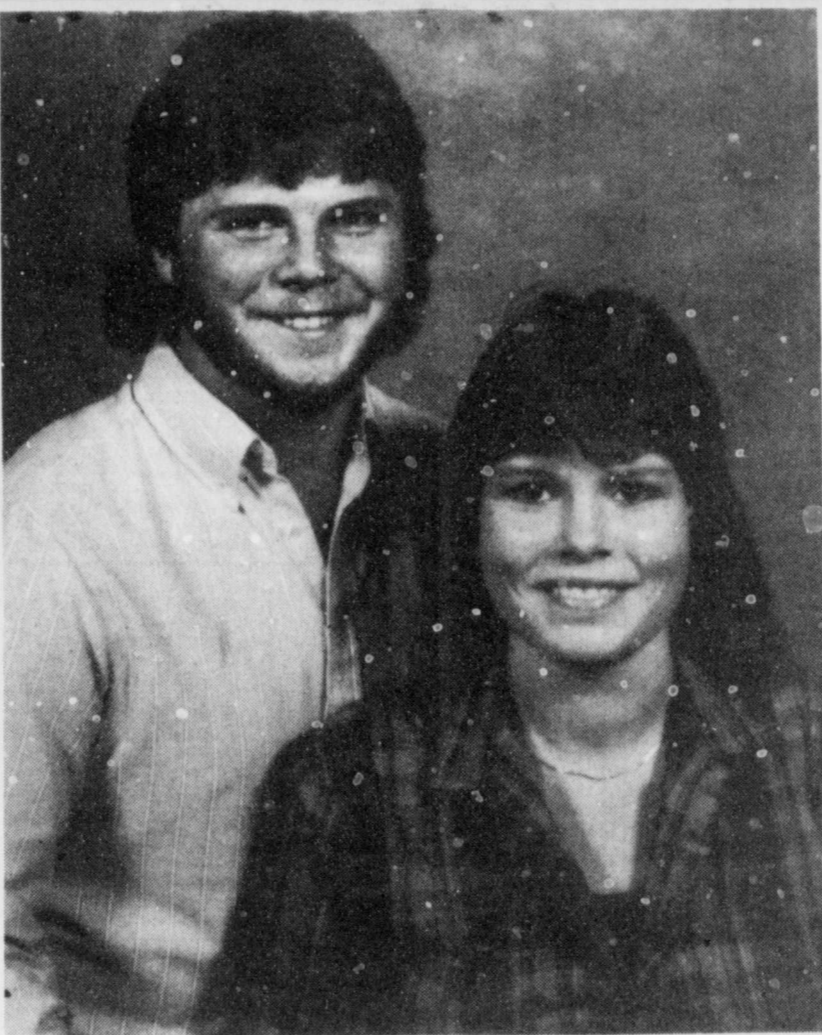




MRS. BERNICE SIMMONS celebrated her 80th birthday when the senior members and guests met for a fellowship in the

fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Talco on Thursday. Her birthday was Friday. (Staff Photo)



Thompson-Logan Announce Engagement

MR. AND MRS. Ed Thompson are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Teila, to Tim Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Logan, all of the Wilkinson community. The bride-to-be is employed by the pharmacy at

Titus County Hospital. The groom-to-be is employed at Rhea's Trialers in Mt. Pleasant. The couple will exchange vows on Friday, March 7. All friends and relatives are invited to a reception to honor the couple at 6 p.m. in the home of Lonnie Thompson.

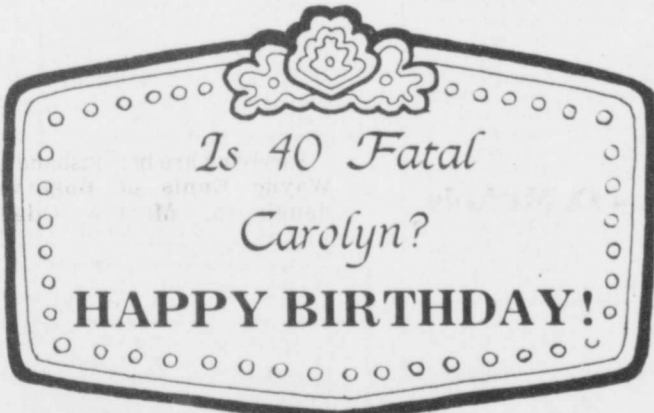
Teila Thompson Feted With Shower

Teila Thompson, bride-elect of Tim Logan was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Wilkinson Community Center. The table setting was done in pink and burgundy. A lace tablecloth with a pink backdrop were used on the serving table. Pink punch and a beautifully decorated cake were served along with nuts and mints. The honoree received many lovely gifts.

Guests were the bride's mother, Mrs. Pauline Thompson, grandmother, Mrs. Dessie Matthews, Mrs. Lillian Thompson and the groom's mother, Mrs. Judy Logan, grandmother, Mrs. Annie Dyke and Mrs. Callie Mae Bynum.



have a nice weekend



Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers

Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Kerbow and Mrs. Lester J. Fosen of Morris, ILL. were in Lewisville last Thursday visiting their son and brother, Boyd Kerbow, who is a patient in Lewisville Memorial Hospital after undergoing surgery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lorene Parker and Mrs. Bessie Sulsar of Detroit were visitors last week of Ruby Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Dean of Detroit visited their daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Looney Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Tucker of Clarksville visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis King Tuesday afternoon.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gandy were Wren Ward of Pottsboro, Marion and Mark Mitchell, Betty and Melissa Rodgers, Sheryl Embrey, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis King visited Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Paris Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Kerbow and Mrs. L.J. Fosen of Morris, ILL. visited the Johnny Kelly's of Paris Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gandy went to Tres Lagos in Mt. Vernon Tuesday and enjoyed supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dugger, Jr. received word that the former Jean Cardwell's husband was very ill with bone cancer. Mr. and Mrs. James Lee and son left after church Sunday to visit the family in Texarkana.

Mrs. Ethel Hill visited a few days in Hooks with her sisters this week.

Several in our community have been planting their gardens this week. The weather has really been nice.

Dick, Jeff and NeLeigh King of Paris spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Travis King.

Richard Gandy joined Molee Huddleston's bus to Atlanta Saturday night to see the Foggy River Boys of Branson, MO. They all enjoyed super and toured the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ward of Pottsboro spent from Tuesday until Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Legate and Stella Ridens.

Someone broke the glass out of the door at Gandy's Villa Friday night causing about \$100 in damage but didn't get anything.

Several from here were in Deport for the funeral of Susie Kunkle War-

Stewart-Anderson Exchange Vows

Thelma Stewart of Bogata and Albert Anderson of Roxton were united in marriage February 21 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stewart of Annona. Jo Ann Rollins and Billy Jack Hurley served as the couple's attendants. Reverend Paul Burkhalter performed the ceremony. The couple will make their residence in Roxton.



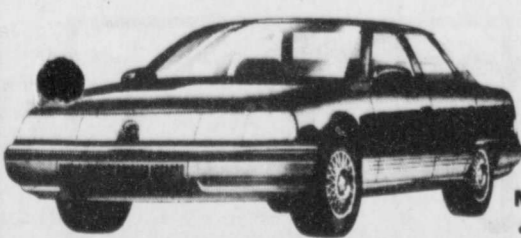
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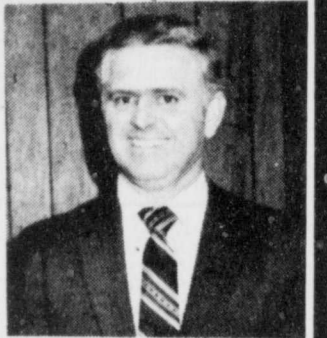
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To The Editor:

There is a point in everyone's life when they have to take a stand for what they believe. I now feel it is the time to speak out against an injustice that is about to befall the teaching profession. The injustice I refer to is the TECAT examination. On March 10, teachers in the state of Texas will be given an examination to see if they are competent to teach. One may ask how do test teaching competency. The state in all of its infinite wisdom has designed a reading and writing test. How can a reading and writing test determine if I can teach? It seems that the state has no grasp on the concept of teaching. I will agree that reading and writing are fundamentals that all individuals should know. Teaching though is communication and an expression of ideas and concepts in a manner that a young mind can comprehend. Teaching cannot and must not be reduced to an ironclad set of rules. Teaching competency has been dealt with all these years by local administrations and school boards. Let it remain in the local community where it belongs. After many hours of consideration, I have decided not to participate in this injustice. I take this stand because of what I believe in not a fear of failing. I graduated fourth in my high school class. I had a 29 composite ACT score. Exams for a useful purpose have never bothered me. I do not fully know the consequences of refusing to participate, but I am prepared to accept them. I also know that many other teachers feel similarly, but due to family considerations, they are nearly forced to take the test. I know that I am only one person and that one person can easily be replaced. I also wish my colleagues the best of luck on March 10. I will not physically be with them, but I will be thinking of them.

Andy Jones
Chemistry/Physics Teacher
Rivercrest High School
Bogata, Texas



ALL DISTRICT-These three Rivercrest students were named to the All District basketball team for District 19-AA. Tony Jasso, senior, was chosen for the boy's first team; Donna Sessums, senior, was also named to the girls' first team; and Charley Martin, senior, was named to the boy's second team. (Staff Photo)

To The Editor:

Would you please print this article that appeared in the February edition of the Texas State Teachers Association "Leader's Digest"? I think it expresses the feelings of most of the public school teachers in Texas.

With the scheduled March 10 administration of the TECAT nearing, the following words from Lubbock television station KCBD might be heartening to those who have maintained all along that pencil and paper testing of teachers is not an appropriate measure of competence. The editorial was written by KCBD Program Director Skip Watson.

"It seems that this argument about testing teachers has been going on longer than the 'Tip and Mitten' primer has been out of circulation. If the argument directs itself strictly to reading and writing, then I do not see what all the fuss is about. Surely the university systems have enough integrity to certify only the teaching students who can read and write. If they do not, then the tests are being given to the wrong people.

"As we discussed this test stuff around the newsroom the other day, I could see why teachers do not want

to take a test. None of my employees wanted their jobs to be based on such a flimsy standard as reading and writing.

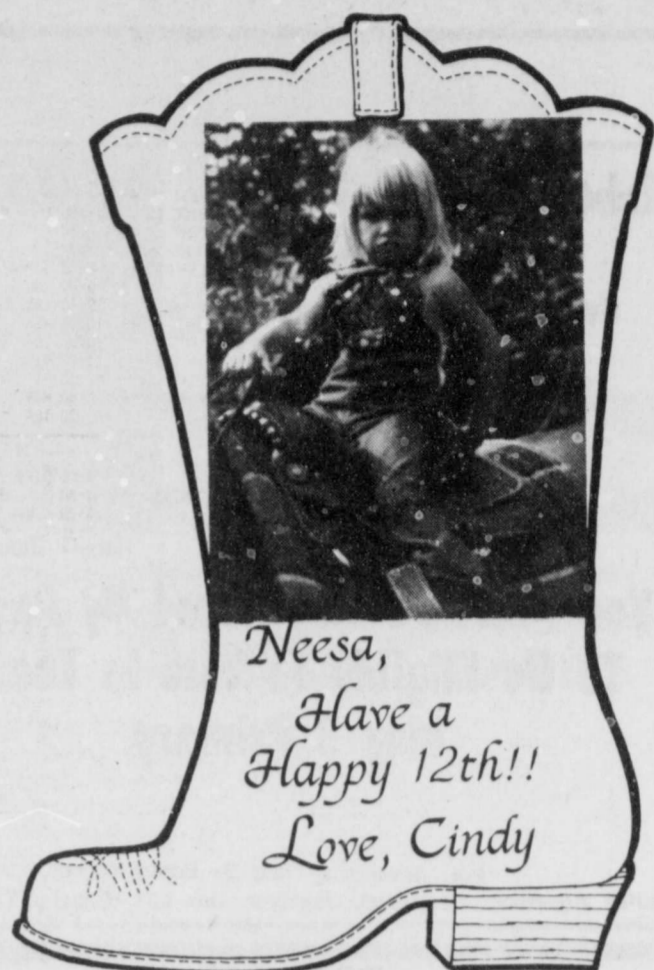
"If we must test teachers, then it makes only good sense that we test the teacher testers first. Are they the same guys who came up with modern math? Are they the same people who gave teachers three to four hours more paperwork a day in the name of good education? Are they the same jokers who, after 131 years, finally gave teachers a 30-minute break for an uninterrupted lunch?

"If they are, then no test is going to help them, the teachers or the students, because the problem is not reading and writing, but politics."

Ann Roberts
Rivercrest High School
Bogata

SCHOOL Menu

- March 10-14
Monday
Student Holiday
Tuesday
Chili and beans
Cabbage Slaw
Macaroni and cheese
Cherry cobbler
Milk
Wednesday
Sliced roast turkey
Gravy
English peas
Mashed potatoes
Hot rolls and butter
Milk
Thursday
Chicken vegetable soup
Assorted sandwiches
Jello with fruit
Milk
Friday
Hamburgers
Beans
Lettuce and tomatoes
Chips
Ice cream



Neesa,
Have a
Happy 12th!!
Love, Cindy

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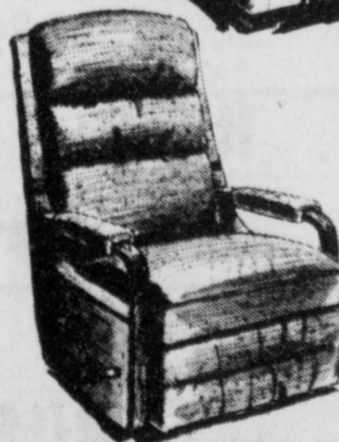
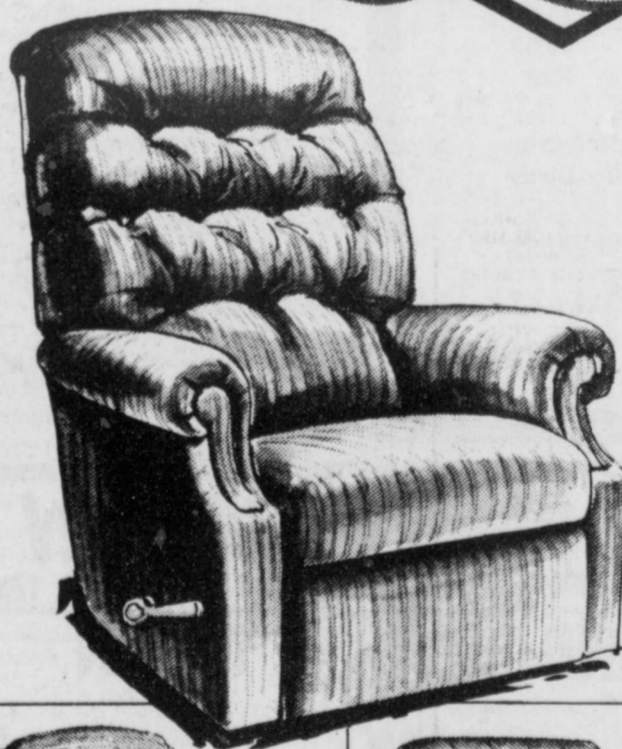
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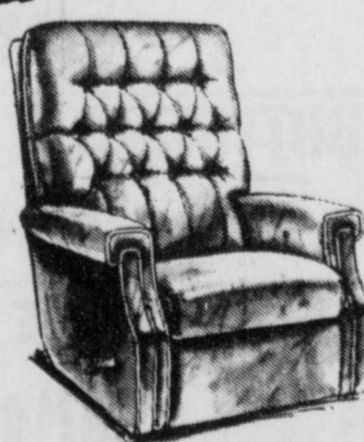
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