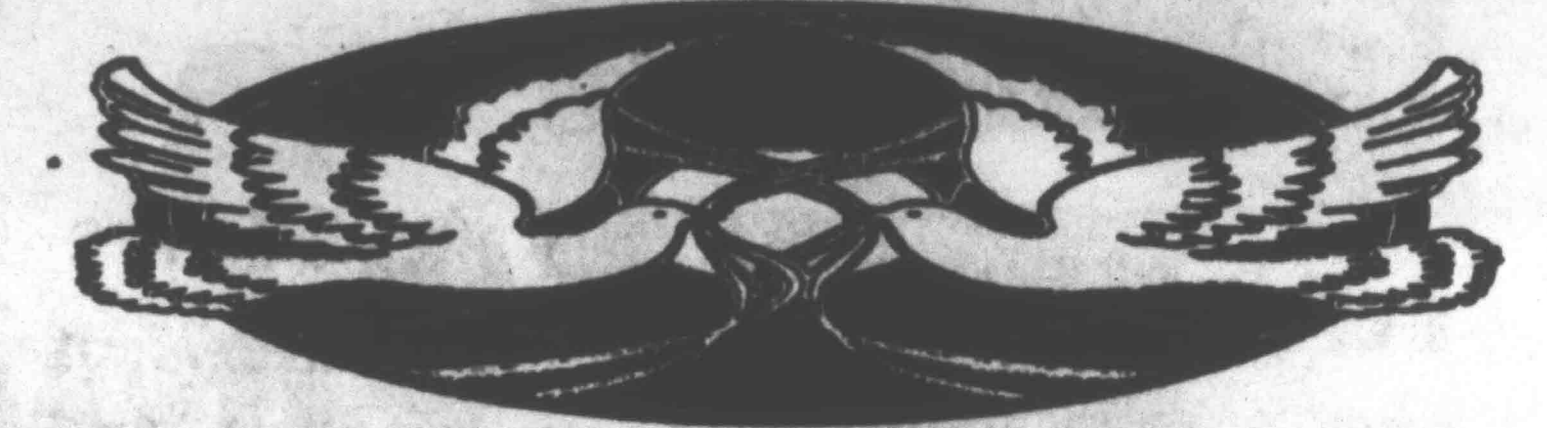
The event will be held May 11th - 12th at the Ripley Park.

linda Reddick, of Alamo, and Patricia McNeil, of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Student Of The Month



RACHEL CLARK, center, Halls High School senior, was introduced as student of the month at the monthly meeting of the Lauderdale County Exchange Club Thursday of last week. She is the daughter of Jenny Clark, not pictured. She plans to attend Union University to major in accounting or in the math field. Rachel is ranked third in her class with a grade point average of 3.97. She is pictured with her grandmother, Vi Edens, left, and David Elkins, right, Exchange Club president.



Church Happenings

The addresses and phone numbers of area churches are published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

Macedonia Baptist Church, at Edith, will hold revival services beginning at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., March 4th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through Wed., March 7th with Braxton Hunter, director of Trinity Crusades for Christ, as evangelist. Philip Herron, music and youth director, for Macedonia Baptist Church, will serve as music director. A nursery will be available for children, 3 years old and under. The public is invited.

Ripley's First Baptist Church will host a Bible study at 10 a.m. Sat., Feb. 24th in the sanctuary featuring Diane McNeil, author of the book, *Ruth, 3,000 Years of Sleeping Prophecy Awakened*. The event is open to all women in the community and is sponsored by the church's Faith Sunday School class. Diane will walk participants through the process of writing this study, will explore prophecy found in the Old Testament book of Ruth and will examine many ancient Jewish customs found in Ruth. For more information, call Maurine Childress, 635-4111, or Lisa Hendren, 635-1117.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will hold its annual coon supper at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., March 1st. 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.

Lauderdale County 4-H Competition



won the division. She is pictured with Jennifer Chandler, agent. Chad Lewis won 4th grade division, with Haleigh Hurt as runner-up, and Haylee Tims won 5th grade, with Jessie Belton, runner-up. In upper right photo, students, from left, Katye Cherry, 8th grade, Halls Junior High; Andrea Fritz, 7th grade, TN Trailblazers; Kelsey Yarbrough, 6th grade, Halls Elementary School; and Haylee Tims, 5th grade, HES, competed in the regional competition Feb. 15th at Halls Elementary School. In lower right photo, Kate Harris, 12th grade, Ripley High School, will travel to Scotts Hill High School Feb. 24th to compete in regional competition after winning the senior high division.

PARTICIPANTS in the County Public Speaking competition include, in upper left photo, 5th grade, in front, from left, Kevin Seaton, Elizabeth Edwards, Chelsea Aitken, Theresa Fritz, Dylan Sherrod, Logan Jones, Carson Reynolds, Kelsey Pugh, and Courtney Biggs, and in rear, Nicole Francis, Jessie Belton, Landon Berry, Shunta King, Breana Copeland, and Haylee Tims, in middle left photo, 4th grade, from left, Jennifer Chandler, 4-H agent, Haleigh Hurt, Jemika Smith, Gregory Mays, Chad Lewis, Grayson Morrison, Emilie Hendren, Kayla Oswald, and Savannah Cook, and in lower left photo, 6th grade, Kelsey Yarbrough



Elementary School. The Junior High and Senior High competition was held at the University of Tennessee Extension office Thurs., Feb. 8th. Winners in the local 4-H club advanced to the county contest with its winners advancing to the regional contest, except 4th grade winner.

Lauderdale County hosted the regional event at Halls Elementary School with Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Obion, and Weakley counties joining Lauderdale County in competition.

Birthdays

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

Feb. 23 - Darla Johnson, Carolyn Bradford, Michelle Haislip, Diane Akin, Joe B. Arwood, Austin Monroe Ward, Donna Lynn Hawks, J. W. Warren, Jr., Jason Raines, Jason

Scarce, Timmy Bryant, Butch Latham, Brenda Kiestler, Luke Elder, Brian Latham, Bill Miller, Monica Madison, Robbie Binkley.

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

Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye Connor, Angela Oswald, Ruben Jones, Ricky Rose, Nicolas Smith, Katlyn Moffatt, Charles Robbins, Kim Williams, Adam Houston.

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford, Anna Beard, John Paige Hendren, Erica Deberry, Barbara Mann, Shirley Holley, Christie Belton, Johnny Marvel, Ronnie Crawford.

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Martha Lee Hunter, Cindy Schuh, Bobbie Wilson, Bobby Cain, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Bryan Bomar, Will McCullough, Phillip Glenn, Shirley Garton, Valerie Stephenson, Violet Williams.

Feb. 28 - Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson Hartman, Scott Mayfield, Brooklyn Simpson, Sallye Rae Hartman, Carley Cherry, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Murrey Wakefield, Gregg Brown, Melissa Hurt, Jeanette Hamby, Jim Locks Schmidt, Anthony Binkley.

Feb. 29 - Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore, Charlotte Matthews, Paul Duncan.

Read all about it... Nankipoo Dog News

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Tennessee's "Ag Tag" Fits Everyone's Sports Team

Driving along Tennessee's highways you can get a real education on how other people spend their free time and what they enjoy as extracurricular activities by just reading their license plates. With the popularity of Tennessee's new standard issued plate bearing a new design, the vanity tags that have kept me entertained while driving over the years is starting to wane somewhat. The special plates have been popular for over a decade and I sure hope they stay around for a while longer.

With the current vanity tags you know who hunts deer and turkey, likes cats and dogs, rides walking horses, goes to the mountains and lakes, and has a favorite sports team. I often try to get a look at the driver just to see if their tag matches their extracurricular event profile. I know profiling is frowned upon, but let's face it, we all do it.

Many times I wonder after seeing the driver, if they bought the tag just to improve their image. And, what gives with the official Tennessee tags that support the athletic prouddness of schools that do not even exist in our state? It is hard for me to believe that a state full of alligators would allow their tags to be used to support our orange and white teams. However, we do make extra revenue on those "out-of-staters" so, I guess I best

let that subject alone.

There is one tag that everyone could support in our fine state and it is the "Ag Tag." It is the one with the red barn and sunrise shown on it. Those who farm or work in agri-business need one to support their occupations and anyone who eats should have one because they are also engaged in making agriculture possible.

They are quite popular across the state with more than 10,000 on cars and trucks traveling Tennessee's highway system. I have even developed a comradeship with other road travelers as we pass each other.

The "Ag Tag" costs an additional \$35 when you renew your license plates each year, but the extra money goes into a special fund called the Tennessee Agricultural Development Fund. Money from this fund is allocated to ag-related youth organizations and ag and forestry awareness, education, and marketing programs.

More than 4,400 tags were pre-ordered when the plates were first made available to the public in May of 1995. At that time, it was one of the most popular vanity tags in the licensing system and continues to have a good following.

Over half of the monies collected for the tags goes to FFA, 4-H, Agriculture-In-The-Classroom (AIRC), and other education and youth development programs. AIRC uses the funds to help incorporate accurate agriculture concepts into school curriculums and

to teach children about where their food and fiber comes from. Financial support given to 4-H and FFA helps with their programs to develop leadership, agriculture experience and opportunities to develop future careers.

The other forty-five percent of the funds goes into market development programs that virtually reaches every corner of the state's diverse agricultural industry. More than \$1.5 million that has come from "Ag Tag" license plate owners has been granted to help Tennessee's agricultural community. Not tax dollars, but monies given by individuals to support the "Ag Tag" program.

This is one vanity tag that does more than just express an individual's feelings about themselves or their favorite sport. It allows us to personally show our support and affection for agriculture and at the same time make a contribution to programs that will help others gain a better appreciation for this industry.

How do you get one? Just take your current plate off your car and go into your county clerk's office and exchange it for Tennessee's Ag Tag. There's no need to wait for your registration to expire. The time remaining on your registration will be credited to your new registration. Contact your county clerk's office for information on how to receive your tag by mail.

It is also a good looking license plate that causes other folks to check out your profile. I have even seen smiles from folks who seem

Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. Thank goodness the weather has improved. My buds and I love to go outside so we can run roll and jump and visit are favorite trees, if you know what I mean. A warm sun, a deep blue sky and fresh air sure can make a difference in one's attitude. Being abandoned, then the long winter on those cold concrete floors, and the same three walls sure gets a dog down. I hear the same story everyday. What's worse, my buds don't even know what they did wrong to get here.

I can't wait till summer time because Miss Pam is going to let us stay outside all night just like a slumber party. It's been a long time since I got to see the moon, stars and enjoy the cool fresh night air with a female. I can't wait to roll around in that tall grass in the pasture.

The Mayor has promised us a new running pen when the weather gets warm. I ask him about a sun shelter and he said, "what do you want a country club." Then he rubbed my ears and said we will have to find some volunteers, a metal roof, and some wooden poles. So if anyone knows what that stuff is would you call the mayor or Miss Pam at 836-PETS? That's 836-7387 for those of you, that don't know.

We were low on two leggers last week. I heard Miss Jen say that when the two leggers get their tax money back things would turn around. I sure hope that's soon because my buds are getting real depressed.

All my buds want a headline they think that if I write about them they will find a home. They have even ask me to stretch the truth just a wee bit about there fine qualities. They said to tell you that they would do anything for a second chance at a home and that they would be extra good. I know they are serious because they all made a pack that they would not beg at the supper table.

Ben, the chocolate Lab, is doing well after ear surgery and I have two new friends a German Shepard about two years old and a handsome Border collie who is one year old. Boy! We have the puppies and all I hear is they are so cute. Even I have to nudge Miss Pam to get her attention and I am the top dog.

Let me remind you that when you come to Nankipoo you get better pickens than at Wal-Mart. We have more variety with more colors and sizes and we're easy on the billfold. A measly \$25.00 will get you a thrill and a deal at Nankipoo. Please don't forget that volunteer thing so we can have a distinguished sun shelter addition. I am even thinking I might rename our home, The Country Club- At Nankipoo.

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to really like the tag or are getting a good laugh at me instead. Either way, if it does that on today's highways, it is worth every extra dollar you have to spend to get one. But, be prepared to gain some friends and attention.

When a gambler walks around his chair to change his luck he is marking out a circle to keep out the evil spirits, and when he blows on the dice he is symbolically blowing life into a dying object.

—J. Philip Jones



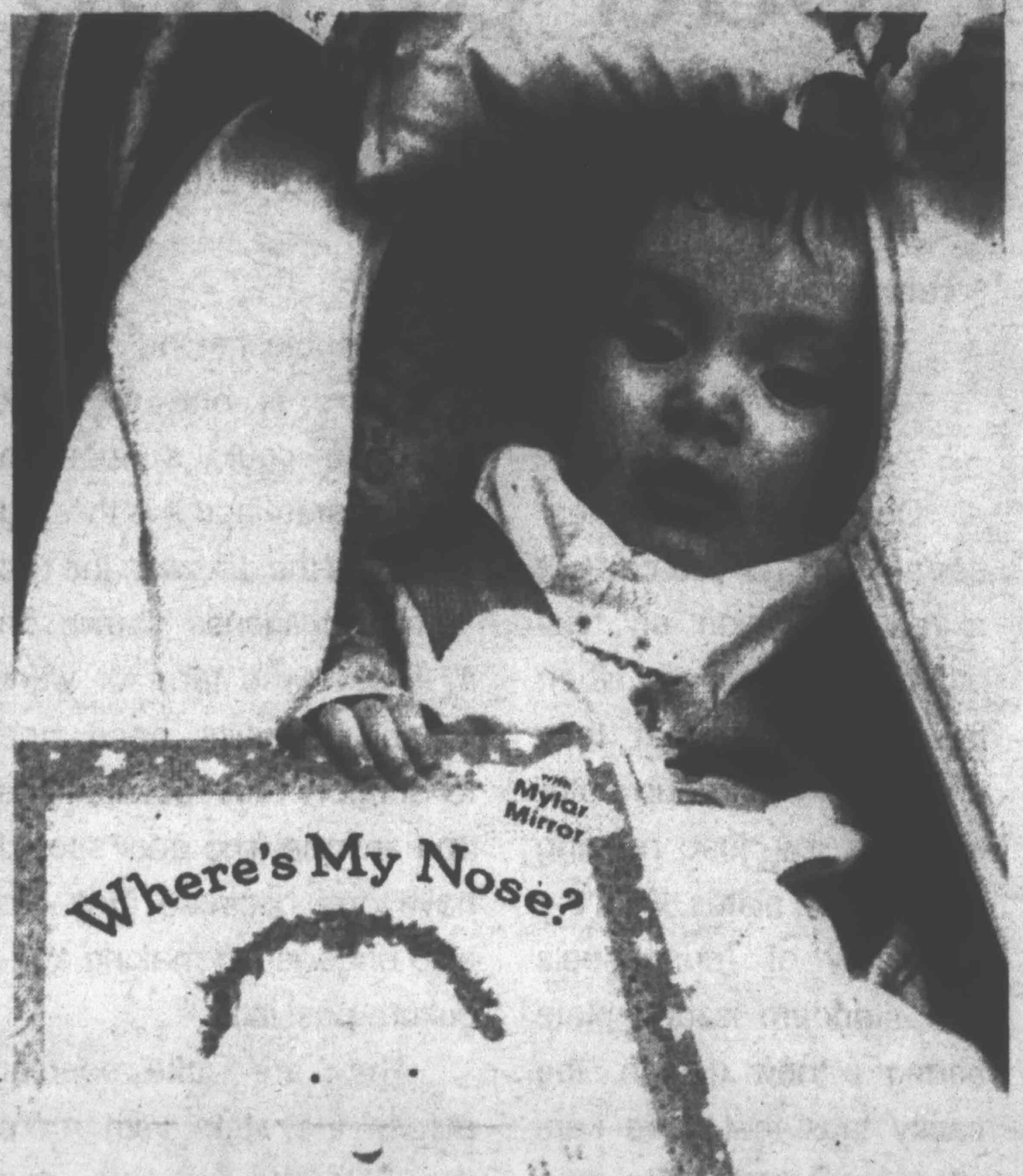
Bacteria were first seen in 1676 by Anton van Leeuwenhoek, a Dutch merchant. He is often called the father of bacteriology.

Master Beef Training Completed Books From Birth Baby



LAUDERDALE COUNTY FARMERS, in front, from left, Lisa Burns, Patricia Stevens, Jerry Olds, Jimmy Garrett, Dallas Burroughs, and Mark Bentley, and in rear, JC Dupree, extension agent, James Stevens, Teddy Burns, Cleave Crook, and Chris Burroughs, plus, not pictured; Jerry Parker, extension agent, have completed master beef training, along with several other farmers across West Tennessee. The 12-session educational programs, held at the Dyer County Extension office, began in November and was completed in February. It is designed to provide information to Tennessee cow-calf producers to aid them in becoming the best cattle producers in the country, improve their profitability, and to make their cattle and the Tennessee cattle industry competitive with other states. The training is led by University of Tennessee Extension agents and specialist with involvement from local and state agencies. The farmers received certificates and signs to signify they are Master Beef Farmers.

Topics included marketing, genetics, carcass merit, feeding, forage production, reproduction, herd health, cattle handling and behavior, environmental concerns, food safety, and general management of the herd.



BRYLEE WILSON, 4-month old daughter of Bridgette Wilson and Clay Wilson, is one of the 1,800 plus children in Lauderdale County eligible for a free book each month until age five, from the Books from Birth program, sponsored by the Lauderdale County Education Foundation. The program has just completed its second year in Lauderdale County with the current enrollment at 662 as of Jan. 31st. Join the Education Foundation board members and others as they celebrate the second year at 1 p.m. Fri., Feb. 23rd in the upper courtroom at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. Story time will be provided for the children as well as refreshments for all. Call 635-3791 or 635-9541 for more information.

Halls Cub Scouts



MEMBERS of the Halls Cub Scouts Pack 167 Den 3, in front, Kyle Fitzhugh, Cameron Brown, and Lane Klutts, and in rear, radio disc jockey, Shari Harper, Dashun Duffie, and Jason Klutts, den leader, visited the WASL 100 radio station in Dyersburg Feb. 19th as part of the Go See It requirement to earn their Tiger Cub badge.

AGRITOURISM WORKSHOPS

By Chuck Danehower

Tennessee Agritourism Entrepreneurs will have three opportunities in February and March to attend marketing workshops that should help boost their sales and profitability.

"Marketing is often cited as one of the most important factors of success as well as one of the biggest challenges to an agritourism enterprise," says Megan Bruch, marketing specialist at the University of Tennessee Center for Profitable Agriculture. Bruch is coordinating the workshops.

"We have planned these workshops to teach agritourism entrepreneurs key concepts necessary for developing successful marketing strategies and materials as well as resources and tools that are available to help them market their enterprises," Bruch said.

The day-long workshops are being presented in each of the grand divisions of the state, and each will offer the same program. The first workshop will be offered February 28 in Jackson.

Pre-registration is required one week prior to each workshop date. Cost of the workshops is \$10 per participant. Lunch is included. Additional information and the registration form are available online at the Center for Profitable Agriculture's Web site: <http://cpa.utk.edu> or by calling (931) 486-2777

The workshops are among efforts sponsored by the Tennessee Agritourism Initiative partners to build farm income in the state. Initiative partners include the state's departments of Agriculture, Tourism Development, and Economic and Community Develop-

ment; the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; USDA Rural Development; the Tennessee Agritourism Association and UT Extension. The workshops are funded in part through an agreement between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the Center for Profitable Agriculture.

If we had no faults of our own, we would not take so much pleasure in noticing those of others.
—Francois duc de la Rochefoucauld



Welterweights are boxers weighing between 141 and 147 pounds.