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County School Board Proposes Dress Codes *Joins Firm*

The Lauderdale County Board of Education, working in conjunction with all eight school principals in Lauderdale County Schools, are proposing the following dress code for the 2007-2008 school year. Parents should carefully review the dress code before purchasing school clothing for their students. The proposed dress code will be finalized at the July 12th meeting of the Board.

The board recognizes and understands that there is a strong correlation between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment. To help create not only the best learning environment, but also the safest, the following expectations for student dress have been established. Apparel or appearance, which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than the education process and learning environment, must be avoided. When, in the opinion of the principal/designee, a student is not attired appropriately, or exhibits grooming which constitutes a distraction and/or disturbance to the extent of being detrimental to the school environment, the principal/designee shall contact the parents and have the student dress suitably before returning to school. Inability to contact the parents will result in the student remaining in the office and/or being placed in in-school suspension or another designated area. This will serve as a first warning. Repeat offenses will follow the school discipline code at the next level following the warning.

All clothing must not have holes, be cut-off, ripped or see-through and must be sized to fit. Pants or shorts must be worn at the waist (with a belt that is visible if they have belt loops). Sagging or bagging is not allowed. Pant legs will not touch the floor and will not be frayed or cut. Pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers will be plain solid colored "blue" colored jeans, (beige colored) khaki or navy blue pants. There is to be no writing or design including studs on the garment. A small brand logo is permitted. Shorts and skirts must be knee length. This also applies to slits in skirts or dresses.

All shirts and blouses must be tucked in the pants, shorts, or skirts. They must have a collar - either polo or dress shirt with a collar (optional: crew neck shirts may be worn if they have a school name, initial or logo approved by the school). Color must be solid white, school colors or a combination of school colors with no logo other than a small brand or school logo.

Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes must be worn on the playground and in physical education classes. Sandals are permitted. Rubber flip flops are not permitted.

Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, belt buckles, jewelry, tattoos, brands and notebooks must not contain racial or ethnic slurs or symbols; gang affiliations; vulgar, obscene, subversive, disruptive of the school environment, derogatory to any individual, or sexually suggestive language or images. They should also not promote products that stu-



DENNIS SADLER, former Lauderdale County Commissioner and Halls Alderman, has joined the law firm of Leitner, Williams, Dooley, and Napolitan, PLLC, in Memphis. The Leitner Firm, as it is known, is the oldest, continuously operating law firm in the State of Tennessee and is a defense firm of national reputation. Dennis and his wife, Felicia, now reside in Arlington. They traveled to Chattanooga to celebrate the firm's 125th anniversary June 15th. Dennis is not the first Lauderdale County citizen to be associated with the Leitner Firm. Aubrey Folts, the son of Henry Folts, Ripley Mayor in the early 1920's, was a member of the firm in the mid 20th century.

dents may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, controlled substances, weapons or weapon products.

The following are prohibited: large, long, and/or heavy chains; studded or chained accessories; sunglasses, except for health purposes (a prescription will be required); facial jewelry, designer lenses, grills; head apparel, except for required hats; sweat shirts, sweat pants, and windsuits; hair

Tomato Tasting To Retire Older Recipes School Board Sets Registration Dates

The 13th Annual Tomato Tasting is scheduled for Friday, July 6th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Ripley.

This year's recipes come from Tomato Cookbooks I and II. "This will be the last year we will use recipes from these cookbooks," stated Rachel Erwin, FCS Extension Agent. "It has been ten years since the FCE Clubs published a new cookbook. In honor of the 25th Anniversary Tomato Festival, we will publish a new cookbook due in 2008." Cookbooks will be 3-ring hardbacks and pre-orders will be taken at this year's event.

Some of the dishes that will be on this year's menu include: Mexican 7-layer salad, corn and tomato salad, tomato quesadillas, fried green tomatoes, potato tomato scallop, tomato broccoli, green tomato casserole, chicken creole, green tomato pie, and tomato crisps.

There will be 25 dishes for one to taste this year. Tickets can be purchased at the door. If you need additional information, contact Rachel Erwin, FCS Extension Agent, at 635-9551.

rollers, hair picks, and combs worn in the hair; belts that are not buckled; excessive makeup, facial drawings; distracting or unusual hairstyles and/or color; extracurricular activity uniforms may not be worn during the school day; and ROTC and nursing uniforms may be worn one designated day each week.

Coats, jackets, and cardi-

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The Lauderdale County Board of Education set the registration dates for 8 to 10 a.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. August 2nd for Ripley Primary, Ripley Elementary, Lauderdale Middle, Halls Elementary, and Halls Junior High Schools. Halls Junior High School will hold an orientation meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 2nd. Ripley Primary School will hold a parent orientation meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. Aug. 6th.

Students new to Lauderdale County will register from 8:30 a.m. until noon July 24th at the school they will be attending. All new students will need to bring their Tennessee Health Card, Social Security Card, Terra Nova Test results (in-state students only), Birth Certificate, proof of custody papers (if applicable), and records from previous schools.

First day of classes will begin Aug. 7th except for the following:

Kindergarten classes will phase in August 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 13th, with all students attending by August 14th. Parents will be notified as to which day or days their child will attend. Children should be five years old by Sept. 30, 2007. First grade students will phase in August 7th and 8th, all first grade students will attend by August 9th.

Ripley High School will register beginning July 30th with seniors from 8 to 10 a.m. and juniors from noon to 2 p.m. Sophomores and second year freshmen will register from 8 to 10 a.m. July 31st. First year freshmen will register Aug. 2nd at 8

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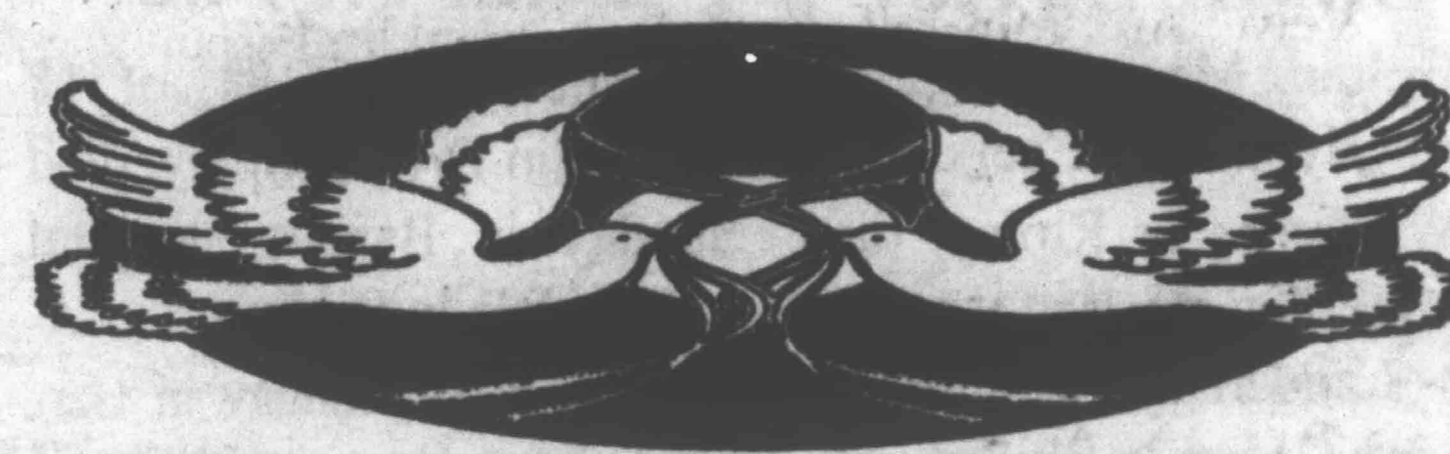
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Church Happenings

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Rice Park Church of Christ, 136 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its annual ladies day at 10 a.m. Sat., July 21st with Sister Jane Maynard, of the Mountain Home Church of Christ, Mountain Home, Ark., as guest speaker. The theme is "The Praying Christian Woman". Lunch will be served following the service. Bro. Oveta West, minister, invites the public.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Highway 51 N., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., July 7th featuring nationally known bass singer, Buddy Lules, former singer with the Florida Boys Quartet and a featured singer on the Gaither Gospel Videos. The Frog Jump Quartet is also scheduled to appear. A love offering will be taken. The Rev. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

Springhill Baptist Church, 237 Springhill Rd., Ripley, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Mon., July 16th through Fri., July 20th with The Rev. Melvin Bufford as guest speaker. The Rev. Ollie Joe Allen, pastor, invites the public.

St. Mark Baptist Church, 375 Moorer Ave., Henning, will hold a "Night in White" at 6 p.m. Sat., July 7th with various choirs and soloists. All participants and attendants are asked to wear white. The proceeds will benefit the Sisters of Faith and Hope Society scholarship fund. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-738-5991.

Concord United Methodist Church, on Concord Rd., near Gates, will hold homecoming services at 11 a.m. July 15th with a luncheon to follow. The Finchers and the Frog Jump Quartet will perform gospel selections at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Joe Johnson, pastor, invites the public.

A seven-hour community prayer vigil will be held beginning at 11 p.m. July 6th and ending at 6 a.m. July 7th at Holly Grove Baptist Church, 155 College St., Ripley. All prayer warriors and watchers are asked to convene and intercede for our community, youth, schools, churches, families, and nation. The vigil will be accompanied by a time of fasting from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for those who participate. For additional information, call Ellena Gooch, 635-0965.

Ashport Baptist Church, 6742 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, will hold homecoming services at 9:45 a.m. July 8th featuring "Faith in Action", of Brownsville. A potluck dinner will be held following the service and "Faith in Action" will perform afterwards. Bro. Hugh Pessnell, pastor, invites the public.

The annual Lauderdale County Women Ministering to Women retreat will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Fri., July 13th through 3 p.m. Sat., July 14th at the St. Columbia Christian Center, in Bartlett. The ministry is open to all women. Its primary aim is to bring women into a lifestyle of intimacy with the Lord. Transportation is

Anniversaries

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

July 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fain.

July 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Dixon.

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

July 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Pat Smith.

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

July 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Keistler.

Nelson, Buddy Bates, Lynn Gay, Amy Taylor, Carmen Barnett, Rhea Swims, Deavin Bradley Kent, Debbie Sumrow, Sauyna Richmond, Charlene Pilcher, Stacy Drew.

July 9 - Ross Steelman, Justin Ivey, Cade Crawford, Jill Jackson Odom, Emery Rogers, Melissa Nanney, Erin Nanney, Nancy Moore, Kelly Stanley, Barry Lee Britt, Jr., Shirley Smith, Ann Marie Henson, Camryn Kelley Mullins, Keith Hamlin, Sarah McCormick.

July 10 - Kate Grammar, W. G. Hendren, Sherry Rose, Cayce Winkler, Cody Burks, Pam Lewis, Sylvia Humphries, Denisha Graves, Laurie Burnham, Steven Belton, Hazel Warren, Lindsay Simpson, Loretta Blackwood, Rodney McCurry.

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

Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, lot.

William A. Bradford to Grace Bible Baptist Church, Dist. 17, lot.

Deborah Wert to Lisa Smith, Dist. 12, lot.

Richard W. Whitney and Willie Mae Whitney to William Tuck Ammons, Wilson Tony Ammons, Wanda Jean Green and Wilson Tony Ammons, Dist. 13, 3.98 acres.

Bank of New York Trust Company NA and JPMorgan Chase Bank NA to Mark Myracle, Dist. 2, lot.

Randell Gatlin and Rebecca Gatlin to Cathy Hin-nard, Dist. 2, lot.

Dennis Lee and Randy Lankford to Steve Cherry and Tom Greaves, Dist. 3, lot.

Birthdays

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

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

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

July 8 - Jen Hassell, Rachel provided to the retreat site. For additional information, call Ellena Gooch, 731-635-0965.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will hold its Bible School, Game Day Central, from 9 a.m. to noon July 9th through 13th. The public is invited. For transportation or further information, call 635-9330.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., July 8th featuring the Barnett Family. 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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John Eskridge to Kenny Phillips and Paula Phillips, Dist. 12, lot.

Dempsie W. Nelson and James S. Nelson to David Wehrer, Dist. 1, two lots.

Harold W. Griffin, Sr., to

Obituaries

Mr. Halliburton

Charles Willis Halliburton, 62, of Halls, brick-layer, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in the cemetery of Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at Gates, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Mary Rose Taylor Halliburton; stepsons, Barry Taylor, of Ripley, and Maurice Taylor, of Martin; step-daughters, Anna Strayhorn Taylor and Brenda C. Taylor, of Halls, and Judy S. Johnson, of Dyersburg; brothers, Robert Gates and Larry and Randy Adams, of Halls, Ray Van Adams, of Henderson, and Michael Gates, of Lincoln, Nebr.; sisters, Angela Hudson, Linda Gates, and Willie Mae Brantley, of Halls, Jennie Cates, Maggie Whirl, and Mary Foutz, of Lincoln, and Lucille Adams, of Beloit, Wisc.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Virginia Avery

Virginia Lee Avery, 103, of Gates, widow of Paul Avery, died Sunday, in Gates.

Rites were Tuesday in Gates United Methodist Church, where she was a member for more than 80 years, teaching Sunday School and serving as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service several times. She had been president of a Parent-Teachers Association.

Burial was in Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Paul Avery, Jr., of Halls, and Tom Avery, of Bartlett; a daughter, Patricia Savage, of Bernardsville, N.J.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Allie Littles

Allie DeFaye Littles, 95, mother of Linda Faye Dunger, of Ripley, died June 23rd in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Monday of last week in Friendship Funeral Home, with burial in Bellevue Cemetery.

She had retired from Kellwood Manufacturing.

She was a member of South Fork Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Dave Littles. Survivors include a son, Loyd Edward Littles, of Friendship; other daughters, Cora Jane Curtis, of Dyersburg, Christine Newman, of Mishawaka, Ind., and Mildred Louise Hicks, of California; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Gary W. Ditto

Gary W. Ditto, 48, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Garner Funeral Home in Ripley reports that he leaves his father, Jack C. Ditto, of 189 Paris Rd., Ripley, and a brother, Don, of Knoxville.

Mabel Johnston

Mabel Katherine Johnston, 92, of Ripley, retired floral designer, died Monday in Spring Gate Rehab and Healthcare Center in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

She was the widow of David T. Johnson.

She leaves a niece, Barbara Howard, of Bartlett, who looked after her.

Taylor B. Rice

Taylor Barbee Rice, 95, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where he had served on the board of stewards, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

He was born at Ripley, Jan. 11, 1912, to the late Eugene and Annie Rice.

In 1934, he took a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

In 1937, he married Annie Laurie "Penny" Pentecost and worked briefly for Rice-Belton Hardware in Ripley.

Volunteering for 42 months of Army service, chiefly in Europe, during World War II, he won the Bronze Star for valor before discharge, as a captain, Dec. 30, 1945.

He later farmed in this county and worked as a supervisor for Universal Electric in Ripley.

From his high school days to the end of his life, he was an avid ham radio operator.

He leaves a son, Taylor, Jr., of 6295 Henning-Orysa Road; a daughter, Nell (Mrs. Thomas A.) Duke, of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Ann Parsons, of Ripley; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Chloe Smith

Chloe Smith, 76, of Dyersburg, sister of Jerry C. Horner, of 619 Sunrow, Halls, died June 23rd in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She was a catalog manager for J. C. Penney in Dyersburg for 37 years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was the daughter of the late John and Reba Horner.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Smith; a son, Tony Van Dyke, of Dyersburg; a daughter, Kathy (Mrs. Larry) Smith, of Savannah; other brothers, Toby Horner, of Dyersburg, and Bobby Horner, of Wilmington, N.C.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Goldie Savley

Goldie Mae Savley, 88, formerly in food service at E.W. James in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

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

She was a member of Curve Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Jennings Savley.

She leaves sons, Billy, of Henning, and Bobby, of Ripley; a brother, Ben Emerson of Ripley; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-

Sam G. Poe

Sam G. Poe, 84, of 18 McCaslin Drive, Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

He leaves his wife, Myrtle Shands Poe; sons, Stanley, of Ripley, and Philip, of Leaf River, Ill.; a daughter, Gail McQuiston, of Lacey Springs, Ala.; a sister, Mammie Millman, of Ripley; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Read all about it...

The Good Guys Are Slowly Leaving Us

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

I don't know about you, but I'm finding it harder to believe each and every day the direction our moral standards are taking. Not saying I'm an angel, but times they are a changing.

Who would have ever believed back during the days of Andy, Barney and Mayberry what is being shown on television in the year 2007. I'm not talking about the regular programming that is filled with words that my mother would have washed out of my mouth with lye soap, (Ivory soap for dirty words, lye soap for things that are too dirty for Ivory), if I had said what they say now on national TV as just everyday talk. I'm talking about what is being read and shown on just the nightly news programs. They discuss things openly these days that only a short time ago would have been considered X-rated in most American movie theaters.

I really wonder if our citizenry wants ALL of the details of every investigation and court action taken in this country. There are some things that should be left to an individual's imagination. It worked years ago, why not now?

The good guys continue to take major hits. We have lost so many over the past several years, it makes you really wonder who will take their place.

Being a child of early TV, I have suffered major set backs the last five years with the loss of some of my childhood heroes. We have lost Charles

Schulz, creator of Peanuts, but his loveable characters continue to live on just as Jim Henson's Muppets continue to entertain. Mr. Rogers was an all around good guy who in real life was also an all around good guy. However, there are others who have left us and their good will be missed for the next generation.

Actor Dabbs Greer left us on April 28, 2007. Now you are asking yourself who Dabbs Greer was and what did he do so great. Well, he was the first person rescued by Superman in the TV series and played the minister in Little House on the Prairie, The Brady Bunch and Picket Fences. Not big parts, but important ones.

Bob Evans passed away on June 21 and he did something as simple as making good sausage and started a restaurant chain. His name and red-fronted stores are known nationwide.

Edwin Traisman died June 5, 2007. He helped to develop Cheez Whiz for Kraft and improved frozen french fries for McDonald's. That makes him one of the good guys to me.

Roy Rogers and Gene Autry left us a few years back, but their passing still leaves us without a white-hatted hero to save us in the nick of time. We need more heroes in white hats and less role models being paid huge sums of money and making the nightly news for being first class brats.

In 1998, story teller Jerry Clower died. Jerry was truly

a good man and spread a lot of fun and sunshine wherever he told his stories and yarns. I had the chance to sit beside Jerry one time at a Farm Bureau banquet where he was the guest speaker. It was quite an experience and one I will remember for a lifetime. He could make you laugh without using anything off color or by using inappropriate language.

One story Jerry used to tell may be appropriate for our current stage in the national political arena. I can tell it like Jerry could, but here is an attempt to give you the gist of what he would say.

A great flood hit a town in Mississippi and the National Guard was called out. An old gentleman was on his front porch with the water rising as a guardsman approached in a boat. The guardsman said, "I'm here to save you, get in the boat." The old man just smiled and replied, "No, God will save me. You go help someone else."

As the water continued to rise the guardsman returned in the boat as the old man hung onto his roof to keep from drowning. Once again the guardsman said, "Get in the boat, please." Once again the old man said, "No, God will save me."

The old man was later seen standing on top of his chimney, with his house slowly being overtaken by the water. A helicopter was sent to rescue him. The pilot once again called to the old man, "Grab the rope and we will save you." The old man again

Wildlife Judging Contest



MEMBERS of the Junior High Judging Team, in upper photo, from left, Kirstie Childress, Andreas Fritz, Shianne Solis, Katelyn Childress and Jennifer Chandler, 4-H and Youth Development Agent, placed 6th overall out of 12 teams. Andreas also won first place as a high scoring individual in the contest. The Senior-High team, in lower photo, Jarvis Macklin, Kristal Henderson, and Drew Wheatley, placed 9th in the contest.

answered, "No, God will save me."

The scene changes to the gates of heaven as the old man enters the pearly gates and meets God. The old man says to God, "It's good to be here, but I waited for you to save me from the

flood. What happened?" God answered, "What do you mean? I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you want?" As in Jerry's story, it may be we have been sent a boat or a helicopter, and it is time to start getting on board.

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Dress Code xxx

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gan style sweaters must be solid colors with no writing or a combination of school colors (school organizations or club jackets are acceptable). Trench coats are not permitted. Jackets and heavy coats worn to school must be placed in designated areas. Exceptions to this may be permitted in extremely cold weather, during equipment malfunction situations, or when changing classes if going from one building to another. Lightweight jackets or cardigan style sweaters may be worn unbuttoned or unzipped. Hoodies will not be permitted.

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency and modesty or if it is drawing undue attention thereby interfering with the learning environment. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. The principal may allow exceptions for school wide programs or special classroom activities up to ten (10) days per year.

School colors are purple (not lavender) and white for Ripley High, Ripley Primary, and Ripley Elementary. Lauderdale Middle is maroon and gray. Halls schools are black and gold (not yellow).

Readers Speak

Editor,

I am outraged that our school board is again trying to institute a uniform policy for the Lauderdale County public schools. In 2003, we as a community spoke out against this policy. What has changed since then? Well, beside the \$3 gas price. I hope you will Google public school uniforms. Try to find

Registration xxx

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a.m. and stay all day with dismissal at 3 p.m. Freshmen must be at school at 8 a.m. Ripley High School students, new to Lauderdale County, will register from 8 to 10 a.m., July 26th.

Halls High School will register seniors from 8 to 10 a.m., juniors 10 a.m. to noon, July 30th. Sophomores and new high school students will register from 8 to 11 a.m. July 31st. Freshmen will register Aug. 2nd at 8 a.m. and stay all day with dismissal at 3 p.m. Freshmen must be at school at 8 a.m.

All students attending the Alternative School will register at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 7th. A parent must come to registration with the student.

a recent article dated post 2003 that the goals were reached and are still working. I could not find support for the schools since 1998 that have adopted uniforms I saying they reached the goals of safety, reduced violence, reduced gang violence, an increase of school attendance, improved grades, or made the economic differences between students less discernible. Are you willing to pay one hundred to two hundred dollars per child just for clothes to start school on a policy that has little or no data to back it up?

Uniforms were made popular back in 1998. It is now nine years later. If it works, where are the articles of support? Be careful when you read the articles that say the problems went away because the problem students can opt out of the policy by going to a different school. So yes, the problems went away at that school but another school just had an increase. Some of the schools under reported their drop out rates. Another school who reported such great results early on manipulated the 10th grade test results by not



SAMMY GRANTLAND, center, was the winner of the cooler full of goodies from the Lauderdale County Animal Shelter's Open House held in June. Scooter Hardee, left, and Buddy Smith, right, Animal Control Officers, are pictured with him. The cooler contained items from Mays-Dunavant Pharmacy; Dr. Jim Wilson, Dr. John English, Motor Parts and Batteries, Halls Co-Op, Pig-N-Out, Emily's Restaurant, Curee Conaster at Tiffany's, and Leek's Car Detail.

allowing kids who would not pass it to even take the test.

Since it is the Fourth of July and freedom usually comes to mind on this day, I also Googled the constitutionality of uniforms in public schools. I found that for the uniform to be constitutional the students had to have a choice of whether to wear uniforms or not. Large school districts like Memphis, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Houston do have places you may choose to go to if you do not want to wear the uniform. We don't have many school choices. I do know that the Memphis news is full of violence from the children who are wearing uniforms. They implemented their policy in 2002. I would think by now the uniform policy would have had time to work if it was the answer to our gang and teen violence problems.

What can you do as a parent? Call your school board member and let him/her know again where you stand. Be at the next school board meeting. The dress code is not the place to address gang related prob-

Prize Winner

BMH-Lauderdale Tetleton Selected

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale nurse James Tetleton was selected to participate in the Tennessee Centers for Nursing Leadership Institute for Nursing Excellence, which was held May 14th - 17th at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville.

Tetleton was chosen from nurses across Tennessee to participate in the institute. Each year, 20 nurses from various specialties are chosen to attend the three-day conference, designed to prepare nurses to contribute as leaders in their profession. Participants must be nominated by their facility and be primarily involved in direct patient care. Nurses are judged on criteria related to demonstrated clinical leadership and potential for professional leadership.

Tetleton began his medical career as an emergency medical technician six years ago with the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority. He was selected as a Baptist Lauderdale Scholar and earned an associate degree in nursing in May 2006 and later became a nurse in the emergency department at Baptist Lauderdale.

Marriages

June 23 - John Eugene Jenkins III, 23, to Ashley Renee Ouzts, 18, by Dennis Wilder.

June 26 - J. C. White, 75, to Dona Ray Taylor Smith, 45, by Rod Schuh.

June 29 - Judson Fitzpatrick Ouzts, 23, to Ciara Sharae Smith Midkiff, 20, by Billy P. Brandon.

lems. We need to strengthen the gang and bullying policies. We also need to simplify the dress code so that the administrators are allowed to focus on a safe environment and teachers are teaching children. The most important thing you can do is to raise your child to have a pro-school attitude. By this I mean, they should know it is important to study, to get good grades and to finish school. With a pro-school attitude they will go to class with pencil and paper, their books, and they will have done their homework.

Karen Hill

**Attend
The 24th
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July 6th & 7th**

14th Annual Health Fair



THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING held its 14th Annual Health Fair Thursday, June 21st with over 200 visitors. Alderman Mike Moore gave the opening comments, Mayor Trent McManus welcomed everyone, led the group in prayer, and introduced the new director, Joni Cook.

A barbecue meal, with all the trimmings, was available for the visitors, compliments of Commissioner Monty McWilliams. There were over 25 vendors present.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I went on tour this past week and I think we went to heaven. There were little two leggers everywhere. Miss Pam called it a library. All I know is that I have never received so much attention and love. I didn't have to nudge anyone to get a pat on the head and I didn't have to perform. I just laid there and let'em waller all over me. It was a special day for me that I will never forget. It must have been special for the young'ens too because they were dressed like cowboys and cowgirls. I saw things that I never knew existed. I growled once, but Miss Pam told me not to worry it was just a stick horse. This horse was skinny and was very quiet. Usually I take second fiddle to horses but I was the top four legger this day. The next marvel I witnessed was that all them young two leggers got on the floor with me and they even got quiet and a big two legger read us two stories. No one ever took the time to read to me before. I think the Dry Hill gang would love to have Mr. Buddy and Scooter read us stories. The library was a nice place, but it had the smell of cats.

To finish off the week, the little two legger, Sam, who sent his birthday money to the club, actually was here to visit. He is seven years old, handsome, and very nice to all my buds. I owed him three licks, but I think I gave him a dozen, just because he is so special.

The good news is that Buddy, the Cocker Spaniel, went home with Stephanie Bolton and Tyson, the white Boxer, went home with her sister, Brook Mays. Clyde, the Bassett Hound, also got a home with Debbie Bryson. I have three new little friends inside. Tiny is a red female Chihuahua and then we have Chip and Ginger. They are white black and brown Jack Russell Terriers; and they are as cute as a button. Outside with the puppies, we have chocolate and tri-colored wire-haired terriers along with an array of friendly smaller four leggers in dire need of loven. Two new beautiful buds that checked in for a stay are Clem and Eloise. They look like Welsh Corgi and Jack Russell mixtures. They are tri-colored with brown, black, and white markings. I haven't had time to get their stories, but I assure you they are very nice and cuddly four leggers.

Miss Pam finally went to work and has contacted two groups of two leggers that find homes for us four leggers. They must be connected. They said they could definitely find Gunner, the Chesapeake; Walker, the Walker Coon Hound; and Precious, the Great White Pyrenees; a home. They also have retreats for nice Pit Bulls. I have been trying to tell you all that the gang from Dry Hill is special.

I can't wait until next weekend, Miss Pam tells me I get to go to a Tomato Festival. There is a tomato field across the road from Dry Hill. I make the field part of my every day territory marking routine. I guess that is why I am not partial to tomatoes. I hope to see you all there. I will be near the world's longest tomato and mayo sandwich that the two leggers hope to make. I beg you all to get off your billfolds and leave me some money so I can buy some food and medicine for my buds.

And as Bob Barker, from the Price is Righ, always says, **be sure to have your pets spayed or neutered.**

Zeek

"MATER" SANDWICH

Lauderdale County will construct the world's biggest "mater" sandwich at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 7th on the north side of the Court Square near Ches Hamby Studio. The first 30 people to show up to build the sandwich will receive free tee shirts proclaiming that they built the world's largest "mater" sandwich. Both County Mayor Rod Schuh and Mayor Jon Pavletic will be on hand to do the official measuring of the sandwich. After the pictures are taken and the sandwich measured, the sandwich will then be divided among the builders and crowd.

Land Transfers

Charles D. Smith, Juarl Jackson and Willie Bell Fisher to Milton Duffie and Brenda Duffie, Dist. 17, lot.

Steven E. Sasser, Cherie L. Harris and Barbara Sasser Jones to Jeffrey L. Brewer and Connie Brewer, Dist. 8, 45.0169 acres.

John Eskridge to Kenny Phillips and Paula Phillips, Dist. 12, lot.

Dempsie W. Nelson and James S. Nelson to David Wehrer, Dist. 1, two lots.

Harold W. Griffin, Sr., to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, lot.

William A. Bradford to Grace Bible Baptist Church, Dist. 17, lot.

Deborah Wert to Lisa Smith, Dist. 12, lot.

Richard W. Whitney and Willie Mae Whitney to William Tuck Ammons, Wilson Tony Ammons, Wanda Jean Green and Wilson Tony Ammons, Dist. 13, 3.98 acres.

Bank of New York Trust Company NA and JPMorgan Chase Bank NA to Mark Myracle, Dist. 2, lot.

Randell Gatlin and Rebecca Gatlin to Cathy Hinard, Dist. 2, lot.

Dennis Lee and Randy Lankford to Steve Cherry and Tom Greaves, Dist. 3, lot.

24th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Tomato Farmer of The Year



MIKE VOSS, of Bald Knob Rd., near Ripley, is pictured with his wife, Deb, standing in on of their tomato fields, located near their home. They have both farmed for several years and in the past, have raised strawberries.

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July 5, 2007

Education In Lauderdale County

Education includes teaching and learning specific skills and something less concrete, the imparting of knowledge, positive judgment, and well-developed wisdom. In this issue, we will focus on education facilities in Lauderdale County, past, present, and future. From one generation to another, parents have stressed the importance of a "good" education to their children. Most family farms depend on the next generation to continue the traditional crops and with advanced knowledge, comes improvements.

Most early history facts were taken from *Visions of Lauderdale County Past and Present*, written by Clarice Haynes Hellums and Kara Haynes McCauley, and *Lauderdale County from Earliest Times*, edited by Kate Johnston Peters.

Education was important to most American families, but early settlers had limited access. Most area children attended schools in the months between harvests. County Schools were dismissed for six-weeks in late September for "cotton-picking time" during the years of World War II for students to help with harvest. It continued until the 1960's.

According to an article in *Beginnings of West Tennessee*, reprinted in *Visions of Lauderdale County Past and Present*, "the first school in the county was taught by Edith Kenley, daughter of Hugh Dunlap, in 1825 in her home, 2-1/2 miles north of Double Bridges. Before the day of public schools, children either attended boarding school or had private tutors. Some of the early teachers were Rose Witherington, of Munford, 1890; Mary Winfield, of Henning, 1894; Clara Boydston, taught at Price School; Walter B. Lunsford and Ruby Rhodes, taught at Mack School.

In 1826, John Rutherford taught school in a log cabin near the Alonzo Dunavant place, 3 miles south of Double

Bridges. In 1827, a log school house was erected, where Elon Church stands, known as the Double Bridges Academy." Another school house was built near Hurricane Hill in 1827.

Small private schools for males and females, such as the Ripley Female Institute, sprang up throughout the area with seven primary and common schools existing by 1840. Hiram Partee and A. D. Lunsford donated a lot in 1850 for the female institute. The building, built in 1853, stood about 1/8 of a mile north of the courthouse. It was destroyed by fire in 1872 and never rebuilt.

The earliest record of educational progress in Ripley was when Joseph Wardlaw, in the 1840's, deeding certain lands south of the original part of the town to the trustees of the Ripley Academy, the trustees being Seth Richardson, James L. Green, Reason L. Burns, Isaac Steele, Griffin I. Rutherford. A frame building was erected during 1850, costing approximately \$1,500, and school was held there until 1863 or 1864, when the building was destroyed by Confederate soldiers. In the later years, the school was named The Lauderdale Institute. In 1868, the trustees saw fit to trade off this old Academy lot for larger grounds in the suburbs of Ripley and another frame building was erected, and was continued as a male school until 1875, when female pupils were admitted.

In 1882, the frame building was torn down and a brick building was erected at a cost of \$5,000. From time to time additions were made on this building, until it was torn down in 1933.

In 1881, Emily Lewis founded a subscription school. She was teaching a private school at the turn of the century in a home which was located near the Union Gin.

In the early part of the century, Minnie Haywood had a private school located on Cleveland Street. She later moved

Ripley Tomatoes

No, there's nothing quite like a "Ripley" tomato!! How did the term, "Ripley" tomato, come about? What makes "Ripley" tomatoes taste so good?

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Producers tell us that the term, "Ripley Tomatoes," came about since most of them had "Ripley" addresses, even though they lived in different parts of the county. So, "Ripley" Tomatoes" just stuck in people's mind.

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into a building near the Holly Grove Baptist Church and taught there for a number of years, teaching both grammar school and high school studies. Her sister, Corinne, taught the violin.

A female institute and a male academy was established in Durhamville, which in the early days was one of the leading educational and social centers of West Tennessee, having two high ranking schools, Lauderdale Female Institute and Durhamville Male Academy. Some came from other states to these schools, where many of the leading men and women of the country were educated.

The Lauderdale Female Institute was established about 1837. How long it was continued as an institute is unknown, but later it became a subscription school and then a public school. The building was a large two-story frame building. The second floor was one large hall with a wide stage across the entire north end. The top story was removed and for quite a while it was used for a school for blacks. This building stood until 1955, when it was torn down, when a large brick school building was erected 1956.

Durhamville Male Academy was established in 1859. The first session began September 5, 1859, with Professor F.B. Norton, of Missouri, principal, and Joseph H. Borum, president of the board. The price of board was advertised as \$7 to \$9 per month and the rate of tuition, \$10, \$15 and \$20 per session of five months, with an incidental fee of \$1 per scholar. The academy was about one-half mile or more south

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W.W. MAYS, right, principal of Palmer-Turner School in Henning, dictates a letter to his secretary, left, in a makeshift office, formerly the barn. 'Palmer-Turner', the school's mule, stands in the background, circa 1950.

GREEK STYLE PASTA SALAD

George & Judy Tyree

1 8-oz. package of angel hair pasta, cooked in unsalted water & drained.

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3 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. (rounded) Greek Seasoning

1 (5 3/4-oz.) can of sliced ripe olives, drained
1 4-oz. jar of diced pimentos, undrained

4-5 chopped green onions

3 Tbsp. salad dressing

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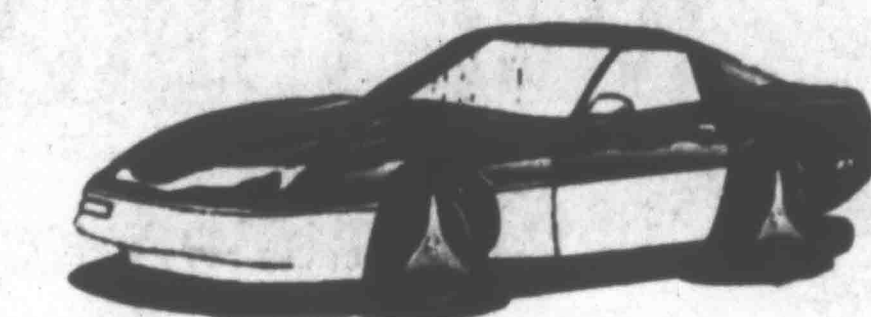
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of the Female Institute. The academy was destroyed by what the older people called a hurricane, May 18, 1868.

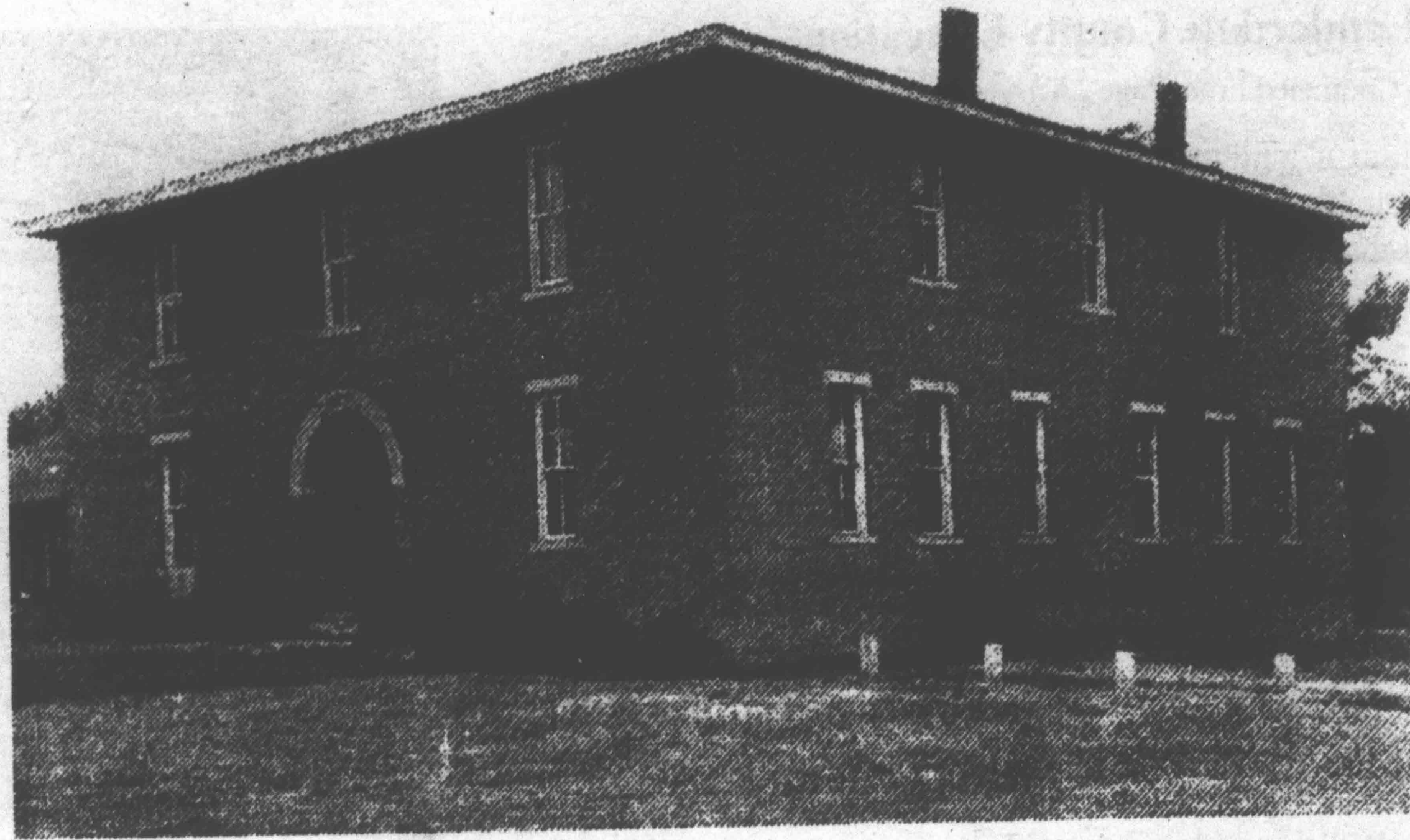
The Civil War made education a difficult task, causing an increase of illiteracy to 50% across the state. Tennessee Governor William G. Brownlow's administration asked legislators to establish a public school system. The law, providing for centralized control of the schools, supported by taxes, was enacted in 1867. When Brownlow's radicals were forced out of power, the good and the bad were tossed out including the educational program. Private citizens flooded the legislators with petitions for a sound public school system. In 1873, the school law was passed. The act stated that no married female could teach in a public school nor one who smoked, drank alcohol, or had "any other trait not common for a teacher". The rules did not apply to male teachers. The law was changed in September 1942, during World War II, when there was a shortage of male teachers.

By the 1870's, the number of students in Lauderdale County had risen to 4,301. A tax of 10 cents on a dollar of property worth, a dollar on polls, and a dollar on each marriage license was levied on county residents.

The first teacher for Whitefield School, recalled, was B.L. Rainey. It is said he was paid \$40 per month for teaching and an extra \$10 for discipline. The one room school house was used until 1913.

The Hubbard School, the first school in Nankipoo, opened between 1860 and 1865 on land donated by James B. Hubbard. Entertainment for the public was conducted in this

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL, taken from the 1985 reunion booklet cover.

MEATLESS SPAGHETTI

Martha Holt

- 1 lb. spaghetti
- 2 large onions
- 1 qt. or large can of tomatoes
- 3/4 cup Crisco or bacon drippings
- 2 cups cheddar cheese

Cook and drain spaghetti.

While spaghetti is cooking, chop onions in oil and brown. Add tomatoes. Cook until all juice has cooked down. The grease and tomatoes have to cook down real low, about an hour or more stirring frequently so they will not burn. This makes a nice sauce. Alternate layers, starting with spaghetti, then sauce, and then cheese. Repeat, making two or three layers. On the top layer, sprinkle a little paprika. Bake in 350-degree oven until cheese melts.



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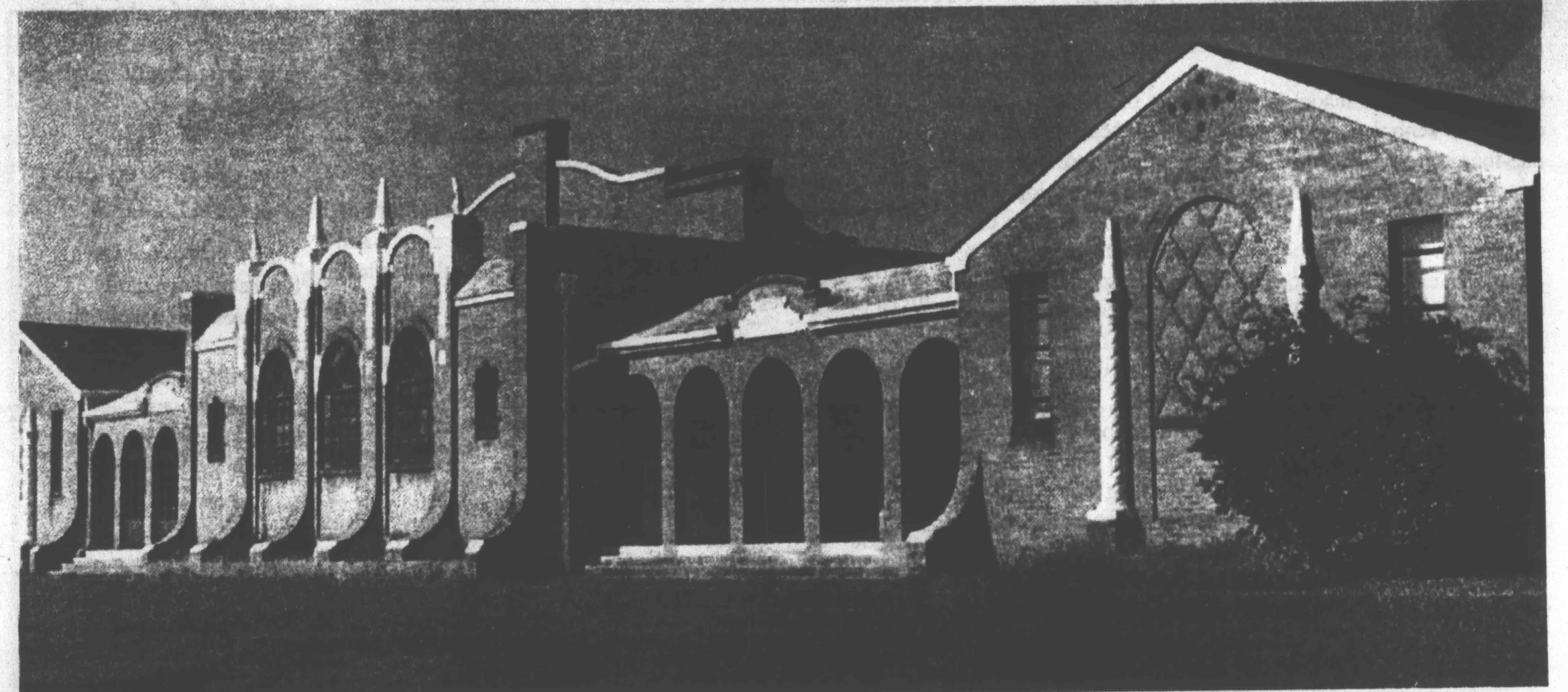


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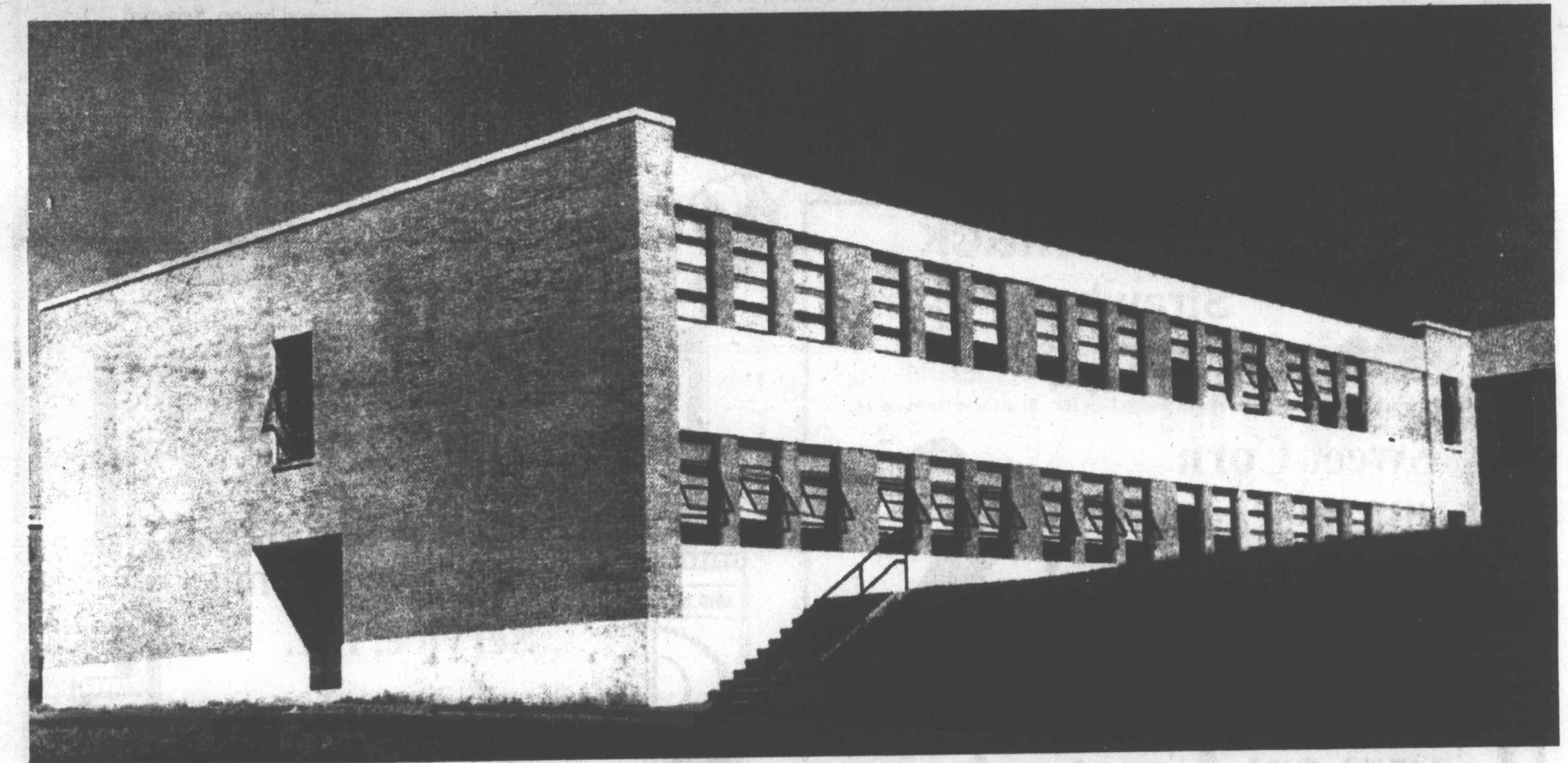


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- 1 9-inch deep dish pie shell
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- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup finely slivered fresh basil

Preheat oven to 375° F degrees. Slice the tomatoes and pat both sides with paper towel to remove some of the juice. In alternating layers,

fill the pie shell with tomatoes, onion, sausage, and basil, reserving some basil for garnish. In a small bowl, mix the cheese with mayonnaise and spread over pie. Cover loosely with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 30 minutes more. Garnish with fresh basil slivers. May be served hot or cold. Serves 6-8.

TOMATO ASPIC

Jodie Robbins

- 1 small pkg. lemon Jell-O
- 2 cups V-8 juice, heated
- 1 envelope plain gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold V-8 juice
- 2 Tbsp. horseradish
- 1 small jar sliced green olives
- *Chopped celery & bell pepper can also be added.

Dissolve lemon Jell-O in heated V-8 juice. Add plain gelatin which has been softened in 1/4-cup cold V-8

juice. Mix until dissolved and add remaining ingredients. Chill until firm. Cut

into squares and serve with a dollop of mayonnaise and a sprinkle of dillweed. Serves 6.

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building. The next school in the vicinity of Nankipoo was a one-room school building southwest of Nankipoo, about one-fourth mile. The original Nankipoo School was constructed of logs and the students sat on hand-hewn log seats. Richard Browning built a school near his residence and conducted it as a private school, but anyone interested in obtaining an education was allowed to attend. James B. Mitchell donated land for the next school, one mile west of present Nankipoo. It was known as the Mitchell school. The Mitchell and Chestnut Grove schools were consolidated and a new frame building was erected. In 1900, the school was expanded as four other one-room schools, including Mitchell, which began in 1865, and Chestnut Grove Schools were joined as one. A new concrete building was erected in 1912. The building burned in 1918. For two years the county rented the old building from Jack Hutcherson and school was conducted there until 1920. A larger building was constructed for grades one through twelve. In 1937, the Nankipoo High School was consolidated with Halls High. In 1947, the building was again destroyed by fire. The present building, built in 1957, is used by the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad.

The first school, according to older citizens, was one on what was Jake Lee's farm. It was called Old Zion. On May 4, 1882, Benjamin Mack Flippin sold the right-of-way for the north bound track to the Illinois Central Railroad Com-

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THREE-TOMATO MEDLEY

Olive oil
White wine vinegar
Freshly ground black pepper
Roma (plum) tomato slices
Cherry tomato, cut in half
Yellow pear tomato, cut in half if large
Fresh basil leaves, cut into thin strips

Shredded Parmesan cheese

Mix oil, vinegar, and pepper (about 3 parts oil to 1 part vinegar) in a large bowl. Toss with tomatoes and basil. Sprinkle with cheese. Let stand to blend flavors while preparing dinner.

GRILLED CHEESE-TOMATO SOUP

1 can (19 ounces) Progresso Vegetable Classics tomato basil soup
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cheese blend cubes, from 7.5 ounce packages.
1/2 cup croutons, divided into 2 resealable snack-sized food storage plastic bags.

Heat soup as directed on can. For each serving, pour warm soup into small-insulated bottle. Pack in lunch bag with cheese cubes, croutons, and plastic spoon. At lunch-time, add cheese cubes and croutons to soup.

CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP

3 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. flour
2 cups strained tomatoes or tomato juice
1/8 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
3 cups milk
1/2 tsp. instant onion (optional)

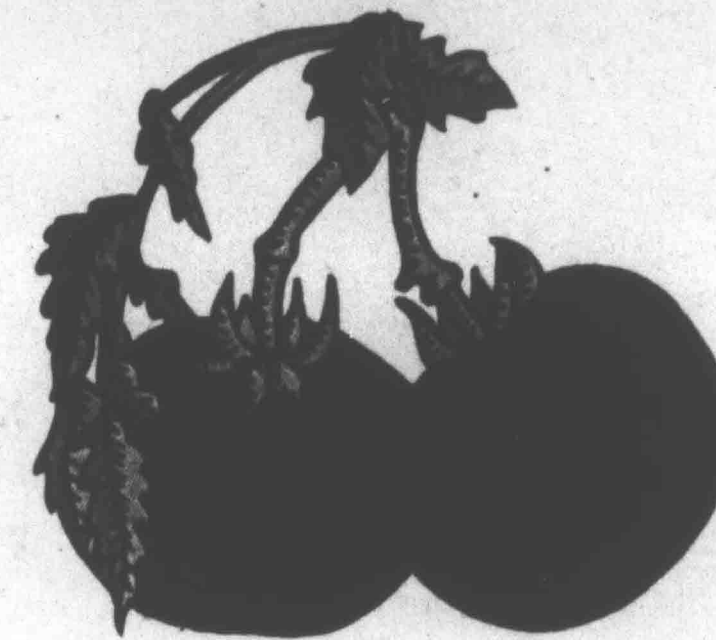
In double boiler or heavy saucepan, blend melted butter and flour. Add onion, tomatoes, soda, and salt and

cook slowly for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add milk very slowly and heat until quite hot.

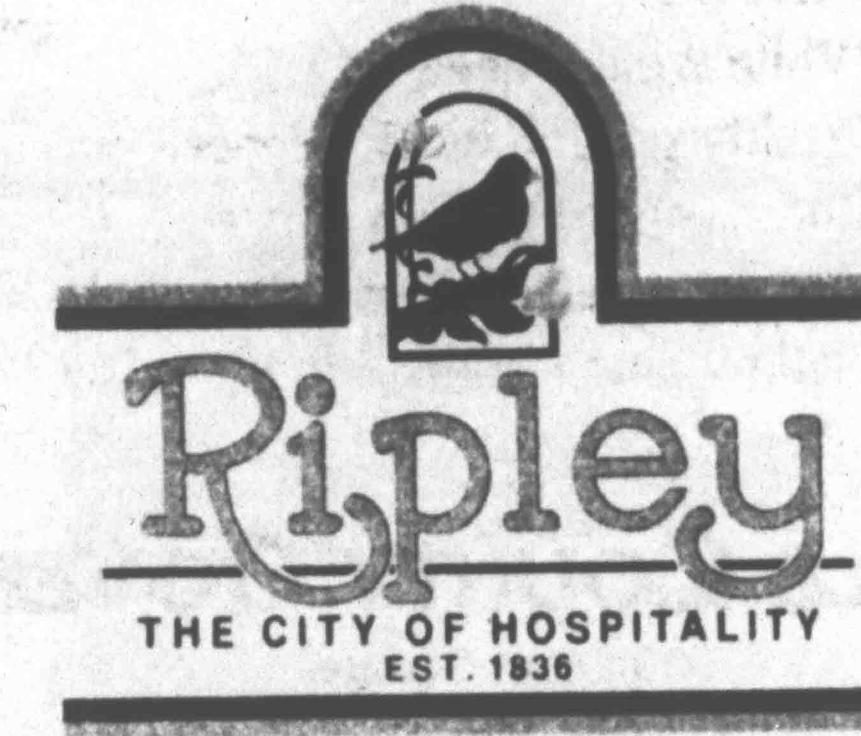
GARLIC TOMATO CREAMIES

3 small ripe tomatoes
1 minced clove garlic
Toast rounds, tomato-slice size
3/4 cup mayonnaise
Chopped chives
5 or 6 slices crisp bacon, crumbled

Peel and slice tomatoes. Cut as many tomato rounds as toast rounds. Put a slice of tomato on each piece of toast. Mix mayonnaise with garlic and spread on tomatoes. Broil for 3 minutes until brown. Sprinkle with chives and bacon. Serves 6.



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Sincerely,

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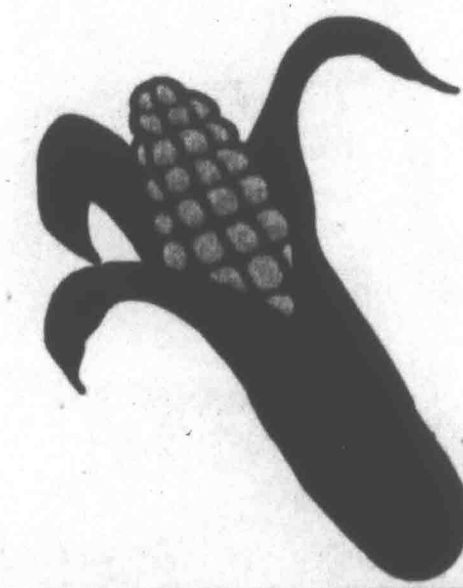
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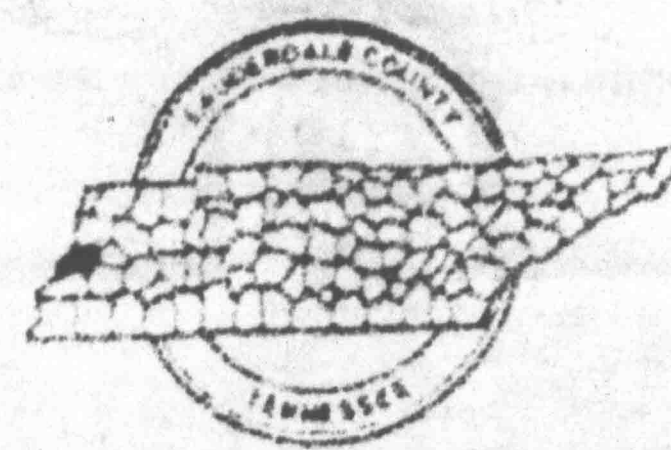
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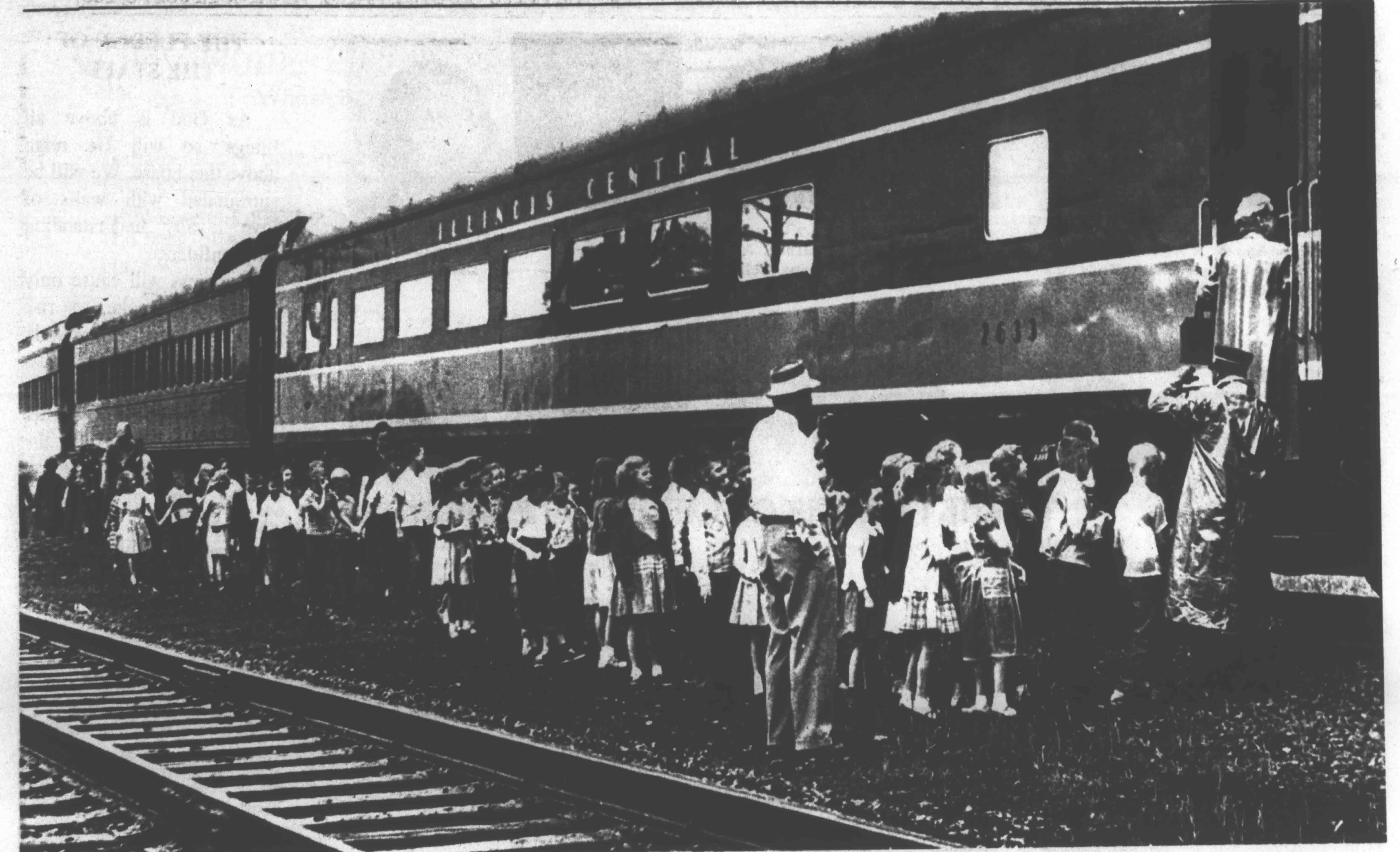
We want to thank everyone who has helped put this festival together this year and in years past.

We ask you as citizens of Lauderdale County to support the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival with your promotion and participation in it.

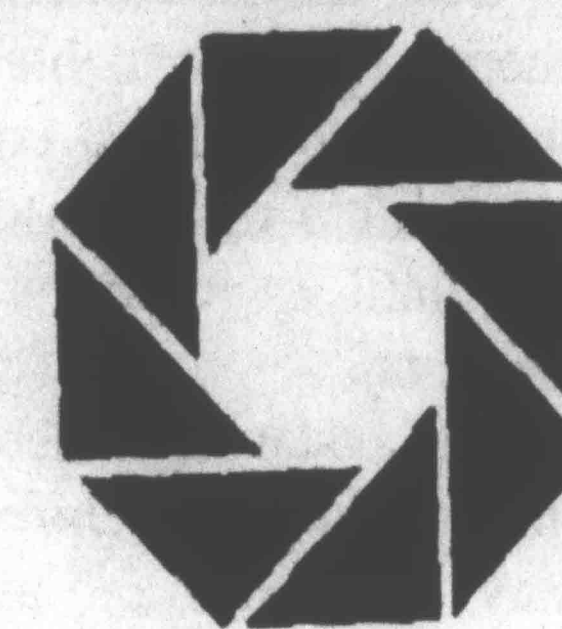
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THIRD GRADE TRAIN RIDE, with Kathleen Givens, teacher, circa 1955-1956.

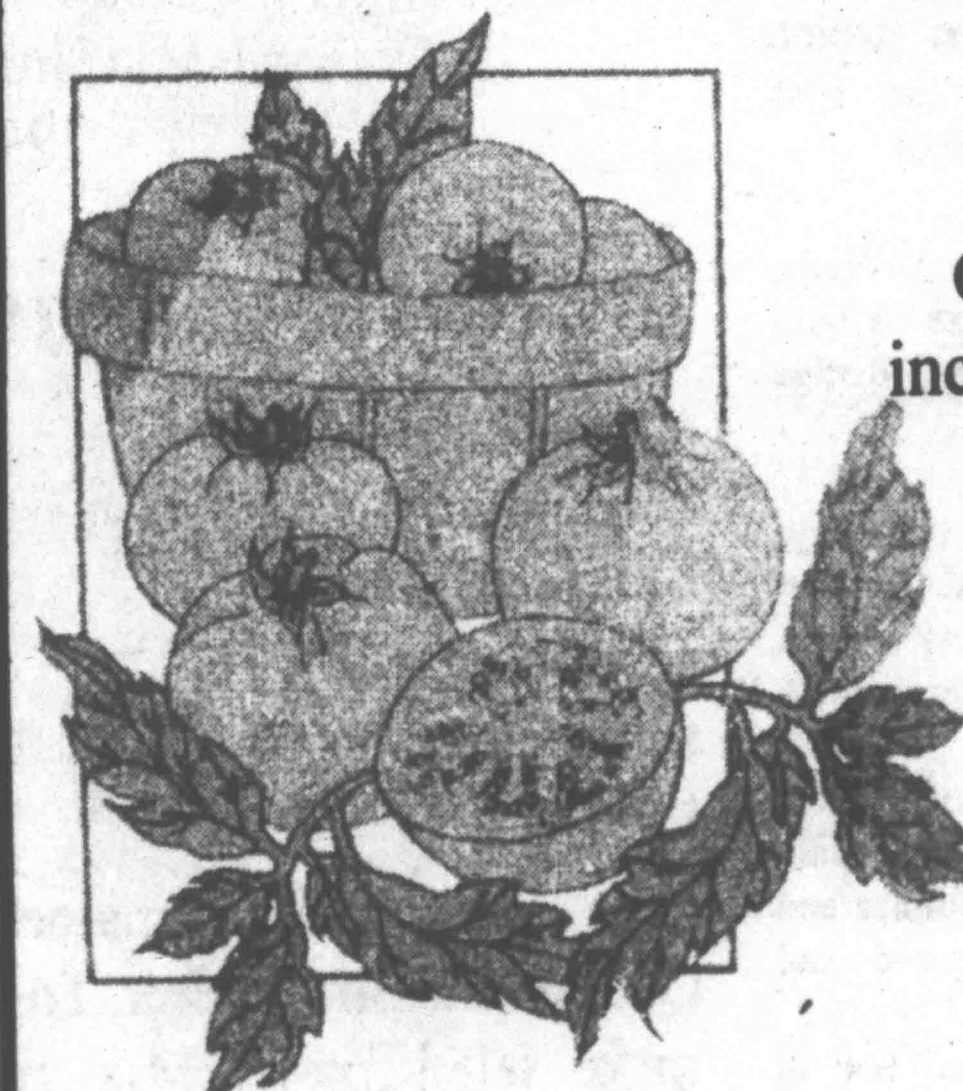


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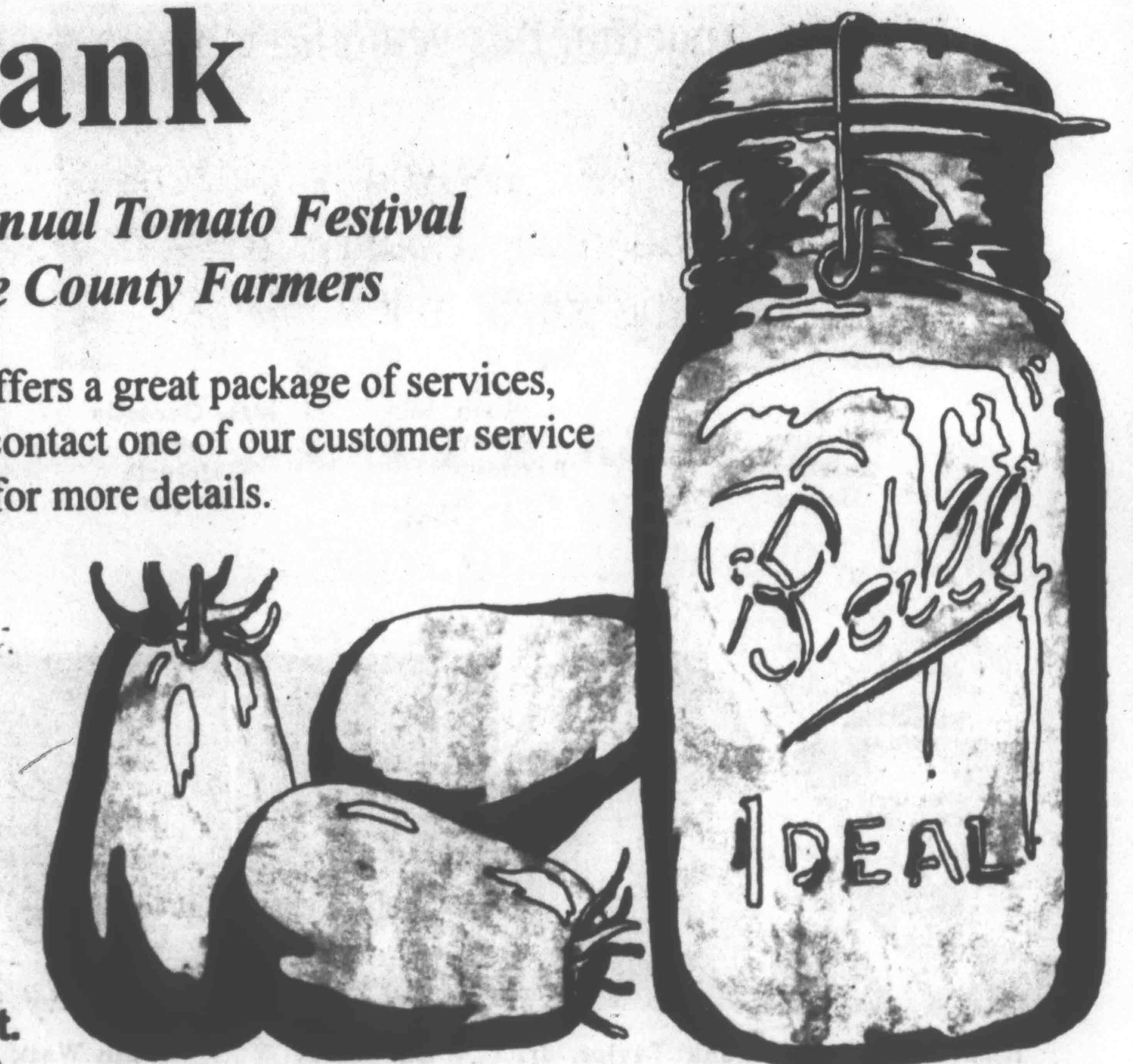


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STAFF, of Palmer-Turner School in Henning, circa 1950.

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As God is above all things, so will He reign above this house. We will be surrounded with walls of love, loyalty, understanding and confidence.

Kindness will cause only a peaceful smoke to rise from this chimney. Our walk will be in paths of righteousness.

Through these windows we will strive to see the bright side of life.

The spirit of peace on earth, good will toward men will enter the doors and remain through the coming years.

SCHOOL SONG

From above there came a vision glorious of joys that service can bestow, and our hearts respond with faith victorious as together along life's way we go.

-Chorus-

Dear Palmer-Turner, we'll cherish thee, thy noble aims shall all our lives control, along life's way from day to day, until we reach thy goal. We rejoice in Palmer-Turner's standard, her sublime ideals of helpfulness, may God shed on us His wondrous blessing, as we strive her spirit to express.

-Ladye M. Carter 1945

1984 Tomato Festival Recipe Bake-off Winners

The following are recipes that won the Tomato Festival Recipe Bake-off contest during the first Tomato Festival, August 1984.

Janice (Mrs. Arthur) Foley, of Halls, with her Summer Tomato Okra Delight, took first place in the Tomato Recipe Bake-Off Friday.

Susan (Mrs. Larry) Farris, of Ripley, placed second with her Fresh Tomato Aspic, Gladys (Mrs. Wheeler) Vaden, of Curve, placed third with her Tomato Broccoli Bake.

Mrs. Gwinn Matthews, of Ripley, took first place in the canned Tomato Division, with Mrs. Acton Holmes and Mrs. Helen Wadsworth second and third.

Mrs. Matthews also placed first in the Decoration and Centerpiece Division with Mrs. Mildred Lawson, of Woodville, placing second.

There were no youth entries in the Bake-Off, Canned Tomato, or Decoration Divisions.

David Matthews, of Ripley, placed first in the Best Eating Tomato Division.

Ripley Home Grown Tomatoes

Written By: Irene Yochum Chipman

Tomato picking time in Lauderdale County. Time to have a festival! Time to celebrate Ripley Home Grown Tomatoes. The best tomatoes in the world. Hard work and sweat. We don't mind. Got money to spend anytime, Picking home grown tomatoes Down in West Tennessee.

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Put on your gingham gown. Be sure to tell everyone. Ripley Home Grown Tomatoes, The best you can find. If you want the best tomatoes, Ripley home grown is the kind. I'm talking Home Grown Tomatoes, Ripley Tennessee.

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

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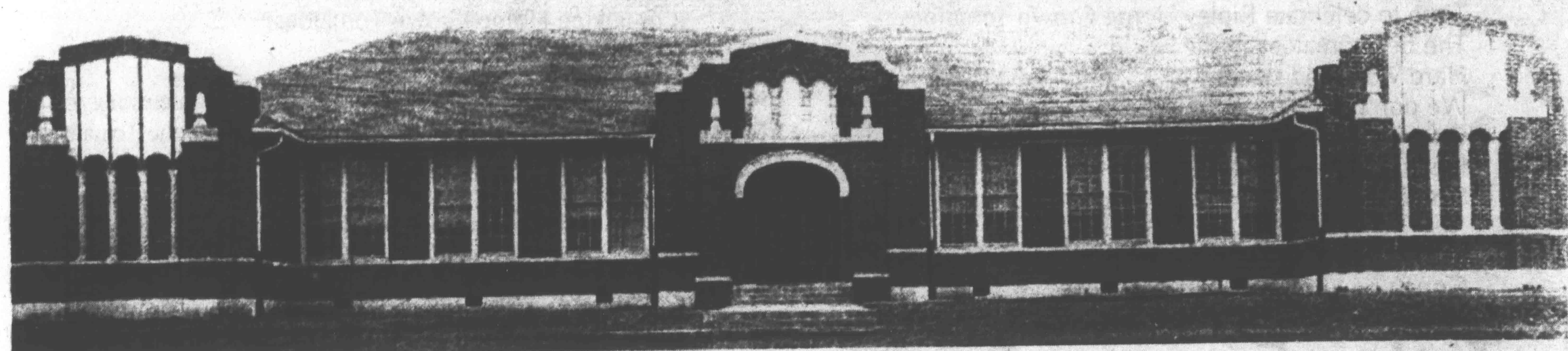
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HALLS HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY, circa 1932.

TOMATO TIPS

Tomatoes are always more favorable when served at room temperature. Refrigeration can kill tomato flavor and prevent ripening.

However, when we get so many tomatoes ripe at the one time, we almost have to refrigerate them to slow the spoilage. But for better taste, avoid long-term refrigeration.



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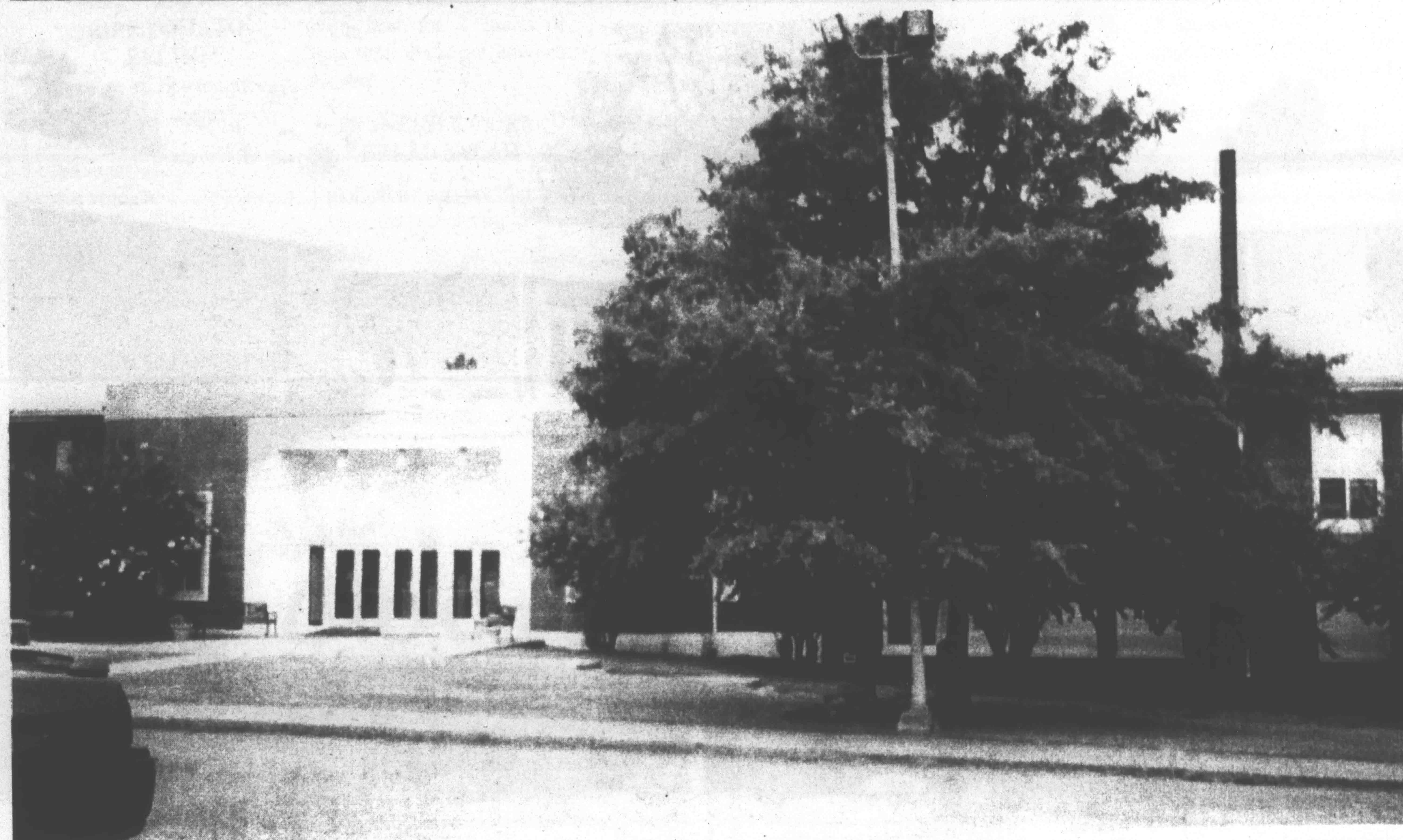
There comes a time in everyone's life when forgotten pleasures surge over one's soul in a flood of remembrance. Some of these pleasures have been dimmed with the passing of the years. In looking retrospectively down the paths that lead to youth, we often need some reminder to aid us in recalling more vividly happy memories of youthful pastimes. The staff has endeavored to make "Our Reminder" serve as a guide. If it should serve this purpose, then we shall feel our efforts have not been in vain.

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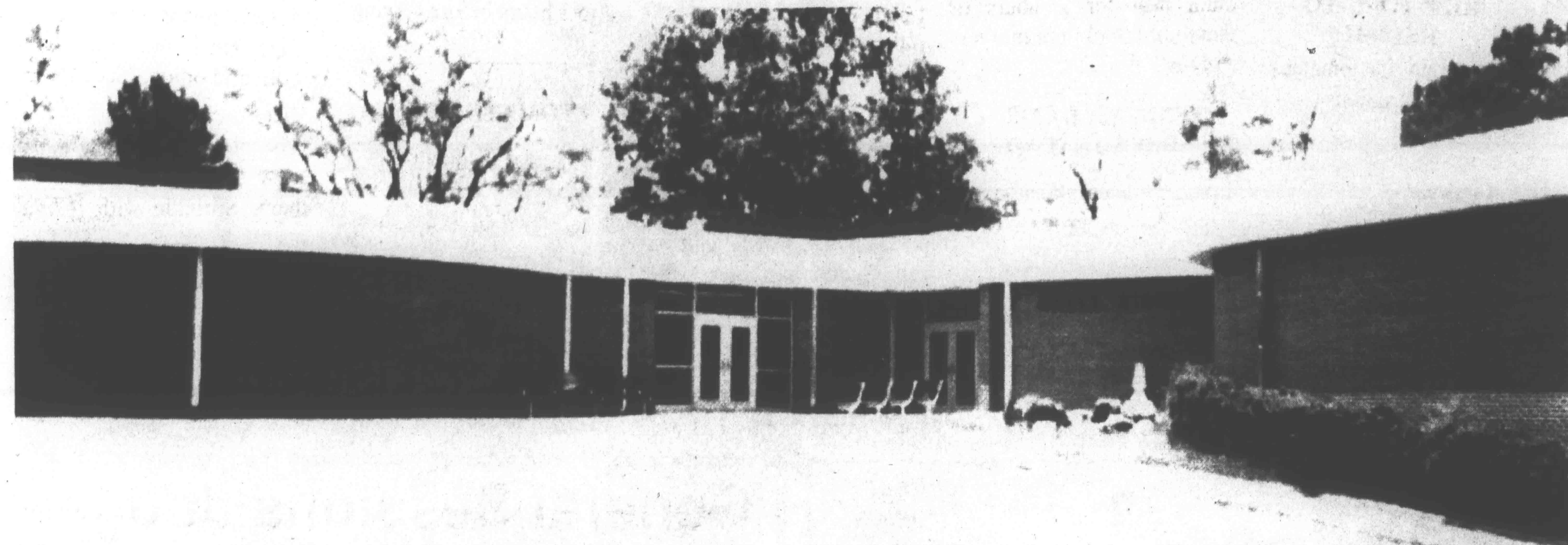
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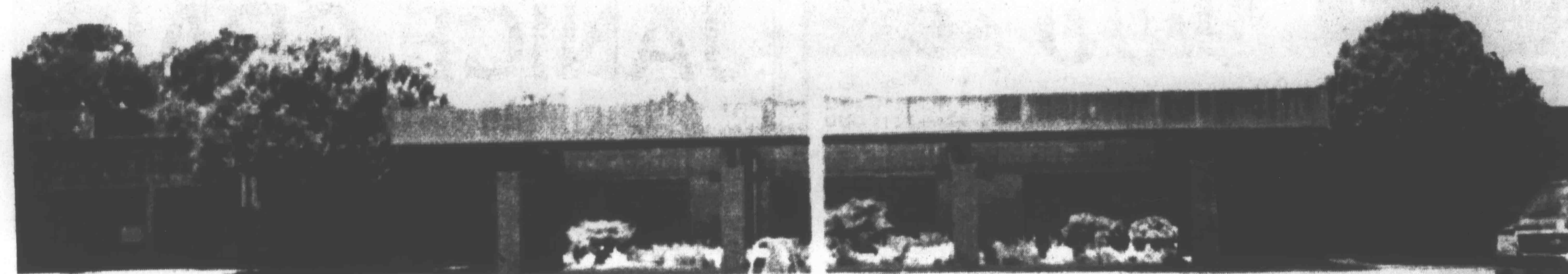
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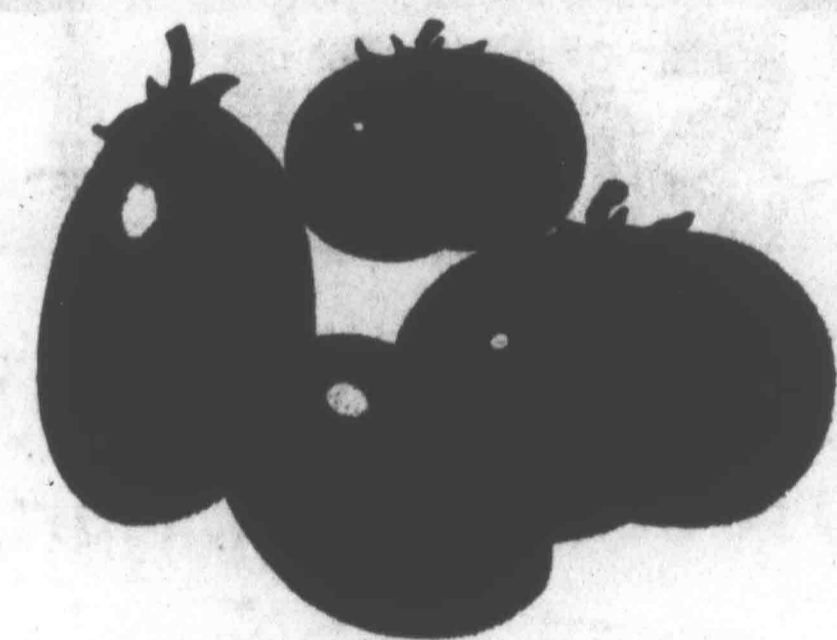
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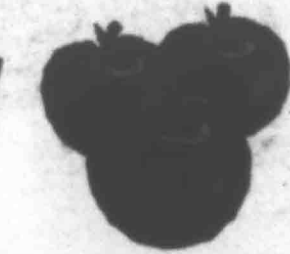
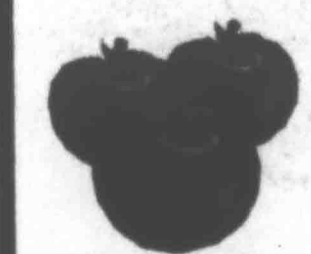
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**RIPE TOMATO
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- 1 gallon cut up ripe tomatoes
- 1 quart chopped onions
- 1 pod red pepper
- 5 cups sugar
- 1 quart vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Simmer heat for 2 hours or more until thick; put into jars and seal.

**TENNESSEE CORN-
BREAD SALAD**

- 1 pkg. white cornbread mix (prepared according to pkg.)
- 1/2 cups chopped sweet pickle (preserve juice)
- 12 strips bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 3 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Mix and cook over me-

- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup pickle juice
- 1 cup chopped onion

Crumble half the cornbread into bottom of large serving bowl. In another bowl, combine tomatoes, green peppers, onions, pickle, and bacon. Spoon half of mixture on cornbread. Stir together mayonnaise and pickle juice. Spread half over vegetables. Repeat layers. Garnish as desired. Cover lightly and chill

2 to 3 hours before serving.

TOMATO STACKS

- 3-4 large ripe tomatoes
- salt
- 5 oz. shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 10-oz. pkg. frozen chopped broccoli, cooked & strained

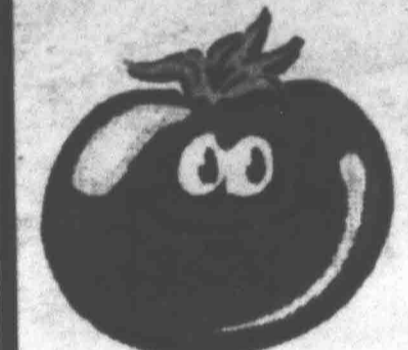
Cut tomatoes into slices 3/4" thick. Sprinkle each slice lightly with salt. Set aside 3-

4 tablespoons cheese. Combine remaining cheese, broccoli, and onion. Place tomato slices on baking sheet. Spoon broccoli mixture onto tomatoes, completely covering them. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Broil 8" from heat for 10-12 minutes or until cheese bubbles and tomatoes are hot.



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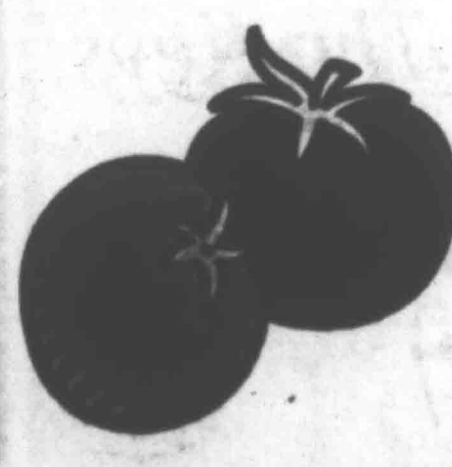
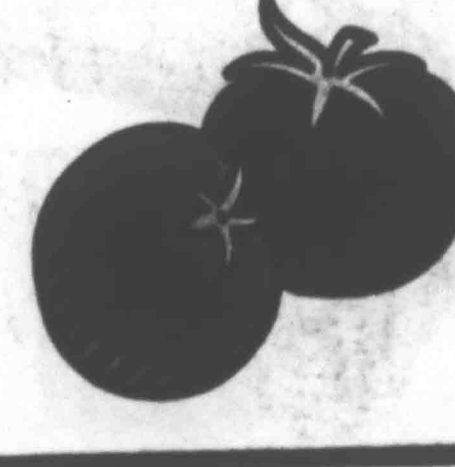
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pany. There was a log school house built on the Flippin farm where he helped educate his grandchildren by teaching them their letters, numbers, and to milk before they started school.

About 1893, the Flippin log school house was torn down and a new one built on a plot given by John Leird for as long as it should be a school. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. White bought and made a residence of the old school house. Storms took the large trees that shaded the play ground half a century or more. Twice in its existence as a school house, it also served as a church, in 1893 before a church was built and in the thirties after a storm had rendered the church unsafe for service.

Some of the first schools probably came to Glimp after 1875, for in that year, Esq. John A. Glimp's two youngest children, Hortense and John Adkins, boarded with Mrs. Mark Davenport, in Ripley and attended school. After the children's mother died, Hortense grieved greatly and would not attend any longer. Mrs. Davenport lived just off the courthouse square, on Jackson Street.

The first school was held in the building which was used for a church for all denominations, given to the public by James B. Crook, called Pleasant Plains. The first year, about 1880, it was a public school, called a stock school. That year new desks were bought and Hattie Benton was the teacher. There was only enough money for a three-month term.

The school was later moved from the church building, across the road towards the east and south, near the saw mill, known as "Mann" school. The school was used as late as

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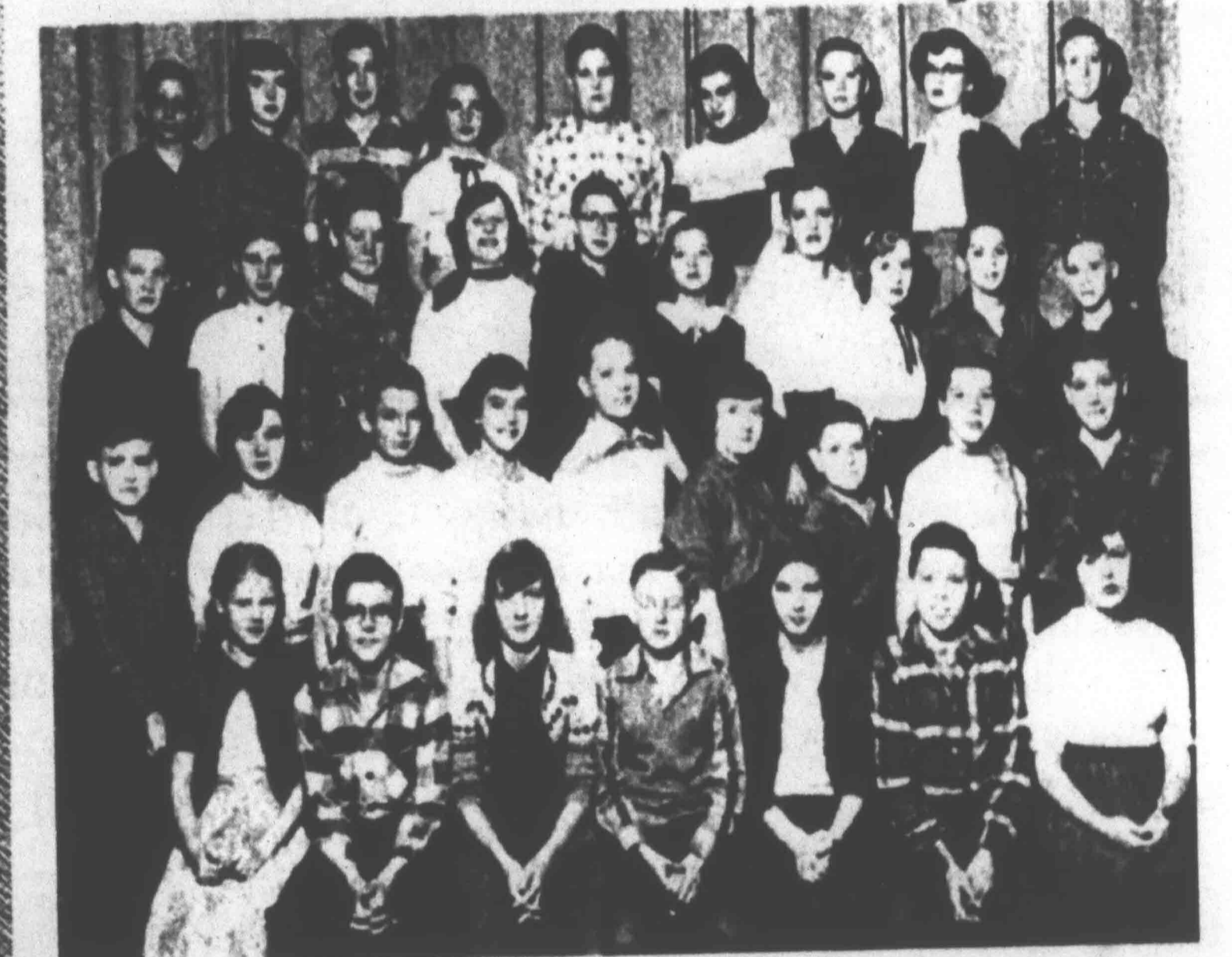


RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS, circa late 1800's, pictured, from left, seated, Estelle Folts, Fannie Foster, Helen Holloway, Monnie Lou Kirkpatrick, Alonzo Klutts, Bessie Mays, Birdie Cobb, Sudie Brodie and Lizzie Lusk, and standing, Professor C.R. Throop, Tom Johnston, Bessie Graves, George Throop, Hilda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

**SEVENTH GRADE
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SUPERVISORS, Lauderdale County Training School. Photo courtesy of its 1985 reunion booklet.



Bottom Row: Ann Jorner, Carlton Jenkins, Ruth McWilliams, Don Connell, Jane Herman, Jerry Moore, Mary Ann Pilcher
Second Row: James Hill, Hilda Hargett, Bob Linebaugh, Linda Coughlan, Benjie Beard, Linda Holman, Howard Vaden, Kay Mills, Lewis Craig
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Not in Picture: Jerry Weeks
RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS, 1955 Memories booklet.

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2 tablespoons sugar
1 quart onion, sliced
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FUTURE FARMERS, HALLS HIGH, circa 1932.

FRESH TOMATO BAKE Cathy Hughes	2 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs 8 med. Tomatoes, peeled & quartered 1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. sugar 1/2 tsp. dried leaf basil 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese	quart dish, layer tomatoes and onions starting with tomatoes. Sprinkle with bread-crumbs, dot with remaining butter. Bake in 350-degree oven for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and bake another 5 minutes.	Serves 8.
1/2 cup + 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine 2 onions, sliced	1/8 tsp. pepper	Heat 2 Tbsp. butter, add on-	and brown; set aside. In 6 Tbsp. butter, lightly brown breadcrumbs, set aside. Mix tomatoes, salt, pepper, sugar, and basil. In a buttered 1 1/2-	

TOMATO SALAD

Dorothy Minner

Tomatoes (3 or more, depending on servings)
Onions (red or green)
Green peppers (optional)
Celery (optional)
Salt
Pepper
Bottle of Italian dressing

Cut tomatoes into wedges. Chop green onions, peppers, and celery. Then salt and pepper to taste. Pour one bottle of Italian dressing over salad and toss. Let marinate in refrigerator 2-3 hours. Ready to serve.

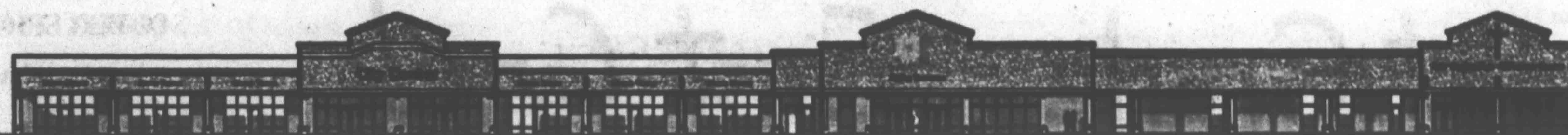
RIPE TOMATO CATSUP

Elizabeth Stanley
Submitted by son Tommy

1 Gal. ripe tomatoes, chopped (peeling is optional)
4-5 medium onions, finely chopped
3 large green bell peppers, finely chopped
3 hot cayenne peppers, finely chopped
1 qt. vinegar
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
3 cups sugar

3 Tbsp. salt
Small porous bag containing pickling spices, tied closed
Place all ingredients in a suitable container and cook over low to medium heat until the desired consistency is obtained. This will vary according to desires and taste. Remove bag of spices prior to placing into containers.

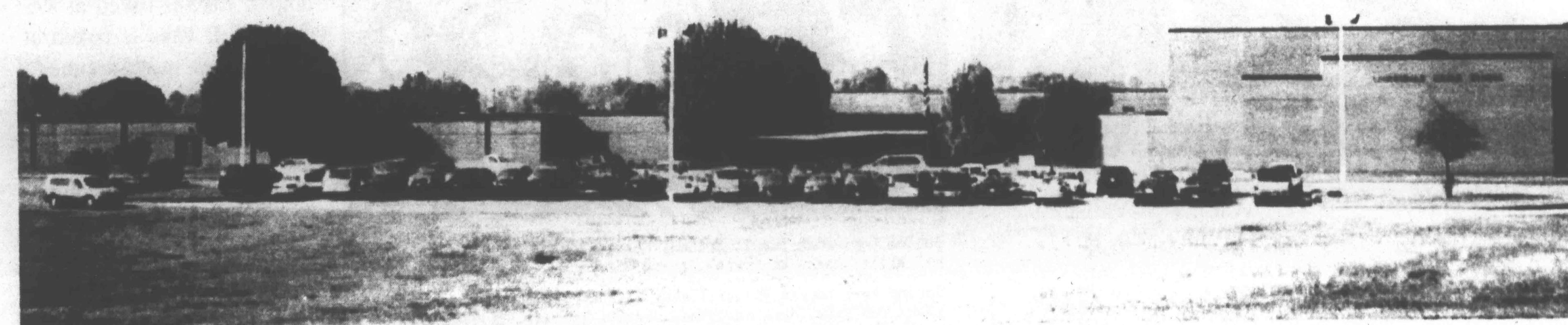
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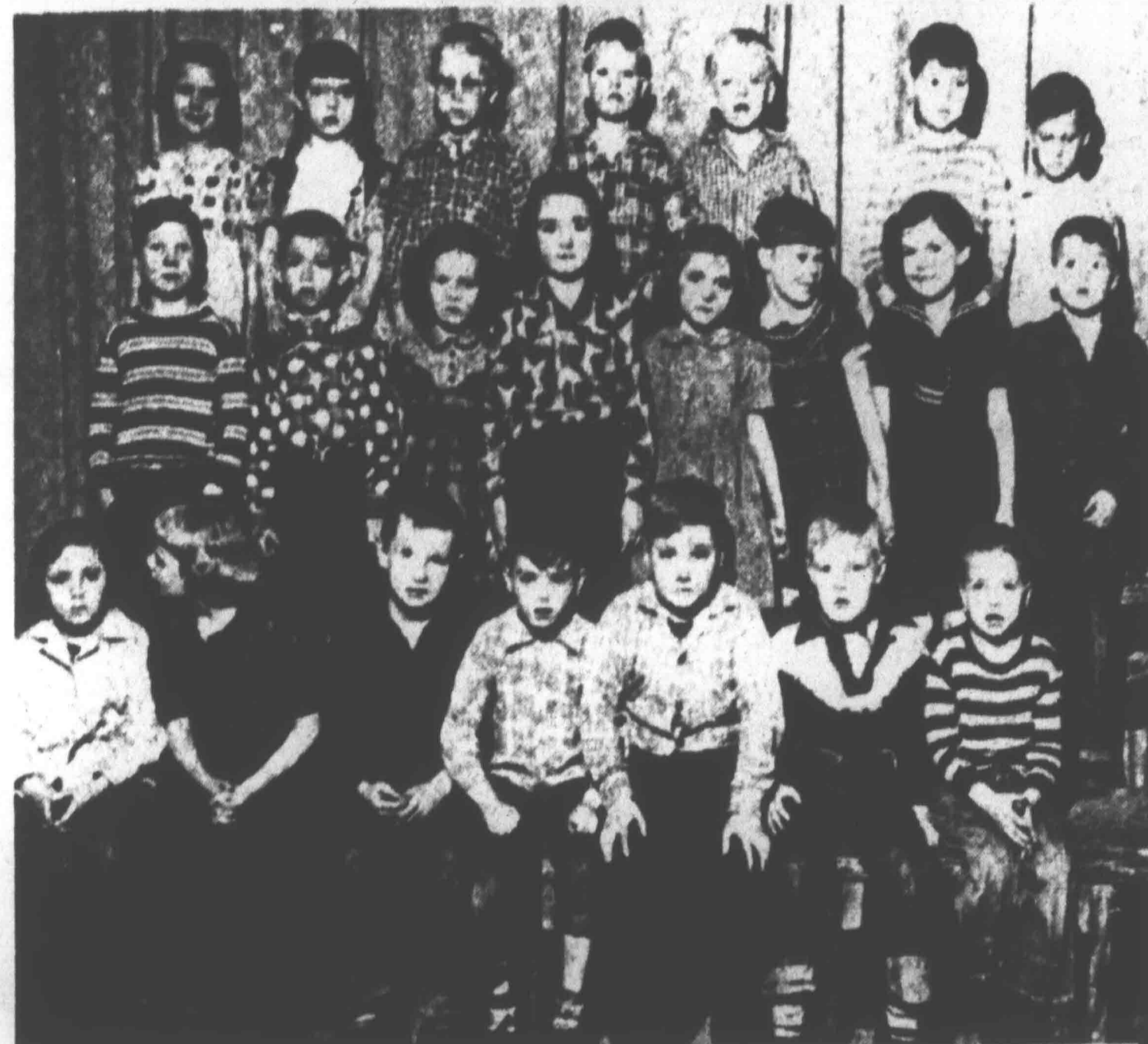
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Top Row: Bonita Ammons, Elaine Orimes, William Lynn Moore, Larry Horne, Steve Pilcher, Lacky Norman, Billie Joe Clem

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RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS, 1955 Memories booklet.

SOUPER SPICE CAKE

- 1 package two-layer spice cake mix
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup chopped raisins

Mix cake as directed on package, substituting tomato soup plus enough water to equal amount of liquid called for. Add eggs, if mix calls for them. Fold in chopped nuts and raisins.

Turn into greased and floured 9-inch tube pan. Bake as directed on package increasing baking time to 1 hour if cake is baked at 375 degrees. If cake is baked at 350 degrees, increase time to 1-1/2 hours.

Let cake stand in pan for 10 minutes; turn out and cool on rack. Drizzle confectioners' frosting over top and sides.

Taken from Grandma Mimi's Recipes on the internet

GREEN TOMATO CHUTNEY

- 4 lbs. green tomatoes, chopped
- 1 lb. apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 8 oz. raisins, chopped
- 1 1/4 lb. shallots, chopped
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 oz. root ginger
- 8-10 chilies
- 1lb. brown sugar
- 1 pt. malt vinegar

Bruise the ginger and tie in a muslin bag with the chilies. Place all the other ingredients in a preserving pan and suspend the muslin bag among them. Bring to the boil, stirring until the sugar has dissolved, and simmer until the desired consistency is reached. Remove the muslin bag, pour into warmed sterilized jars, cover and label.



Lauderdale County Education

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1925. About 1906 another school building was erected on the same location as the original school which was in the church building.

A school which was built in Glimp in 1906 remained there until 1938, when it was torn down and a modern five room frame building replaced it. This school was in session until it was consolidated with Henning in 1950.

A school was established in the Town of Henning as early as 1867 on land donated by A. W. Posey, Sr. and J. A. Jefferies. It was located in the northern part of town and was conducted by Miss Coltart and Miss Peet. It lasted about four years. Later, another school was started in the old Methodist Church in the southern part of town. Mr. Albert Rains was one of the teachers. After the closing of this school, Mr. Rains taught at Poplar Grove. In the next ten years, two more schools opened. The first African-American teacher in Henning was Miss Carrie White, who began teaching in 1873. She taught classes in the old New Hope C. M. E. Church and later a school house was built at the present site of the late Will Palmer home on Haley Street. The school was relocated to a three-room building and in 1928, a new building was erected, the Palmer-Turner School. Mr. Palmer was credited with liberal financial contributions to and the general interest in the welfare of the young people in the naming of the school. Mrs. Carrie White-Turner was remembered in the naming of the school, as well, due to being a pioneer teacher in the district. The building was renovated in 1950, after a fire destroyed part of the facility in March 1949. The building is currently operating as a community center in Henning. A \$167,984 grant was received in October 2002 from the Delta Regional Authority to repair the community center and in June 2004 another \$289,900 grant was received from the USDA Rural Development for repair and upgrade.

In 1880, the Henning Male and Female Academy was incorporated by Major J. H. Flowers, H. W. Keller, R. C. Wilson, G. M. D. Bowers, W. E. Alston, and W. M. West. It was built on land belonging to Major Flowers, in the west part of Henning. This was an advanced private school, under Professor Byars, principal, assisted by Albert Rains, offering courses in Latin, Greek, Chemistry, Physics, Trigonometry, and Natural Science. During its existence of about four years, some of the families represented were Keller, Moorner, Roy, Cobb, Johnson, Scott, Clark, Burks, Alston, Fitzpatrick, Walker, Flowers, Currie, and Martin.

The first free school was built in 1884 in "Happy Hollow" near the Church of Christ in the northern part of Henning. In the beginning this was a two room school but later another room was added. Finally, a large music room was built several yards from the main structure. The principal was Mr. Neville. This school lasted until 1910, when a three story brick building was built to accommodate grammar and high school grades. Between 1918 and 1921, the high school was discontinued but the grammar grades remained, four teachers, each teaching two grades.

In 1923, this school came under the supervision of the County Board of Education, which, in 1934 in keeping with the state plan of consolidating schools, voted to bring all children from Pleasant Hill, Crutcher, Durhamville, Orysa, Graves Chapel, and the 6th, 7th, 8th grades from Fulton, Price, Glimp and Cherry into Henning. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for transportation and the consolidation of schools. Following a survey of the Lauderdale County school system by Peabody College in 1946, the County Board of Education appropriated \$50,000 for remodeling the Henning School. A local committee appeared before the County Court and requested additional funds for the construction of a new school. The Court appointed a committee with full power to build a new school in Henning. Work was started in 1950 and completed the following year.

In 1877, the State Legislature passed an act, which became law, stating that it was unlawful for any person to sell or "tipple" any intoxicating beverage within four miles of an incorporated institution of learning, but that the sale of such liquors shall not apply within the limits of any incorporated town. Since Henning was an incorporated town, having been so since 1882, the four mile law did not apply, therefore the town, to prohibit the sale of liquor, surrendered its charter in 1884. In 1899, another act of the State Legislature become law, granting local option to towns of less than 2,000, thereupon, in 1901, Henning was again incorporated.

A schoolhouse was built in 1901 at Mary's Chapel and the first teacher was J. T. Thorn. Other teachers included: Will Kenton, Eva Johnston, Hattie Sanford, Alma Dewalt, Flora Woody, Essie Martin, Pearl Blackwell, Irene Rushing, Horace Bickers, Frances Fortner, and Annie Lee Taylor.

The Haynes School, named after Harvey Haynes who donated the land and built the school, was located near the McBride and McMinn homes, just off the old Asbury Church road which was in the fifteenth district. A private school was also started in the Bexar community in 1880. The land was given to the county board of education in December 1914 with the understanding it was to continue to be used for school purposes. In 1930's, the Bexar school closed and its pupils were sent to Curve.

The consolidation of schools has caused the names of some communities to be changed, or even dropped. At one time there was a Bexar post-office and school, now both are gone.

In 1886, a one-room subscription school was begun on property donated in December 1879 in the "Dry Hill Community" by Mrs. R. T. Fortner. The one-room Dry Hill School was located on part of the Griffin land and was called the "Griffin School." The school was later moved to part of the J. M. Woodard land where a three-room building was constructed. The school was located in Curve in a field 200 yards from the main road behind the home of Mrs. Gladys Vaden, who became principal of the school years later. In 1896, another two-room building was erected and 16 years later a four-room building was completed, across the road, on land donated by a teacher, J. T. Hastings. The original school land was returned to the Fortner descendants. In 1912, Curve High School won three awards at the Tennessee State Fair for the school most improved over the past two years. In 1930, a third building with four class rooms was erected on Old Highway 51 on J. G. Thompson property with money raised through a special tax of citizens in the 7th District for an elementary school. The building was enlarged in 1950 to include seven classrooms, a large auditorium, cafeteria, and modern restrooms. This building became the property of Curve Community Center when the school closed in 1977. The building burned in 1996 and the resi-

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GREEN TOMATO PIE

- Mix in bowl:
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
 - 4 Tbsp. cornstarch
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
 - 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

- 6 medium green tomatoes, peeled & chopped
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 Tbsp. margarine
- Pastry for 2 pie crusts

Add tomatoes & lemon juice & toss. Turn into pastry. Dot with margarine. Cover with top crust. Bake until golden brown at 425 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes.

HAYDEN SALAD (RELISH)

In memory of Kate Watts Submitted by Jerre Stallings

- 1/2 dozen red & green peppers
- 1 Gal. chopped cabbage
- 1 qt. chopped onion
- 1 Gal. Chopped ripe tomatoes

Let stand 2 hours in 1 cup salt. Drain & add:

- 1 qt. vinegar
- 2 tsp. mustard, dry
- 3 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 2 lb. sugar
- 2 tsp. turmeric
- 2 tsp. mixed spices
- 2 tsp. cinnamon

Cook 40 minutes and seal in jars.

GLAZED CHERRY TOMATOES

- 1 pint, hard-ripe, cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. light brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper

In a two-quart saucepan, combine all ingredients. Heat to boiling point, tossing gently with fork or spoon to evenly cook tomatoes. Boil 5 to 7 minutes or until just tender. Serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

The 24th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival

Thursday, July 5

4th Annual TF Golf Tournament.....1:00pm
4-Man Scramble @ RHCC, sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD

Friday, July 6

Chamber Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am
TKS Fitness Center - 200 Knee St. Hosted by Lauderdale Chamber/ECD & the City of Ripley

Exhibits Open.....9:00am
Carnival Rides, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - On the Square in Ripley

24th Annual Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony.....10:00am
Main Stage: Tomato Farmer of the Yr., Sen. Mark Norris, Rep. Craig Fitzhugh & More!

Special Treasures Exhibition.....8:00am-5:00pm
Bank of Ripley Lobby, Court Square - exhibit runs thru 7/31

Tomato Tasting (tickets \$5.00)11:00am-1:00pm
1st Baptist Church Family Life Center, Sponsor: FCE Clubs of Lauderdale County

Tomato Contest (entry deadline is 12noon on July 6th)1:00pm
Regions Bank Hwy. 51, Judging: biggest, oddest, shape, color, taste. Bring entries to Regions anytime between Thursday July 5 and 12 noon July 6.

Peacemakers (Singing Policemen)6:00-7:30pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Ripley Downtown Business Association Awards...("Paint the Town Red").....7:30-7:45pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Clarence Dobbins Revue.....8:00-11:00pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Saturday, July 7

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

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

Exhibits Open.....9:00am
Carnival Rides, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - On the Square in Ripley

Baby Crawling Contest (6-18 mos., \$3.00 entry).....9:30am
Main Stage, downtown Ripley, Sponsor: Ripley Downtown Business Association

Special Treasures Exhibition10:00am-2:00pm
Bank of Ripley Lobby, Court Square - exhibit runs thru 7/31

Tennessee T's Exhibition (old model T Ford cars).....10:00am-10:00pm
Court Square, downtown Ripley

World's Largest "Mater Sandwich (An attempt to beat the world record of 118 feet).....10:00 a.m.
North side of court square, Sponsor: Ripley Downtown Business Association

Methodist Market10:30am-1:00pm
First United Methodist Church Activities Building, downtown Ripley

New Life Fellowship Youth & Praise Team*.....10:00am-11:00am
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Calvary Echoes11:00am-12:00pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Tomato Festival Saturday Salad (\$6.00/plate).....11:00am-1:00pm
First United Methodist Church Activities Building, downtown Ripley

David Smith (Gospel/Singing Fireman).....12:00pm-1:00pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Mason ATA Black Belt Academy Covington.....1:00-2:00pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

ATC.....2:00-3:30pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Stairways.....3:30-4:30pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

TNT.....4:30-5:30pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Break - Set Up for Main Stage Entertainment.....5:30-6:30p.m.

Scott Myatt.....6:30-8:30pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

Webb Dalton & the Dalton Gang.....9:00-11:00pm
Main Stage, downtown Ripley

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Lauderdale County Education

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dents of Curve built a Community Center and a fire station on the property.

Lewis High School opened in Ripley in 1881 in a log school house, where the Wiley T. Daniels building stands today. English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Sciences, Free-hand Drawing, Calisthenics, and Instrumental Music was offered for \$4 per month; Elocution, Drawing, and Crayon, \$2 per month; and Biography and Automobile, \$1 a month.

Carter Whitson gave property to build a school adjoining the Union Church in the present area of Lightfoot in 1885. Union School became one of the best schools in the area. Pupils came from surrounding communities and boarded in private homes in order to attend the Lightfoot Community School named Union. G. G. McLeod was principal in the 1890's. Two other teachers about this time were T.I. Barnes and his wife, Mrs. Hattie McLeod Barnes. Some secondary work, similar to high school, was taught in this school.

Another school was built in a grove of Poplar trees, so was called the Poplar Grove School, and in time the surrounding section came to be called Poplar Grove.

A private school as built in Halls between 1875 and 1880 with the cost \$1.50 for the lower grades and \$3 for upper grades. The history of the growth of schools in Halls is very interesting. The children of the early settlers were usually taught by some older member of the family, private tutors, or governesses. The first schools were private, subscription, or a combination of the two. Between 1875 and 1880, Dr. Sam Young and his brothers built a school one half mile north of the present site of Halls. The pupils paid \$1.50 for the lower grades and \$3 for the upper grades. Until 1900, a child was classified according to the reader he was in. Another such school was at the Anderson home a short distance west of Halls. About 1880, Tolbert F. Hall, Jeff Stephens and Caswell Brandon built a one room school in the yard of Jeff Stephens on what is now East Tigrett. A governess, Mamie Clark, came from Paducah, Ky., to conduct the school, primarily for the children of these three families, but other children were invited to come free of charge.

During the 1890's, a lot on College St. was donated by John Farmer and his wife for school purposes and a two room frame building was erected, the upper floor being used by Knights of Pythias and later by the Masons. The first teacher of this school was Professor Ben Simmons. Some of the students of this school were Clarence Dyer, Neil Dyer, Lucile Cherry (Mrs. F.B. Ragland), Alma Cherry and Mrs. May Young Cherry.

Other teachers of the period were Professor and Mrs. Douglas, who built a partition to form a two room school. In 1901, the school, offered in a two-room building in Halls, was graded according to state high school requirements. In 1903, Augusta Nunn (Mrs. Neil Dyer) and Frank Young, a successful businessman in California, were the first graduates of the high school. A brick building was erected in 1903 with four classrooms, a hall and an auditorium. Two years later, six more rooms were added and a full four-year course was offered in 1910. A. V. Patton was the teacher at that time. There has been a graduating class each year since then, gradually increasing in size from two in 1903, seven in 1918, 12 in 1919, 69 in 1956 and 75 in 2007.

In 1903, the old building was moved to one side of the campus and bonds for \$6,000 having been sold, a brick

building with four classrooms and a hall below with an auditorium above was erected. By 1905, these quarters were outgrown and another bond issue was voted for an addition of four rooms below and two above. In 1910, when W. W. Dunn was principal, a full four year course for graduation was introduced. He published the only illustrated catalogue the school ever issued. W. S. New, elected in 1915, introduced home economics and manual training. His wife organized the first parent-teacher association.

Organized athletics started with basketball first introduced under Professor Bodkin. Then two years later under E.S. Pearson, football was included and both sports have been a part of the school since. For a number of years only high school students participated but in later years the upper grades of the elementary school began participating.

By 1923 the building was becoming very crowded so the citizens voted \$35,000 in bonds to finance the building of a new high school which was erected on West Tigrett and all of the old building given to the grammar school. In 1924, the new building on West Tigrett was completed with R. S. Conley as superintendent of schools and W. S. New, principal of the high school. At the beginning of that year the Smith-Hughes Department of Vocational Training was introduced with H. G. Conley at its head. The following year the first full time football coach, Raymond Tate, was employed. At that time the town deeded the property to the county so that it could be remodeled, a new auditorium being badly needed as the old upstairs one was unsafe. In 1926, Clifflie Pickering was employed to establish the commercial department and a gymnasium was built. The gymnasium burnt February 1927 and was rebuilt in 1928 to include science and vocational training departments. The Town of Halls gave \$1,300 for a new stage and dressing rooms.

By 1928, the schools had attained a sufficient enrollment, equipment and qualified faculty, so that it was rated one of the very few grade A schools in the state. An athletic association was formed in 1946 which has been a great help in getting the football field lighted, concrete bleachers built and other helps to the athletic department.

In 1947, an agriculture building was erected. In 1950, new steel bleachers were erected on the east side of the field and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of Dyersburg, donated a new electric score board. Earlier, through donations of time and money by men of the town, new dressing rooms were added and the gymnasium renovated. The P.T.A. was most cooperative through the years helping out with any problem at hand. They were especially helpful in establishing a modern school cafeteria.

In 1950, Lauderdale County voted a bond issue for the erection of a new and up to date elementary building. It was completed and occupied in 1952 but has not been as satisfactory as was expected. It included sixteen classrooms, several dressing rooms, offices, rest rooms, a library, gymnasium and cafeteria.

The elementary school began having a separate principal after the high school was built on Tigrett St. The first was Mrs. Annie Love Ferguson, followed by Jack Rochelle, Frances Chambers, Mrs. H.G. McCorkle, Floyd Hooks and Kenneth Floyd. Pat Carmack has served as principal since 1973. An addition was completed in 1987 and in 1996, 17 classrooms and a gymnasium were added. Halls Junior High School was completed in 1950.

Many teachers have given years of service and have left

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RIPE TOMATO PICKLES

- 1 gal. Chopped ripe tomatoes
- 4 large onions (2 cups) chopped
- 2 cups sweet pepper, chopped
- 4 small hot peppers, chopped
- 2 cups celery, chopped
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 qt. Vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. salt

Cook approximately 3 hours. Makes 6 pints.

SKILLET FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

- Mix:
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup corn meal
- Salt to taste

Slice tomatoes 1/4 inch thick. Heat oil in skillet (medium heat). Cover each side of tomato slice evenly with mix. Place one layer of slices in hot oil. Turn gently when slice is brown - cook. Remove from skillet. Drain on paper towel while next slices are cooking. Serve while hot.

HOT TOMATO PICKLE

- 6 cups peeled, chopped red tomatoes. Heat & drain to 4 cups.
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped banana peppers
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 6 small hot peppers with seeds (2 Tbsp.)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 tsp. salt

Cook about 2 hours, until thick.

CUCUMBER AND TOMATO SALAD

- Sliced cucumber
- Sliced onion, cut in half
- Cherry tomatoes
- Oil-and-vinegar dressing
- Toss cucumber (peeled, if desired), onion, tomatoes, and dressing.

STUFFED TOMATOES AND DEEP FRIED MUSHROOMS

- 7 oz. cherry tomatoes
- 4 oz. button mushrooms
- A few sprigs of flatleaf parsley, to garnish

Stuffing for the tomatoes and mushrooms

- 1/4 loaf fresh white bread, made into breadcrumbs
- 1/4 onion, finely sliced
- 1 clove garlic
- Handful of flatleaf parsley, chopped
- 2 oz. lamb, chopped
- 1 oz. button mushrooms
- 1 egg
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

To make the stuffing, gently cook the onions in oil until soft and translucent.

Stir in the crushed garlic and leave to cool.

In a food processor, blend all the ingredients together to make a rough paste. Season

with salt and pepper.

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees.

Preheat a deep saucepan with 2 inches of vegetable oil for deep-frying (Caution: hot oil can be very dangerous. Do not leave unattended)

Hull the tomatoes and remove the stems of the mushrooms

Top the tomatoes and mushrooms with a teaspoon of the stuffing

Place the tomatoes on an oiled baking sheet and bake for 3 to 5 minutes until the stuffing is golden and cooked

Deep-fry the stuffed mushrooms for 3-4 minutes until golden and cooked through

Drain on kitchen paper and lightly sprinkle with salt

Serve the tomatoes and mushrooms immediately, garnished with a few springs of flatleaf parsley.

Taken from BBC-Food Recipes on the internet

CHEESE FONDUE WITH TOMATO DIPPERS

- 1 garlic clove, thinly sliced
- 3-1/2 oz. blue cheese
- 3-1/2 fl oz. white wine
- 3-1/2 fl oz. double cream
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
- 12 cherry tomatoes
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Place the garlic, blue cheese, white wine and double cream into a pan over a medium heat. Heat for four minutes, until the cheese has melted, then add the Dijon mustard and thyme.

Heat a griddle pan until smoking

For the tomato dippers, thread four cherry tomatoes onto a skewer and brush with olive oil. Repeat with two more skewers and then place onto the griddle pan to char-grill for two minutes on each side.

To serve, place the cheese fondue in a bowl with the tomato dippers on the side.

Taken from BBC Food Recipes on the internet

SECOND GRADE Mrs. Winslow



Top Row: Milton Casey, Michael Jacques, Larry Kelley, Woody Gibson, Larry Phillips, Patsy Meeks

Third Row: Jane Allen, Dianne Simpson, Pam Owens, Susie Robertson, Bill Shuff, Wayne Barnard

Second Row: Nancy Parsons, Alice Malone Scott, Linda Jackson, Linda Pipkin, Joe Morris, Bennie Barcroft, Louise Bentley

Front Row: Kirby Webb, Richard Lee Scallions, Jack Horne, Ronnie Edwards, Tommy Durhan

Not in Picture: Jimmy Long, John Young, Judy Handren, Jimmy Freedman, Mary Sue Hargett

SECOND GRADE Miss Akin



Bottom Row: David Willis, Donald Williams, Talmadge Crowder, Ronald Townsend, Don Meachan

Second Row: Tim Norman, Evelyn Laird, Jacqueline Jones, Wanda Primmore, Lena Weston, Marie Holt

Third Row: Jo Ann Linebaugh, Margaret Goodwin, Linda Little, Jimmy Lawrence, Johnny Austin, Carol Jean Land

Top Row: Terry Pilcher, Dwight Hutcherson, Janie Sue Acuff, Annie Laura Stutts, Barbara Hutcherson

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RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS, 1955 Memories booklet.

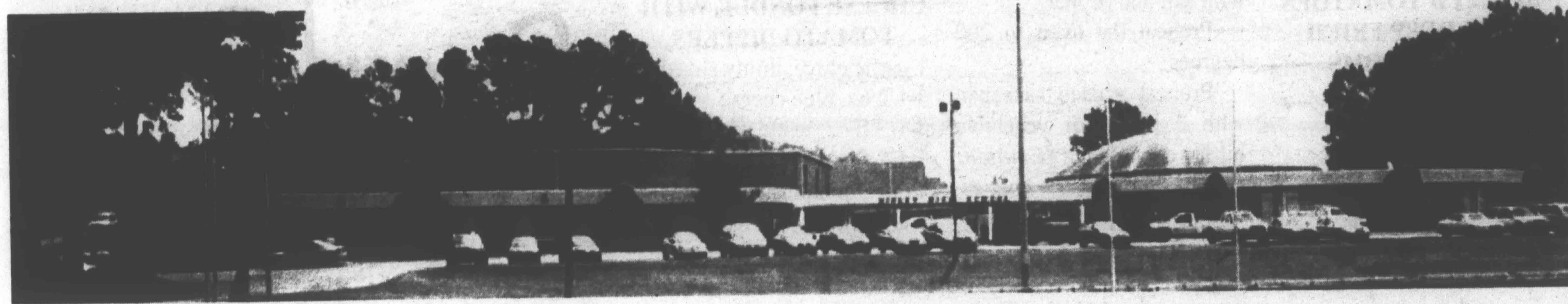
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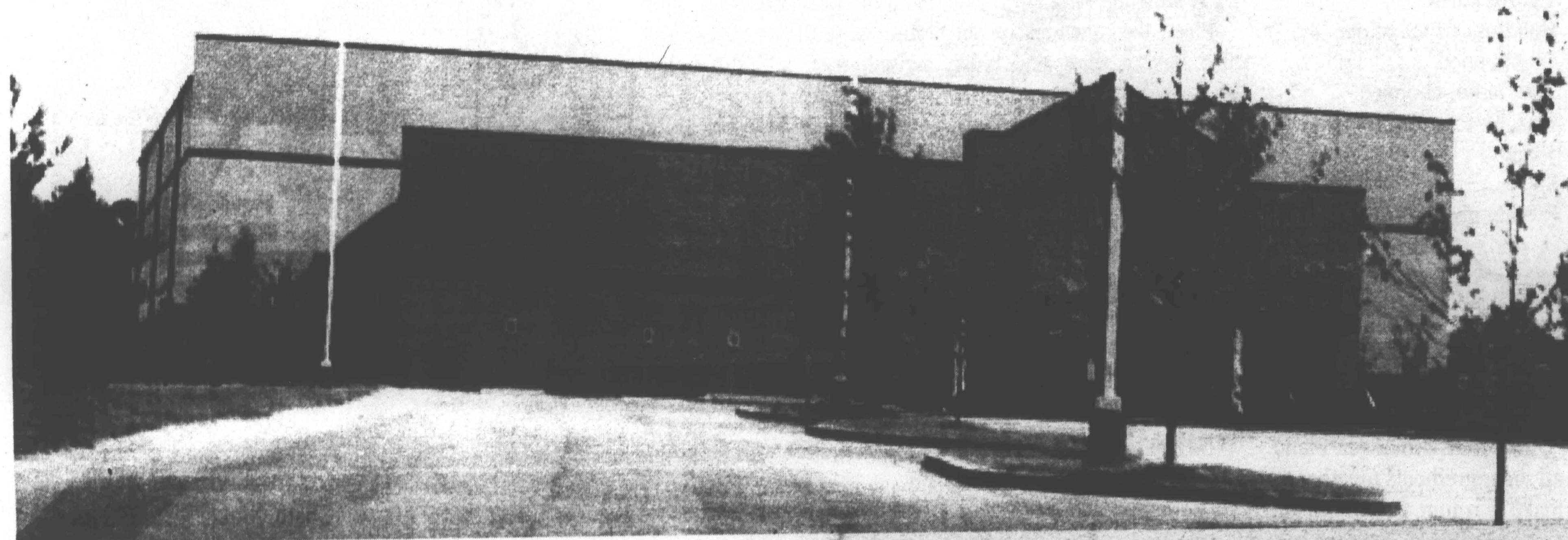
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WHITEFIELD SCHOOL, circa 1935

TOMATO RELISH

In memory of Cleo Knox
 Submitted by Phyllis Wallace

- 18 medium tomatoes, peeled, cored, seeded, & chopped (8 cups)
- 2 cups minced celery
- 1 cup minced green pepper
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/3 cup salt
- 2 cups vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. mustard seed
- 1 tsp. pepper

Place vegetables in a large bowl, sprinkle with salt and mix well. Let stand for 30 minutes. Drain, rinse, and drain again. In a large kettle, bring vinegar, sugar, mustard seed, and pepper to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add vegetables and return to a boil. Ladle hot relish into hot jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Adjust caps. Process for 20 minutes in a boiling water bath. Makes 4 pints.

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an imprint on the students who sat under them that will never be forgotten. Among these are Lillie Mai Ford, C.S. Dodds, Martha Hamilton, W. S. New, Mrs. Lucille New Boyd, H.G. Conley, R.S. Conley, H. G. McCorkle, Mrs. J. R. Crittendon, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Mrs. E. A. Ferguson, Eva Hurly, Trilla Cload, a Miss Penn, a Miss Leonard, Mrs. T.G. Avery, Mrs. W.E. Ralph and others.

Music has been a part of the school since about 1905. In 1903, Lula Mai Moore came to Halls and began teaching nine students in her home the first year.

A new vocational building was constructed in 1977, housing the carpentry, art, and agriculture classes. The new gymnasium was added in 1995 and the field house in 1991. The final from the old school is located outside the school.

The Hatchie Academy was established at Orysa in 1880 by the citizens of the neighborhood, and was under the able guidance of Isaac L. Case, M. D., as principal. With the help of only one assistant, Professor Case taught ten months out of the year, reading, writing, the higher branches of mathematics, including algebra, geometry, science, rhetoric, botany, astronomy, and any of the following languages in which he was proficient, Latin, French, Greek and German. After eight or nine years, Professor Case's health failed and he had to give up teaching. He went to Kansas and lived with a niece, Nona Case, where he wrote several books, including "The Bible and the Science of Science".

In 1887, J. N. Wardlaw and B. G. Henning donated a lot for a school in Gates, between Wardlaw and Hillhouse Streets. In 1898, a high school was taught by Fannie Allen. Before a school was built the children went to school in private homes. The first teachers were R.J. Moore, Mr. Gould, and Mrs. Fannie Allen. They taught in the one room school house until other rooms and teachers were added. Some of the teachers were Miss Sallie Conyers Murray, William Stockton and Mary Stockton. Later a substantial two story building was erected and classes were taught through the 12th grade.

In 1922, only two high schools were approved for the county, one at Halls and one at Ripley. At the time the Gates School became a four teacher school with classes through the eighth grade. Mrs. Sarah Martin served as principal for a number of years until her retirement.

In 1950, a modern school building was erected in Gates with all modern equipment. The town felt a great deal of pride in the splendid school and many civic and social affairs were held in the new building.

A school building, near Gates, was named for a former teacher, The Lillian Fountain School. Mrs. Lillian Fountain taught school for African-American children at St. Mark Baptist Church in Gates prior to 1937. She taught at the school until the mid-1940's. The school consolidated with Halls Elementary after 1963.

Coffey School, located near Gates in 1893, was taught by Marion Adair Walker. He lived in Halls and rode horseback to Gates, leaving before sunrise in order to arrive in time to make a fire and have the building warm before the students arrived. The school closed in 1924.

Records are not available as to the number of years the Greaves Chapel School was active and the names of the teachers. Mrs. Hugh Nunn (nee Jennie Wren Scott) and Edwina Scott, of Ripley, were the last to teach at this school.

The Lauderdale County Schools consolidated and a bus system was established in 1935.

In 1895, a one-room school was built in which Dora Wallace was the first teacher. Mrs. E. M. Browning taught the first graded school in Edith. Prior to this time, the only school near was a one-room building about one mile west of Edith known as the Hurricane Hill School. In 1951, a new modern brick building was erected. The faculty of 1956 included Horace Bradford, Principal, Mrs. Ray Williams, Mrs. Glenn Chisholm, and Mrs. Guy Hall.

In 1895, a one-room school was built in Edith. It was first located in Macedonia, near the Macedonia Baptist Church. Both the church and school were later moved to Edith.

W.P. Watson was the first school teacher at Pleasant Hill. At that time, there wasn't a school in Cherry, so those children came to live with friends or relatives to attend this school of the 1890's. Hettie Sharp was the second teacher.

The first and only school to serve the Cherry community came in later years. It consisted of a one room, built on a two acre wooded tract deeded to the county by the Wilkinson family. Sarah Given (Mrs. Oneal Miller) was the first teacher. After a few years, it was discontinued and the building was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Bates, who turned it into a home.

Before any building was constructed, the first school in Arp was held in the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church. About 1901, a one room school was built which was named "Grapevine School." As it outgrew the number of school children, another "Bibb Schoolhouse" was added. In 1911, a two story frame building was erected about 200 yards from the old building on the opposite side of the road. It was named Arp School. The school had three classrooms with three grades taught in each room. Arp, Gaines, Lightfoot and Luckett Schools combined to make up the last Arp School, which after being relocated about 1940, closed in May 1987.

The first school in the Luckett community was known as the "McGarriety School." Some years later, this old school building was abandoned and a new building, known as Burkhead School, was erected nearer the center of the community on the property which had belonged to Mrs. L. M. Burkhead. Soon this building became too small, so it was moved to another location and the building was used for the African-American children. The new larger building was known as Luckett School.

In later years, school was discontinued and school buses transported the children to and from Arp Community where a large consolidated school building was erected. In earlier years there was a small school on the Bluff in the northern part of the community which was known as the King Spring's school.

George G. McLeod was elected superintendent of Lauderdale County Schools at the regular meeting of the County Court on October 5, 1905; succeeding the late Captain H. T. Hanks. The work of his office was to be carried on in conjunction with his duties as principal of the school at Henning. In 1907, he was elected principal of the Ripley School, where he remained for two terms, carrying on the county work in addition. In 1909, he was appointed by the County Court as County Superintendent of Schools on a full time basis, which position he held continuously until January 1, 1937, thereby serving 31 years and three months.

During McLeod's service, schools of the county advanced to a notable degree. Schools were consolidated and

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Tomato Farmers Of The Year

The following is a list of Tomato Farmers named as Tomato Farmer of the Year, since the beginning of the festival.

- 1984 - Unknown
- 1985 - Unknown
- 1986 - Bruce Little
- 1987 - H. M. Tims & Neal Crain
- 1988 - Don Holcomb
- 1989 - Johnie Ford & Steve Watson
- 1990 - Bruce Little
- 1991 - Neal Crain
- 1992 - Barry Connell
- 1993 - Unknown
- 1994 - Unknown
- 1995 - Unknown
- 1996 - Unknown
- 1997 - Mike Voss
- 1998 - Johnie Ford
- 1999 - Herman & Neal Simpson
- 2000 - Coy Summar
- 2001 - Jimmie "Hut" Summar
- 2002 - Chris and Billy Hall Lankford
- 2003 - Russell and Lynn Kiestler
- 2004 - David & Barbara Holcomb
- 2005 - Mrs. J. A. Tims
- 2006 - Don Johnson
- 2007 - Mike Voss

If anyone knows the name of a tomato farmer not listed, for the unknown years, please call the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

MARINATED ASPARAGUS & TOMATO

Carol L. Walker

- 4-6 large tomatoes, seeded & cut in 8 wedges
- 2 cans asparagus
- 1 green pepper chopped
- 1 sm. bunch green onions, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 clove garlic
- 1/4 tsp. paprika

Drain asparagus. Place in Pyrex bowl, cover with tomatoes. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over asparagus & tomatoes. Marinate over night.

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new buildings erected at Henning, Nankipoo, Central, Edith, Curve, Gates and Lightfoot. These were the largest of the consolidations. The first high school was built on Jefferson Street in Ripley just north of Byrn Street in 1910, then the high school and gymnasium at Halls.

Probably the outstanding feature of McLeod's administration was the establishment of the County Unit System of Schools for which he had worked earnestly and diligently through many years, believing that no barrier should exist between country children and those of the towns. In this, the superintendent was a pioneer, Lauderdale County being the first county in Tennessee to establish such a system which at this time has become practically statewide.

When the county purchased from the City of Ripley, property on which the Grammar School stood, and erected a much larger building of one-story type, McLeod was chairman of the building committee.

During the school term of 1931-1932, the first bus line, bringing pupils from the south end of the county to the Henning School, was established, then later on county wide.

At the age of 12, McLeod was 'road overseer' in the section of the county where he lived; at 18, he was appointed county surveyor; after college, he returned to Lauderdale County as a teacher and continued in school work until January 1, 1937, three years before his death on March 25, 1940.

Lauderdale County Training School, then Johnson Annex, became an elementary school for blacks in Ripley. Apparently in existence since the early 1900's. The school began with elementary grades 1 through 8 and in 1919, it began teaching through 10th grade. In 1927, its first four year high school was started. Very few black students graduated from high school and the leading reason was hardship. In 1915, Professor Samuel Houston Johnson vowed the first graduation ceremony would be held in the unfinished upstairs auditorium. He fulfilled his vow in 1918, when the graduation for the 10th grade was held. The class of 1951 was the first and only class to produce a year book. Samuel Lee was the last principal from 1965 to 1969.

The Cornelia Wood Primary School in Ripley was built on a lot adjoining the W. G. L. Rice property on College Street. A few years later, a larger county high school and gymnasium combined, of the rambling one-story type, went up on what was then the Halliburton property toward the end of Jefferson Street, and also the Irvin Knee Athletic Field and Recreational Center.

In January 1905, Dr. Gus Lusk donated two acres of land for a school, which was located in a dense grove of cedar trees, thus its name, Cedar Grove School. In 1912, Central School was formed from Stonewall and Cold Creek Schools, and possibly Thompson School. It was named for its central location between the consolidating schools. Stonewall was the first school which was formerly the log Bethlehem Church.

In 1925, the Gold Dust School was opened for a primer through 8th grade with approximately 60 to 75 students. The building burned in 1948 and the land has since eroded away.

Miss Cornelia Wood began a primary school around 1902. The school later became known as Ripley Primary School, where she taught and was principal until 1947.

Ripley Durhamville, and Halls competed for the planned

county high school in 1907. Ripley was selected in October of that year. September 21, 1908, marked the opening of the first four year high school in Ripley with over 60 students enrolled. Nearly half dropped out by the end of the year. The first faculty included J. L. Bogard, Mrs. J. L. Bogard, and Louise Savage. There were no graduates the first year and only three the second year. The full course of instruction included Mathematics, English, Latin, and Physics. Two years of German or French were taught depending on the teacher. German was dropped after the United States entered World War I and was not taught again for years. A home economics class was established with a well-equipped kitchen in 1914. Greek was taught as an elective for three years. Biology, without a laboratory, and general science, with a few simple experiments, were added later. United States history and citizenship first required then later an elective, was substituted for English history. For a few years a teachers' training course was offered for students of the senior class. The first few years the library contained no books. The nucleus of a library was a number of books donated to the school by the Centennial Club, a woman's club which disbanded about 1912. Since there was no control exercised over the books, they all disappeared after a few years. Later, one of the teachers who had training in library work was given supervision over the library. The card index system was adopted and some books were added every year, the state matching each dollar the county spent for books.

During the early years there were no organized sports, although the boys played football, and occasionally played teams of other schools, on a lot near the railroad station. Some of them organized a basketball team and played at the so-called 'Opera House', a building in the business section of town. Around 1920 a frame building was erected on the school grounds and called the gymnasium, and then basketball became an important sport for both boys and girls.

In the early days there were boys track teams, which competed in the West Tennessee Field Day Exercises and acquitted themselves well. For a few years there was a tennis club. One of the men on the faculty had charge of athletics.

A new building was erected in 1926 when the enrollment increased. A year after the new building was completed, Irvin "Tiny" Knee arrived at Ripley and its high school. He began the football program and taught science along with coaching football, basketball for girls and boys, and track. In 1930, the recreational and picnic area were added near the field and a swimming pool, tennis court, and "The Shack", now the TKS Fitness Center. Years of effort went into making the football field one of the best in Tennessee. It was named the Irvin Knee Field in honor of the coach under whose supervision the work was done. The Ripley High School football teams have been among the best in West Tennessee.

In 1993, Ripley High graduated 185 seniors and was awarded two grants to help with improvements and expansion of the school's curriculum. Up to that time there had been eleven grades in the old building on the site of the present grammar school. The town of Ripley had raised money by floating bonds for a lot and the construction of a building on Jefferson Street, where homes of Mrs. Lucie Lugh and B. J. Taylor now stands, nearer the business section, than the present location of the high school.

A two-story red brick building with four large classrooms a room for a library, two halls, a study hall and auditorium

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SCALLOPED TOMATOES-CHEESE

Mrs. Charles (Beulah) Carpenter

- 1 cup herb bread stuffing
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 13-oz. can tomatoes
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp. butter

Combine stuffing, garlic salt, oregano, and sugar. Arrange half of tomatoes in 10 x 16 x 1 1/2-inch pan. Top layer with bread stuffing. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup of cheese and onion. Spread with remaining tomatoes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Dot with butter. Bake in 350 degree preheated oven for 30 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

EGG NOODLES

By Ann Burrough Swims

- 1 quart tomato juice or quart tomatoes with 1 teaspoon salt and sugar
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons oil

Put in iron skillet, bring to boil. Simmer on low heat, while you make noodles. If it gets too thick, add water.

NOODLES

By Ann Burrough Swims

Break 1 egg in a bowl. Stir in flour, until it is thick, then knead until stiff dough. Roll out thin (like pie crust); roll into a roll, like jelly roll. Cut thin, unroll and toss in flour, so the noodles will not stick together. Drop into tomato juice. Cook until done about 5 minutes.

CHICKEN SALAD

Bobbie White

- 6 cups chopped chicken
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 2 cups chopped nuts (fine)
- 2 cups chopped eggs (8-9)
- 2 cups red grapes
- 1 qt. mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients & refrigerate.

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combined, two small rooms, one for an office, and a basement was built for the new school, which was opened to all pupils of the county, tuition free, who had completed the eighth grade. As there were no school buses and no hard surface roads, very few pupils came from the country. The school from the beginning was under the control of the County Board of Education.

Besides sports, in the early years, extra-curricular activities consisted of a debating club which was represented in the West Tennessee Field Day meets at Dyersburg, and literary society.

Much later an orchestra was organized for those who could pay tuition and buy or rent instruments. This orchestra, though a success as far as furnishing music was concerned, was in existence only a few years.

The year of 1920-1921 marked the beginning of 'High Life', the school paper, under the leadership of Glenn Thompson and Walter Durham, as founders and co-editors, who have since become prominent in the newspaper world. With the exception of a few years 'High Life' has been published monthly since the date of its founding.

The first annual, called 'The Times', was published in 1922, and is now a prized possession of those who own copies. No more annuals were published until 1947, the one of that year, 'The Riplian', a project of the Beta Club, being followed by an annual each succeeding year, sponsored by the same organization.

Although some rooms had been added to the old building, by 1925 the enrollment had increased to the extent that con-

ditions were crowded. As there was not enough room for adequate expansion, plans were made late in the year for the present building. The Second District, in which Ripley is located, floated bonds to raise money for the construction of a building, and the purchase of a 25 acre tract of land with ample room for a good football field and other developments. An auditorium and gymnasium combined was one feature of the new building. Better laboratory facilities were also provided.

The formal opening of the new building on August 29, 1927, marked a new epoch in the educational life of Ripley and Lauderdale County. There were 228 pupils and nine teachers the first year of the new high school, and 28 pupils graduated that year.

Basketball has continued to be an important sport for both girls and boys at the Ripley High School, the teams competing creditably with the teams of other schools. A large new gymnasium was built in 1950-1951.

Inter-class track meets are held every spring on the Irvin Knee Field. Competitive events are provided for girls as well as boys.

In accordance with a state requirement, since 1940, a provision has been made for every pupil to have physical education.

Year after year new courses have been added and changes made. A commercial department was established in the fall of 1927, and chemistry was offered for the first time that year. The next year a Department of Agriculture was established.

The following courses have since been included Physical Education; Distribution Education (September 1946); Choral

TOMATO REFRESHER

- 2 1/2 cup tomato juice
- 3 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
- 1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce

Combine all ingredients, stir, and chill.

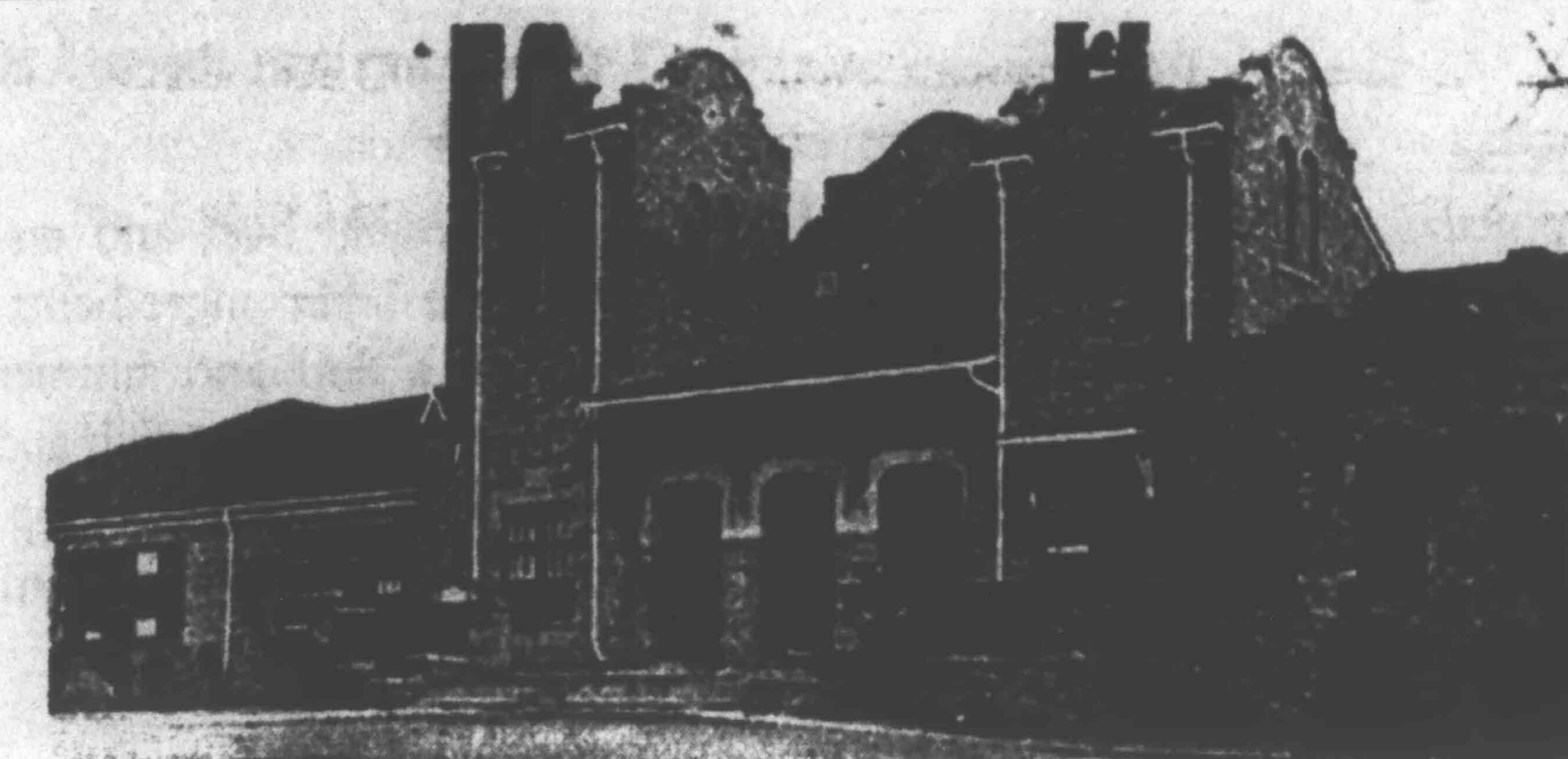
Makes 5-4 ounce servings.

STUFFED BAKED TOMATOES

- 5 large tomatoes
- 5 slices bread, cut 1/2 inch, diced and toasted
- 1/4 pound sharp cheese, grated
- salt to taste
- dash of pepper
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Cut stems from tomatoes and scoop out center with spoon, leaving thick walls. Chop scooped centers and combine with other ingredients, tossing lightly to mix well. Stuff tomatoes with mixture, heaping generously. Place in buttered shallow baking dish. Bake at 325° F. for 20 minutes.

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ALMA MATER

On a hallowed hill in Ripley,
Like a beacon shining bright,
The stately walls of Grammar School
Rise glorious to the sight,



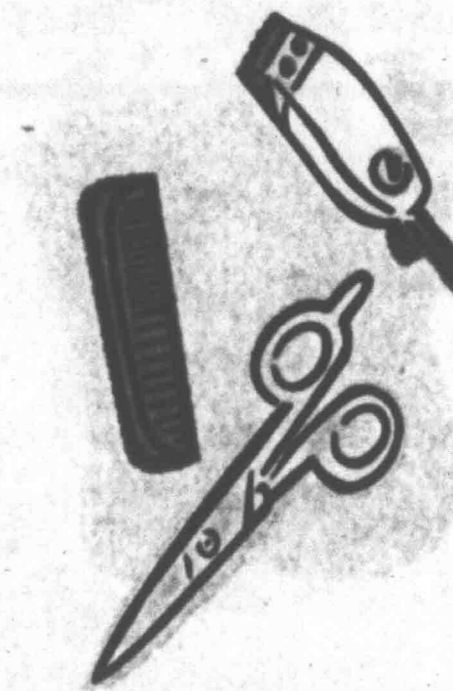
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ALMA MATER, taken from the 1955 Ripley Grammar School Memories booklet.

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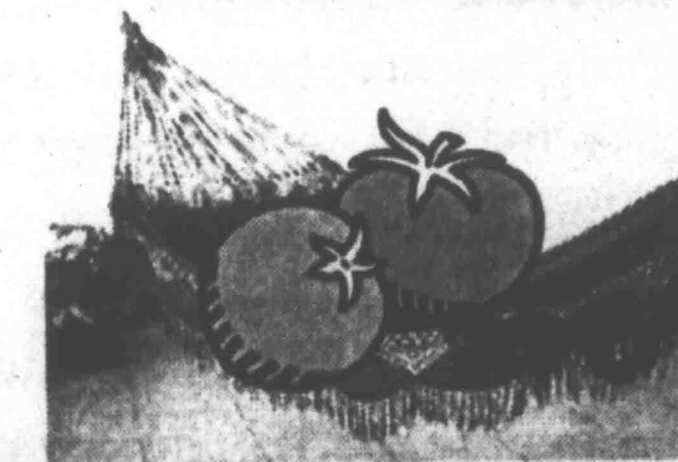
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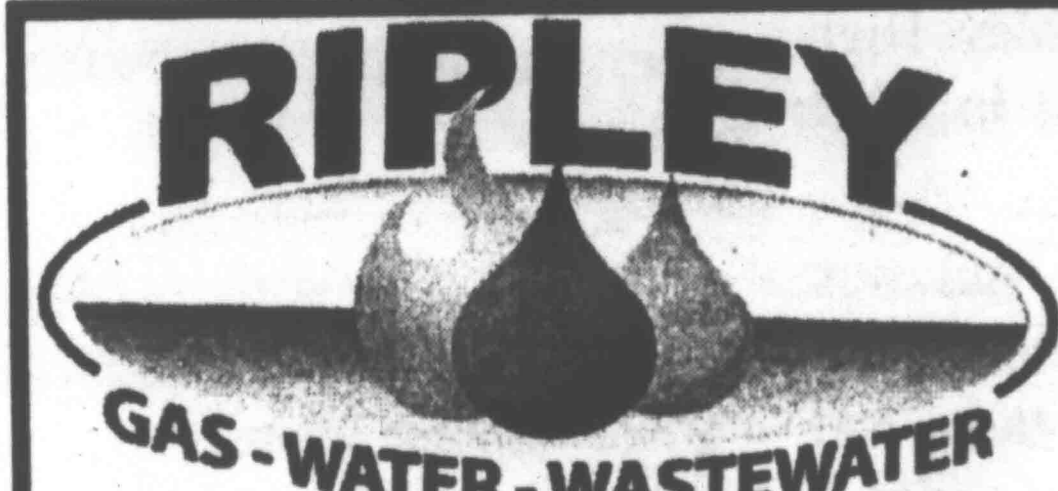
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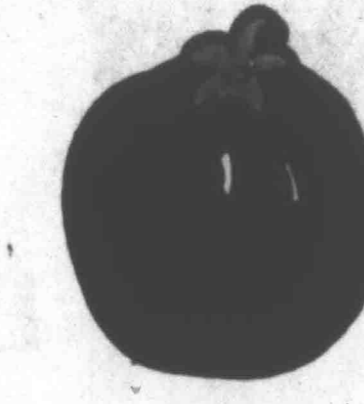
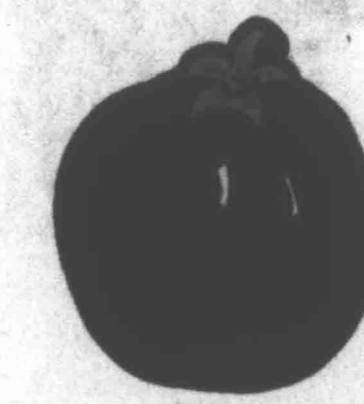
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TOMATO GRAVY

Mark Shempert

- 5 Tbsp. bacon or sausage drippings
- 1/4 cup flour
- Tomato juice
- Diced tomatoes
- Black pepper
- Salt

Place bacon or sausage dripping in a skillet over medium heat. Slowly add flour and brown. Stir continually to avoid burning. After browning, add tomato juice and diced tomatoes while continuing to stir. Add black pepper to taste and a dash of salt. Slowly cook for approximately 5 minutes. The amount of juice used will vary according to the thickness one desires.

MACARONI & TOMATOES

Deb Shempert

- 1 lb. macaroni, cooked & drained

- 3 Tbsp. bacon drippings
- 1 qt. canned tomatoes

Place all ingredients in a skillet and cook for 5 minutes over medium heat. Serve with hot cornbread.

TOMATOES & CORN

- 1 can of stewed tomatoes
- 1 can of whole kernel corn
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 tsp. margarine

Cook corn on medium heat, add margarine. Add the can of tomatoes and cook together until well blended. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve as a great different side dish.

GOOD FOR YOU GREEK SALAD

- 3 large ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 2 cucumbers, peeled and chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tsp. dried oregano

- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 6 black Greek olives, pitted and sliced

In a shallow salad bowl or on a serving platter, combine tomatoes, cucumber, and onion. Sprinkle with oil, lemon juice, oregano, and salt & pepper to taste. Sprinkle feta cheese and olives over salad. Serve.

TOMATO-DILL BISQUE

- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, sliced
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 lbs. tomatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup water

- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 3/4 tsp. dill weed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. white pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise

Cook onion and garlic in

butter for 3 minutes. Add the next 6 ingredients. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Cool. Place 1/2 at a time in blender and blend until uniform consistency. Pour into large bowl; add mayonnaise and place in refrigerator overnight. Serve cold.

GROUND BEEF CASSEROLE

Mrs. H. B. (Ruby) Gray

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- Small bay leaf
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1 Tbsp. salad oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup tomatoes, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup Minute Rice
- 1 tsp. garlic powder

- 3 slices American cheese, cut in strips

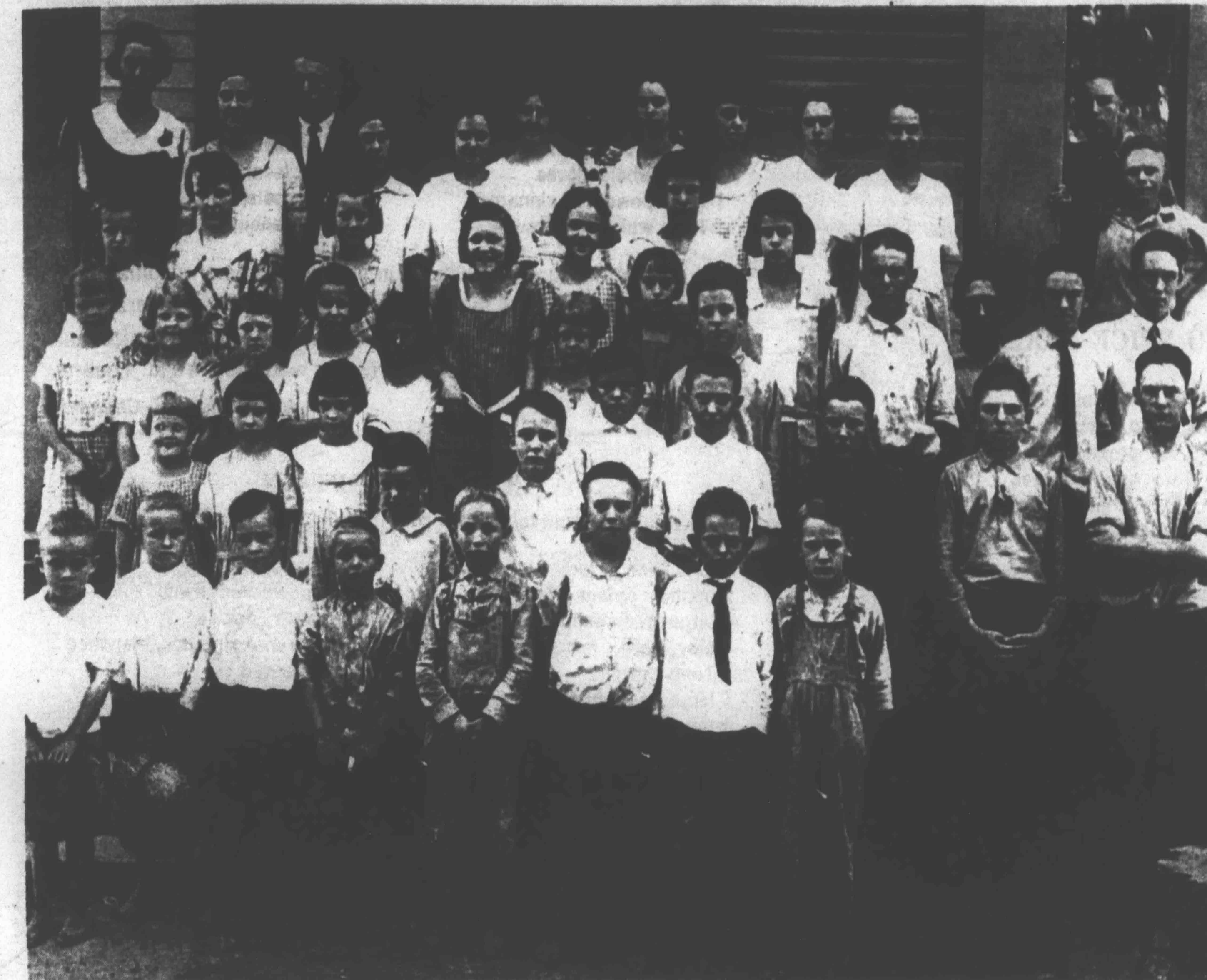
Brown ground beef and onions. Add other ingredients. Bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes. Place in dish and put cheese strips on top. Place under broiler until cheese is melted.

MARINATED SLICE TOMATOES

Ms. Gracie Gray

- 4 large tomatoes
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. oregano

Peel and slice tomatoes. Combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour over tomatoes and chill for at least 1 hour. Makes 8 - 10 servings.



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AMAZING TOMATO SPICE CAKE

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| 2 1/2 c. fresh tomato puree (about 6 medium tomatoes) | 1/2 c. shortening |
| 4 c. all-purpose flour | 2 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon |
| 2 1/2 tsp. baking soda | 1 tsp. ground nutmeg |
| 1 1/2 tsp. salt | 1 tsp. ground cloves |
| 2 1/2 c. sugar | 2 tsp. vanilla extract |
| | 1/2 c. chopped walnuts |

Combine first 10 ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Beat at low speed of an electric mixer until well blended. Beat batter at high speed 2 minutes. Pour batter into a greased 10-inch tube pan, spreading evenly; sprinkle with walnuts. Bake at 350° for 65 minutes or until done. Cover with aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning, if necessary. Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 to 15 minutes; remove cake from pan and let cool completely on wire rack. Frost or glaze as desired. Serves 16.

*Celia Ricks
Key Corner*

TOMATO PRESERVES 1

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

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

*Jane H. Connell
Extension Agent*

TENNESSEE CORNBREAD SALAD

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

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

District 1 Extension Agents

IMPOSSIBLE BACON TOMATO PIE

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| 12 slices bacon, fried crisp and crumbled | 1 c. Bisquick mix |
| 2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped fine | 4 eggs |
| 1 c. shredded Swiss cheese | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 c. chopped onion | 1/4 tsp. pepper |
| | dash of cayenne pepper |

Heat oven to 400°. Lightly grease pie plate. Sprinkle bacon, tomatoes and cheese in pie plate. Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high speed or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into pie plate. Bake until golden brown and tests done, 35 to 40 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting. Refrigerate any remaining pie. Makes 6 servings.

*Emma Lou Paschal
Key Corner FCE*

GREEN TOMATO PICKLE

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| 1 gal. green tomatoes, sliced | 1 Tbsp. white mustard seed |
| 1/2 doz. sliced onions | 1 Tbsp. (scant) ground mace |
| 1/2 doz. sliced green peppers | 1 Tbsp. dry mustard |
| 1 Tbsp. ground black pepper | 1 pt. brown sugar |
| 1 Tbsp. whole cloves | 1 Tbsp. (scant) ground horseradish |
| 1 Tbsp. powdered cinnamon | vinegar (enough to cover) |
| 1 Tbsp. white celery seed | |

Place first three ingredients in a large nonreactive container in heavy salt water; allow to soak overnight. Next morning, drain and squeeze dry. Put back in nonreactive container and add all spices and vinegar. Bring to a boil. Seal in sterile jars while hot. Yield: 4 quarts.

*Mrs. William H. Chandler
Memphis, TN*

COUNTRY CAPTAIN

(President Roosevelt's Favorite, from Warm Springs, Georgia)

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| 1-(3 lb.) hen or larger | 1/2 tsp. pepper |
| 2 medium onions, diced | 1 tsp. powdered thyme |
| 1 large green pepper, diced | 1 tsp. curry powder |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | 4 oz. slivered almonds, blanched and toasted |
| 2 Tbsp. butter | 1/2 c. raisins or currants |
| 6 large ripe tomatoes, peeled | |
| 1 tsp. salt | |

Stew hen in seasoned water; remove meat from bone and cut into bite-size pieces. Saute onions, green pepper and garlic in butter. Add tomatoes and cook 10 minutes. Add salt, pepper, thyme and curry powder. Cook five minutes longer. Pour sauce over chicken and bake 45 minutes at 325°. When ready to serve, add almonds and raisins. May be prepared ahead. Freezes well. Serve with brown or white rice. Serves 12.

MOCK MINCEMEAT

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| 3 pt. chopped apples | 1 tsp. cloves |
| 3 pt. chopped green tomatoes | 1 1/2 c. vinegar |
| 4 c. brown sugar | 3/4 tsp. mace |
| 3 c. raisins | 3/4 tsp. black pepper |
| 3 tsp. cinnamon | 2 tsp. salt |

Mix all together and cook at least an hour or until thick. Seal in pint jars. Use as you would minced meat.

*Rachel Sanford
Variety FCE*

TOMATO SOUP

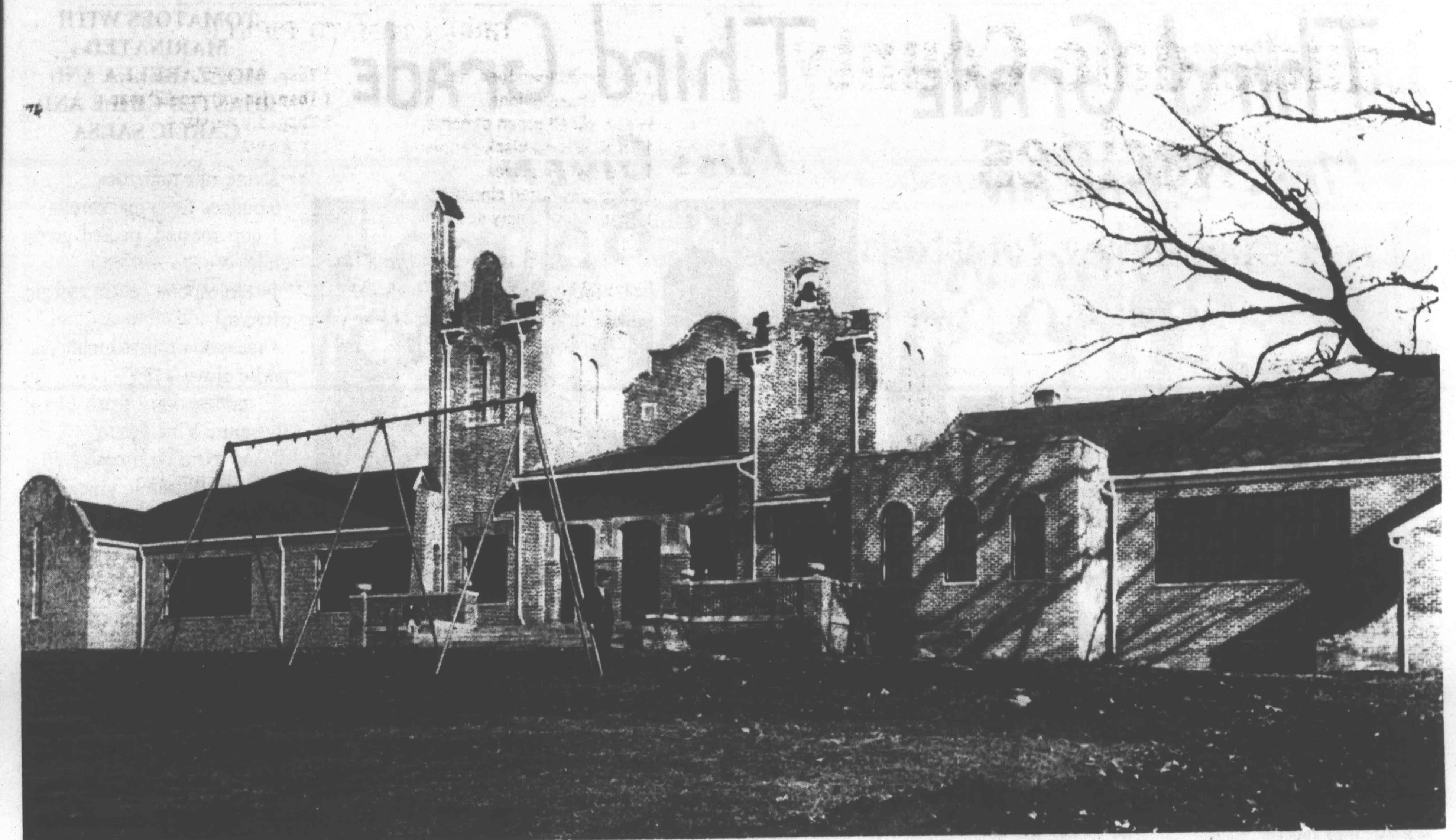
A favorite soup prepared by my Grandmother when tomatoes were abundant during the summer. I have altered it a bit by adding some wine. When tomatoes are not in season, canned Italian tomatoes are preferred.

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| 1 qt. homemade chicken stock or canned chicken broth | 1/2 c. dry white wine (Vermouth adds a wonderful flavor) |
| 2 leeks, rinsed of grit using the white part only and chopped | 3 Tbsp. flour |
| 5 Tbsp. butter | 1/2 c. heavy cream, half and half cream or whole milk |
| 1 (16 oz.) can Italian tomatoes or 3 lb. skinned, seeded fresh ripe tomatoes | salt and white pepper to taste |

In a saucepan, saute the chopped leeks in the butter until limp, about 10 minutes. Add flour, stirring, and cook for 3 minutes, being careful not to brown. Add chicken broth while stirring. Add wine and tomatoes. Simmer for 30 minutes, covered. Strain and return to saucepan. Pour in cream and heat to warm. Taste for seasoning. Serve with croutons sauteed in butter. Serves 6.

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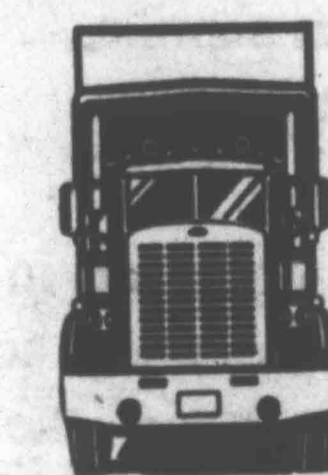
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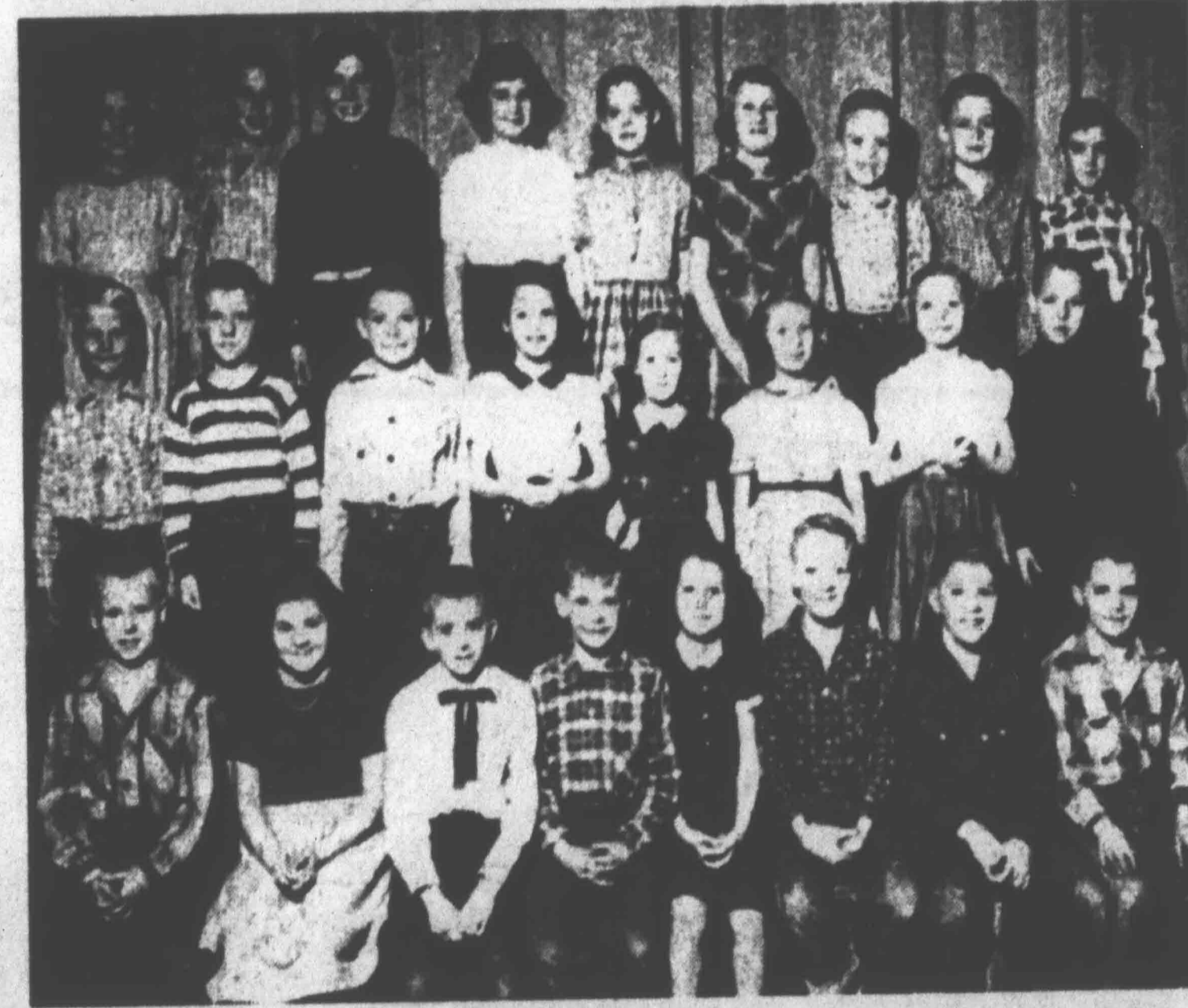


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Not in Picture: Jerry Adkerson, Wanda Norman, Linda Dew

Third Grade

Miss GIVEN



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TOMATOES WITH MARINATED MOZZARELLA AND ROASTED CHILE AND GARLIC SALSA

- 2 vine ripe tomatoes
- 6 ounces fresh mazzarella
- 1 cup roasted, peeled green chile
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon roasted, chopped garlic clove
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- Balsamic Vinaigrette:
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup Balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic salt and pepper to taste

Combine ingredients for vinaigrette. Slice fresh mozzarella and marinate in vinaigrette for 1 hour. Chop chiles and add extra virgin olive oil, roasted garlic, and basil. Slice tomatoes into 1/2-inch rounds. On 4 plates, alternate tomato slices and mozzarella slices. Place some marinated chiles in the center of each plate and drizzle balsamic vinaigrette over salad.

TOMATO GOULASH

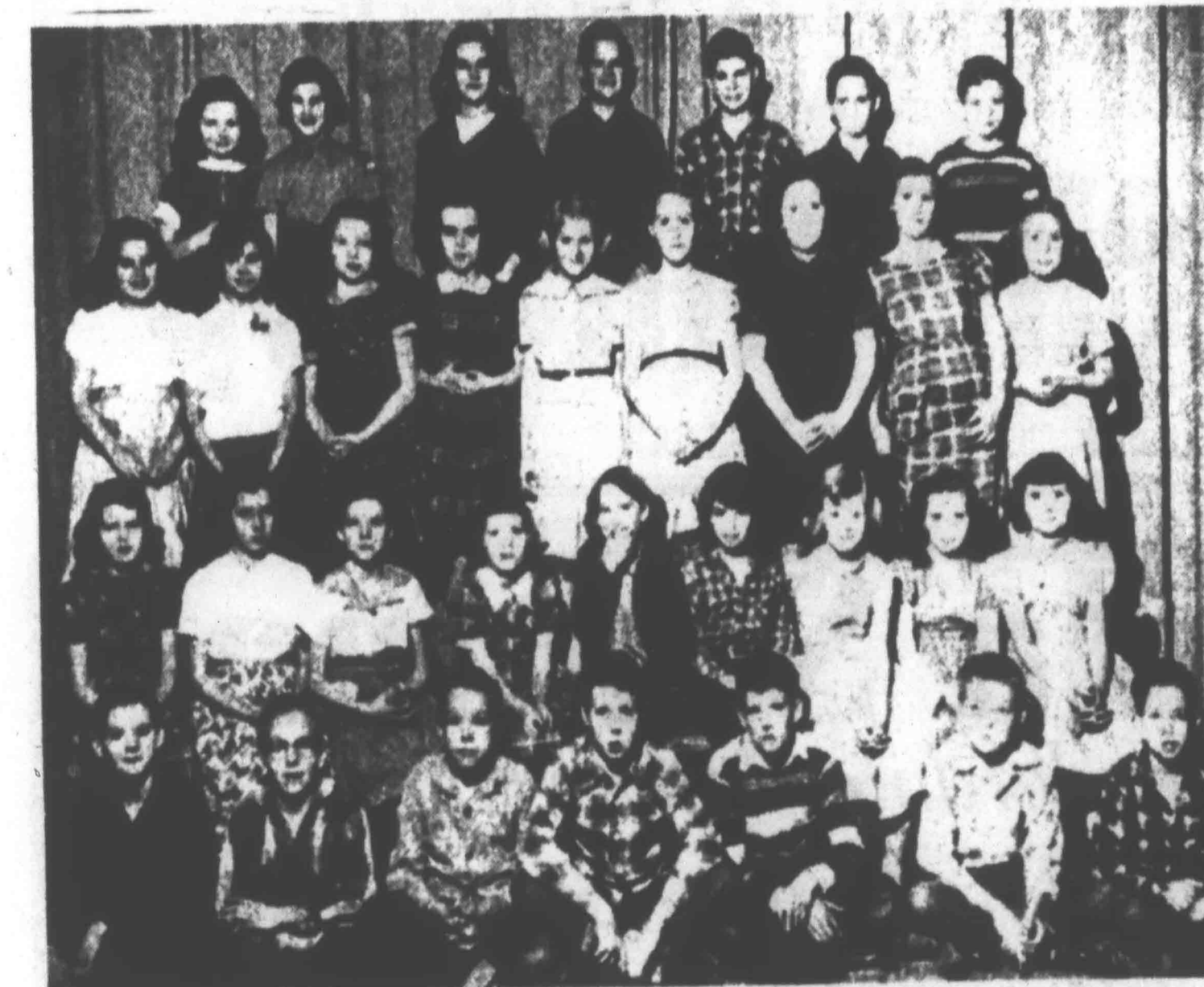
- 1 pint fresh or canned tomatoes
- 2 pounds lean beef, cut into strips
- 3 large onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoon drippings
- 1 pint cabbage, shredded
- 7 small potatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup milk

Place the drippings in a kettle; when smoking hot, add the meat. Brown the meat, then remove from kettle; add onions and cabbage to kettle; then put in the meat and tomatoes; add seasonings and the water. Cook slowly until meat is tender; then add the potatoes. Once the potatoes are done, add the milk; boil up once and serve.

RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS, 1955 Memories booklet

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Burns



Bottom Row: Wayne Haynes, Roger Good, Charles Grimes, Larry Anderson, Hubert Walton, Billy Wayne Simpson, Jimmy Caldwell
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Third Row: Sandra Reviere, Cora Dee Morris, Arlene Adams, Pat Ervin, Corralia Long, Rebecca Ann Young, Joy McMahan, Shirley Jenkins, Brenda Hathcock

Top Row: Sharron Williams, Camille Webb, Joyce Childress, James Byrum, Wayne Harrison, Eunice Jenkins, John Coughlan
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Fourth Grade

Mrs. THOMPSON



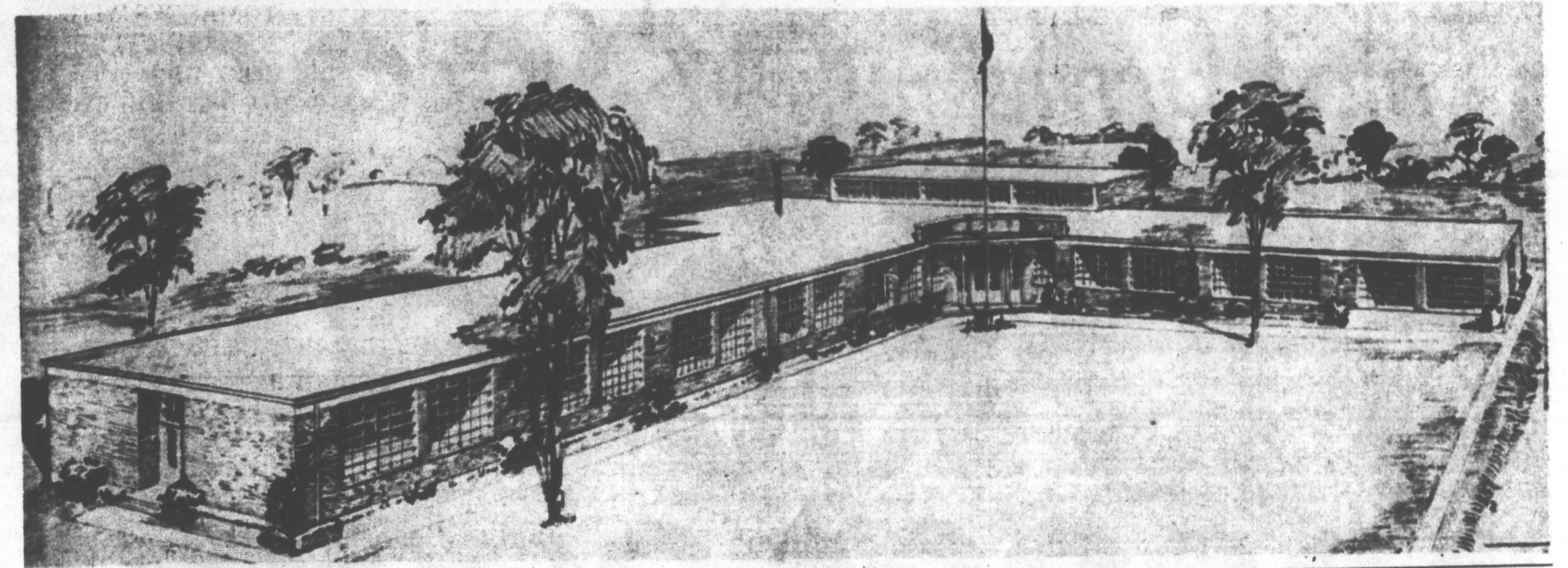
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Third Row: Helen Carroll, Joyce Sorrell, Phyllis Lee, Patsy Land, Marie Sanders, Judy Hutcherson, Sharron Scoggins, Dianne Ylar

Top Row: Susan Holmes, Josephine Watson, Eloise Pierson, Shirley Grimes, Carolyn Elder, Ida Banks Johnston, Sherry Ann Pete, Jerry Neal Cox

Not in Picture: Betty Ann Brown, Lynn Caldwell, Joe Cepparala, Shirley Shands



PALMER-TURNER SCHOOL. Henning, artist rendering of new facilitv. circa 1950.

TOMATO RELISH

In memory of Zelda Watts
 Submitted by Jerre Stallings

- 1 lb. ripe tomatoes, peeled & chopped
- 1 cup green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 cup sugar

- 1 1/2 Tbsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. mustard seed

Mix this together and put in a large jar. It will keep for months. May be refrigerated.

TOMATO GRAVY

- Mrs. Roy (Margaret) Harkness
- 1 small chopped onion

- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 6-7 Tbsp. flour (More or less as needed to thicken)
- 2 cups water (More or less as needed)
- 2 tomatoes chopped (Can use fresh or canned)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Sauté onions in oil. Stir in flour. Add water and toma-

atoes. Salt and pepper. Simmer. Serve over hot homemade biscuits or white rice.

TENNESSEE PEA-PICKIN' TOMATO SALSA

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

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

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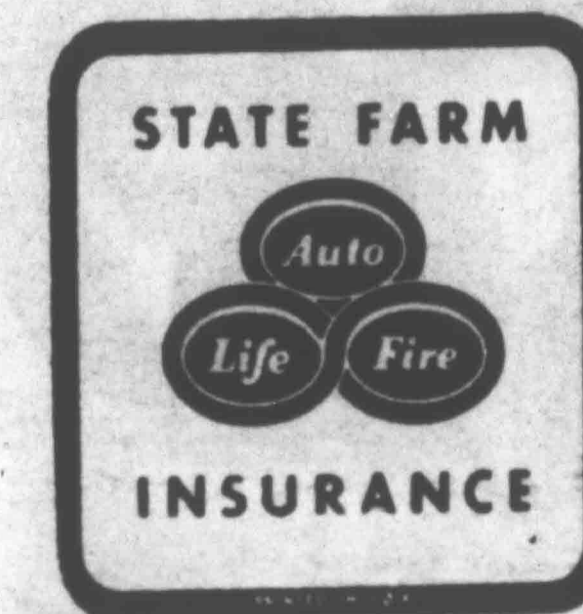
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Lauderdale County Education
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(September 1948); Band (September 1949); Health, and Drivers Training.

Drivers Training, offered in 1950-1952, is not being taught in 1955-1956. Spanish, instead of French, was taught for the first time in 1952-1953. For several years only two years of Latin have been offered.

When the Department of Agriculture was established in 1928, 28 pupils enrolled and four years of Agriculture was offered.

A Future Farmers' Association was chartered in 1928, the first year of the Tennessee F.F.A. The number of pupils had increased so greatly by 1947 that a separate building was erected for the department.

The enrollment was greatly increased by the institution of school buses in 1935 for the use of children outside the city of Ripley.

The first cafeteria, built by W.P.A. labor in 1936-38, eventually became crowded, and a new one adjoining the new gymnasium, both erected in 1950-1951, was opened in the fall of 1951.

One of the greatest improvements has been in the library. The first room used was too small and until the year 1939-1940, the school had no full-time librarian. In 1949, the study hall was converted into a library, with beautiful table and chairs and fluorescent lights. The library now contains around 2,700 books, forty current magazines, two daily papers and the *Lauderdale County Enterprise*, published weekly.

The following student organizations, some of long standing, have been established in the Ripley High School: Future Farmer's Association, Future Homemakers Association, "R" Club, Pep Squad, Beta Club, Foreign Language Club, Latin Club, Distribution Education Club, Literary Club, Library Service Club, General Service Club, and organized Dramatic Club.

For many years there was a combined Parent-Teacher Association for the primary, elementary, and the high schools. In order that the parents and teachers concerned might consider better the special problems pertaining to the High School Group, a separate High School P.T.A. was organized in 1951.

Ripley High School continues to grow. In 1954-1955, the enrollment of students was 503 and there were 83 graduates. In August 1955-1956, 559 pupils were enrolled. There are 21 teachers, a librarian, and a secretary.

At two periods the Ripley High School has been a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It was readmitted in 1946, and its membership has been continued since that time.

The following men have served as principals of the Ripley High School: J. L. Bogard, 1908-1909; E. T. Price, 1909-1911; John Broughton, 1911-1912; Paul Nichols, 1912-1917; A. J. Smith, 1917-1918; R. E. Anthony, 1918-1919; R. G. Sanford, 1919-1922; T. O. Griffis, 1922-1923; J. Stanley Pullen, 1923-1924; T. O. Griffis, 1924-1945; John Richardson, two months, at the beginning of the fall season in 1945, resigned to accept a higher position in the state educational department; B. L. Drinkard, 1945-1952; Charles V. Butler, 1952-1968; James G. Douglas, 1968-1989; Jon Pavletic, 1989-1999; Alan Wallace, 1999-2001; Bobby Baker, 2001-2007; and Joe Bridges, 2007-present.

In addition to the Ripley High School, which has been

mentioned, Ripley has a splendid system of primary schools, the 'Cornelia Wood School' for little folks, and the Ripley Grammar School for upper grades. J.H. Rochelle was the principal.

Johnson Consolidated School opened in 1956 for Negro High School students was operated on Spring Street, and J. C. Brent was the principal.

The schools integrated in 1969-1970 with Lauderdale High School becoming a Junior High School with Louis Wheatley serving as principal.

In 1993, the board of education voted to restructure the school system with only six schools remaining. Halls Elementary, Junior High and Halls High schools, and Ripley Elementary, Lauderdale Middle and Ripley High schools.

Those early schools were a far cry from the modern schools. Tablets and pencils were rarely used but the black board and slates were in constant use. The subjects taught were reading, writing and arithmetic in the lower grades. The upper grades were taught Latin, Algebra and the classics. The people of the day prided themselves on their beautiful

penmanship. Lunches were brought from home. Books were scarce therefore they were handled very carefully. Today, Lauderdale County has several options for students in education. Several day care centers have options for early development and education.

Abundant Life Christian School started as a Christian day care center for children, beginning at 6 weeks old. In 2006, the school offered care for children, 6 weeks old through 6th grade with enrollment at 125. A new school is being built on the property of the church, on Highway 51, to eventually house educational classrooms for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

Heaven Sent Christian Child Care offers education to children 6 weeks to 5 years old. Its enrollment in 2006 was 30. Lauderdale County Head Start also offers educational classes through 5 years old with an enrollment of 116.

New Beginnings Early Childhood Development Center opened with The Rev. and Mrs. Cyronose Spicer as its directors. After school care is offered to children up to 12 years of age, along with infants, 6 weeks to 6 years old.

Gateway Christian School offers classes for students in their homes with Dr. Leo Crofford as founders. As of 2006, 500 students were enrolled. Testing and tutoring are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Ripley Primary School, 225 Volz Rd., offers classes for kindergarten through second grade. Pre-kindergarten was added in 2006. Al Jones is the principal. The building was constructed in 1980.

Ripley Elementary School, 100 Hwy. 19 E., offers classes for third through fifth grade. Phyllis Elkins serves as principal. Sue Toles was the first principal when the school opened in 1996.

Lauderdale Middle School serves sixth through eighth grades. The building was constructed in 1987. Ron Bales is the current principal. He follows Bob England, Jack Phillips, and Jimmy Douglas.

Halls Elementary School, 601 Carmen St., serves grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-kindergarten was added in 2006.

Halls Junior High, 800 West Tigrett St., serves seventh and eighth grades. Ned Lewis is principal.

Halls High School, 800 West Tigrett St., offers classes to ninth through 12th grades. Andy Pugh is principal.

Tennessee Technology Center, 127 Industrial Dr., in the

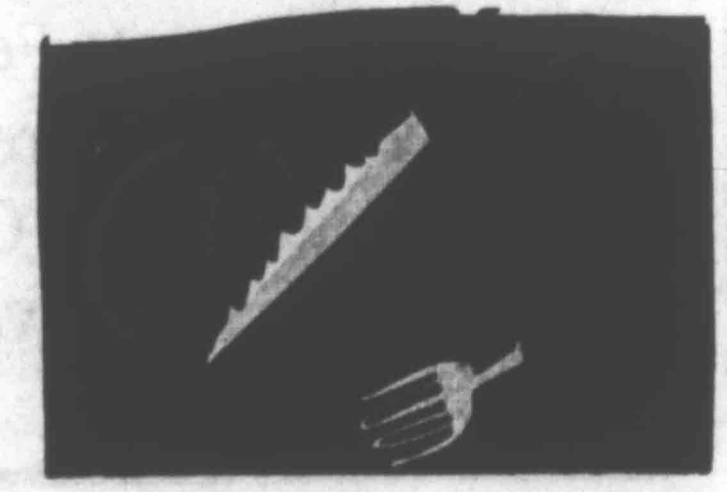
North Industrial Park, offers continuing education classes in several subjects. Brian Collins serves as director.

The newest school in the county is under construction. When the facility is completed, the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center will offer a four year degree to students. An expected completion date of fall 2007 is slated. Classes are offered to students out of the Tennessee Technology Center until the new facility is completed.

If any site or school location is omitted, we apologize, history of some of the area is sketchy at best.

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Third Grade Miss Burnham



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 Third Row: Alice Feist, Milton Figg, Louise Seshier, Peggy Koence, Jane Morris, Carolyn Simpson, Dwight Shoemaker
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 Not in Picture: Lawton Wadsworth, Cheryl Neuller, Carol Dale Henry, Bobby Stockdale, Renia Sanllin
 RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS. 1955 Memories booklet.



TOMATOES IN A SKILLET

4 large tomatoes, halved
 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 1/2 tsp. sugar
 1/2 tsp. chopped basil
 1/2 tsp. chopped parsley
 1/2 tsp. chopped mint leaves

Place tomatoes in large greased skillet, cut side up. Sprinkle with oil, salt, pepper, sugar, basil, parsley and mint leaves and cook slowly 10 minutes. Cover skillet and cook 5 minutes longer. Serves 4.

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 Third Row: Betty Mills, Gracie Holt, Charles Griggs, Danny Williams, Dennis Harrison, Danny Beard, Charles Burns, Gregory Hathcock, Robert Lynn Conrad, Sammy Teal Thurmond, Pat Bissell
 Top Row: Letha June Crowder, Joyce Husky, Jimmy Sue Young, Bonita Barnard, Patty Lee Chism, Janella Butler, Magdalene Pilcher, Genelle Langley, Jimmy Koence, W. H. Harrison Jr.

TOMATO ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

1 lb. fresh tomatoes, sliced
 3 c. sliced zucchini
 1/4 c. bread crumbs
 1 Tbsp. oil (or margarine)
 1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 1 tsp. parsley flakes
 1 small onion, chopped
 Parmesan cheese (optional)
 1/4 tsp. thyme
 1/4 tsp. lemon herb seasoning

Combine all seasonings in a small bowl. Place half of zucchini slices in a lightly greased casserole dish. Add layer of tomato slices, a sprinkle of chopped onion and half of seasoning mixture. Repeat layers of zucchini, tomatoes, onion and rest of seasoning mixture. Combine oil and parsley flakes and sprinkle over vegetables. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over all and bake at 350° until vegetables are tender (45 to 60 minutes).

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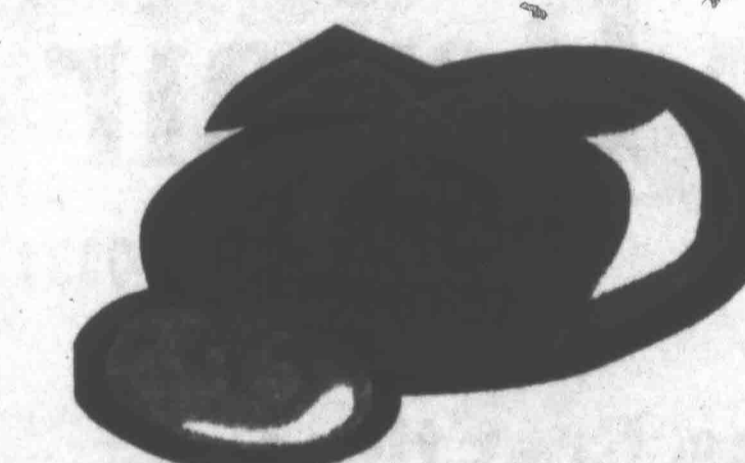
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Mrs. Paschal



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Second Row: Susan Scott, Raynor Shoaf, Jimmy Hasty, Linda Morris, Fred Neal, Jo Ann Hesse, Lynn Halliburton, Norma Grimes

Third Row: Rhea Fain, Peggy Jenkins, Don Ammons, Sandra Kennedy, Herbert Jacques, Becky Wadsworth, Norma Grimes

Top Row: Iona Haynes, Jan Jennings, Tonia Carter, Tommy Dunavant, Cora Sue Goodwin, Raymona Hathcock, Ray Kirkess, Aaron McInrom, Alvin Akin

Not in Picture: Talma Cox, Jim Goodman, Bobby Goodwin, Ozell Hargett, Patricia Bickers

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SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Whitley



Bottom Row: Chester Stanley, Wayne Flowers, Carrol Fulkerson, Charles Walker, Coerry Williams, Curtis Fitzgerald, Earl Wiseman

Second Row: Tommy Lee, Norvin Allen, Tommy Massongill, Theodora Brown, W.K. Byrum, Lee Feist, David Ammons, Norma Herron, Robin Carrell, Betty Lou McKee, Ronnie Wiseman

Third Row: Jimmy Barnes, Betty Serrill, Brenda Moore, Linda Duvall, Billie Ann Smith, Christine Frye, Stella Conrad, Edna Little, Bobby Walsh, Carol Caldwell

Top Row: Jimmy Hill, Russell Kestler, Billy Ball, Faye Castle, Dianne Conner, Dorothy Colvin, Mary Alice Williamson, Judy Horne, Marjorie Halliburton, Carolyn Harrison

Not in Picture: Mary Phillips, Harbert Crowder, Mary Ann Sneed

TOMATOES STUFFED WITH SHRIMP

- 6 medium sized tomatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon minced parsley
- 1 can shrimps, halved
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon minced onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 slices bread, crumbed
- A few grains of paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon green pepper, minced

Add a few more dry, buttered bread crumb; cut off the tops of the tomatoes; scoop out the centers; add the other ingredients except the shrimps. Heat the butter boiling hot; fry the shrimps; then add to the tomatoes; fill the tomatoes with the mixture; dust the tops with the buttered crumbs, and bake 20 minutes in a moderate oven.



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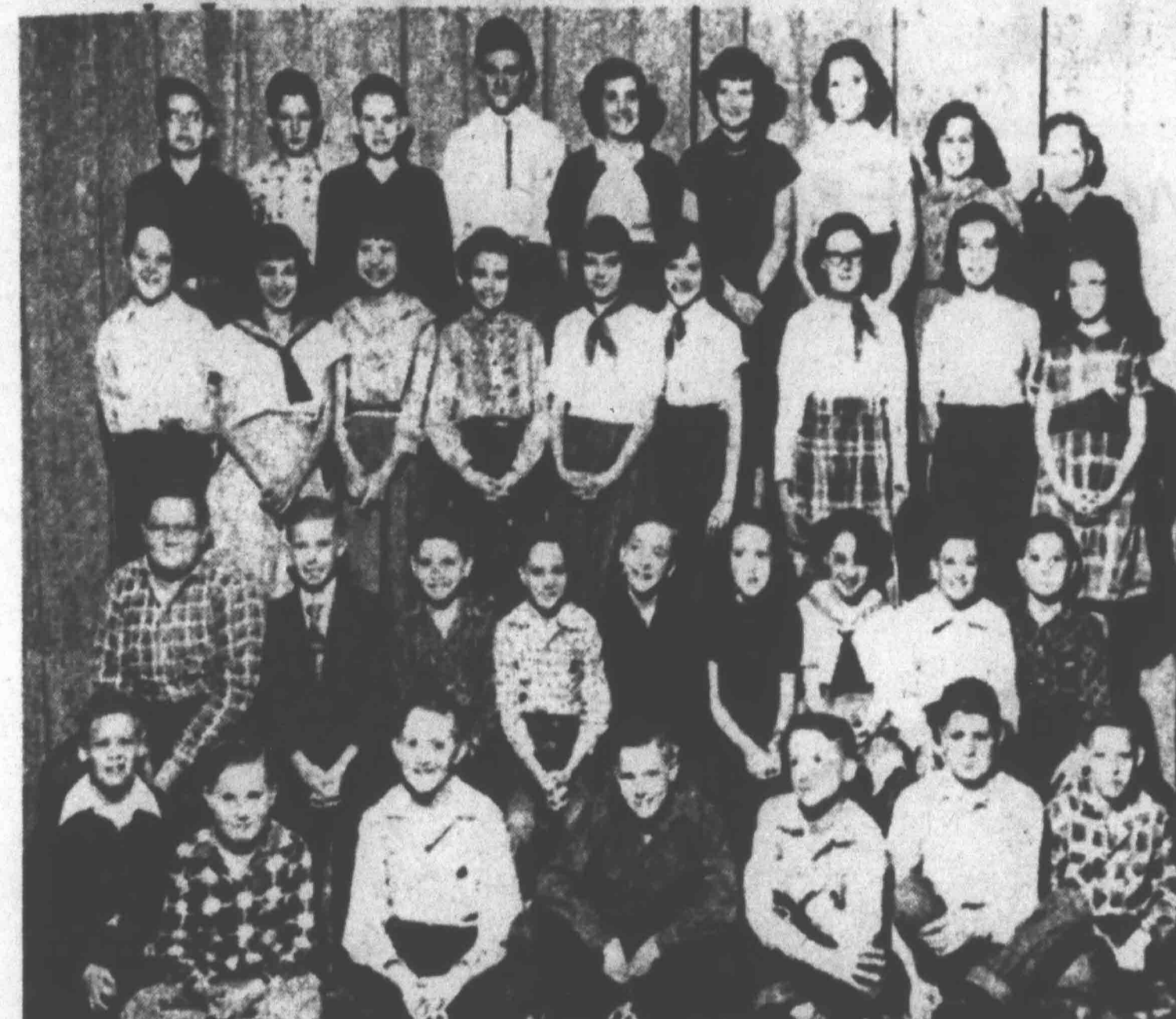
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Third Row: Phillip Rice, Delores Stone, Joan Hatcherison, Pam Lee, Barbara Sandlin, Janette Harrell, Joyce Ann Savage, Barbara Ann Carroll, Joyce Herron

Top Row: Billy Webb, James Sanders, Terry Benthal, Thomas Kirby, Betty Ann Aitken, Ann Brown, Ann Austin, Patsy Wood, Neal Crain

Not shown in picture: James Stockdale, Stewart Akin, Patsy McCoy, Janet Savage, Milton Crowder, Gene Henry

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Eidson



Bottom Row: Gerald Rushing, James Land, Sammy Neal, Bill Rochelle, Morris Coats, Louis Maness, Harold Weeks, Gary Fitzgerald

Second Row: Neal Caldwell, Dorothy Jane Webb, Susan Fisher, Larry McManan, Martha Dean Pilcher, Jean Grimes, Corinne Sanders, Betty Jane Northcutt, Mary Frances Williams, Billy Gilliam

Third Row: Jimmy Butner, Joe Henson, Akin Barnes, Linda Daniels, Martha Ann Cox, Ann Griggs, Sandra Pipkin, Anella Land, Linda Crowder, Betty Jean Criner, Paul Criner, Howard Elankenship

Top Row: Kaye Savage, Wren Nunn, Nancy Ray, Patsy Cochran, Joe Patterson, Dwain Klutts, James Jenkins, Raymond Neal, Tommy Williams, William Lee Miller

RIPLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS, 1955 Memories booklet.

FRIED TOMATO FRITTERS

- 10 to 12 small tomatoes, green or ripe, cubed or chunked into bite size pieces.
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cider vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder or onion flakes, optional
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup crushed cornflakes
- 1 Tbsp. crumbled crisp bacon
- 1/3 cup butter or corn oil

Mix well your cut tomatoes, flour, cornflakes, salt, pepper, sugar, vinegar, onion, garlic, crumbled bacon, and butter or corn oil. Take heaped tablespoons full of mixture. Place into palm of hand to shape into rounds about 1/2 inch thick. Place into medium preheated non-stick-coated skillet. Cook until desired golden brown. Turn only once. Serve hot as a side dish or with honey or ketchup. Serves 4.

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THURS., July 12th

World's Largest Tomato Sandwich



PARTICIPANTS built a 122 ft. 3 inch tomato sandwich Saturday at the Ripley Court Square. Wearing "I helped build the world's largest mater sandwich" t-shirts, approximately 60 persons used over 150 pounds of tomatoes, donated by Coy Summar, 122 loaves of bread, and a full gallon of mayonnaise. The official start was given by co-organizers, Lynn Harmon and Linda Yancy. Mayor Jon Pavletic measured the sandwich, which took only 15 minutes to assemble. All documentation will be sent to the Guinness Book of World Records. The sandwich was then sliced and served.

Lawn Mower Parade



WYMOND WALPOLE won first place in the Gates Fire Department second annual lawn mower parade June 30th. All participants won a prize and children received a goody bag. The children watched a fire safety video while enjoying popcorn and Kool-Aid. Halls Trophy and Engravables donated the trophy.

Spring Seeded Crop Deadline

Producers have until July 16 to report and certify spring seeded crops. Crop loans, loan deficiency payments and other future programs' eligibility depend on an accurate and timely crop certification. Producers may file a late certification of acreage, but, the producer must pay the applicable fee if they report their crops after July 16th.

For more information or appointment, call 731-635-7686.

Hunted



Christopher Neal Daniel, 27, of Collinwood, jailed in Ripley for violation of probation, walked away from the animal shelter on Nankipoo - Dry Hill Road about noon Saturday. He is not believed dangerous.

Charlie Brown Shot Himself

Sheriff Steve Sanders says that Charlie E. Brown, Jr., 23, shot himself in the abdomen at 5148 Asbury-Glimp Rd., about 5:45 p.m. Saturday. Brown was flown to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Halls Summer Serenade



HALLS RESIDENTS were treated to a gospel serenade by the Frog Jump Quartet Thursday of last week as the Halls Summer Serenade kicked off at the Gazebo Park. Approximately 100 attended the event. Kathy Goodman McKinney, of Springfield, Mo., gospel music recording artist, also performed. McKinney is a former resident of Halls and has many relatives residing in Halls. The

annual event will continue at 7 p.m. each Thursday evening in July. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or a blanket and picnic baskets for free entertainment. Local merchants have provided door prizes for the weekly drawings. Scheduled performers for the July 12th event include an Elvis tribute by Ronnie and Scott Nelson and the music of L. J. Cates and Sam Dukes.



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Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! Well, how was the Mater Festival? Miss Pam made me stay in the shade of the Court House trees. Her excuse was I might get hot. I think it is because she turns three shades of red when she gets in the sun. Are two leggers hard of hearing? Your loud music really worked on my sensitive ears in more ways than one. Miss Pam is always worried about my diet but I did manage to sample some pork rinds from some one's litter. They were going down real good until Miss Pam snatched me away from my feast. We then climbed some steps, went through doors, and into the Mayor's office. While Miss Pam was working him for some money at the Club, I sneaked back behind his desk and left him some Dry Hill gas and a couple of fleas. He rubbed my ears on the way out and I just smiled. I do more work than he does, so why can't I get a big cool place to stay? I think Miss Pam was reminding the Mayor of his responsibilities. She wants him to figure out a way that two leggers can donate one dollar a month by way of their phone bill or water bill with the proceeds going to the Club.

I have another hero, her name is Kathryn Glankler. She heads up a Labrador rescue group from Memphis. She took one look at Gunner, the Chesapeake, and said, "Load him in the car." She also took Sugar, the great white Pyrenees and Dixie, the yellow Lab and her five pups. She will be back Monday after she lines up relay drivers to pick up eight more of my Buds. They are going to Northern Kentucky where she says there are good homes and horses. I talked to a horse once. Mr. Buddy says that if some two leggers don't do better with their horses that the Club may have to keep some huge four leggers. We get a lot of calls about skinny houses.

My cutest Bud is called Marble. She is a small tri-color mix of reddish brown, black and white. She is a mix between a long haired Chihuahua and a small question mark. She is cute, cuddly, and she doesn't bark or try to rule the roost. She is extra special you all! Next we have Benny and Dolly; they are good looking two-month old Beagles. Lucy has been at the Club for two months. She is solid red with four white paws and is house broken. Chipper is a black and tan Wire Haired Terrier that is well behaved and is house broken. We also have Walker, the adult coon hound. His nose is seldom off the ground. He told me he can't wait to go hunting. Mr. Buddy and Scooter promised him a hunting trip. They said there were a lot of coons near Johnny Emerson's home and he was partial to Walker hounds. I think they need to leave Walker at his house.

Molly Henson made the Special Two Legger List this week. She took home Dusty, a surrendered toy poodle with a severely wounded tail. Dusty was so scared of my Buds that Scooter kept him in the office. He was so scared he was making himself sick, but after ten minutes in Miss Molly's arms he stopped shaken. I think this was a special match arranged by someone very special. I heard Dusty was going to see Slick English and I hope he gives Miss Molly a big discount. What do you think Dock? In talking about Docks, we had a two hundred dollar donation from a Dock Schuh and his family from Galletin, Tennessee.

I need some foster homes for two or three days. The res-

MEAL GUIDELINES

The Tennessee Department of Education announced the 2007-08 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy for free and reduced price meals for children in Tennessee's schools. The USDA's school meals programs help ensure all students have access to a nutritious diet. This year, each Tennessee student will also receive information on CoverKids, a program that provides free comprehensive health insurance for children 18 and under.

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Rose Corcoran to Jesse Orchard and Ashley Orchard, Dist. 8, lot.
Steve Cherry and Tom Greaves to Randell Gatlin and Rebecca Gatlin, Dist. 3, lot.
Raymond L. Smith to Linda Love, Dist. 2, lot.
Randy Lankford, Ryan Whiteside and Jeremy Helton to Heather Moore and Donald Moore, Dist. 2, 2.38 acres.
Don Lacefield and Mary Ann Lacefield to Danny Midkiff and Jessica Midkiff, Dist. 2, lot.
Karen J. Goode to Harry J. Schneider and Kathy R. Schneider, lot.
Jerry Lynn Rice and Barbara J. Rice to Thomas Lynn Burns and Richard L. Burns, Dist. 8, 0.563 acre.
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Marriages

June 28 - Shawn Eric Westmoreland, 24, to Crystal Lane Sanders, 20, by James Elam.
June 30 - Homer Lee II, 24, to Amber Sue Baughn, 19, by Larry L. Dixon.
David Gale Pipkin, 38, to Shirley Kaye Taylor Pruitt, 29, by Billy P. Brandon.
Justin Luke Elder, 26, to Jordan Paige Crihfield, 26, by Brad Haynes.
July 5 - Dennis Roy Near, Sr., 64, to Stella Virginia Stephens Midgett, 59, by Rod Schuh.

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Obituaries

O. B. Grear

Owen Bernard Grear, 88, retired from Tupperware in Halls, died Friday in his home at 812 West Dry Hill Road, near Ripley.

Rites were Sunday in the cemetery of Edith United Methodist Church, north of Ripley, where he was a member, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy Trospen Grear; a son, O. B. III, of Ripley; daughters, Carol Linton, of Germantown, and Barbara Ward, of Horn Lake, Miss.; and 10 grandchildren.

Hazel Jones

Hazel Lancaster Jones, retired waitress, died Friday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Saturday in Woodville Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

No close kin are reported.

Ed Dunaway

Edward B. Dunaway, 82, of Paris, Tenn., retired tool and die maker, died Thursday of last week in Martin.

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

Survivors include his wife, Mickey; sons, Harry Brown, of Paris, and Bruce Dunaway, of Nesbit, Miss.; daughters, Ivie Johnson, of Trenton, and Linda Dunaway, of Memphis; a sister, Pauline Ray, of Millington; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

Sam G. Poe, 84, of Ripley, who died Sun., July 1st, was buried Tues., July 3rd in Grace Cemetery. His obituary, which was published in last week's issue, incorrectly listed his services as Monday. His sister, Mamie Milliman, of Ripley, is among survivors. Her name was incorrect in the obituary. We regret inaccurate information.

James Jenkins

James Lee Jenkins, 87, retired guard and businessman, died Saturday in his home at 111 College, Ripley.

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

A member of First Baptist Church, he was a past commander of Ripley's post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves his wife, Juanita Anderson Jenkins, and sons, Eunice and Rick Jenkins, of Ripley, Carlton Jenkins, of Decatur, Ala., and Larry Anderson, of Obion; a daughter, Sheila Johnson, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Wanda Mills

Rites Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley mourned Wanda Ann Mills, 51, of Petros, who died Saturday in Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville.

Burial was in Concord Cemetery near Gates.

Rites had been held Monday in Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg.

She was the daughter of the late Shack and Myrtle Flint.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Oak Ridge.

She leaves her husband, David G. Mills; a son, David; a grandson; and a step-grandson.

Oma Newman

Oma Ruth Newman, 80, of Ripley, retired employee of Tupperware and member of Curve Baptist Church, died Tuesday, July 3rd, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery.

The widow of David Newman, she leaves a son, David Newman, and daughters, Jean Newman Cannon and Eva Sue Gay, all of Ripley; other sons, Charles Robin Newman, of Plainview, Ill., and Billy Newman, of Memphis; another daughter, Joyce Jessup, of Covington; a sister, Virginia Rose Archer, of Frog Jump; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

James E. Evans

James Earl Evans, 66, of Ripley, a machine operator, died June 30th in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery east of Ripley.

He leaves a son, J. E., Jr., of Rockford, Ill.; daughters, Sarah Rouser White, of Ripley, and Shaunda Evans, of Dallas, Tex.; a brother, Nathaniel Anderson, of Ripley; and sisters, Christy Dewalt, Diane Taylor, and Jeanette Anderson, of Ripley, and Michelle Wright, of Memphis.

Nannie England

Nannie Sue England, 92, of Halls, died Monday of last week in Bells.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls.

A nurse, she was a member of Halls' First Baptist Church.

Widow of Delbert England, she leaves only nieces and their children.

Readers Speak

Editor,

I would like to address many issues on the "proposed" dress code for the 2007-2008 school year. I am outraged by this so-called "proposed" dress code. As stated in your July 5th column, "The proposed dress code will be finalized at the July 12th meeting of the Board". I looked up the word propose in my dictionary, and the definition says: to put forward for consideration. To suggest. To offer. Apparently, the school board and principals dictionary says different.

I have heard many reasons to why the board is "proposing" this dress code. I would like to address these issues.

In your column, the board states "there is a strong cor-

relation between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment". I would like to know how they recognized this. I have researched this issue and have found no statistics to support this.

The board also states it is for the safety of the students; there are no facts to support this. Many Memphis schools enforce a uniform dress code. Every night I turn on the news, and it's about crime in the Memphis schools. Uniforms are not the answer! A couple of years ago, a fifth grader brought a gun to "our" school. A third grader reported the gun and identified the fifth grader by what they were wearing. If the "proposed" dress code would have been in place, how many of our children could have been killed because the third grader would not have been able to identify the fifth grader by their clothing?

Also in the July 5th issue, a reader writes a letter to the editor supporting the proposed dress code. She thinks uniforms will solve the gang problems. She is worried about what color to buy or not to buy her child because it might be gang related. So, I guess she thinks if we dress them up in uniforms and hide them, they'll go away. All this says to me is they'll still be here; they'll just look like the rest of the students.

She also states that she has seen and heard children being made fun of by other students because they do not have the money to buy brand name clothes. This costs a child's self esteem. If self esteem is the issue, what about overweight children? In the "proposed" dress code, it states that all shirts must be tucked in. I am truly outraged! At the school board work session on June 28th, someone asked about the overweight children tucking in their shirts and the response was that they could not worry about one small group. Miss Reader, did you

forget about their feelings and self esteem? Overweight children are not a small group in our school system. Probably over 75 percent are overweight. You adults should be ashamed! Or maybe you were all skinny when you were growing up? You can try to make children equal but that will never be. It's not about what they wear and how they look. My children and grandchildren are not equal to the children of the parents that are on drugs or stay drunk or to the children that wonder where their next meal is coming from. They are not equal to these children of the parents that don't care where they are at 9 p.m. so long as they're not in their hair. Face facts! This is just life.

If you had the opportunity to see the Tomato Festival insert, there were several pictures of classes from local schools. One of the pictures was Nutbush School from the 1930's. Some kids had on shorts, some had holes in their pants, some had no overalls and most had no shoes on. I'm sure the rich wore better. This is a way of life.

The next issue I would like to address is: who is going to pay for all these uniforms? Parents, grandparents and most of all, taxpayers. Wake up! We already have to feed, house, supply utilities and give medical attention to the children. Most of their parents are more able to work than some of us! But they choose to live off my tax dollars. Next the board will want us to clothe the children, too.

A member of the board works at one of our home town banks. I remember when they used to wear a uniform. I think they look much better now than before. I'm sure through the years, someone probably crossed the line. A skirt a little too short or blouse a little too low. Did the bank punish all

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Readers Speak

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the employees or just the guilty ones? I'm sure they probably addressed the problem at hand. This is what we need to do.

Last school year, in one of the schools, the usual disobedient students were rewarded with candy if they acted half way right that day. What about the students who were good all day long, every day? How were they rewarded? I guess the candy didn't work, so now you want to try uniforms. The board states in your column, "when in the opinion of the principal", they will decide when disciplinary action is taken. Was the disciplinary action stated in your column enforced with the present code? Apparently the principals are not enforcing the dress code we already have, so how do they expect to enforce a new one? If they can't handle the job, step aside and let someone who can. Who does the board think will suffer from this dress code? It definitely will not be the parents. Did they stop to think of the child's circumstances? That child may be wearing the only thing they could find clean because their mother is passed out drunk or stoned on drugs. That fifth grader may have laid that outfit out for the younger sibling because they're tired from getting them up and making sure they're ready to catch the bus because mom's at her second job. She had to be there at 5 a.m. When you call these parents, they're not going to bring them more clothes. One because they don't care, the other because if she leaves, she'll lose her job and she doesn't want to be on welfare.

I myself divorced when my oldest daughter was nine years old. At that time, I had two jobs. I rarely saw my children. My nine year old took care of her younger sis-

ter. Things fell in place for me. No, we did not have name brand clothes, and we did not live on welfare. I did teach my children that it's not about the clothes you wear or the way you dress. The black fingernail polish that my oldest wore on her fingers in high school did not keep her from graduating in the top ten of her class. The dyed orange hair did not keep my youngest from making good grades, she just needed encouragement. It's not about what they wear, if their shirt has a collar on it, if their pants has no studs on them, or what hair style they may wear. It's what you instill in them and teach them. That, my people, is my job as a parent and your job as a teacher, principal, and board member.

You need to stick up for your first amendment rights. We have a dress code, we just need to enforce it. Address the issue. If the gang members are a problem, get them out of the school system.

I called the school board and asked to be put on the agenda to speak at the July 12th board meeting. I was asked what I wanted to speak about. I told Phillip Jackson the "proposed" dress code. He told me that it was not really a public meeting, it was for the board, but he would note that I had requested to speak at the meeting.

I urge you parents, grandparents, and taxpayers to contact your board member and come to the July 12th meeting. Let your voice be heard. After all, the main issue is education.

Rita Dowling
Halls

Editor,

To the parents of students of Lauderdale County. Wake up and get involved. Parents you need to contact your local school board member and

express your views on the new dress code that is about to be adopted. This will affect all of you. Why do we need a dress code, when the school officials do not enforce the present code? Who is going to pay for the uniforms? You are. Who is going to pay for the uniforms of the students that can't afford them, again you are. The school board needs to appoint citizens from the county (teachers, citizens, students to work with the school board to explore this matter before it is adopted). This new policy must involve all concerned parents - please give the parents a voice in this major decision. You need to get involved - if this passes, what is next?

Lisa Ennis
Ripley

Editor,

All empirical research in existence shows beyond question that uniforms are ineffective as the magic bullet proponents claim it to be. In a culture where all too often our children do not have textbooks, education dollars are being squandered in courtrooms defending uniform policies destined to be deemed illegal. There is no reasonable justification for denying a child, who is ready and eager to learn, his/her education because of the color or shade of a shirt. If a student is prepared to learn, that learning cannot be conditioned on how he/she is dressed. Uniforms are a band-aid solution to a very deeply flawed education system. We, as adults, spout platitudes to our children such as "It is who you are on the inside that counts," and then we tell them "because you are wearing the wrong color you are not worthy of an education." In a culture where diversity is a point of pride can we justify this sort of intolerance?

History will likely show uniforms to be an educational fad utilized by school districts seeking a visible, quick fix to a long-term problem. In the meantime, our students will continue to pay the price for the whims of those who decide policy. These are serious times demanding serious solutions for our children, not appearance changing, divisive schemes based in conjecture and theory that can divide communities and destroy freedoms.

In light of the lack of positive empirical research results, costly potential legal challenges, and enforcement abuses, perhaps mandatory school uniforms in our public schools are not a viable tool with which to help fix our limping educational system. Our children deserve educators and administrators who are guided by facts and sound educational methods. We cannot afford to allow our schools to be used as laboratories and our children to be used as guinea pigs for new questionable fads founded in vanity and based on supposition (National Assoc. of Elementary School Principals article published in February 2006).

Furthermore, research has shown that school uniforms neither directly nor indirectly affect academics by creating a positive school climate or a positive approach to learning. The data on uniforms' effects on academic achievement simply give no evidence. Attendance rates are not impacted by school uniform policies. Uniforms have not been effective in achieving the outcomes they were assumed

to aid: reducing violence and behavioral problems, fostering school unity and improving the learning environment, reducing social pressure and leveling status differentials, increasing student self-esteem and motivation, saving parents money on clothing for their children, improving attendance, and improving academic achievement.

Requiring students to wear uniforms is a change that affects not only students, but also school faculty and parents. Instituting a mandatory uniform policy is a change that is immediate, highly visible, and shifts the environmental landscape of any particular school. Changing the landscape is a superficial change, but it attracts attention because of its visible nature. Instituting a uniform policy can be viewed as analogous to cleaning and brightly painting a deteriorating building in that on one hand it grabs our immediate attention; on the other hand, it's only a coat of paint. This type of change attracts attention to schools and implies the presence of serious problems that necessitate drastic change.

Tammy Vaughan
Ripley

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Birthdays

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

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

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

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

July 16 - Amber Kirby, Rachel Freeman, Steven Alford, Addison Carmack, Jo Ann Jennings, Elizabeth McClerkin, Bryant Ward, Bobby Mann,

Anniversaries

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

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

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

July 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Brad Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Avery, Jr.

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

July 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Craig Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schwinn.

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

Judy Bailey, Wade Privett, Erin Steelman, Norman Layne, Amy Smith, Kyle Harrell, Rusty Kirby, Bryant Ward, Kailyn Carmack, Gunner Carmack.

July 17 - Kay Pasley, Cindy Parham, Brooke Barnes, Mike Arender, Ronnie White, Frank Jones, Kalea Dean, Jerry Stanclair, Nathan Mitchell, Greg Cribfield, Asia Gingery.

July 18 - Rob Wilkins, Ted Sutton, Donny Noblin, Herbert Brown, Rita Hargett, John Dillard, Rodney Moore, Grammy Buckner, Dr. Sam Poisal.



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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

One Drop Of Its Oil Can Send You Into An Itching Fit

One hot summer day, a very stately Texan climbed into the passenger seat of an old rusty pickup truck belonging to his East Tennessee cousin. The Tennessee farmer and the west Texas rancher were headed out to take a look around at what was growing on the Tennessee hillside farm that the farmer was very proud to call his own. From the very beginning the great size of Texas was expounded upon by the rancher to the total "fed-upness" of the Tennessee farmer.

As the truck passed a field of Jersey dairy heifers the bold Texan asked, "What are those?"

The Tennessee farmer replied very proudly, "Those are the best Jersey replacement dairy heifers you will find east of the Mississippi River. Their production history will be second to none."

"Why we have deer on my ranch bigger than those under-fed things," the Texan said as he puffed on a huge cigar.

The truck now passed a large lake located between two beautiful green valleys that would be the envy of any good farmer. "What kind of fish do you have

in that little mud hole," the Texan said with a snicker.

"That's my lake that provides water for our entire herd and has some of the largest bass you have ever seen. In fact, the state record was caught in that lake," the Tennessee farmer said as he now tried to out do his cousin.

"Well, if that is all you can do, you need to build something larger," Cousin Tex said. "If you were in Texas you would have to fill it in due to it being a mosquito hazard."

The Tennessee farmer had just about had all that he could take when just as he made a turn onto the farm's dirt road he had to stop for a large snapping turtle sitting in the middle of the road. The turtle was a big one and about as mean looking as anything you had ever seen.

"What in the world is that?" the Texan said somewhat in a shocked manner.

The Tennessee farmer now saw his chance to win the "whose story is bigger" contest and said, "Oh, don't worry about that. You act like you have never seen a Tennessee tick before."

With the current hot and dry weather we are having, Tennessee ticks may not have the chance to grow as large as the one the Tennessee farmer showed to his Texas cousin, but they are really hungry about now and look-

ing for a meal. Tall grass and weeds are prime places to encounter their presence, so try to remain in paths, lanes, and clearings. Yards can be kept clear of these unwanted visitors by mowing weekly, but with the drought still in full throttle, mowing has not been an issue this summer.

Another group of pests without legs that are gaining a lot of attention these warm days is poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. I have never experienced their itchiness and seem not to be allergic to urushiol oil, the sticky, resin-like substance found inside the plants. But, I do respect them and try to avoid handling them unless I have on gloves and long sleeves.

In a recent report from Bayer Advanced, a business group of Bayer CropScience LP and part of the Bayer AG family, they say that half the U.S. population is allergic to urushiol oil. But, they also say it's not just the allergy to urushiol that's a problem — it's how potent it is.

Their release says it only takes 1 billionth of a gram of the oil to cause a rash. That's not much oil to cause the distress that comes from it getting on your skin.

One trip in the forest could cause 500 people to itch from the amount that would fit on the head of a pin. And, urushiol oil can stay active on

any surface for up to five years, even on dead plants.

The Bayer group says you can take control of poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac, before they take over your yard and farms by keeping your lawn and fence line clear and trimmed, and cut back the undesirable plants to ground level every time you see green growth.

There is also a Bayer Advanced Brush Killer Plus Concentrate that is a chemical alternative that kills the brush down to the roots so they won't come back. I have tried it and it does work. Some other brush killers kill back the vines, but don't kill the roots. Before you know it, you're back spraying again.

It even controls kudzu. If it will kill kudzu, the plant that ate the South, it will surely help get rid of the itchy stuff as well.

Avoid the Tennessee ticks, kill out the plants that contain urushiol and enjoy an itch free summer. Itching often comes at the most inopportune times and in the strangest places.

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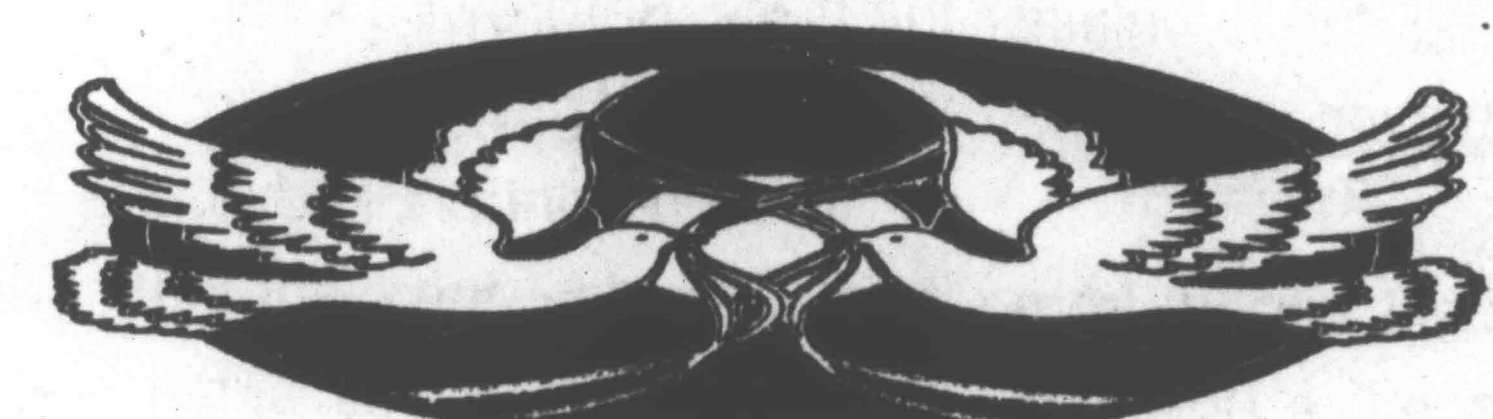
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Delta Leadership Institute



LISA HANKINS, Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Executive Director, third from right, was one of five representatives from Tennessee that graduated June 16th from the 2006-2007 class of the Delta Leadership Institute, which is operated by the Delta Regional Authority (DRA), based at the University of Alabama. The ceremony was held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The program is designed to create a corps of leaders with a regional and national perspective.

The DRA is an area in the Southeast United States comprised of 240 counties and parishes in eight states. This region is in one of the most historic and culturally rich parts of our country. Congress established the DRA in 2000 to enhance the economic development of the area and to improve the quality of life for the hard-working residents of this region.



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.

Rice Park Church of Christ, 136 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its annual ladies day at 10 a.m. Sat., July 21st with Sister Jane Maynard, of the Mountain Home Church of Christ, Mountain Home, Ark., as guest speaker. The theme is "The Praying Christian Woman". Lunch will be served following the service. Bro. Oveta West, minister, invites the public.

Gospel Rock Holiness Church, 182 Nelson St., will celebrate its eighth anniversary at 3 p.m. Sun., July 15th with Elder Earnest Washington and the New Macedonia Church of God In Christ as special guests. The theme is "The House That God Built". The public is invited.

Faith United Methodist Church, 8301 Hwy. 87 W., near Henning, will hold Vacation Bible School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wed., July 11th through Fri., July 13th and at 8:30 a.m. Sat., July 14th, for babies through adults. Registration begins at 6 p.m.

nightly. For more information, call Dianne, 738-0770, or Mindi, 738-5468. The public is invited.

Nelson Chapel Church, 3694 Coffee Shop Rd., will hold its annual family and friends day at 2:30 p.m. Sun., July 15th with Troy Hall, pastor of the Antioch Covington Church, and members as special guests. The public is invited.

Elcanaan Missionary Baptist Church, Henning, will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 23rd through 27th with The Rev. Bobby Jones, of Union Grove Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. James E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, at Three Points, will continue revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 11th, 12th and 13th with The Rev. Noah Alexander, of the Prince of Peace Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. John R. McBride, pastor, invites the public.

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Boys and Girls Summer Games C.A.M.P.S. (Community Athletic Ministry Programs), as a pilot program. The sports program, within a Christian atmosphere, will be available for ages 4 to 12 years old, with tee ball, volleyball, coach pitch, and flag football. Registration will begin July 11th with the deadline July 22nd. Games will begin July 28th. For more information, call Springhill MBC's voicemail, 731-635-1377, with name, contact number, and church organization.

The annual Lauderdale County Women Ministering to Women retreat will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Fri., July 13th through 3 p.m. Sat., July 14th at the St. Columbia Christian Center, in Bartlett. The ministry is open to all women. Its primary aim is to bring women into a lifestyle of intimacy with the Lord. Transportation is provided to the retreat site. For additional information, call Ellena Gooch, 731-635-0965.

Victory Baptist Church, near

Henning, will hold a benefit gospel singing to aid Delanie Henson at 7 p.m. Sat., July 21st with Bill Baker and Witness, of Halls, the Frog Jump Quartet, Better Way, of Sedalia, Ky., and The Fountain's, of Bradford. A love offering will be taken. A spaghetti dinner will be held at 5 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-221-8022.

Bethlehem Golddust Baptist Church, 6435 Hwy. 19 W., will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly July 16th through 20th with the

theme, "Spiritual Hope". For more information, call Minister Merline Maclin, 836-0884, or Sheila Hubbard, 460-6990. The Rev. James T. Byars, 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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Held As Shooter Of Daughter, 7

Robert Boone, 36, of 8835 Edith-Nankipoo Road, is charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

Sheriff Sanders reports: After an argument about 3 p.m. Monday, his wife, Tina, and three children were leaving in a car when Boone fired into the car.

Two buck-shots struck his daughter, 7, in the back of her head.

She was sent to LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis.

Annual Sales Tax Holiday Announced

Tennessee's second annual sales tax holiday is set for August 3rd - 5th, offering three full days of tax breaks for families preparing children to go back to school. This past session the General Assembly expanded the sales tax holiday to include art supplies such as clay and glazes; acrylic, tempera and oil paints; paintbrushes for artwork; sketch and drawing pads; and watercolors.

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 3rd, until 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 5th, consumers may purchase selected clothing, school supplies and art supplies under \$100 and computers \$1,500 or less sales tax-free.

Shoppers and retailers can find more information about the upcoming tax holiday at www.tntaxholiday.com, including lists of exempt items, frequently asked questions and more.

Commissioners Increase Property & Wheel Taxes

Members of the Lauderdale County Commission approved a 30¢ increase in the property tax rate to \$2.85 based on \$100 of taxable property and a \$10 increase in the wheel tax from \$55 to \$65. "Hopefully, this is the last increase for two or three years, unless something major comes along. The budget committee has cut everything they could from each department and we can not cut anymore and the committee must increase revenue," said County Mayor Rod Schuh.

During a public hearing, before the meeting, Jerry Hughes, realtor, of Halls, asked the commissioners to consider the increase before voting. "When I started as a real estate agent in 1992, I earned a 6% commission on sales. I still earn a 6% commission. The county can not tax itself to death and survive. You are making a decision that will affect everyone's future," said Hughes.

The Water System and Ambulance Authority budgets were approved without dissent. Funding the budgets of the other departments, and passing the increases, proved a difficult task after seven of the commissioners, Kathy Alston, John L. Bates, David Caldwell, Talmadge Criehtfield, Ronnie Elder, John Gaines, and Monty McWilliams, voted no. Without a majority though, the increases are scheduled to take effect Oct. 1, 2007.

Board Approves New Dress Code

During the Lauderdale County Board of Education meeting Thursday of last week, which was moved from the board room of Ripley Elementary School to the gymnasium, due to the large attendance, board members passed an adopted version of the school dress code. After a heated meeting, amendments were suggested by both board members and residents. The majority of parents attending expressed their displeasure in the school "uniform" issue, while a few thought it a good idea for education. The board has attempted to pass a similar version for the past four years.

Lauderdale County Superintendent of Schools, Phillip Jackson, stated in an email to the *Dyersburg State Gazette* it was not a "uniform", but only normal attire in certain colors, style, and fit. The new code will be enforced beginning Tues., Sept. 4th, after the Labor Day holiday. A related article, issued by the board of education, is inside this issue.

Gates Sewer Bills Up 10%

Gates sewer bills are rising 10% to meet a rate jump by the Town of Halls, which services Gates sewerage.

More dependance on Halls by Halls taking over police functions in Gates (a rumor discussed by Gates aldermen, though no proposal has been made) is countered by Gates accepting applications for an additional police officer.

Gates' real estate tax rate remains unchanged in a '07-'08 budget totaling \$962,288.

Held For Theft At Halls Firm

Halls police say that after Hunter Intermodal Transport, at 1020 Industrial Rd., Halls, reported about 17 semi-trailer tires missing, police video-taped Bobby Joe Roane, employed by Hunter, loading a tire, two bottles of anti-freeze, and two bottles of wiper fluid into a company vehicle, and charged him with theft of under \$500. He is set to appear in court Friday.

lowest misdemeanor penalty under Tennessee law, subject to a \$50 fine and up to 30 days in jail. Under the new law, the penalty increases to Class A for repeated calls and calls resulting in delay or harm while all other calls remain Class C misdemeanors.

The Tennessee Emergency Communications Board (TECB) voted unanimously to pursue legislation that would impose a penalty severe enough to deter this behavior and to give more incentive to prosecutors to prosecute the individuals who are engaging in this type of behavior.

FALSE 911 CALLS

An amendment to the Emergency Communications District law went into effect July 1, 2007, creating a new Class A misdemeanor for placing aggravated false 911 calls. If the caller makes repeated false 911 calls or if a false call creates a delay in responding to an emergency or results in harm to a person or property, a caller could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$2,500 fine and up to 364 days in jail.

Previously, all false calls to 911 were punishable as Class C misdemeanors, the

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UT SEND-OFF SOCIAL

The Lauderdale County UT Alumni Chapter will host a Send-off Social at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24th, at the Ripley City Park pavilion one, for any recent high school graduate who will be attending a UT campus this fall and all UT alumni.

For cost and more information call Jennifer Nelson, 836-0635, by July 20th.

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NOTICE

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen's recessed meeting from Monday, July 16th will reconvene Monday, July 30th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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Golden Anniversary



RONDEL AND EVELYN LONDON, of Covington, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., July 29th at Calvary Baptist Church, 2010 Hwy. 51 S., Covington. The only gift requested is your presence. The couple were married Aug. 25, 1957 in Maranatha Baptist Church. Evelyn is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Jackson, of Gates, and the late Thurman Jackson.

Birthdays

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

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

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

Grimes.

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

July 23 - Carol Davis, James R. Caldwell, Randy Herron, Sam Sigman, Mickie Conrad, Tiffinne Runions Hayes, Brenna Rhea Deaton, Carol Young, Kailyn Mitchell, Holford Swanner, Mary Lowry, Tom Pennington, Junior Turnbow, Roger Jetton, Tina Anderson, Martha Massongill, Richard Hargett, Sesley Welch, Brent Cain, Leah Hutchins, Landon Hutchins, Louise White, Robert Hartman.

July 24 - Arden Butler III, Warren Kelly, Hugh Miller, Cathy Thebeau, Charles Cook, Kay Baker, Missy Buckner, Paul McLemore, Jeffrey Hill,

PASSPORT DELAYS

Congressman John Tanner supported legislation passed by the House to ease the backlog that has made it hard for Tennesseans to receive passports for international travel. The legislation was unanimously passed by the House on a voice vote.

"The Passport Backlog Reduction Act give the State Department the authority to hire retired former staffers who are trained and authorized to process passport applications, which can currently take up to three months to process," Tanner said.

Tennesseans who are having difficulty with their passports can check with the National Passport Information Center to apply for a passport, check their application status, read about delays and get other travel tips at <http://travel.state.gov> or call 1-877-4USA-PPT.

Marriages

July 5 - Randy Lee Henson, 50, to Melva Ester Qualls Chandler, 49, by Ann D. Medford.

July 7 - Timothy Charles Sumrow, 37, to Pamela Denise Jones Seidel, 33, by John B. Porter II.

July 9 - Gregory Lynn Prater, 37, to Vickie Lee Bell, 42, by Tracy Henson.

Marlee Grace Mooney, Romona Rhodes, Carol Bernard, Pam Hudson, Steven Kee, Adam Cherry, Jeffery Hill, Wanda Moore, Nathan Ingle, Rick Tackett.

July 25 - Paulette Herron, Donna Hyde, Susan Mashburn, Ambria Platzke, Jane Vaden, Jimmy D. Clay, Gabe Pilcher, Gene Durham.

You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going. -P. J. O'Rourke

August Vows Slated



ELLY KATE HUGHES, daughter of Pat and Carrie Hughes, of Mt. Juliet, and Nancy Hughes, of Uniontown, Ohio, will marry William Dewain Riley, son of Rickey and Susie Riley, of Maury City, at 6 p.m. Sat., Aug. 4th in Martin's First United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow at the Hampton Centre in Union City.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Katherine Hughes, of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Wynona Stetler, of Akron, Ohio.

A 2003 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a major in biology, she is attending Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Hollis and Almarie Riley, of Halls, and Johnny and Amelia Williams, and the late Wanda Riley, of Maury City.

A 2005 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a major in agriculture, he is employed by Syngenta Seeds, Inc. in Bay, Ark.

After a honeymoon trip to Florida, the couple plan to reside in Columbus, Ohio.

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Obituaries

Ruby Murley

Ruby Marie Murley, 76, of Ripley, widow of Edward V. Murley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She leaves a son, Ed Jr., of Collierville; a daughter, Rita (Mrs. Gary) McClellan, of Humboldt; brothers, Thomas Kirby, of Memphis, and Bobby Kirby, of Southaven, Miss.; a sister, Shirley Hester, of Southaven; and a grandchild.

Lois Mortensen

Lois Marie Mortensen, 86, died Sunday in Covington Care Center.

Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, reports that no services were held.

She leaves a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Mitchell, of Henning, and two grandchildren.

Mildred Hoskins

Mildred Hoskins, 92, of 1332 Parchman Road, Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Ripley.

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

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

She leaves a daughter, Patsy Maness, of Ripley; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Kathy Goodman

Kathy Stanley Goodman, 51, of Red Banks, Miss., mother of April Duncan, of Ripley, died Friday.

Rites were Tuesday in Peebles West Funeral Chapel in Oakland, with burial in Fayette County Memorial Park.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her mother, Wilda Wilson, and her other children, Elaine German and Richard Kee, of Somerville; three siblings; and 10 grandchildren.

James R. Brown

James Robert Brown, 79, laborer, died Thursday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were held Wednesday in the Elam Missionary Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves sons, Marvin Brown, of Halls, Tyrus Brown, of Clarksville, and Alvin and Daryl King and Derrick Watson, of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Julius Brown, of Ripley, and Deborah Person and Audrey Williams, of Gates; a brother, Thornton King, of Memphis; and 16 grandchildren.

Leta McBroom

Leta L. McBroom, 83, of 8 Lakeview Drive, Ripley, widow of A. D. McBroom, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Ripley.

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

She was a Baptist.

She leaves a son, Jerry, a daughter, Loretta Thomas, and a brother, George Junior Ferguson, of Ripley; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

'Ted' Williams

Eugene "Ted" Williams, 71, former department manager at Birmingham Bolt in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

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

He leaves his wife, Mary Helen Williams; brothers, Bobby and J. D. Williams, of Ripley, and John L. Williams, of South Carolina; and sisters, Faye Northcott and Peggy Ann Culver, of Ripley, and Brenda Mae Hudson, of Glen, Miss.

CHILD OBESITY GRANT

Tennessee has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the National Governors' Association Center (NGA Center) for Best Practices to im-

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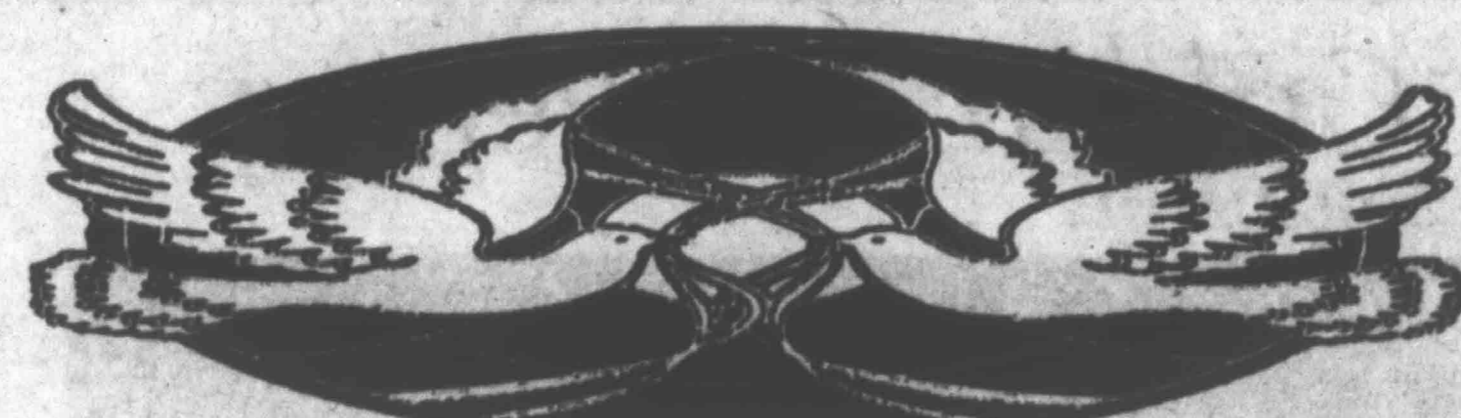
Lauderdale County students named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Dyersburg State Community College include Julia Gail Olds, Lucinda Renee Taylor, Patrick W. Crowder, Jr., Jessica Nichole McLemore, Steven Kyle Ray, Bertha Lynn Graves, Lea Ann Compton, Rhonda Renee Hale-Morgan, and Kimberly Blackwood, all of Ripley; and Richard Jeremy Schoepke, Lisa Gaye Fehrs, Gary Daniel King, Daran Rhae Millner, and Joseph Craig Miller, all of Halls.

Students must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

prove the overall health and nutrition of Tennessee's toddlers and preschoolers based on a proposal submitted by the State Department of Health. Tennessee is one of only 10 states to win such a grant.

In partnership with the State Department of Human Services, which licenses Tennessee's child care facilities, the Tennessee Department of Health will use the grant to implement the new Gold Sneaker Initiative. This initiative is designed to encourage improved physical activity and nutrition for children attending Tennessee's licensed child care centers, while helping them build skills for living a healthy life that they can carry into adulthood.

The Gold Sneaker Initiative will give child care providers from both the private and public sectors the option of adopting additional physical activity and nutrition policies to earn designation as a "Gold Sneaker" facility. New policy will focus primarily on physical activity, or "active play." The initiative will supplement state licensing regulations and Star Quality program requirements for physical activity and balanced nutrition.



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.

Rice Park Church of Christ, 136 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its annual ladies day at 10 a.m. Sat., July 21st with Sister Jane Maynard, of the Mountain Home Church of Christ, Mountain Home, Ark., as guest speaker. The theme is "The Praying Christian Woman". Lunch will be served following the service. Bro. Oveta West, minister, invites the public.

First Apostolic Church, 2515 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Sun., July 22nd through Wed., July 25th with The Rev. Jerry Hutchison, of Louisiana, as guest evangelist. The public is invited.

Lightfoot United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services beginning at 11 a.m. Sun., July 29th with a potluck luncheon to follow.

Elcanaan Missionary Baptist Church, Henning, will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 23rd through 27th with The Rev. Bobby Jones, of Union Grove Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. James E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Boys and Girls Summer Games C.A.M.P.S. (Community Athletic Ministry Programs), as a pilot program. The sports program, within a Christian atmosphere, will be available for ages 4 to 12 years old, with tee ball, volleyball, coach pitch, and flag football. Registration will continue with a July 22nd deadline. Games will begin July 28th. For more information, call Springhill MBC's voicemail, 731-635-1377, with name, contact number, and church organization.

Victory Baptist Church, near Henning, will hold a benefit gospel singing to aid Delanie Henson at 7 p.m. Sat., July 21st with Bill Baker and Witness, of Halls, the Frog Jump Quartet, Better Way, of Sedalia, Ky., and The Fountain's; of Bradford. A love offering will be taken. A spaghetti dinner will be held at 5 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-221-8022.

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.

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National Honor Roll Recognition

Local inductees named to the National Honor Roll, for high-achieving high school and middle school students, include:

Ripley - Joshua W. Armstrong, Dominique S. Capers, Jacob T. Clark, Kayla M. Currie, Jonvia Dewalt, Sabrina Edwards, James H. Harper, Kabrisha Harris, Kathryn Harris, Cassie Hood, Quinyatta S. Jones, William M. Lane, Myeisha N. Lee, Brooke Mays, Catelyn Meadows, Javonte Morgan, Jennifer K. Nelson, Taretha Reed, Cedrick P. Richardson, Brittany T. Simmons, Brittany Sims, Sheridan L. Sinclair, Emily Winters, and DeOndra Wynn.

Gates - Heather E. Hill, Vicki Moore, Phylcia C. Richmond, Clarissa L. Stark, Justin A. Tate, and Justin Tyus.

Halls - Whitney Beaird, Logan Buckner, Brad Cain, Carley Cherry, Rachel Clark, Rodney D. Foster, Christopher K. Hardy, Krista Hardy, Hannah N. Laster, Kristy Lee, Candace T. McKinney, Leslie Patrick, Lotorya Patrick, Cody Peery, Dylan Sauber, and Javon Stenson.

Henning - Cordarryl Fryerson, Kaci L. Hanks, Andrea L. Johnson, April Jones, and Abigail Sheriff.

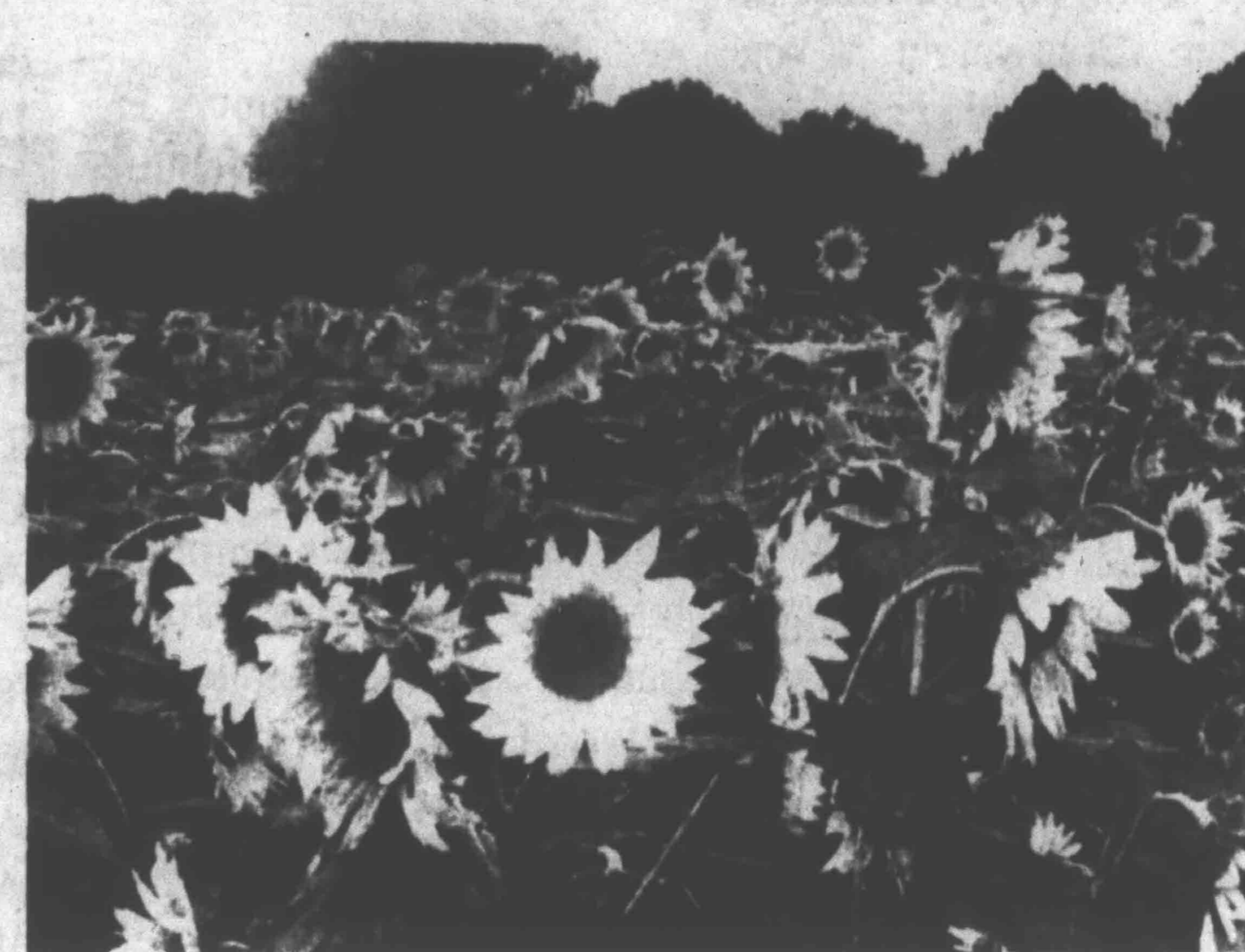
Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed in the honor roll. Two-thirds of the inductees averaged an A- or better; one-third averaged B through B+; with 24% seniors, 27% juniors; 24% sophomores; 19% freshmen; and 6% middle school.

Land Transfers

July 8th-July 14th

Marvin Searce to Janna Searce, Dist. 16, 2 tracts.
Mike Douglas and Leigh

Wildlife Food Plots



SUNFLOWERS, planted by local landowners as an annual wildlife food plot, are used as a soil and water conservation practice in Lauderdale County, according to Dwaine Johnston, soil conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The wildlife food plots have been planted during the spring of 2007 in an effort to assist with the development of better wildlife habitat. For more information on the wildlife food plots, call the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office, located at 301 Lake Drive, Ripley, or call 731-635-7686, ext. 3.

Anniversaries

July 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ables.

July 20 - Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

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

July 22 - Mr. and Mrs. John

Douglas to Vicky Lake, Dist. 2, lot.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Chris Fleming, lot.

William F. Blakley and Betty C. Blakley to Tommy Lee Moore and Juanita Faye Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Lary A. Conley and Valerie L. Conley to Willisteen Clark, Dist. 2, lot.

Delena A. Sellers to Landrum A. Sellers and Mary E. Sellers, Dist. 4, 2.0 acres.

Delena A. Sellers to Landrum A. Sellers and Mary E. Sellers, Dist. 4, 1.2 acres.

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William T. Morris and Thelma E. Morris to Charles David Henderson and Gail A.

Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. John Alston, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Elmore.

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

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

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

Henderson, Dist. 11, 1.9143 acres.

O.B. Langley and Shirley Langley to Michael P. Sorensen and Diane D. Sorensen, Dist. 2, tract.

Bart C. Durham III to Brad Ables, Dist. 2, lot.

Carolyn Jones and Carolyn Woolum to Lisa K. Blankenship, Dist. 7, lot.

Wesley Ray Duvall, Jr., to Connie Duvall, Dist. 6, 10.0 acres.

Connie Duvall to Wesley Ray Duvall, Jr., Dist. 14, 10.0 acres.

Pauline R. Pappas to Lisa C. Hendren and Norman P. Hendren, Dist. 2, lot.

Helen R. Tucker Adult Developmental Center to Edgar Beckham, Joseph F. Beckham and Tammy G.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! We had another interesting week at the Club. The State came for another inspection. I guess it went well again; at least Miss Pam wasn't fussin. She reminds me of a cat on a hot tin roof when she gets upset. The lady from Memphis took five of my Buds off to new homes. I really liked those guys and they seemed happy. She can really communicate with us four leggers. I hope she comes back.

Two more interesting stories hit this week. Former Sheriff Craig brought in Killer. He found him in a ditch. Killer is about the size of a two leggers hand. He is lonely and keeps asking for his mother. He is black and tan and looks like a miniature Pinscher. Mr. Buddy let him have my chair, the only problem is I am afraid a two legger might set on him.

Murphy Oil is also a new addition. This small black and white, year old, got his name because he was found one morning tied to the gas pumps at Wal-Mart. He is not very happy with his two legger, so I have been extra nice during his depression. I told him not to worry because there were a bunch of good two leggers out there willing to love him. Come on folks, don't make me a liar.

If a two legger is looking for a good looking black and tan with a green collar and a fatty tumor on his front leg, he is at Dry Hill. He keeps telling me that his family is looking for him. Please don't let him down. We also have Max; he looks like a Shepherd-Lab mix. He is housebroken and about 6 months old.

Harriett Braden adopted Sassy, the six month old German Shepherd. She runs the kitchen at Lightfoot Store and she promised to bring my Buds some bones. I got a chuckle when she called the County Mayor a Bozo.

Lorrie Morris and Kayla took home one of our many youngens. That is one lucky four legger. We also received a nice donation from Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Young. Paw Paw and Sue McLemore donated food along with Jessie Edwards and family. Those are some fine two leggers. Al Brassfield's daughter picked out a find looken puppy and he helped out with an additional donation.

I heard some more good news about the two leggers' donations. Mr. Buddy says that we have enough money to build a large running area for my Buds. THANK YOU ALL! Miss Pam said we had 250 adoptions the last seven months.

Three licks to all you two leggers who have helped make Dry Hill the Puppy Mill a better place to live. Miss Pam said we are just gotten started so I guess I will have to play goodie two shoes a while longer. So long from Dry Hill. We are located next to the landfill on Nankipoo Road, three miles off Hwy 51.

Oh, Yea, we give away the cats and kittens. Vickie Long, the cat lover, twisted my tail until I agreed to talk about her cats.

Zeek out!
P.S. Don't forget to spay or neuter your four-legger. Come see me or call me at 836-pets.

Beckham, Dist. 2, 1.2 acres. lot and tract.
Cold Creek Conservancy Emmitt Fitzpatrick, Jr., to LLC to Terisa Holcomb and Stella Douglas Bates and Baris Scotty H. Holcomb, Dist. 4, Douglas, Dist. 3, 2 tracts.

Board Amends New Dress Code

The Lauderdale County Board of Education recognizes and understands that there is a strong correlation between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment. To help create not only the best learning environment, but also the safest the following expectations for student dress have been established. Apparel or appearance, which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than the education process and learning environment, must be avoided. The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency and modesty or if it is drawing undue attention thereby interfering with the learning environment. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. When in the opinion of the principal/designee, a student is not attired appropriately or exhibits grooming which constitutes a distraction and/or disturbance to the extent of being detrimental to the school environment, the principal/designee shall contact the parents and have the student dress suitably before returning to school. Inability to contact the parents will result in the student remaining in the office and/or being placed in in-school suspension or another designated area. This will serve as a first warning. Repeat offenses will follow the school discipline code at the next level following the warning.

All clothing must not have holes, be cut-off, ripped or see-through and must be sized to fit. The basic dress shall be solid khaki, navy or blue denim pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers. Shirts/blouses must have a collar and be solid white, light pink, navy blue, school colors or a combination of school colors. For Ripley High School, Ripley

Primary and Ripley Elementary, the colors are purple (not lavender) and white. Lauderdale Middle school colors are maroon and gray. All Halls schools are black and gold (not yellow).

All shirts and blouses must be tucked in the pants, shorts, or skirts. (This is encouraged for PreK - 2nd grade but is not required). They must have a collar - either polo or dress shirt with a collar (optional: crew neck shirts may be worn if they have a school name, initial or logo approved by the school). Color must be solid white, light pink, navy blue or school colors or a combination of school colors with no logo other than a small brand or school logo.

Pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers must be worn at the waist and must be knee length. This also applies to slits in skirts or dresses. A belt must be worn and be visible if the garment has belt loops, not required for PreK - 2nd. Sagging, bagging and skin tight fit is not allowed. Pants legs will not touch the floor and will not be frayed or cut. There is to be no writing, studs or design other than a small brand logo.

Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes must be worn on the playground and in physical education classes. Sandals are permitted. Rubber flip flops, spiked heels, bedroom slippers, or house-shoes are not permitted.

Jackets and cardigan style sweaters must be one of the approved solid colors with no writing or a combination of school colors, school organizations or club jackets are acceptable. Trench coats are not permitted. Heavy coats worn to school must be placed in designated areas. Exceptions to this may be permitted in extremely cold weather, during equipment malfunction situations, or

when changing classes if going from one building to another. Lightweight jackets or cardigan style sweaters may be worn unbuttoned or unzipped. Hoodies will not be permitted.

Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, belt buckles, jewelry, tattoos, brands and notebooks must not contain racial or ethnic slurs or symbols; gang affiliations; vulgar, obscene, subversive, disruptive of the school environment, derogatory to any individual, or sexually suggestive language or images. They should also not promote products that students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, controlled substances, weapons or weapon products.

The following are prohibited: large, long, and/or heavy chains; studded or chained accessories; sunglasses, except for health purposes (a prescription will be required); facial jewelry, designer lenses, grills; head apparel, except for required hats; sweat shirts, sweat pants, and windsuits; hair rollers, hair picks, and combs worn in the hair; belts that are not buckled; excessive makeup, facial drawings; distracting or unusual hairstyles and/or color. Extracurricular activity uniforms may not be worn during the school day. ROTC, FFA, and nursing uniforms may be worn on designated days approved by the principal.

The principal may allow exceptions for school wide programs or special classroom activities up to ten (10) days per year.

DSCC HONOR ROLL

Lauderdale County students named to the honor roll for the spring semester at Dyersburg State Community College include Lisa R. Dunham, of Gates; Katie R. Throgmorton, Kristen Nichole Kennedy, and Keri Shavonne Ivory, all of Halls; Melinda N.

KRAFTY KIDS

Lauderdale County UT Extension agents Jennifer Chandler and Rachel Erwin are offering a learning session called "Krafty Kids in the Kitchen" July 24th and 25th. The two day training will feature basics on proper table manners, table settings, hand washing, and kitchen safety. Children will also be taught how to properly measure dry and liquid foods.

The classes are for 9 to 12 years old. Tuesday, the 24th, will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at noon. Snacks will be provided. July 25th will start at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. with a lunch prepared by the students and served to their parents.

For more information or registration fee, contact Rachel Erwin or Jennifer Chandler at the Lauderdale County Extension office at 635-9551.

Roberts, Nikki Danielle Smith, Brian Draine, and Shoniece Tate, all of Henning; and Joshua Brett McBroom, Demetra Ann Lackey, William Dallas Crawford, Amber Nicole Haynes, Jeremy Logan Paige, Sophia Lorane Bonds,

DSCC GRADUATES

Lauderdale County students who graduated from Dyersburg State Community College during the spring commencement semester include Christey A. Braden, Trèna Elizabeth Massengill, Tyra Lynn Conley, Kathy Cox, Julia Gail Olds, April Ann Coker, Angie LaShun Cooper, Stephanie Castro Tims, Wendy Renee White, Richie Lee Blackwood, Lea Ann Compton, Linda C. Anderson, Shenika Nacole Wells, Danita Levette Barbee, Kimberly Blackwood, Shirley Ann Johnson, Amanda W. Queen, Crystal Sophia Delock, Kevin D. Gunn, and Sandra Kay Davis, all of Ripley; Shelia Elaine Thompson and Jim Randall Hazlerig, Jr., both of Henning; Tara Simpson and Mina Jane Jenkins, both of Gates; and Richard Jeremy Schoepke, Sara L. Harrell, Heather N. James, Daran Rhae Millner, Amy Beth Meeks, and Kristen Nichole Kennedy, all of Halls.

Shirley Ann Johnson, and Ashley N. Adkins, all of Ripley.

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If Thomas Jefferson Was Around Today, He Would Rethink The All Created Equal Term

As I returned to work and drove to the office from the July 4th holiday break, I passed a school that had a notice on its message board that reminded kids that school would start up again in just four weeks. It gave the dates for registration, orientation and the first full day of school. All I could think of was what a cruel sign to see as a child just after eating your fill of hot dogs, cold drinks and watermelon, as well as seeing your summer allowance spent on fireworks go up in smoke the night before. As the younger generation might say, "What a bummer dude."

Growing up during the 50s and 60s, I at least had the time to enjoy summer and just be a kid til after Labor Day. Things were more agrarian oriented back then and children were out of school for the summer and taking care of the farm before harvest and winter would set in. Yet, it seems to one like me, that we had more time to enjoy summer and just be a kid than they do today.

That sign also reminded me that if school is just

around the corner then it is also time for us older folks to start thinking about fall. Time to put away those pamphlets you picked up while on vacation and never used. Put that toothpick holder that you bought at Souvenir City on the table and reminisce about your vacation on the beach.

Wait a minute! I don't need to get all down in the mouth about the changing of seasons, do I? Fall will be just as great as summer and maybe even better if we get a little rain real soon. There is still time to at least go somewhere to relax. Maybe a fall vacation trip instead of a summer one. I made one of those summer trips a few years back, and hopefully people will be wearing more clothes in the fall than what I saw on that summer vacation.

Before you let your thoughts go too far, I did not go to one of those camps where people only wear smiles. I couldn't make that visit because I needed a pocket to carry my change and pocket knife. I never leave home without my pocket knife. However, I did make a trip to the beach in L.A. (Lower Alabama), and witnessed some very interesting sites. Sites that my forefathers would never have believed. If they had seen what I saw, they would never have written those famous

words, "All men are created equal."

On the beach, you immediately realize that all men or women are not created equal. In fact, many of us are not created to wear anything less than overalls and a top coat. We should all take a lesson from Adam in the Bible. When he messed up in the garden, he realized right quick that less was not best. I'm not judging, just merely stating facts.

This was the first time in years that I have even taken a vacation, other than a few days off to do work around the homestead. With my family in tow, I escaped to the beautiful white beaches of Alabama to bask in the sun and relax. I rented a blue beach umbrella and a beach chair from a "beach-type-person" named Lance (the perfect name for a beach-type-person, don't you think) and settled down to some serious ocean and people watching.

As people strolled by in their most recently purchased beach attire, I noticed one thing in common that I had with these people. They evidently enjoy ice cream, fresh bread and dessert just like me. The only difference between these people and ole corn-fed me, was I tried to keep as many clothes on as possible.

With the temperature near '95 degrees, there I sat

under a big umbrella in my give-away tee shirt, swimming trunks dating back to the 80s, a baseball cap and using sunscreen with a rating that would only allow the light rays from an atomic blast set off beside me, to even reach my fair complexion. I'm so white I glow in the dark.

As people would pass by I could only think that God really has a good sense of humor. I'm sure those same people were thinking the same thing about me.

There were also dolphins jumping in the ocean directly in front of me as I watched from my beach chair. They were making those funny chattering noises they normally make as they swam near the beach. Scientists say they do that to communicate. To me, it sounded more like they were laughing at all of us on dry land as we pretended to enjoy the sun and heat.

Since that trip, I have remained inland as much as possible. Nope. None of us are created equal when it comes to body form. Maybe year round school would be good for all of us. It would at least keep us fully clothed.

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Pettus L. Read is editor of the Tennessee Farm Bureau News and Director of Communications for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. He may be contacted by e-mail at pread@tbf.com

Workforce Essentials Launch Office Instructor



CAREER ADVISORS, Aretha Haynes, left, Shelia Keaton, center, and Patricia Kelly, right, were hired to administer job placement services to Families First customers throughout Lauderdale County as part of the partnership with Workforce Essentials and the local Tennessee Career Center. Workforce Essentials has committed to a five-year service agreement with the Tennessee Department of Human Services to focus on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families initiatives and has established a community presence in 34 western and middle Tennessee counties. For more information on the program, call 635-3216.

MICHAEL BAKER, of Munford, has been named as the new Computer Operations Technology Program

instructor at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. Prior to employment at Ripley, he taught at ITT Technical Institute in Cordova, where he taught in the Computer/Networking Systems Technology program for seven years. He has been awarded Teacher of the Quarter and Linux Subject Matter Expert. Born in Winston-Salem, N.C., he moved to Decatur, Ga. where he attended DeKalb College and studied computer technology and business. Baker joined the Navy in the mid-seventies and graduated from the Data Systems Technician Class A and C Schools. He completed two additional C Schools before retiring in 1995. In the Navy, he worked with financial, tactical data systems, navigational systems, as well as LAN/WAN and office automation equipment. He is a Persian Gulf Veteran and was awarded the Naval Commendation, and twice awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for Data Systems Engineering Excellence. In 1985, he earned an associate in science degree from Mohegan College in Norwich, Conn. and earned an associate in applied science degree in computer technology from the University of the State of New York in Albany in 1999. He completed a bachelor of science degree with a dual major in business and information systems management from Charter Oak State college in New Britain, Conn. later in 1999. He holds numerous certifications in networking, UNIX/Linux operating systems, internet technologies, as well as micro-miniature electronic repair. He is married to Phairin and his hobbies include antique electronics and is an accomplished gospel and blues guitarist.

CHILDREN/TEENS, HEALTH/MEDICAL

A Lesson in Reducing Your Child's Stress

In spite of living in a world where there are no mortgage payments, doctor bills or car repairs, children experience stress just like adults do. With requirements to meet in the classroom, after-school schedules that are often loaded with activities and the ever-present pressure to fit in socially, children can often grow as pressured as their parents. For parents who might be struggling to deal with their own stress, dealing with their children's can seem like a difficult problem to solve.

Oftentimes, dealing with your child's stress can be similar to dealing with your own. More often than not, children are too busy, just like their parents. Schedules loaded with sporting leagues, dance lessons, music lessons, or whatever your child is involved in can be far too demanding, especially when combined with schoolwork. While no parent wants to instill in their child that it's all right to quit, according to KidsHealth.org, (an online resource approved by physicians and aimed at helping parents understand and raise their children), discussing quitting, even if it's not likely to happen, can be a way of reducing the anxiety felt by your child.

Many times, parents unknowingly put too much pressure on their children simply by pushing them too much. By discussing with your child whether they'd like to quit a certain activity that could be causing them too much stress, your child will likely realize that you



Like adults, children often feel stress, and not just from the classroom or homework.

support them regardless of how they do in the activity. That could likely lead to them approaching the activity with a more positive attitude, which will help relieve stress.

In addition to making sure your child eats right and gets enough sleep, you can also help relieve a child's stress simply by being there to talk to. Adults often find having someone there to talk to, be it a therapist, spouse or even a friend, helps relieve some of their stress. Children are much the same

way, benefitting greatly just from having someone there each day to talk to them about their day and anything that could be bothering them. Such conversations should reveal if your child is feeling too stressed out. If so, ask what the cause might be. If your child feels that you're putting too much pressure on him, reiterate that all you ask is that he does his best.

Another way to help your child cope with stress is to not make your own problems so readily available to them. KidsHealth points out that children can grow as worried as their parents when their parents start discussing troubles at work, financial struggles or other stressful situations. Unlike adults, however, children aren't as likely to see a possible solution, meaning their worries can easily escalate. Plus, children are less likely to discuss these fears, as they might feel as though they'll get in trouble for overhearing or eavesdropping on their parents when adult matters are being discussed. The best way to avoid this is to be careful when discussing stress around your children. Children too often have enough stress of their own.

When thinking about stress, parents should realize that children, like adults, can get it from many places. For parents looking to help their children deal with stress, remembering to speak with them on a daily basis as well as letting them know you're behind them is often the best way of helping. **UK** ♦TF065821

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Fire Destroys Acres



A FIRE, set by Woody Ray, 805 Buckner Rd., near the Eylau Farm, in the Woodville community, destroyed approximately 80 acres Friday, according to Ripley Fire Chief Felix Moore. Ray was apparently clearing out trees by burning them. Firefighters from Haywood County, East Lauderdale, Gates, and Ripley were called to the scene at approximately 2 p.m. "The fire was close to some homes, but we kept it in check," said Chief Moore. No injuries were reported and the investigation was turned over to the Forestry Division.

2 Drug Arrests Made In Halls

Halls police have charged: **Eric R. Brown**, of 364 Cherrydale Rd., Halls, with possession of 15 grams of cocaine and 71 grams of marijuana. Police raiding the home Thursday of last week seized a .22 pistol and a 1999 Honda Accord.

Randy G. Gwaltney, of Halls, reported found at a traffic stop July 14th in possession of marijuana.

GED PRACTICE TEST

The GED test fee will be paid for those who make the required score on the Official GED Practice Test, according to Lauderdale County Adult Education Program. To qualify for the new GED voucher to pay for the test fee, a student must make a minimum score of 430 on the five subject areas and an overall average of 480 on the Official practice test.

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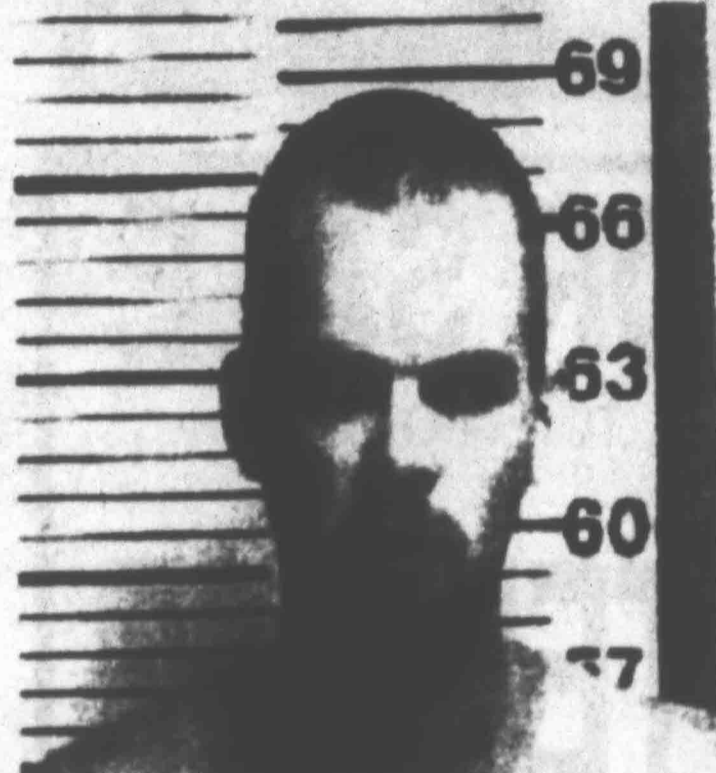


MASTER TUTORS from Northwest Tennessee, including, in front, from left, Ann Pennell, Disability Program Navigator; Charlotte Lee, Lake County High School; and Dave Barger, Munford High School, and in rear, Christi Sutton, Brighton High School; Dr. Vicki Rainey, Dyersburg State Community College Coordinator of Student Success Center; Derrick Quinn, Youth Case Manager; Lori Vaughn, Youth Coordinator; Henry Lewis, Director; Angie Lamb, Obion County Central; Nancy Hall, South Fulton Middle/High School; Kay Baker, Halls High School; Rusty Richardson, Covington High School, attended master tutor training July 23rd at the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board in Dyersburg. The Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board and DSCC are entering into the second round of an innovative Peer Tutoring Work Experience program in area high schools throughout northwest Tennessee. Munford, Brighton, Covington, Ripley, Halls, Lake County, Obion County Central, and South Fulton high schools were awarded a grant to offer a peer tutoring program for the 2007 to 2008 school year.

Two Escapees Are Re-Jailed



Christopher Neal Daniel, 27, of Collinwood, in Wayne County, jailed in Ripley for violation of probation, left work at the Fraternal Order of Police building in Ripley's South Industrial Park about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week and is back in the jail in Ripley.



Jeffery Dale Jones, 26, of Wayne County, jailed in Ripley for violation of probation, left work at the Fraternal Order of Police building in Ripley's South Industrial Park about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week.

Sheriff Steve Sanders is grateful for aid, in his search for Jones, from Ripley police, five Highway Patrol cars, dogs from Fort Pillow, and a Channel 5 television

helicopter. Jones was found about 6:55 p.m. Thursday of last week on Hwy. 51 South. He is charged with escape and burglary of the Fraternal Order of Police Building.

Channel 10 To Feature Museum

The Veterans' Museum in Halls is scheduled to be featured at 7 p.m. Thurs., July 26th WKNO Channel 10 during the Tennessee Crossroads program.

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Readers Speak

Editor,
I am writing to express my opposition to a property tax increase in the Town of Halls. In my two years as mayor, I have been able to pass two budgets without any property tax increases. Some say we should increase property taxes so we do not deplete our reserves. I want to be very clear. The Town of Halls general fund reserve has remained at basically the same level during my two years in office and we have been able to increase the amount of services being offered to the Town of Halls.

How have we been able to do this? My plan to recruit new business and industry to Halls has been working. In my two years as mayor, we have had twelve new businesses come to Halls and one industry re-located to the former Anderson-Hickey building. This has led to an increase in sales tax revenues, which has allowed us to increase the size of the budget without depleting reserves.

Newspaper articles have stated the county has lost three million dollars in the last several years and has increased our county property tax to offset this loss. This is not the case in the Town of Halls.

We have made progress in bringing new jobs to Halls, but we still have a long way to go. We must bring an industry to the Tupperware industrial site and develop new sites for industry. I am fully committed to continue to do everything I can to build an environment that will attract new business and industry.

I am asking that you contact the Aldermen before the July 30th meeting at 5:30 p.m. and encourage them not to increase our property taxes. I want to be clear, if given the opportunity, I will vote against any property tax increase.

Mayor Trent McManus
Halls

Obituaries

Jessica Rhodes

Jessica Rhodes, 37, nurse practitioner, the wife of Paul Rhodes, of 84 Carmack Rd., Ripley, died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were set for Thursday in Garner Funeral home in Ripley, with burial in Carmack Cemetery.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Halls.

She leaves her parents, Samuel and Pat Morris, of 220 Carmack Rd., and sons, Anthony 'Chad' Rhodes and Steven Joseph Rhodes, of Ripley; and a brother, Paul Samuel Morris, of Gates.

Florence Bridges

Florence Bridges, 84, of Ripley, wife of Julius T. Bridges, died Wednesday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were Saturday in the family cemetery on Bald Knob Road near Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Ethel Shaw, of Georgia; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Debbie Hardy

Debbie Lee Hardy, 46, of 456 Craig Rd., Ripley, wife of Mike Hardy, died Sunday, in her home, of heart failure.

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

She was born at Ripley, Aug. 6, 1960, to Leon and Mary Cross Etheridge, of Mason.

Survivors include sons, Dusty and Justin Mayfield, and a daughter, Mindy Mayfield, of Ripley; step-sons, David Hardy, of Ripley, and Michael Hardy, of Mountain Home, Ark.; brothers, Ronnie and Terry Etheridge, of Ripley, and Randy Etheridge, of Mason; sisters, Dorothy Etheridge, of Ripley, and Roxanne Vandiver, of Covington; and 11 grandchildren.

Mabel Wright

Mabel Gore Wright, 92, mother of Richard Wright, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Ridgely Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Curry Funeral Home in Ridgely, where she had worked as hostess, with burial in Zion Cemetery at Elbridge.

She was born at Halls, Sept. 16, 1914, to the late Porter Frank Inlow and the late Mabel G. Carter Inlow.

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

Survivors include other sons, John Tarrant Wright, Jr., of Paducah, Ky., and Tommy Wright, of Columbus, Ohio; daughters, Frankie Don Pierce, of Athens, and Jo Wynne McMurry, of Blanco, Tex.; a brother, Johnny Inlow, of Tiptonville; a sister, Nell Hamlin, of Brownville, Maine; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

James Hareston

James Hareston, 61, of Hobart, Ind., former Riplitan and nephew of Lottie Flagg, of 101 N. Fitzhugh, Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Valparaiso, Ind.

Rites were Tuesday in Hinton and Williams Funeral Home in East Chicago, Ind., Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, assisting here.

Jennie Betts

Jennie Betts, 70, of Memphis, widow of Willie Neal Betts, died July 13th in Detroit, Mich.

Rites were Friday in Greenwood Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Memphis.

She was born at Henning, to the late Otis and Willie Mae Fields.

Survivors include a son, The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Betts, of Hercules, Calif.; an adopted daughter, Joanne Jones, of Memphis; brothers, Willie, Jr., and Everett Fields, of Ripley, and Joe Fields, of Prattville, Ala.; sisters, Lillian Fields, of Henning, Roberta (Mrs. Kevin) Montgomery, of Nashville, and Clastella Hickman, of Knoxville.

Clinton Rucker

Clinton Rucker, 70, of Ripley, laborer, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ in Ripley, with burial in Morrow Cemetery near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Esta; sons, Billy and Tyrone, of Ripley; daughters, Barbara Gooch and Katherine Glass, of Ripley, and Ethel K. Nash, of Henning; brothers, Jack Rucker, Jr., of Ripley, John Rucker, of Chicago, Ill., and Mack Rucker, of Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters, Ethel Lawrence, of Ripley, Dorothy Griggs, of Henning, Gloria Dean Rucker, of Memphis, and Pearl Mae Rucker, of St. Louis, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Verona Cannon

Verona Cannon, 86, of Newbern, mother of Joyce Avery, of Halls, died Monday in Jackson.

Rites were held Wednesday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She had operated an auto parts dealership.

Survivors include a son, L. C. Cannon, Jr., of Springfield; another daughter, Rose Smith, of Jackson; a brother, Bobby Daniels, of Memphis; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Lady M. Harrison

Lady M. Harrison, 96, of Ripley, died Monday at the home of her son, City of Ripley Alderman, Jimmy Harrison, at 145 Tucker St., Ripley.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Edith Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, James Horace Harrison, and second husband, Thomas Dwell Harrison.

She also leaves a step-son, Amos Harrison, of Pope, Miss.; step-daughters, Eldridge Childress, of Ripley, Joyce Fitzgerald, of Oxford, Calif., and Frances Ammons, of Memphis; a foster son, Charles Lindsey, of Ripley; 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

Ronald Bridges

Ronald Anthony Bridges, 65, of 792 Snapp Bridge Rd., Limestone, son of the late P. B. and Flossie Bridges, of Halls, brother of Kenneth Bridges, of Halls, and father of Shawn Crum, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Johnson City Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in Morris-Baker Funeral Home in Johnson City, with burial Sunday in the Huskey Grove Family Cemetery at Pigeon Forge.

He was graduated in 1962 from the Tenn. School for the Blind in Nashville, where he was a state champion wrestler and played trumpet for the *Dixieland Band*.

He was a drummer for three years in non-commissioned officer clubs in Europe, performing with Ernie Ashworth, Little Jimmy Dickens, the Lovan Brothers, Carl Perkins, Charlie Pride, and Billy Walker.

He then worked for Tupperware in Halls for 23 years.

He was a member of the Limestone Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife for 25 years, Opal; a daughter, Rhonda (Mrs. Buddy) Marshall, of Limestone; another son, Dean Crum, of Greeneville; and six grandchildren.

A. W. Cook, Jr.

A. W. Cook, Jr., 82, of Dyersburg, formerly of Halls, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg.

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

He had retired after 33 years as a technician at General Appliance in Dyersburg.

He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Dyersburg.

Survivors include his wife, Faye; sons, Allen Cook, of Dyersburg, and Jamie Brown, of Paris;

Identity Theft Prevention Bill

A bipartisan identity theft prevention bill, which seeks to limit access to other people's Social Security numbers, unanimously passed the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Tennesseans" and all Americans expect that their private information will stay private and not be shared without their consent and then used against them to steal their identity or for other forms of fraud, Congressman John Tanner said. "We believe these common-sense steps will help protect consumers from the improper access to and abuse of their personal data."

The Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act would restrict the sale, purchase and public display of the Social Security Number by government and business to make it less accessible to identify thieves. It would also mandate stricter sentences for convicted identity thieves.

CARD OF THANKS

I'm want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and flowers while I was in the hospital in Dyersburg and Jackson General and since I've been home. God bless you.

Aline T. Smith

Adv.

daughters, Linda Ruth Henry, of Dyersburg, and Lisa Abel, of Newbern; a sister, Patsy Langley, of Atoka; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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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.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will hold its annual revival services at 7 p.m. nightly July 30th through Aug. 3rd with The Rev. William Jarrett, of St. Mark Baptist Church, Henning, as guest evangelist. Guest choirs have been invited including, New Bethel Church, Cherry, on Monday night; Morning Star Baptist, Ripley, Tuesday; Nelson Chapel Baptist, Curve, Wednesday; Bluff Creek Baptist, Brownsville, Thursday; and St. Mark Baptist, Henning, Friday. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located just off Highway 88, between Gates and Maury City, will hold a gospel singing at 10:45 a.m. Sun., July 29th featuring the Anchormen, professionally known Southern Gospel artists. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. No admission, but a love offering will be taken. For further information, call Ashley or Caren Jordan, 731-656-4306.

Lightfoot United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services beginning at 11 a.m. Sun., July 29th with a potluck luncheon to follow.

Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, 104 Fenton St., Halls, will hold its 20th anniversary celebration at 10 a.m. Sun., July 29th with The Rev. Randy Lainhart, interim pastor, delivering the message. The public is invited.

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Boys and Girls Summer Games C.A.M.P.S. (Community Athletic Ministry Programs), as a pilot program. The sports program, within a Christian atmosphere, will be available for ages 4 to 12 years old, with tee ball, volleyball, coach pitch, and flag football. Games will begin July 28th. For more information, call Springhill MBC's voice-mail, 731-635-1377, with name, contact number, and church organization.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ, 146 Osborne St., Ripley, will honor the senior saints at 2 p.m. Sun., July 29th. Elder L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

Elon Baptist Church, 240 Double Bridges-Unionville Rd., will hold its first annual brush arbor revival at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 6th through Aug. 11th, with a different speaker and special music each night. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-836-0496 or 731-285-8957.

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.

Mississippi River Corridor Group



MEMBERS of the Mississippi River Corridor Group, including Gary Myers, director TWRA; Jeff Reece, MRCT planning consultant; Diana Threadgill, executive director MRCT; Mack Prichard, state naturalist; Ron Kroese, McKnight Foundation; John Sheaham, chairman MRCT; Kathleen Williams, executive director Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation; and John Treadgill, secretary MRCT board, met with State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh and Beaton Matthews, Lauderdale County Task chairman, Thurs., July 5th and toured Lauderdale County. The Mississippi River Corridor-Tennessee is dedicated to the economic development, as well as land, historical, and wildlife preservation of the six counties that border the Mississippi River. The six counties that comprise the corridor are Obion, Lake, Dyer, Lauderdale, Tipton, and Shelby. The mission is to conserve the natural corridor along the river in Tennessee while improving the quality of life, protecting the region's natural and cultural heritage and attracting visitors. For more information on the project, visit www.msrivertrn.org.

Birthdays

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

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

July 28 - Herman Reviere, Laddarrus Henderson, Teresa Henderson Queen, Rachel Anthony, Karl Prescott, Rita Dowling, Mike McBroom, Amanda Winn, Jerry Horner, Rita Barnes, Ricky Horner, Heather Hickman, John Parsons, Laura Beth Hill, Jeremy "JP" Williams, Tracy Millner, Maggie Claire Criner.

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

chael McAlister, Jr., Regina McBroom, Lee Grugett, Brandon Paige, Sandra Herder, Leslie Scallions, Jessica Myers.

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

July 31 - Rhea Moore, Donna Booker, Joy Hunter, Ruby Moore, Haylie Rose, Seth Steelman, Beth Carmack, Jere Keen, Lucille Belton, Shawna Vaughn, Trey Hurt, Precious Harvey, Tracy Young, Woodson Criner, Aubrey Akin, Matt Powers, Danielle Welch, Austin Pilcher, Logan Oswald.

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

Anniversaries

July 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cribfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Richmond.

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

July 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Barry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cain.

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

July 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Walker.

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

Readers Speak

Editor,

As I left the July meeting of the Gates Mayor and Aldermen I could not help but be reminded of the verse in I Thessalonians 5:23, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." That verse was prompted by a request from the Mayor of Gates to have the HRL camera removed from the meeting. We are fortunate to have a television station in our county that is willing to come and record the business in our towns, so that those who have conflicts such as work, illness, or other civic obligations can also maintain an awareness of what is going on. The public has elected those people making decisions for our town and the public has a right to know what those decisions are. I also feel that a recording of the town business would be of benefit if there are ever any questions about how a matter was handled. I have not been given a definite answer if Mayor Nance can legally keep the camera out of the meeting, but I feel that ethically he and all of the aldermen would want each constituent to have a fair chance to keep up with city business. Your tax dollars are being spent and the decisions being made affect each citizen of Gates. I encourage you to come out and attend the monthly meetings of your local government wherever you live, but most especially Gates, because that will be your only chance to know what is being done.

Windy Willette

Land Transfers

July 15th-July 21st

Lossie Mae Powledge to Barbara Jean Driver, Dist. 2, lot.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Terry Jordan, Dist. 2, lot.

James A. Vasilko and Rose

M. Vasilko to William Frank Blakley and Betty C. Blakley, 2.0 acres.

Louis Rose, Sr., to Louis Rose, Jr., Dist. 14, 1.0 acre.

Jerry Gay and Toni J. Gay to Hansen Winbush and Denita Winbush, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

U.S. Bank NA to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., Dist. 2, 0.2 acre.

Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., to Carter Custom Homes LLC, Dist. 2, 0.2 acre.

Vonda Emerson to Lena Kirby, Dist. 6, lot.

Thomas E. Bowers and Shirley L. Bowers to Katrina Lenderman, 2.205 acres.

Joseph R. Kirby and Olivia Kirby to Ginger L. Blakely, Dist. 2, lot.

Fred T. Rylant and Trudy Rylant to Brandon S. Jones, Dist. 6, 5.0 acres.

Cold Creek Conservancy LLC to Jasper Jones, Dist. 4, lot.

Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Clifton Fuqua and Lillian Powledge, Dist. 2, lot.

Randy Lankford, L.W. Poston, Jr., Dennis R. Lee, William E. Hendren to Sammie Leo Arnold II and Sara Arnold Conway, Dist. 2, lot.

Richard Thomas Deaton and Carolyn W. Deaton to Beth Deaton, Dist. 16, 5.0 acres.

Perry L. Layne and Sherry Lynn Seeley Layne to Charles Michael Hutcherson and Beverly Hutcherson, 2.0 acres.

Phillip Anthony Glenn and Margie P. Glenn to Jason Ouzts and Ciara Ouzts, tract.

Mike Hutcherson and Beverly Hutcherson to Cynthia Donahue, lot.

William H. Smith, Jr., and Betty J. Smith to Joyce Nelson and Anthony Smith, Dist. 12, lot.

Homesales, Inc., National Defaul Reo Services LLC and First American Asset Closing Services to Stephanie Taylor, Dist. 2, lot.

Pamela C. Hastings and Pamela C. Wong to Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll, Dist. 6, 30 lots.

Higher Education Access Act of 2007

The Higher Education Access Act of 2007 cleared the Senate 78-18 Thursday of last week. The bill increases the maximum amount available to Pell Grant eligible students to \$5,400, eliminates the three-year limitation on deferments for members of the military, grants loan forgiveness to those serving in the public sector, and establishes a grant program to help states further increase college access for low-income students.

"College education is a dream for many children across America and this legislation will help them have the resources they need to pay for school and achieve their goals, said U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN). "Our economic future and ability to compete in the world marketplace depends on having a highly educated and trained workforce. Increasing college access and affordability is a critical part of that necessity and helps ensure that our young people are prepared for jobs of the 21st century."

"I voted for this legislation because it provides significant increases to the Pell Grant program which helps low-income students afford college, stated U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN). However, as we move this bill to conference with the House, I hope that the Senate will reject deeper cuts in the student loan program. I especially hope that the Senate will maintain the difference between the 50 basis point in the special allowance payment for banks and the 35 point cut for non-profit lenders.

Green Acres Mobile Homes, Inc., to Josh R. Mooney and Sara Harrell, Dist. 14, lot.

William D. Taylor, Sr., to Talmage Crihfield, Jr., Dist. 6, lot.

ers. This difference will help to create more choices and better service for students."

Corker also voted for an amendment offered by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) that increases spending on the College Access Partnership grant program by \$176 million. This new program is a state-federal initiative that focuses on students and individuals below the poverty line by providing a variety of educational related services such as help completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), student loan forgiveness, interest rate reductions and financial literacy training. The amendment was agreed to 73-24.

Parent Topics

Campaign To Prevent Underage Drinking Launched

(NAPS) - It's a paradox. Most adults and parents do not believe it's acceptable to provide alcoholic beverages to underage people. Yet a study conducted by The Century Council, an organization dedicated to fighting underage drinking, found that 65 percent of teens who drink obtain the alcohol from adult family and friends.

The study, sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission and supported by The Century Council with data provided by Diageo, was responsible for the launching of a new public-awareness campaign to prevent underage drinking. This new initiative is designed to inform adults that providing people under 21 years of age with alcohol is illegal, unsafe and irresponsible. The 'We Don't Serve Teens' campaign will distribute materials to beverage retailers and community organizations across the nation. The materials remind parents and other adults that providing alcohol to teens can have serious ramifications.

Diageo, an industry leader in promoting responsible drinking, strongly endorses this new campaign and has taken other steps to actively demonstrate the company's commitment to fighting underage drinking. For the past two years, the company has worked with legislators to introduce bills aimed at reducing underage drinking by holding adults responsible for illegally supplying alcohol to minors. With Diageo's help, Administrative Driver's License Revocation legislation has been introduced in 24 states in just two years, and it has passed in seven states to date.

"Underage drinking is a critical issue for us not only as a beverage company but as a company of families—of brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers—who are affected by the consequences of underage drinking," said Ivan Menezes, president and CEO of Diageo North America. "Our steadfast commitment to preventing underage drinking does not stop here. We will continue to fight this battle and we encourage parents to help us by becoming part of the solution."

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Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! Miss Pam, Andrea Tims, and Buddy took me to Dyersburg this past week. We volunteered to help a bunch of unfortunate four leggers who had been mistreated in Obion County. They gave them baths, decrattered them, and then we all played. They were some cute little bugers, but most of them were scared of two leggers. Miss Pam said that they had never been handled before. They were scared of me even after I got on my belly and gave them a lick. They called me a whale and then they all piled up in the corner. Miss Pam had some picked out to bring to Dry Hill, but then she found out that the owner was going to get his four leggers back. She was really mad!

The best part of the trip was when those pups started warming up to the two leggers. Then I showed them youngsters how to roll in the dirt after their baths. I also showed them how to give that helpless look to the two leggers and taught them how to beg. When we got ready to leave, Miss Pam said a prayer for my new buds. Something was special about that moment, and I left with a sense of well being. That praying is powerful stuff. I am going back and teach my Dry Hill buds how to find that inner peace.

Speaking of My Buds, Killer, the runt, went home with Liz and Heather McLemore. A very special five year old, Destiny Rogers, who has taken her last chemo treatment, adopted Doc, a very special black and white pup. Randall Cales, Terry Smith, LeAnn Wright, and Clint Vickery also made four more of my buds very happy.

The two leggers of the Bit and Spur Club, the home of the big four leggers, didn't forget about the small four leggers at Dry Hill. Three of their young took up 105 dollars to help with the expense of our medicine. So three licks go out to Kayla Winsett, Brook Allred, and Kim Cox, who organized this event and worked the crowd. I will say a special prayer for those three. More prayers will go out to Momma Jayne for the dog house, Mrs. Ann Tate, Almeda Bailey, Fran Criswell, Vicki Long and Lisa Grecco for their hard work and donations.

I over heard the story about a football player that mistreated my cousins. Zeek and his buds are sending a protest letter to his boss saying that if Mr. Vick gets to play this year it would be a doggone shame. Actually we want him suspended before things get—as my first cousin Fido put it—ruff. Actually Fido said ruff ruff—that's how strongly he feels about the subject. We told the boss we were going to hound him and there isn't any way to muzzle us.

After all what other animals have given as much to the game of football. O.K., pigs, but besides them. What do you two leggers call a bliz in football? A red dog. What's the name of the rowdy end zone section in Cleveland? The dawg pound. Where would your precious league be without underdogs and pooch punts?

We also hope the boss' bite is as bad as his bark. It is not like we are chronic complainers either. When commentators say a lazy player is dogging it on the field, you don't here a whimper out of us. But this is different. This is a betrayal. Where is the recognition of the role we've played in the game? We've served as the Huskies of Washington and

Christian Swearing

By Rex M. Rogers

I don't know if it's a trend, but I'm certain that Christian people using swear words and even the Lord's name is on the rise. The latter bothers me most.

Walking into church this week I heard a man say "Oh God" as if he'd mentioned the weather. "Oh God" is the No. one way to express virtually any emotion.

Another one involves the word "Lord" or more frequently some version of "Lordy." This I hear particularly in the South. Apparently this is a southern cultural form that hasn't crept north just yet.

I don't know if I missed some bold new interpretation of theology or if Christians are just allowing culture to overwhelm us. I do know that using God's name in vain is constant on television is not appropriate Christian practice.

The Third Commandment instructed us not to misuse God's name. The ancient Jews would not even write the word, Jehovah, yet some Christians let his name roll off their tongues like a common epithet.

Among young people I'm also hearing other words Christians have not typically used. I'll not state them here. One is the "a-word" used by some to describe one's posterior. That word, and its variations, is another one that's frequently used on television and in music lyrics.

The young Christians I hear generally don't use vulgar language—at least not in my presence. But young Christians are using standard "four-letter words." Swearing of this kind has always been a problem, but it seems to be increasingly practiced and accepted.

"Do not let unwholesome talk come out of your mouths," the Scripture says (Eph. 4:29). Using God's name in vain is an offense to the holy God. It is a poor testimony. It cheapens our relationship with him. "Oh God" should not escape a Christian's lips other than in prayer or praise.

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Connecticut. We represent Boston University as the Terriers and Albany as the Great Danes.

And then there are the sturdy Bulldogs, the hardest working dogs in all of football. There are the Bulldogs of Georgia, Mississippi State, Louisiana Tech, Fresno State, Yale, The Citadel, Drake, Samford, and Alabama A & M. We sure can't forget Smokey at Tennessee; he even lunged at a two legger that caught a touchdown pass. That's being true to your school. We told the boss we are about licking, playing, and loven two leggers. That's what we're all about, boss, not fighting to the death. We told him to be the lead dog on this one and don't allow a player to represent his league while he's under indictment for animal cruelty. Hopefully in the future a bulldog stand on this issue will make two leggers paws before they fight and mistreat my buds.

I had my say, so it's so long from Dry Hill Country Club, home of four legger thrills and deals. Call 836-PETS and remember to spay and neuter.

Zeek
(Portions reprinted from Smokey IX and Geoff Calkins column.)

NOMINATION DEADLINE

The final date that nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election, representing producers in a Local Administrative Area is August 1st, 2007. Producers, who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age, may be nominated to serve on the county committee.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

A nomination form, FSA 669A, and details may be picked up at the county office or downloaded from the FSA Web site at www.fsa.usda.gov. Eligible voters can nominate as many candidates as they wish.

To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on August 1st, or postmarked by midnight August 1st.

Marriages

July 14 - Keith Eugene Mabins, 35, to Sylvia Ann Mathis Newman, 41, by Rodney Patrick.

Reginald Lee Alexander, 33, to Melinda Faye Wiggins Jarrett, 38, by Larry L. Dixon.

July 20 - Brian Scott Ingram, 35, to Kimberly Kay Krueckeberg Buckner, 35, by Calvin O. Ammons.

Divorces

Rita Chaires Williams vs. Jerry Lee Williams.

Shelly Marie Harrell vs. Joseph Adam Harrell.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Chiggers and Ticks Fight Over Their Next Food Source

It was a hot July day and the humidity must have been around 125 percent as I struggled to get to a large blackberry on the backside of a half-dried-up thorny blackberry bush. This year's drought has inflicted damage on anything that grows and the wild blackberries on my farm are a testament to the fact that they also need water. The crop this year is about the size of the end of my little finger and the luck of finding a good size berry is rare and far between over my way.

In fact, I saw a chigger and a seed tick fighting over one the other day and they both gave up because it was just too small to fight over. They settled for my ankles instead and committed insecticide death due to all the Deet I had sprayed on my body.

Due to the lack of rain and the spring freeze, berries of all types have suffered this year. The poor development of fruit on plants has also made it harder for birds and wildlife to find enough to eat making them also a competitor for the sweet black fruit on the thorny vines.

As I inflicted the pain of a blackberry bush thorn

to my right arm, I suddenly remembered why I was here. Not because I enjoy pain, getting a heat stroke, or scratching chiggers, but because of my hunger for blackberry cobbler.

There is nothing any better than the aroma of blackberry cobbler coming from the kitchen to make you forget the pain of blackberry thorns. Just one bowl of blackberry cobbler with sugar and butter slowly melting over its golden brown crust is enough to make all of the trouble of picking blackberries worthwhile.

A few years ago, I wrote about the blackberry picking tradition of my family. In fact, if you would allow me, I would like to repeat that little story again. Since I have heard of so many of you going through some of the same type of experience, maybe this little bit of nostalgia can bring back a few of those memories.

Each year during the summer, when I was growing up, there would be at least one day set aside for blackberry picking. That day included the entire family and usually began early in the morning, right after the milking was completed.

We would gather up milk buckets, lard pails, and just about any kind of container that had a handle. All of these would be loaded into the family pickup and we would head

out to the Versailles Knob, which happened to be on my grandfather's farm where I live today. There you would find some of the most luscious berries and enough to give you a full day of all of the picking you could stand.

Berry picking also included the liberal use of kerosene, which is better known as coal oil to many of us. Coal oil rags tied around your ankles were supposed to keep the chiggers away. Sometimes it did and sometimes it didn't. When it didn't, your ankles and waist usually paid the price.

Another fear of picking blackberries is snakes. I would make a lot of noise whenever I would approach the vines, just to let the snakes know that I was coming. It seemed that the bushes with the largest berries, also had the most snakes using the vines as their summer retreat. Many times, I would move on to another location if a snake wanted the bush more than I did.

After loading all the buckets full of berries, we would head back to the house for another round of coal oil. This time it would be in the form of coal oil baths, which didn't do much for your skin, but it did stop what chiggers got past your coal oil ankle bracelets.

Mother would wash the berries in cold water and begin to prepare them for canning,

freezing and best of all, making blackberry preserves. Hot buttermilk biscuits with real butter and fresh homemade preserves is something that no real country boy would ever turn down.

She also saved enough berries for a cobbler to serve for the night's supper on berry picking day. I can still taste those cobblers she would serve.

I also remember rubbing my ankles together under my chair, to take care of the itch from the chigger bites I received from the day's activities. But as they say, "No pain, no gain."

This year's crop depletion took all the fun out of this year's picking adventure for me. However the chiggers and ticks were still there, but we now have Off to replace the coal oil rags, thank goodness. I hope your trip to the blackberry vines was more successful and allowed you to bring home a delicious dessert and some memories.

I just hope you left the chiggers and snakes where they were. You may not be pleased with where they decide to bite.

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A Letter from Richard Parks...

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Richard Parks joined West Tennessee Healthcare as President and CEO in June.

Dear Friends:

You can discover a lot about a community by how it welcomes you. It's safe to say that I've learned a great deal from the people of Jackson and Madison County since coming to town last month. As many employees told me when I first accepted the job as West Tennessee Healthcare CEO, the community here has been tremendously warm and receptive. My wife and I recently commented that of all the places we have lived, Jackson appears to be the most hospitable community.

In coming from one great healthcare organization, Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville, North Carolina, to another in West Tennessee Healthcare, I have observed a common foundation for

success: compassionate and talented people devoted to providing the best possible care for their neighbors and friends. It has been a pleasure getting to know our organization's employees, physicians, nurses, board members, and volunteers during the past few weeks. I can tell already that West Tennessee Healthcare is a unique and special place, one where I am proud to work alongside you and be your co-worker.

I am especially pleased and very humbled to follow in the footsteps of Jim Moss, a dedicated servant and leader who has been an innovator here in Jackson and on the national healthcare stage. I have often thought how does one follow Jim Moss and his 26 years of service to West Tennessee Healthcare? My answer is

very humbly and with much help! I have much to learn and many people to get to know, so please be sure to say hello any time you like. I firmly believe that our success has been and will continue to be a result of genuine dedication to Christian values and leadership and to following God's direction in all that we say and do with our lives. It is our honor to serve God and this community along with you, and I look forward to meeting you and helping build a future for all of us here in West Tennessee.

Richard Parks, President and CEO

Expansion Update

Jackson-Madison County General Hospital has long been committed to providing the best healthcare possible and nowhere is that commitment more apparent than in the hospital's three-phase expansion project that began in 2002. Budgeted at \$116 million, the project will add a new medical tower, a front entrance, and expand the Emergency Department.

Other existing hospital facilities will also be renovated. The entire project is being financed by low-interest, tax-exempt bonds and will not use any public tax dollars.

Phase One: Complete

General Hospital replaced the old Madison County Health Department building with a

new 667-space parking garage. As part of the project, the Health Department moved to a modern building on North Parkway. The hospital also completed the construction of its new technologically advanced Medical Center Laboratory.

Phase Two: In Progress

General Hospital improved emergency vehicle entrances on two sides of the hospital to accommodate greater emergency access. Renovation of the Emergency Department and construction of a new energy plant and laundry and maintenance facilities are now complete.

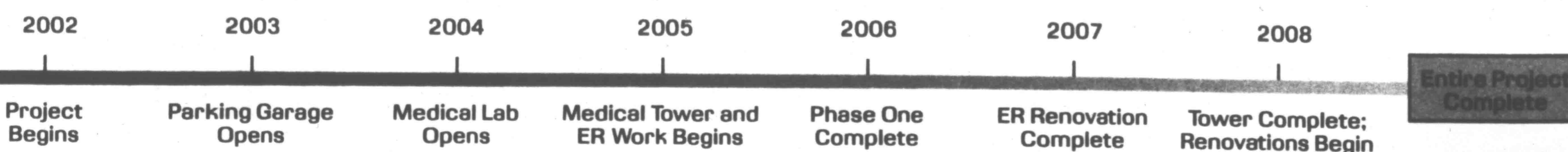
Construction of the hospital's new medical tower is expected to be completed in early 2008. The new tower will provide numerous upgrades for the hospital, including larger and more modern patient rooms, updated dining facilities, cardiac rehabilitation services, and a large waiting area in the intensive care unit.

Phase Three: Future Plans

Once expansion construction is finished, General Hospital will begin renovating its existing facilities. Several hospital departments will be consolidated or moved to allow units to operate more effectively and efficiently. The hospital will also invest more than \$14 million to renovate the 'C' tower, which will house the hospital's pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services.

Why make these changes?

General Hospital is committed to the community and to providing its citizens with the best possible healthcare. This project is the right decision at the right time for the people of Jackson, Madison County, and West Tennessee. There's no better reason to grow. ■



New Medical Center Physicians Tower To Open in 2008

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The Medical Center Physicians Plaza "represents a strong commitment from our physicians to the future healthcare needs of the people of West Tennessee."

- Jim Moss, President Emeritus, West Tennessee Healthcare

The Medical Center Physicians Tower, a new medical office building across the street from General Hospital, will house physician offices and other medical services.

Construction will soon be underway on another medical building near Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Medical Center Physicians Tower, a five-story building totaling approximately 100,000 square feet, will be located on West Forest Avenue, directly across the street from the hospital.

"As the healthcare needs of the area continue to grow, this project is a significant addition to The Medical Center in Jackson. It represents a strong commitment from our physicians to the future healthcare needs of the people of West Tennessee," said Jim Moss, president emeritus of West Tennessee Healthcare.

Plans include an eight-story parking garage with more than 850 spaces and a pedestrian walkway across West Forest Avenue. The walkway will connect to the hospital's second floor and provide patients with convenient covered accessibility to both buildings.

Cogdell Spencer Inc., a real estate investment firm specializing in medical office buildings, has been named developer for the project. The company will oversee building construction management, leasing, and financing.

"Physicians currently on staff at General Hospital are eligible for offices in the building," said Susan Dorr, Cogdell Spencer project executive and vice president. "We hope that patients will benefit from the diversity of physicians and resources available to them in this central location."

The Medical Center Physicians Tower will support energy conservation features including efficient heating, electrical, and air conditioning systems. The facility will open to patients and staff in September 2008.

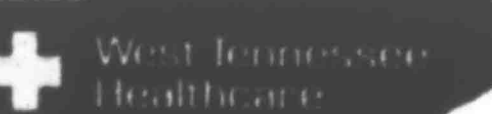
Human Resources Has Moved

Due to the construction on the Medical Center Physicians Tower, West Tennessee

Healthcare's Human Resources Department has been relocated to 511 Roland Ave. The new site provides additional space and will house all 30 Human Resources employees under one roof—something the department sees as a welcome change.

"In our new home on Roland Avenue, we can now offer an efficient 'one-stop shop' for all Human Resources needs including employee health and wellness, benefits, recruiting, employee relations, compensation, and intervention," said Barry Phillips, executive director of Human Resources for General Hospital. "The building will also allow the Human Resources Department to provide higher quality services and an added sense of privacy for employees."

To contact Human Resources, call 731-265-1120 or visit www.wth.org. ■



Tower and Other Projects Nearing Completion



General Hospital's new medical tower will be completed early next year.

The new nine-story tower, under construction since June 2005, has now been enclosed with completed framing and drywall. The 356,332-square-foot structure is expected to be completed early next year and will house more than 200 patient rooms. Patients in the new tower ('A' tower) will enjoy larger rooms with family space and a pull-out couch, wireless Internet access, and more accommodating restrooms.

"We are in the home stretch for this project and we couldn't be more pleased," said Jeff Halter, executive director of facilities management for West Tennessee Healthcare. "The new tower will make patients more comfortable and allow them easier access to their hospital rooms."

To integrate the new tower with the hospital, new room numbering and phone

numbers have already been implemented. Instead of the old compass direction system for room numbering (north, south, east, and west), the new tower rooms will be numbered along with letters (ABCD), according to their nearest elevator. In addition, the hospital recently activated 10,000 new phone numbers, changing all numbers on its campus. All hospital phone numbers are now on the 541 exchange. The new phone numbers correspond to patient room numbers. For patient information, call 731-541-6210.

"Once open, the new tower will do away with the separate entrances for inpatient and outpatient services by forming one main entrance on Skyline Drive," said Tim Adams, director of outpatient services. "This main entrance will be next to the

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*- Jeff Halter
Executive Director
of Facilities Management for
West Tennessee Healthcare*

Emergency Department entrance, making it easier for visitors to access the areas of the hospital that they need."

To improve convenience and traffic for patients, visitors, employees, physicians, and volunteers, Skyline Drive will be widened to five lanes later this year. A stop light will also be added at the hospital entrance.

The Emergency Department

Visitors to the Emergency Department have been using the new waiting room and public entrance since phase one of the expansion project was completed in 2006. This spring, the second phase of construction was finished, adding 22 patient care rooms, including a six-bed trauma suite, to increase the department's capacity to 40 beds. The department sees approximately 84,000 patients a year, a number that is expected to continue rising as Jackson and the surrounding areas grow. These improvements will allow the staff to serve more people and decrease wait time for patients.

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A new ambulance entrance and rooftop helicopter pad were also added to the Emergency Department, allowing critical patients to receive care faster. The department is now accessible by up to 15 ambulances at a time.

In addition to physical improvements, the Emergency Department is now equipped with a mobile X-ray machine. This innovative machine allows physicians to take and view the X-rays at the same time, eliminating delays, without having to move critically injured patients to the X-ray lab.

"The recent additions have certainly made a difference in treating critical patients in the Emergency Department," said Halter. "We are proud that these improvements are giving patients the highest quality of care."

The Food Court

A new Food Court is also in the works at General Hospital. Tentatively set to open in March, the new area will be visible from the new front entrance, making guest access more convenient than ever. Seating room in the Food Court will expand from 225 to 375 seats and will have a more comfortable, modern look. A business center and wireless Internet access will also be added to the facility.

"We hope this new Food Court will be a place where guests and staff alike can be comfortable and find a selection that they like," said Walt McClure, director of food and nutrition services at General Hospital.

A variety of concepts will be located in the new Food Court, including Gloria Jean's, Cinnabon, Salsa Rico Mexican Grill, Pizzarina Pizza, Mein Bowl Asian Cuisine, Skyranch Grill, and Chef's Feature (cafeteria style), which offers deli, salad, and dessert bars.

In addition to the larger serving area, additional cash registers will be available to reduce long lines. The new offerings will join Chick-fil-A, Freshens and Subway, vendors that have served guests at General Hospital for several years. ■

Advances In Technology Provide More Comprehensive Care For Patients

West Tennessee Healthcare is improving its technology network to advance patient care. Although this network isn't visible or defined by a name, it is making a major difference in the way all West Tennessee Healthcare affiliates care for patients.

"We are building a computer-based infrastructure that allows our medical staff and clinicians to access patient information when they need it and where they need it," said Jeff Frieling, chief information officer for West Tennessee Healthcare. "This technology allows healthcare professionals throughout the area to communicate vital patient data and records instantaneously. This is a big step toward improved patient security and safety, as well as healthcare efficiency. This will be a never-ending journey."

This new network began as a strategic plan developed in the mid-'90s at the encouragement and foresight of CEO Jim Moss and the Board of Trustees of West Tennessee Healthcare. The goal for the technology is to change the way healthcare professionals track patient data in order to provide more accurate and comprehensive care.

In 2000, General Hospital took the first major step by automating medical records with a document imaging system. When patients are discharged, their records are scanned into a computer and then stored electronically. Instead of filing paper documents by hand in different areas in various departments, this imaging system compiles all records for each patient in one place that can be accessed securely from anywhere in the hospital and throughout the healthcare system.

All medical images (such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and catheterization results) as well as lab results are also available on this network. In addition, clinical documentation is becoming automated. The Labor and Delivery Department is able to document all activity leading up to each child's birth, and physicians can sign orders and dictate changes in reports

What are the Benefits?

- Patient records, lab results, and medical images are filed together and are more accessible to medical staff.
- Access to a complete patient history reduces room for human error in treatment.
- All patient information is available to a wider health network, including all West Tennessee Healthcare hospitals and affiliates and the majority of clinics and physicians' offices in Jackson.
- Patient privacy is better protected. Fingerprint recognition is required for record access, and the system tracks who is looking at each file and when.
- Improved technology reduces patient paperwork and wait time.

or patient care electronically.

"We're making it easier for doctors to monitor and track patients from virtually anywhere," Frieling said.

For example, if a patient had lab work and X-rays done at a hospital in Camden, this technology allows an ER doctor in Jackson to see the scan and lab results and have a more thorough patient history. Previously, diagnosis and treatment depended on stacks of paper documentation, fax machines, and the patient's recollection of his or her past medical treatments.

Each patient throughout West Tennessee Healthcare is assigned a number that follows the individual throughout any affiliate location. All files are recorded and stored through the patient number. To ensure security and patient privacy, qualifying data from the electronic files must match the patient being treated. The system controls

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In Their Own Words: Community Leaders on General Hospital

Strong leadership has been a signature element throughout the history of Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. In 1950, city and county leaders had the foresight to establish a community-owned hospital that would serve local residents and their successors have had the wisdom to build upon that vision. Generations of topnotch physicians and nurses have provided high quality compassionate healthcare over the years and have helped West Tennessee Healthcare become one of the finest public health systems in the nation, a community resource upon which West Tennesseans can rely in times of need.

That legacy of leadership continues today, as West Tennessee Healthcare begins another chapter in its history of service to the people of Jackson, Madison County, and the surrounding region. Three current leaders, Bruce Bledsoe, chairman of the West Tennessee Healthcare board of trustees, Ed Graves, chairman of the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation board, and Nancy Zambito, superintendent of Jackson-Madison County Schools, shared their thoughts recently about the hospital and its current expansion project.



Bruce Bledsoe
Board Member

Q: What is the first thought that comes to mind when you think of Jackson-Madison County General Hospital?

A: Our mission: to provide high quality compassionate healthcare to the people of West Tennessee. Every member of the General Hospital family is dedicated to this mission, and I believe this dedication is a major reason why the West Tennessee Healthcare system is one of the largest and most successful healthcare providers in the country.

Q: During your tenure on the board, which aspects of General Hospital have changed the most? Which have remained the same?

A: I'm excited about Dr. Dave Roberts' signing on as the hospital's new medical director. Dr. Roberts has been a great addition to our staff, and the physicians have responded well to his leadership.

As far as what has remained the same, I would have to say the culture of love and respect the hospital has for its employees and its patients. That will never change.

Q: What does the hospital mean to you personally?

A: Personally, I consider myself very lucky to have such a wonderful, full-service hospital here in our community. The warm and welcoming environment present at General Hospital simply can't be found anywhere else.

Q: What aspects of the expansion are you the most excited about?

A: I'm most excited about the increased size of the patient rooms and the additional amenities for patients' families and loved ones. I believe these improvements will make our patients feel more comfortable and relaxed.

I'm also very excited that the overall increase in the hospital's size can accommodate advanced medical technology.

Q: Aside from providing healthcare, how does West Tennessee Healthcare fit into the community at large?

A: West Tennessee Healthcare is the largest employer in West Tennessee outside of Shelby County. We employ more than 5,000 people, so we're a major job-provider in the area and an important part of the local economy. A large number of our employees are loyal volunteers in the community and donate their time through special organizations and outreach efforts to improve the quality of life for everyone in West Tennessee. ■



Ed Graves
Chairman,
West Tennessee
Healthcare
Foundation

Q: Why is the expansion of General Hospital necessary for West Tennessee?

A: Jackson is a major hub for healthcare in West Tennessee. We are fortunate that, in many cases, healthcare specialty needs can be met here, rather than sending patients to Memphis or Nashville for necessary care.

Q: In your opinion, what does General Hospital mean to the community?

A: I believe that having one of the top-rated hospital systems in the state, as well as the nation, is a definite asset for the many residents of West Tennessee and has a tremendous impact to our local economy. The faith-based aspect of healthcare means a lot in our community, and the spiritual and physical aspects are exhibited in the caring nature of General Hospital's physicians and staff.

Q: What changes have you seen at the hospital since you've been part of the hospital's foundation?

A: The addition of the Health and Healing Clinic has been a major project that the foundation and the hospital have supported. In an age of costly healthcare, the Health and Healing Clinic provides greatly needed services for those who may not otherwise be able to afford healthcare for themselves and their family members.

Q: What elements of the expansion are you most excited about?

A: The addition of the Ayers Children's Medical Center will provide needed pediatric and adolescent care facilities that would not otherwise be available in our area outside of Memphis and Nashville. ■

Wound Care Center Expands Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

John Coutchure seriously injured his leg earlier this year in a motorcycle accident. A truck collided with his motorcycle and his right leg was crushed and brutally scarred. Under normal treatment, Coutchure's wounded leg would have taken months to heal—but with the help of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) provided at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, his leg is rapidly improving.

"Since I started HBOT treatment two weeks ago, my leg has healed much faster and I noticed the results immediately," said Coutchure. "The staff at General Hospital is great and it's comforting to know I'm surrounded by such nice, wonderful people."

The hyperbaric oxygen therapy program was added to the hospital's Wound Management Center last June and its initial success has led to an expansion of the program's capacity with the addition of a third pressurized chamber. This advanced treatment exposes patients with chronic wounds to 100 percent oxygen by enclosing them in one of three full-body pressurized chambers, which quickly delivers oxygen to the bloodstream.

When a wound will not heal because it is not getting enough oxygen from the blood to the tissues around it, the intensified oxygen exposure from HBOT accelerates the healing process.

"The addition of a third chamber in the Wound Management Center will allow us to treat significantly more patients," said Hollie Smith, PT, CWS, a physical therapist and certified wound specialist who is the center's program director. We can now treat up to 12 patients a day as opposed to eight."

Since the program was started last year, 115 patients suffering from chronic, non-healing wounds such as diabetic ulcers have been treated using this specialized therapy. They receive an average of 10 two-hour sessions over a two-week period.

During the treatments, patients lie down inside a chamber that resembles a glass tube. This allows them to see what is going on around them and they can communicate through a built-in phone. They are also able to rest or watch TV or videos.

For more information about HBOT, call 731-541-5237 or 731-541-4337. ■



Nancy Zambito
Superintendent,
Jackson-Madison
County Schools

Q: When someone mentions Jackson-Madison County General Hospital to you, what is the first thought that comes to your mind?

A: I will always remember being in the emergency room immediately after an accident involving two close friends of mine. The staff at General Hospital could not have been more supportive and caring. We were all very appreciative of their kindness and concern for our friends.

Q: How important is your relationship with General Hospital?

A: I interact frequently with many wonderful General Hospital employees. Our schools have been helped tremendously through education grants written by West Tennessee Healthcare's Business Development and Planning Office. The West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation oversees the Endowment for Excellence and is active in many other activities that support public education. General Hospital was also instrumental in starting the school nurse program in 1997.

I'm grateful for the hospital's dedication to making our community's education system even better and I hope our relationship with the hospital continues to grow in years to come.

Q: Can you describe how General Hospital initiatives such as the school nurse program directly benefit area schools?

A: The school nurse program would not be here today without the financial support of General Hospital. Thirty-one schools throughout the county share seven certified nurses. Having nurses in our schools is a huge boost for the overall health and attendance of students and staff. Numerous data and studies have proved that having nurses in schools decreases absences and having fewer absences translates into more opportunities to learn.

The nurses also provide health education to our students, which is key for the prevention of future health risks. The relationship between the Jackson-Madison County School System and General Hospital serves the families in this community well.

Q: What does General Hospital mean to you personally?

A: It is a great comfort to live and work in a community where the education and health professions work well together to serve the families of West Tennessee. ■

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access to patient files through a fingerprint scan for entrance and creates a log of who is reviewing each patient record.

Information on more than 700,000 patients is currently available through the computerized system. West Tennessee Healthcare continues to expand its health information network. For example, the hospital plans to automate prescriptions and appointment scheduling.

"We believe that if you are consistent in collecting the data and learning from the data, you will reduce variances and opportunities for error," Frieling said. "Then, you are providing better care." ■

What's Next?

- Nursing documentation performed electronically.
- Bar code medication administration.
- Electronic data collection for biomedical devices such as IV pumps and ventilators.
- Physician documentation performed electronically.
- Computerized physician order entry within national clinical guidelines.
- Electronic data exchange with physician offices in West Tennessee.

What General Hospital Means to Me:

Passion for Quality Healthcare, Innovative Therapy

When Bridget Reinmann gave birth to her daughter, Mckenna, three years ago, she already knew her new baby would have Down syndrome. However, she wasn't fully prepared for the challenges that would come along with raising a child with special needs. Bridget turned to the West Tennessee Center for Child Development (formerly the Cerebral Palsy Center) for help.

"The people at the Center taught me what I can do to serve Mckenna's special needs," Reinmann said. "The staff has been wonderful, not only in making Mckenna comfortable, but also in helping our family cope. They truly have a passion for the work they do."

Despite the center's name, the West Tennessee Center for Child Development offers a variety of therapy services to people at any age, with any disability. The Center provides occupational, speech, and physical therapy.

Therapists at the Center incorporate innovative therapy methods as well, using two things that

children enjoy—swimming and horses. Hydrotherapy is a method in which the therapist and patient are in a pool together. The water allows the patient's muscles to stretch and maximize extension during therapy, improving mobility. Hippotherapy is another treatment offered, which uses the movement of a horse to improve balance, posture, and function. When a patient sits on a horse, he or she works muscles that improve overall mobility. Mckenna participates in each of these therapy methods to treat her special needs.

"A combination of these therapies can dramatically improve a patient's functions in everyday life," said Kimberli Moore, manager of the Speech Therapy Department at the West Tennessee Center for Child Development. "We want to help as many patients as we can, so we offer a wide variety of options and schedules to make the treatment effective and convenient."

The Center for Child Development works with parents and schools to reach as many patients



Bridget, Jay, and Mckenna Reinmann

as possible. A full-time nursing program is available for adults and children five days a week. Therapists also travel to many West Tennessee schools on a regular basis so that students with special needs can receive treatment at their local schools.

"Every day with Mckenna is a gift," said Reinmann. "I'm thankful that she's getting the best care possible."

For more information about the West Tennessee Center for Child Development, call 731-668-3322. ■

The Ayers Children's Medical Center Continues To Grow

The Ayers Children's Medical Center continues to expand its services to the community. Since opening in August 2006, it has brought more specialists to the area and has consolidated services to provide more comprehensive care for children. Among recent changes are:

- A new **Outpatient Physical Therapy Clinic** opened this spring in the old Profiles Salon building next to Kiwanis Center for Child Development on Garland Drive in Jackson. The new location for the Physical Therapy Clinic created more space for the Kiwanis Center's patients and visitors.
- The **Cerebral Palsy Center** was acquired by West Tennessee Healthcare and joined Ayers Children's Medical Center in June. The organization was renamed the **West Tennessee Center for Child Development**. Plans are under way to further consolidate services provided by the Kiwanis Center and the West Tennessee Center. "The Kiwanis Center and the new West Tennessee Center for Child Development had very similar missions, and this consolidation under the Ayers Children's Medical Center is a perfect fit," said Ron Kwasigroh, Kiwanis Center director. "We're still

providing the same services; we're just working more closely together."

Services in these departments include:

- **Child Care:** The Early Childhood Learning Center provides child care and educational services for children of all abilities. The Learning Center's unique program allows both typically developing children and children with special needs to learn and play together in a community setting and is available for children ranging from six weeks to five years old.
- **Hippotherapy:** This type of occupational therapy uses horseback riding as a therapeutic tool to achieve goals such as improving balance or muscle coordination.
- **Community-based Services:** Outreach teachers and therapists based in satellite locations provide services, including speech, occupational, and physical therapies, for children who are unable to travel to Jackson for services. Satellite centers are located in Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, and McNairy counties.
- **School-based Therapy:** Every day, therapists provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy for children in school systems across West Tennessee.
- **Occupational Therapy:** This therapy includes behavioral development and focuses on developing fine motor skills such as the use of hands and feet as well as the senses.
- **Physical Therapy:** Physical therapy helps children achieve maximum movement and, in some cases, provides relief from pain.
- **Speech Therapy:** Some developmental disorders cause auditory problems, and speech therapists can work through many of these communication delays.
- **Tennessee Early Intervention System:** TEIS provides screenings and early intervention for children to assess, identify, and develop a plan of action for learning or physical developmental delays.
- **Adult Day Habilitation Program:** Day program for adults with disabilities age 22 (or after high school graduation) and older that includes therapy, specialized nutrition, nursing services, and an individual goal program focusing on functional skill attainment and socialization.
- **Aquatic Therapy:** This therapy uses the unique characteristics of the water in the pool to loosen joints and relax muscle tone. ■

