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By Nanalee Nichols
No, Ann, you shouldn't eat the dog's food!

At a recent party Ann Lee, who lives with her husband Sheldon at Milton, told this story to us. She made me promise not to print it...but after I begged that it was "just too good to pass up" she graciously consented.

You see, Ann and Sheldon are related to Morris and Mary Lawler, also of Milton. The Lawler's "dog sit" for Ruth Skaggs' dog Pepper.

Pepper is a poodle, and is getting along in years. He sometimes is a little finicky about eating his food.

One day, when Ann came in the Lawler's door they exclaimed "Oh Pepper, here comes Ann. If you don't eat your food she's going to eat it all up for you!"

Ann fell right into the little act, going to the food bowl and making "Yum, Yum, I'm going to eat this good food alllllll up" noises.

Pepper promptly set to his dinner with a will and sure enough, polished off his plate!

From then on it was a sort of family joke. Any time Ann entered the Lawler's home Pepper ran to make sure that his food dish was good and empty. Any time he was feeling a little off his feed Ann could be called upon to threaten to consume his doggy dinner and he would eat it rather than let this woman take his food.

His awareness of Ann's threat to his food extends to his home in Deport, too. Ruth swore to Ann that he wouldn't eat one day when he was at home.

Ruth walked to the window and said "Pepper, you'd better eat, here comes Ann and she'll eat your food!". Ruth claims he rushed to his food bowl and gobbled down his meal!

Ann claims most folks look at her a little funny when she tells this story. "I guess it's all over everywhere that Ann Lee eat 'dog food'" she laughs.

That's all well and good as long as it lasts. What I want to ask Ann is, "on the day Pepper doesn't clean his plate when you merely threaten, are you prepared to actually take a bite to prove to him you actually will eat his food?". That's going to be one tough decision to make!

GTE offers initiatives

GTE officials remind eligible mathematics and science teachers that the application deadline for the company's Growth Initiatives for Teachers grant program is January 7, 1997. GIFT provides teachers with grants for professional development and an educational school enrichment project that integrates mathematics and science in an innovative way.

Each GIFT grant totals \$12,000 and is shared by a team of one math and one science teacher. Of this amount, \$2,500 is awarded to each teacher for his or her professional development. In addition, each school receives \$7,000 to fund an enrichment project. A key feature of GIFT is the integration of mathematics and science in a school's curriculum through a school enrichment project.

To apply for the GIFT grant, one science and one math teacher (grades 7 through 12, grades 6 only if in a middle or junior high school) from the same school apply as a team. Together, they submit a detailed school enrichment proposal which links science and math in an innovative way, including a discussion of the need for the project, as well as its content and a budget. Each teacher submits his or her own plan for professional development.

To receive a GIFT application booklet or for more information on the program, contact Sherry Kimbell, public affairs manager at 972-413-7363. Completed applications must be postmarked by January 17, 1997. Grant recipients will be notified in mid-April.

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Consumer alert!! Watch 809 area codes!

According to the Texas Press bulletin, consumers are advised to watch for any business that uses a phone number with the area code 809. The number is in the Caribbean and in each case, the owners of the number receive a large kickback from foreign telephone companies.

Many consumers are finding messages on their answering machines asking that they return a call to an 809 number. When the number is dialed, the caller receives either a lengthy prerecorded message or a conversation with a person who pretends to

speak in broken English in order to extend the length of the call.

While some people are promised that they have won valuable prizes, the typical story left on an answering machine has to do with information about a family member who has fallen ill or been arrested.

This type of call is difficult to prosecute since it is foreign and the consumer willingly makes each call. The caller's only recourse is to contact the foreign phone company who will likely deny any wrongdoing.

John Denison nominated for award

John Denison, drafting instructor at Paris Junior College, has been nominated by the faculty for the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award that recognizes teaching excellence in Texas colleges and universities.

Denison's nomination will be entered in competition with other nominees across the state. When the final selection is made in May, 10 individuals will be selected to receive the "Piper Professor" award, which carries with it a \$2,500 stipend.

Denison said he was surprised and delighted to be chosen by his faculty peers as the nominee for the Piper Award.

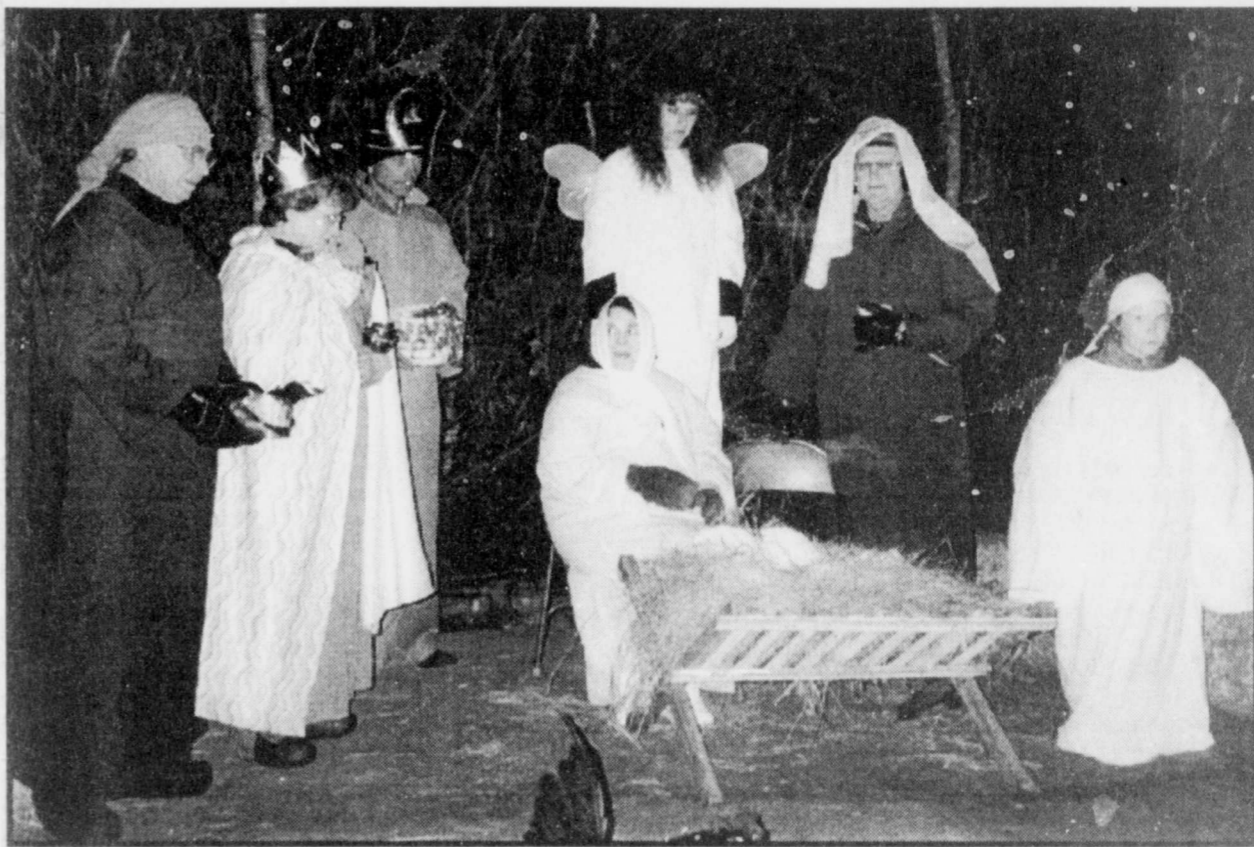
"I appreciate my fellow faculty members recognizing me," he said.

"PJC has many outstanding instructors who are deserving of this award. I am pleased they saw fit to nominate me."

Denison has been a member of the faculty at PJC for 25 years, coming to Paris after spending a year at Jasper High School.

A native of Deport, Denison attended Paris Junior College before transferring to East Texas State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his masters degree at Texas A & M University in College Station.

Denison, his wife, Larann and son, Dru, reside in Rosalie. Larann is a teacher at Rivercrest High School where Dru is a senior



JOHNTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH presented

a live nativity during the Christmas season. (Staff Photo by Judy

Screws)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the stories on the Bogata Telephone Exchange. While they were interesting, not all the facts were presented. My mother, Sue Puckett Hudson, worked as an operator for a number of years for "Uncle Charlie" Pearson when the phone company was located upstairs over the old bank building and then for a number of years for Guy Smelser, both as a full time operator. Myrtle Speir was also an operator at the same time. This was before she married my father, O.W. Hudson. She also worked part time for Guy when I was in my early teens. I even learned to work the switchboard! Mother used to tell me things that happened while she was an operator.

I definitely remember the wall telephone that had batteries and that you had to crank. I even remember that our telephone number was 31. We were never on a party line, but I heard some stories from some people who were on a party line.

I know most people remember Myrtle as an operator but I am sure there are some people who do remember that Mother was also an operator for quite a number of years.

I think that she should at least be recognized as being an operator for "Uncle Charlie" and Guy for all those years.

Sincerely,
Bettye Jane King



MR. AND MRS. CLAUS talked to Dustin and Clay Rose at the open house held at Guaranty Bank of Bogata on Monday, December 23. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

Lions Club meets

Bogata Lions Club met December 19 at the community center. A short business meeting was held. They then moved on to the Christmas Party (a covered dish meal supplied by members of the club). After enjoying the delicious meal they exchanged gifts.

The next meeting will be January 2. All members please make plans to attend.



New Year's Wishes

As a new year unfolds, we wish for you
Success, good times, good health,
Plus love, faith and contentment,
Enlightenment and wealth.

May all your dreams come true this year,
And may troubled times be few.
We couldn't wish for all of this
For nicer folks than you!

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Registration for spring semester is January 8-9

Registration for the spring semester at Paris Junior College is January 8-9 in the Mike Rheudasil Learning Center.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 5:30 each day.

Students whose names begin with R through U will register from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Students with names beginning with V through Z will register from 10:30 to noon. Students with names beginning with N and Q will register from noon until 3:30 and the last names beginning with L and M will register from 3:30 to 5:30.

On January 9, students with names

beginning with H through K will begin at 8:00. From 10:30 until noon, students whose names begin with E through G can register. Students whose last names begin with C through D can register from noon to 3:30 and A through B will conclude scheduled registration from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Late registration for both day and nighttime students will be Monday and Tuesday, January 13-14 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. First day of classes for the fall semester is Monday, January 13.

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Spanish Club to have hamburger supper, Boosters to serve dessert

The Rivercrest Spanish Club will sponsor a hamburger supper January 4 at the Rivercrest-Prairiland Basketball games.

The Rivercrest Athletic Club will sell cakes and pies by the piece at the games. The first ballgame starts at 4:00 P.M.

Memories of a teacher are shared by a former student

By Frances Mayes Rozell

The Homecoming committee received a letter from Robert Rhoads with an article about one of his teachers. We will share it with you. Robert Rhoads grew up in Bogata and graduated from Bogata High School in 1996. He is the son of the late Jack and Commie Brooks Rhoads. His mother, Commie Brooks, graduated from Bogata High School in 1933. He has one sister Nancy Jack Ewald.

Robert is excited about the 1997 Homecoming and plans to be here. He comes to Bogata often and he and his wife, Susan have plans to build a home here so he can spend even more time in the community where he grew up.

Robert and Susan make their home in Dallas and own a very successful business Brentwood Construction Co., Inc. They have given much to Bogata's Thomas Park.

Mrs. Mable Hale
By Robert Rhoads

The articles each week in the paper lead me to think about growing up in Bogata and about special people who had a positive influence on me during junior high and high school times. The name that continues to surface in my mind as an outstanding teacher and person is Mrs. Mable Hale.

Mable was my eighth grade teacher and worked very hard at the three "R's" of education. However, the reading, writing and arithmetic lessons seem to pale in comparison to the other lessons of life that Mrs. Hale

taught us.

I think the one characteristic of Mable that I admired most during high school was that she treated us all alike. A kid was a kid to her. She didn't seem to care what our names were, who our parents were, or what side of town we lived on. She wanted

the best for all of us and seemed to give each one of us her special attention at the exact time each one of us needed it most. She seemed never to get frustrated with us and always laughed.

Mrs. Hale could be quite firm when the need was evident. She knew the meaning of discipline and taught us

about that too. We didn't fool her very many times and she let us know we weren't nearly as sly as we thought.

Growing up in Bogata was a great experience and people like Mable Hale made it so. Those of us who were lucky enough to have had her as a teacher and friend are fortunate indeed.

Robert Rhoads
Bogata Homecoming Committee 1997 members are June Stanley, Sue Huffman, Mary Jo Porterfield, Patsy Ward and Neil Rozell, Box 21, Bogata.

People 'n Things

Thursday, January 2
Bogata Lions Club will meet at 7:00 P.M.

Third Tuesday of Each Month
Commodities will be distributed from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the Bogata Community Center.

Notice
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 P.M. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.



Mable Hale

Obituaries



COOK OF THE WEEK is Sis Case of Talco. She enjoys cooking and visiting with friends and family. She has three grandchildren and loves spoiling them. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Country Cooking By Liz Irwin

Our cook this week is from the Talco area and is an excellent cook and loves to talk and visit with friends and family. She is Sis Case and is married to Buster Case.

The couple have two children, Judy Stevens and Bruce Case and Bruce is married to Tammie. Sis and Buster have three grandchildren, Laura Stevens, Ryan and Rachel Case. Mrs. Case is active in her church

Card Of Thanks

I want to thank my family and friends for their visits, calls, cards and prayers during my heart surgery and recovery.

Margie Garrett

Card Of Thanks

We would like to extend a very special Thank You to everyone for all your prayers, thoughts, flowers, donations to the cemetery and acts of kindness during our mother's illness and recent home going.

A special thanks to Life Tabernacle Church for support, Brother Joe Merrill for his words of comfort and Wood funeral Home for their special care. To all our friends and family for their phone calls and cards

The children and grandchildren of Mary Magdalene Scoggins

in Talco and dotes on her grandchildren, who really keep her busy.

Her recipes include a Marvelous Banana Cake with Banana-Nut Frosting. A delicious sounding Cider-Baked Ham, Candied Sweet Potatoes and Easy Baked Beans.

We hope you enjoy this week's recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Lizzie Lee Wright dies December 22

Lizzie Lee Wright, age 103 of Deport died Sunday, December 22 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Wood Funeral Home conducted graveside services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 24 at Highland Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Campbell officiating.

Mrs. Wright was born March 23, 1893 in Deport to Albert and Eleanor Grant Fagan. She married Charles Reese Wright in 1911. He died in 1952. She was also preceded in death by a son, Capt. Wayne F. Wright, USAF, in 1986. She was a member of the Deport United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Weldon Wright of Monroe, LA; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

January 2, 1997 Sis Case - Talco

Marvelous Banana Cake

- 1 cup butter of margarine-softened
3 cups sugar
2 cups mashed banana
4 eggs-beaten
4 cups sifted all purpose flour
2 teaspoon soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons bourbon
1 cup chopped pecans

Combine butter and sugar in large bowl; cream until light. Add bananas; mix until smooth. Stir in beaten eggs. Sift together flour and soda. Add to banan mixture alternately with buttermilk, mixing well. Stir in vanilla, bourbon and nuts. Pour batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely on wire racks. Spread frosting between layers and on top of cake.

Banana-Nut Frosting

- 1/2 cup mashed banana
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/3 cup butter or margarine-softened
1 (16 ounce) package plus 3 cups powdered sugar
3 tablespoons mild

1 cup firmly packed coconut-toasted 2/3 cup finely chopped pecans
3 drops yellow food coloring(optional)
Combine bananas and lemon juice; set aside. Beat butter until creamy in a large bowl. Add sugar, bananas and milk; beat until fluffy. Additional milk may be added if needed in order to obtain proper consistency. Stir in coconut and chopped pecans. Add food coloring, if desired. Yield enough frosting for one 9-inch layer cake.

Cider-Baked Country Ham

- 1 (15-20 pound) country ham
1 (46 ounce) bottle apple cider
whole cloves
spiced crab apples(optional)
fresh parsley(optional)

Place ham in a very large container; cover with cold water and soak overnight. Scrub ham thoroughly with a stiff brush. Drain. Place ham, skin down in roaster. Coat exposed portion generously with brown sugar. Pour cider into roaster; cover and bake at 350 degrees for 4 hours; basting every 20-30 minutes. Carefully remove ham from cider; remove skin; place ham fat side up on a cutting board. Score fat in a diamond design and stud with cloves. Drain off half of cider. Return ham to roaster; fat side up; coat top generously with brown sugar. Continue baking, uncovered for 1 hour basting frequently with remaining cider. Garnish with crabapples and parsley, if desired. Yield 30 servings. NOTE: a larger or smaller ham may be used. Bake 20 minutes per pound and uncover during the last hour of baking, after fat is scored and studded with cloves. Also, if you prefer, leave the glaze off, but use the apple cider.

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Candied Sweet Potatoes

- 1 cup light Karo syrup
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons margarine
12 medium sweet potatoes

In small saucepan, bring corn syrup, brown sugar and margarine to boil over medium heat. Reduce and simmer 5 minutes. Pour 1/2 cup of syrup into 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Arrange potatoes in syrup. Top with remaining syrup. Bake at 350 degrees basting often for 20 minutes or until done.

Easy Baked Beans

- 4 small cans pork and beans
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 medium onion-chopped
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1/2 pound bacon

Fry bacon until crisp. Set aside. Add chopped onion to bacon drippings and cook until tender. Add remaining ingredients and spoon into a lightly greased 10x6x2 inch baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Lloyd Gauntt

dies December 27

Lloyd Gauntt, age 85 of Talco died Friday, December 27 at Trinity Mother Francis.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on December 30 at the First Baptist Church of Talco with the Rev. Perry Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery.

Mr. Gauntt was born November 4, 1911 in Omaha, the son of Sim and Emma Towler Gauntt. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva Lee Gauntt and a brother, Boyd Gauntt. He was a retired contract pumper.

Surviving are daughters, Thelma Puhura of Globe, AZ and Carolyn Gauntt-Western of Talco; grandchildren, Heather Edge of Talco, Emma Catherine Carpenter of Daingerfield, Samuel Ross of Omaha, Beverly Dutton of Globe, AZ and Donna Puhura of Arizona; and seven great-grandchildren.

James Wilburn Nichols

dies December 20

James Wilburn Nichols, age 69 of Pattonville died Friday, December 20 at his home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22 at Wood Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Rev. L.C. Stout officiating.

Burial followed in Highland Cemetery by Wood Funeral Homes of Deport.

Mr. Nichols was born August 9, 1927 in Red River County, the son of Murphy Columbus and Martha Emma Jane Caldwell. He married Nancy Sue Pettit Barnes on January 14, 1984. He was a retired heavy equipment operator.

Surviving is his wife; one brother, William (Oscar) Nichols of Battle Creek, MI; one sister, Mary Elrod of Bogata; three stepsons, Anthony and Michael Barnes of Pattonville and Nathan Barnes of Ft. Worth. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, William Luther, Ortha, Marvin, John Melton and Marshal Nichols; and a sister, Martha Mae Elrod.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Rosie May Kirk

dies December 27

Rosie May Kirk, age 98 of Bogata Healthcare Center, died Friday, December 27 in Titus County Memorial Hospital, Mt. Pleasant.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Gladewater Cemetery in Titus County with the Rev. Michael Thompson officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kirk was born November 28, 1898 in Carrol County, GA, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Janie Elizabeth McWhorter Willson. She married John William Kirk on March 25, 1947 in Royce City. He died October 16, 1964.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Dean Brownlee, Raymond Brownlee, Roy Tex Lilly, all of Titus County, Johnny Lewis Willson of Australia, Opal Fay Hall of Houston, Cewilla Duffee of Ft. Worth, Barbara Willson of Titus County and Vernell Hitchcock of Boyd.

Zona L. Bailey

dies December 21

Zona L. Bailey, age 84 of Paris died Saturday, December 21 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 24 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Sid Young officiating. Burial followed in East Post Oak Cemetery.

Mrs. Bailey was born December 11, 1912 in Mena, AR to Jim and Fannie Castleberry Ford. She married Lafayette (Pete) Bailey on December 20, 1930. She was a sales clerk at Palace Drug Store #2 for a number of years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Gaylon and Wanda Bailey; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; four step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruby Crawford of Paris.

Bearers were James Crawford, Jimmy Ford, Johnny Crawford, Stephen Newton, Mike Newton, Craig Bailey and Cary Bailey. Honorary bearers were B.J. Crawford and Albert Boren.

Gilbert Allen Huddleston dies December 24

Gilbert Allen Huddleston, age 77 of Bogata died Tuesday, December 24 in St. Joseph Hospital in Paris.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 26 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Huddleston was born August 25, 1919 in Dimple, the son of Will and Mattie Walker Huddleston. He married the former Bonnie Ruth Williams on June 12, 1942 in Clarksville. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Deport American Legion Post and the Parks Elks Lodge. He was a retired operator and owner of heavy equipment.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Ruth Huddleston of Bogata; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Huddleston, Berney and Jamie Huddleston and Rex and Sherry Huddleston, all of Bogata; six grandsons and two granddaughters-in-law, Allen and Stacy Huddleston of Deport, Randy and Liberty Huddleston, Clayton and Cortney Huddleston, Chase and Jared Huddleston and one great-granddaughter, Charity Huddleston, all of Bogata, three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and Loyce Huddleston of Bogata, David and Deva Huddleston of Kemp and Bob and Betty Huddleston of Irving; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by a sister, L.E. Freeman of San Diego, CA.

ReBecca P. Austin

dies December 28

ReBecca Pittman Austin, age 85 of Mt. Pleasant died Saturday, December 28 at her residence.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. December 30 at Bates-Cooper-Weems-Robison Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Clint Davis officiating. Burial followed in Nevill's Chapel Cemetery.

She was born October 21, 1911 in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Charlie and Dona Blalock, who preceded her in death. She was married to Wm. M. Austin for 66 years, who survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas for 36 years.

Survivors other than her husband include a daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Earl Heitman of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Stanley and Cindy Heitman of Colleyville and Steven and Kim Heitman of Southlake; brothers Rayford Pittman of Mt. Pleasant and Carl Winfred Pittman of Billings, OK; and sisters, Verbeth Wyatt, Charlene Black, Thelma Westerman and Frankie Brown, all of Mt. Pleasant.

Winifred Fagan Hudson

Dies December 28

Winifred Fagan Hudson of Park Hill, Oklahoma passed away December 28 in Kansas City, Kansas. Services will be under the direction of Bill Merritt Funeral Home in Oklahoma City. Visitation will be Thursday night at the funeral home from 7 until 8 p.m. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 3 in the chapel of the funeral home with burial in Oklahoma City.

Winifred Fagan Hudson was born June 4, 1919 at Deport, Lamar County, Texas the son of Ona Winifred and Odille Fagan Hudson. He married LaVerne Goode on March 8, 1943 in Bonham, Fannin County, Texas.

His survivors include his wife, LaVerne, of Park Hill, Oklahoma, one daughter, Linda Lawson of Overland Park, Kansas, one son, Phillip Hudson of Scottsdale, Arizona, two grandsons of Scottsdale Arizona, one brother, Virgil E. Hudson of Blossom and two sisters, Mary E. Colflesh and Betty J. King of Bogata.

Sandra S. Edwards

Dies at Age 56

Sandra S. Edwards, age 56 of Paris died Sunday, December 29, 1996 at her home.

Gene Roden's Sons, Directors of Funerals conducted graveside services Tuesday, December 31 at Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Deverle Archer officiating.

Mrs. Edwards was born July 12, 1940, in Paris to Guy Doris and Mary Buford Shelton. She married William Travis Edwards, Aug. 31, 62. She was a member of the Pentecostal church and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Stephanie Wesley of Deport and Leslie Clifton of Paris; two granddaughters, Leslie Nicole Clifton of Arthur City and April Michelle Wesley of Deport; David Shelton of Pattonville; two nieces, Ann Long of McKinney and Marilyn Green of Port Aransas; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, George and Norene Melton of Paris. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Honorary bearers will be Leslie Towers, Carl Wesley, Calvin Day and Larry Freeman.

Ronald Mankins

dies December 19

Ronald Mankins, age 59, formerly of Bogata, died Thursday, December 19 at his residence in Lewisville.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22 in the First Baptist Church in Bogata with the Rev. Walter Buckahan and the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Mankins was born February 28, 1937 in Cuthand, the son of Lester Ottis (Coot) and Lamora Annie Minshew Mankins. He married the former Gayle Huddleston on November 1, 1958 in Bogata. She died February 10, 1991. He was also preceded in death by his twin brother, Donald Mankins on November 30, 1995 and a sister, Pansy Williams on March 23, 1981. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bogata and retired from Texas-New Mexico Power Company in 1992 after 31 years of service. He was currently working part time at the Old Town Meat Market in Lewisville.

He is survived by his two daughters, Annette Hudson and Andrea McKenzie, both of Lewisville; two brothers, Morris Mankins of Alvarado and Dolan Mankins of Bogata; five grandchildren; his mother and father-in-law, Ed and Loyce Huddleston of Bogata.

Pallbearers were Dickie Grant, Neil Grant, Richard Farha, Bobby Pack and Kenneth Jeffery and Duane Bryson.

Robbie Jean Skidmore

dies December 28

Robbie Jean Skidmore, age 64 of Paris died Saturday, December 28 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Graveside rites were held at Shady Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Moore and Dr. L.C. Stout officiating. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Skidmore was born August 17, 1932 in Lamar County, a daughter of Elmer D. and Mary A. Parkess Pomroy. She was a graduate of East Lamar schools and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Clardy. She worked for Philips Lighting for more than 27 years before her retirement.

She married Fred Skidmore on August 10, 1951 in Paris.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Stephanie Skidmore of Clardy; a daughter and son-in-law, Karon and Gary Smith of Vidor; Ciro Peralta, whom she raised as a son; a grandson, Justin Smith of Vidor; a granddaughter, Shannon Draper of Clardy; her mother, Mary Pomroy Stone of Clardy; two brothers and their spouses, J.C. and Barbara Pomroy and Bobby and Judy Pomroy, all of Clardy; two sisters, Barbara Allen and her husband Rex of Blossom and Neva Dillard of Duncanville.

Pallbearers were Rufus Merritt, James Kennedy, Johnny Hatcher, Chet Downs, Bobby Winters and Harold Eatherly. Honorary bearers were Carl Hatcher, James Jackson, Troy Cutbirth, Lewis Clement, Meredith Harper and Kenneth Thomas.

Carl W. Bivens

dies December 20

Carl W. Bivens, age 91 of Paris died Friday, December 20 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 23, 1905 in Atlas, a son of John and Mattie Bivens, and married Lou M. Williams on June 1, 1929.

He was a member of the Southside Baptist Church and retired from Babcock and Wilcox's boiler division.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 23 in Gene Roden's Sons Chapel with the Rev. M.G. Ralston officiating, assisted by Dr. Mike Lawson. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery, Deport.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Jeanette Bivens of Paris; three granddaughters and their husbands, Regina and Burrell Dean Kincaid of Deport, Teri and Bobby Jimmerson of Paris and Lisa Bivens of Paris; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one great-grandchild and 11 brothers, of which he was the oldest.

Bearers were Alfred Fango, Steve Helms, Bobby Kincaid, Weldon Foster, Hershel Blankenship, John Draper, Sammy Bivens and James McGinnis.

Card Of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and generosity of gifts and donations after the loss of our home to the fire. It is appreciated more than words can say.

Bruce and Linda Derek and Colton Hemmingsen

Season's Greetings (and some seasonal ideas to start '97 right)

As the year draws to a close, we want to thank you for the opportunity to provide you with dependable electric service. We also want to offer a few suggested resolutions to get the new year off to a good start.

- 1. Resolve to take a few simple steps that can reduce energy waste. If you have a fireplace, that's a good place to begin.

When the fireplace is not in use, keep the damper tightly closed to prevent warm air from escaping. You also can manage the amount of energy you use by keeping your thermostat set no higher than 68 degrees in the winter and no lower than 78 degrees in the summer.

- 2. Resolve to use good safety sense around power lines. If you're doing outdoor projects around the house - taking down holiday lights for instance - make sure your ladder doesn't come in contact with power lines. And if you have children, make sure they know to never touch power lines with anything.

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Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith
celebrate 50th anniversary

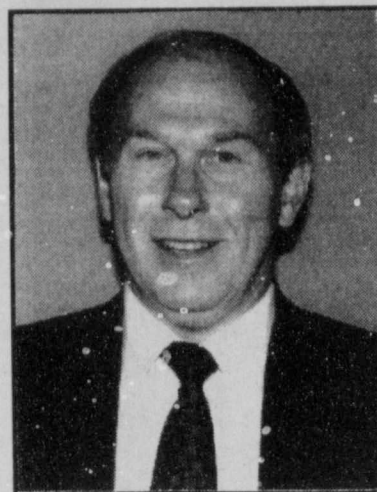
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith honored on 50th anniversary

Weldon Douglas Smith and Melba Joyce Cooper were united in marriage December 21, 1946 in Paris. They were honored with a private 50th anniversary party on Saturday, December 21, 1996 at their home in Bogata by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those who celebrated the happy

occasion with Weldon and Joyce were Randall, Mona and Jason Childres of Magee, MS, Stephen and Brandi Childres of Ellisville, MS, Charles and Jenita Baker of Cunningham, Donoven, Sherry, Brock, Hiliary Baker, Randy, Jenissa and Heather Stephens of Paris.



- Rivercrest Menu**
January 6-10
- Monday**
Lunch
Crispito with cheese
Refried Beans
Carrots
Fruit
Milk
- Tuesday**
Lunch
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls with Butter Honey Milk
- Wednesday**
Lunch
Nachos with Meat & Cheese
Seasoned Beans
Corn
Crackers
Milk
- Thursday**
Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat sauce
Salad
Carrots
Garlic Bread
Milk
- Friday**
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
Burger Salad
Seasoned Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
Milk



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JOHNTOWN LOCALS

By Jana Hawkins
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Dinner guests Christmas eve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Horn & children were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Horn of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Smith and Matthew Speir of Sattillo, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Booker and son Baily of Mt. Vernon, Darlene Hutchingson and son Clay and Kim Sullivan of Paris, Mrs. Ruby Horn of Talco, Mrs. Polly Booker of Whiterock, Mrs. Dorothy Foster and Mrs. Leslie Morgan of Deport.

Dorothy Foster was a dinner guest Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Foster and Ken of Bridges Chapel, other guests were Jenny Foster of AM, Bryan, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brooks of Bridges Chapel and Mr. and Mrs. Low Brooks of Georgia.

Dinner guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Steward were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lee Steward and children of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Moore and children.

Sunday night supper guests of Ryan, Darla and Allix Brunson were Mark, Jana, Haley and Heather

Hawkins.

Robbie Hawkins, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Koren and Ryan Hawkins spent the weekend in Wilmar, Ark.

Holiday visitors in the Drue Pirtle home were: Jimmy, Judy, Jonathon, and Danielle Attaway from Shreveport, La., Dale and Dawn Jean from Austin, Mitchell Jean, Chad Martin, Amber Spencer, Marla and Mandy Williams, Gregg Sherill, Denny Huggins, Vance, Micki, Lindsey and Stephanie Pirtle, Brian, Robin, Kyla and Jesse Harville, Jeff, Kelley, Jacob, and Kristen Harville, Dorothy Foster, Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Donna Strain and Doug Hawkins.

The Friendship Sunday School Class of the Johtown Missionary Baptist Church enjoyed a Mexican Supper at the home of Drue and Billie Pirtle December 14, 1996. Those attending were Robbie Hawkins, Rev. Calvin and Myra Permenter, James and Clara Gaddis, Bob Estill, Dr. Bobby and Chessie Clark, Brenda Lee, Glenn Smallwood, Vance and Miki Pirtle.

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Letters To Santa

We here at the Bogata News apologize to the parents and youngsters whose Santa Letters were omitted from the Christmas addition of the paper.

We simply overlooked them in the scramble to get a record 30-page paper out.

However, rest assured....they went to the North Pole FIRST, so Santa didn't miss them!

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jerred Guerra. I am five years old and I go to school at T. G. Givens in Paris, Texas. I have been a good boy sometimes. Will you please bring me a Nintendo 64, 2 Gameboys, one for me and one for my Brother, Christopher, a Mortal Kombat Ultra. If you can't find my house, leave my stuff at the News Office with my Granny.
 Love,
 Jerred Guerra

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ryan and I have been good. I would like to have a VCR, a football suit, an ABC Computer and a Jumping ball.
 Love,
 Ryan

Dear Santa,
 I want a keyboard and a cabbage patch snacktime kid, Gold and white house shoes, a pink robe and fill my stocking with lots of treats because I have been very good all year.
 Love Taylor Anderson.

Dear Santa,
 I want for Christmas some clothes. (In Style.)
 Love,
 Holly Jean

Dear Santa,
 I want for Christmas a big box of cowboy Leggos. I want for Christmas the new megazords. I want for Christmas some chocolate.
 Love,
 Jason

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a tie down, saddle, halter, saddle blanket, bridle, ropes and roping bag. 2 woodburning sets with Jeremy on it, wolf decorations, spurs, team roping watch, football phone, bicycle tires.
 Jeremy Mankins

Dear Santa,
 For maana I want a ring, for Daddy a pair of boots, Becky some boots and for Franny a train.
 Franny Galyean

Dear Santa,
 I want some jewelry and a 10 speed and a radio with a CD player and some roller blades and 4 pairs of jeans and 3 sweat suits.
 Your friend,
 Dana Crawford

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Ninja Sword, a Safari Jeep, A cassette player, games, a learning computer, Galactic Robot, Air Bomber.
 Love Glen

Devil, Junior Vacuum, A Tuggles Walking Pup, an Easel, a new bike, Toober and Zots, a Nick Lightening Sketch and a Fisher Price black and green race car. Mom says I can't have everything but there is a lot to choose from.
 Thank you,
 Sean Robertson

Dear Santa,
 My name is Carter. I'm trying to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a Big Jake, a car garage with cars and a fire truck with a loud siren.
 I'll leave you a snack. Tell Rudolph, "Hi!"
 Love,
 Carter Kelsey
 P.S. Don't forget my cousins.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jacob Harville and I am three years old. I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me a Big Foot Monster Truck, a chain saw like my daddy's and some Sock 'Em Boppers. My little sister, Kristen, has been a good girl this year too. Please bring her some toys. We will leave you some milk and cookies.
 Love,
 Jacob

Dear Santa,
 My name is Christopher and this is my first Christmas to enjoy. I have been really good all year. I would like to have a fire truck you ride on and a rocking worm, a football, a barking Dalmation Dog. Some clothes, a book of animals that make noises, some blocks and a VCR to share with Ryan. I'll leave cookies and milk out for you.
 Love ya,
 Christopher Kennedy

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie Dream House, Barbie Roller Skates, houseshoes with Balloons on them, a horn for my bike, Barbie Light up shoes, blue mittens a Barbie Car and a Ballerina Barbie with purple suit.
 Love,
 Callie Anderson (Age 4)
 P.S. My sister wants a Ballerina Barbie with a purple suit and I want a red headed Cabbage Patch Snack Kid.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Heather Holt. Heath is my brother. I have really tried to be good this year and my Granny says I'm a "Wonderful little helper". Please bring me a Barbie Doll, a camera to take pictures, some big fluffy Pom-poms and a little Lap top Computer like my Aunt Jen's. Oh, and please bring my daddy a new Rolodex because I accidentally glued his cards together.
 Love,
 Heather Holt

Dear Santa,
 My name is Heath Holt. I am one year old. I have been extra good this year. My Mamma told me you bring really neat toys to good little boys like me. So I would like for you to bring me a sleeping bag with pup pups on it, some little coveralls to wear when I go with my PaPaw and Mammy to check the cows, and a big truck like my daddy's. I'll have to leave you a glass of water to drink with your cookies, because the milk is mine!!
 Love,
 Heath Holt

Dear Santa,
 I am really excited about you coming to see me this year! I would like for you to bring me a big boy bicycle and some new video tapes. My daddy is tired of watching Toy Story every day! While my mommy and daddy are at work, I go to "School", and I think it would be neat to have my own backpack. We haven't found the perfect Christmas tree yet, so just put my gifts under my bed if you need to.
 Love,
 Riley Reeder
 Dear Santa,
 I love you and I wish you a happy day. Please bring me a Hot Potato game, a Chicken Limbo, Toss Across, Penguin Shuffle, Space Shooter, Spitfire by Milton Bradley, Leggo System Race Cars with a gas station, a Buzz Light-year Spaceship, a Dirt

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a doll, clothes, dishes, games and hair barrettes and dress shoes.
 Love,
 Christina Jimenez

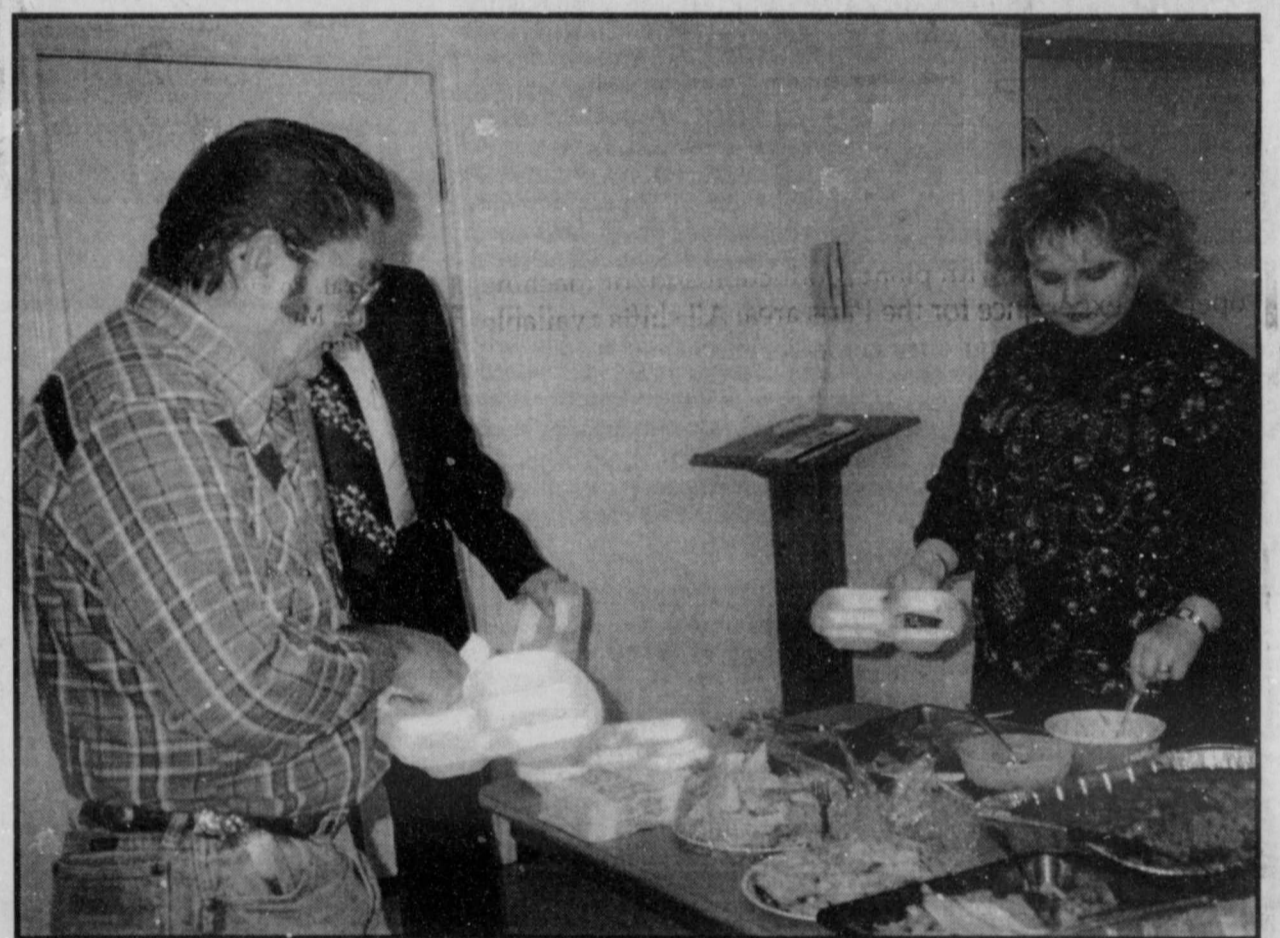
Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I Want a doll and doll stroller, clothes, coloring book, and dress shoes.
 Love,
 Felicia Jimenez

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want cars, a motorcycle, Nintendo games, shoes and cars.
 Love,
 Martin Jimenez

Dear Santa,
 It's Christmas time again Time for your work to begin Hitch up your reindeer all neat in a row. Laughing merrily and away you go! I know that you're coming and it's a blast. As it's always been in the past. Bring me some presents and good cheer, fingernail fashion, funtimes, and make up will do Thank you!
 Courtney Boyd, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Steven and I am three years old. Please bring me a green gorilla, blue dinosaur with black stripes and an orange gorilla with blue muscles. I also like Batman toys and Star Wars.
 Thank you,
 Steven Robertson

Dear Santa,
 Fro Christmas I would like: Baby Go Bye Bye, Skating Ken Doll, Computer, Toy Story and Dancing Barbie.
 Thank You
 Haley Lemme Age 3



CHRISTMAS FROM THE HEART- Bogata townspeople served between 50 and 60 people Christmas dinner at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)



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RED RIVER HEALTHCARE CENTER NEWS

The following represents two weeks worth of visitors at Red River Healthcare Center.

Visiting Mamie Kennedy was Barbara Holman and Maxine and Gaylon. Visiting Raymon Mauldin were Billie Hancock, Shirley Smith, Sandra Benson, Dorie Smith and Kelly and Keifer Williams Kim Benson and Weldon and Joyce Smith.

Ina Ward, Weldon Hume, Paul Hume, Erbert Hume and Lindsey Ward visited Stasha Hume.

Casey York visited with Rhonda Storey, Cindy and Fern Bowen.

Frances Franklin, Deloris Norwood and Sue Martin visited Pauline Alsobrook

Visiting Jewel Rowe and Kate Guest were Laura Stevens, Betty Puckett and Mary Ann Ward.

Terry and Tony Watkins visited Dorothy Watkins.

Nina Hudson's visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hudson and baby, Garrett Wynn Hudson.

John Keith's visitors were Billie Nolen and Louise Ross, Morris Foster, Kay Read, Beverly Babb, Brian Keith, Hester Keith, and Neva Crump.

Visiting Clyde and Ardena Roberts were Katie Brown and Karen Forsythe.

Irene Smith's visitors were S.J. Smith, Linda Smith, Elaine Alford, Joe and Frances Jones, Kyle Jones, Lauren Jones, Donna Smith and Evelyn Roach.

Carmen Hall, Nancy Roberts and Milke Roberts visited Hobert Roberts.

Mary Brown's visitors were Stanley and Jimmy Williams, Eva Watkins and Tony and Terry Watkins.

Inez Gill and Doris Strain visited

Visiting Irene House were Patsy Vandever, Mary Ellen Kain, Linda Eilers, Bernice Beers, Pat B., Wendy Durham, Melinda Crawford, Charles House, Shandra House, Jeanette Morris, Angelenia Morris, Paul, Heather and Gage Morris, Donna House, Walker House, Curtis House, Mary Clark, Mary Smith, Jami Brown, Kim Shoemake, Johnny and Benjamin Morris, Denise and Matt and Marissa Morris and Tonya Tucker.

Sonny Gamble visited Bonnie Gamble.

Visiting Inez Henson were Wanda Morgan, Don Morgan, R. Swarts and Mildred Bennett.

Velma Rector, Dovie Garretson and Jo Coil visited Mrs. Bowen.

Russel Lawler's visitors were Ralph Brown, J.D. Lawler and Ida Lou and Kay Read.

Visiting Jettie Minshew were Jim G. Garrett and Zelma Mauldin.

Inez Gill and Doris Strain visited Alice Craig.

Inez Gill, Leonard Prater of Longview, James and Margaret Prater of Paris, Lou Ann and Wayne Elliott of Princeton, Louada Watkins and Jean Moore of Clarksville visited Gladys Prater.

Dollie Carroll's visitors were Lynn and Brenda Carroll Randy and Lisa Carroll, Mavis Jackson and Ernest and Billie Carroll.

Gwendolyn Bowen, Kenny and Marilyn Loge, and Cotton Garrett visited Hattie Crabtree.

Visiting Barney Alsobrook were Doug and Wayne Alsobrook and Tracy and Mary Ann Williams, Karen Baker, Larry Parker, Jessie and Gerald Sr. and Lou Ada Franklin.

Visiting Worth Baker were Mary Ann Williams, Karen Baker, Larry Parker, Pauline and Albert Mitchell,

Kay Osborne, Connie and Lee Little, Wayne Williams, Cole Murdock and Linda Miller.

Visiting Clara Lowe were Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis and Willie Mae Gray, Johnny Ward and Amy and Sons, Judy and Heath Holt, Jennifer and Riley Reeder and Danny and Jessica Hines.

Visiting Lewis Wilkerson were Paulyne Gibbs, Buddy Damron, Linda Smith, Annette Skaggs, Ray Lou and Kristie Damron and Scott, Dusty and Haley.

Billie Hancock's visitors were Jay Hancock, Sandra Benson, Kimberly Benson, Shirley Smith, Dorie Smith, Kathy Williams, Bobra Montgomery, Randy Hancock, Don Guess, Tiffany Giles and Don and Amelia Bybee.

Billie Hancock went home for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Billie's and Jay's visitors at home during the holidays were Bob and Jitter Thornton from Artesia, California, Bobra Montgomery and Randy Hancock from Garland, Howard and Helen Armstrong of Paris, Duane, Sandra, Jayson and Kimberly Benson of Clarksville, Raymon Mauldin, Jesse and Willie Mae Gray, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Jackie, Linda and Marty Gray, Donnie, Shirley and Dorie Smith, Ike Roach, Brandon Williams and Darian Smith.

Hazel Brown's visitors were Danny Brown, Mary Brown, Tina and Emily Ward and Nina Stoner.

Wayman Bryant and Mike, Naomi Dingmann and C.L. Smart visited Bertha Anderson.

Lucille Moore visited Iva Carr.

Visiting Nellie Butts were Franklin and Dorcas Eilers, Homer and Peggy Butts and Don Shovan

Bogata Locals

By Judy Screws Call 632-5322

Gussie Musick had surgery December 10. She appears to be progressing nicely. She is recuperating at her sister's home in Little Chicago.

Penny Bishop, who is retired from the Air Force and living in Dayton, Ohio is spending the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert Bishop and other relatives in Bogata.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screw; and Tana attended a pre-Christmas get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport on Sunday, December 22. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Roach of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Roach, Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws, Mrs. Johnnie Warren and James and Jenny Asbery all of Deport, Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris, Cory and Beth Spray, of Reno and Susie Ray and Shyanne Roberts of Tyler.

Happy January Birthdays to Jimmy Stringfellow, Jody Stringfellow, Dwayne Young, Crystal Bell, Ross Eilers and Patricia Freelen, Mike Screws and Murl Roach, Neil Rozell, Frances M. Rozell and Morgan Rozell. Happy anniversary to Linda and Ross Eilers and Curtis and June Young.

Christine Baker had Christmas Dinner in Blossom with Billie and Horace Welch. Also having dinner with the Welches were Mary Ann Welch and Arlie Elrod, Mary Ann came and got Christine to come to lunch.

Christine Baker received long distance Christmas greeting calls from her nephew, Billy Baker, Junior in Ada, Oklahoma, her niece and nephew, Cheryl and Joseph Hamilton from Tucson, Arizona, her nephew, from Paul Corbell in Sun City, Ari-

zona from her sisters, Peggy Yale,, in Fort Worth and Carol Baker in Athens.

Guests of Betty and Jerry Dodd of Rosalie Christmas Eve night included; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and girls of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Moore and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eudy and children all of Cuthand, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Roberts and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long and children of Paris.

Celebrating Christmas Day in the Jerry Dodd home at Rosalie were: Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Horn, Linda Farris and friend, Ray of Bogata and Mrs. Neva Whitten of Johntown.

Gary and Anna Moore of Cuthand ate supper with Betty and Jerry Dodd Christmas night at their home in Rosalie.

Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow, Wayne, Lynsey and Jamie Stringfellow, Dan, Vicki and Dee Tabb, Jody, Debbie, Josh and Jacob Stringfellow, Aaron Toland, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Chad, Felina and Jerica White, Paul and Payton Stringfellow, Mary Nell and Randy Hendricks, Danny Tabb, Michael Tabb and Amy Gladden.

Kenneth York of Cisco spent the pre-Christmas week end with his sister, Dixie Stringfellow. Visiting with them on Sunday were Lucille Childers, Doug Hawkins, Jan McCuller and M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd.

Grady Rhodes visited with Dixie and Wayne Stringfellow Thursday. Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow had sup-

per with Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow of Paris Christmas Day. Other guests were Joe, Debbie, Josh and Jake Stringfellow, Aaron Toland, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica White, Paul and Payton Stringfellow and Lynsey and Jamie Stringfellow.

Gussie Musick had surgery December 10. She had many visitors.

Christmas Eve Dinner guests of Jim and Margie Garrett were Lynn and Brenda Burdette, Cory Fleming of Fort Worth Barclay and Audrey Powell and children, Ashley and B.J. from Jakarta, Indonesia, Don and Cheryl Sidler of Plano, Yvonne Powell of Carrollton, Jerry and Belinda Mauldin of Irving, Sussie Meredith of Arkansas, Jettie Minshew, Zelma Mauldin, Ken and Phyllis Duffer of Bogata.

Visiting Jim and Margie Garrett over the Christmas Holidays were Annette Swaim of Houston, Edith Swaim, Dean and Carol Jean Leake of Talco, Bill Dixon of Longview, Cyndi Hopkins of Dickinson, Joslyn Vickers, Grant and Jessica of Knob Noster, Missouri, Julie Moreland and Owen of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Dan and Mary K. Cotten spent Christmas Day in Frisco with their son, Larry Cotten and family.

On Sunday, December 22, Monroe Rector enjoyed Christmas at the home of his daughter, Dan and Vicki Tabb of Miro. Others present were his grandchildren, Danny, Dee and Michael Tabb and Amy Gladden.

Johnny Shows died Saturday, December 28 at Springfield, Missouri. The funeral was held December 21 in Natchez, Mississippi. Mr. Shows was a cousin of Willie May Gray.

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Bogata School Menu
January 6-10


- Monday**
Breakfast
Cereal, Toast & Jelly
Juice, Milk
Lunch
Crispito with Cheese
Refried Beans
Carrots
Fruit
Milk
Tuesday
Breakfast
Cinnamon Rolls
Graham Crackers & Peanut Butter
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls wit Butter & Honey
Milk
Wednesday
Breakfast
Sausage & Biscuit
Jelly
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Nachos with Meat and Cheese
Seasoned Beans
Corn
Crackers
Milk
Thursday
Breakfast
Pancakes & Syrup
Juice, Milk
Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Salad
Carrots
Garlic Bread
Milk
Friday
Breakfast
Cereal
Toast & Jelly
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
Burger Salad
Seasoned Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
Milk

Rivercrest to open district at Lone Oak
Rivercrest Rebels will open their district play at Lone Oak Thursday, January 2. B-Boys at 5:00 p.m., A Girls at 6:30 p.m. and A Boys at 7:45 p.m.
The Rivercrest Rebels will take on District 17AA newcomer in the Lone Oak Buffaloes on Thursday night at Lone Oak.
The Rebels defeated Lone Oak last year in the first round of the state play-offs in overtime. The Buffaloes have three starters returning from that team.
"We will have to cover their 3 point shooters in their guard #33 and the #22 who plays forward and post. We must take away their number one threat in their 3 point shooting. Secondly we must stop their fast break, thirdly their inside game. Then of course, we have to be able to score against their man to man pressure," stated Coach Wood.
Saturday night at Rivercrest Gym the Rebels play Prairiland in a crucial district 17AA match up. B Girls play at 4:00; A Boys at 5:30; A Girls at 6:45 and A Boys at 8:00.
District 17AA is about to start its district play. Thursday's games feature Rivercrest at Lone Oak, Cooper at Prairiland, Honey Grove at Como Picton and Alba Golden at Chisum. Saturday's games have Lone Oak at Chisum, Prairiland at Rivercrest, Como Picton at Cooper and Honey Grove at Alba Golden. Thursday, January 7, Alba Golden will play at Lone Oak, Rivercrest at Como Picton, Cooper at Honey Grove and Chisum at Prairiland. Friday, January 10, Cooper will be at Alba Golden, Como Picton at Chisum, Prairiland at Lone Oak and Honey Grove at Rivercrest.

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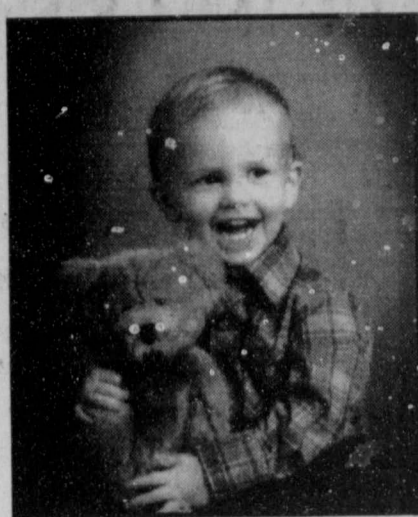
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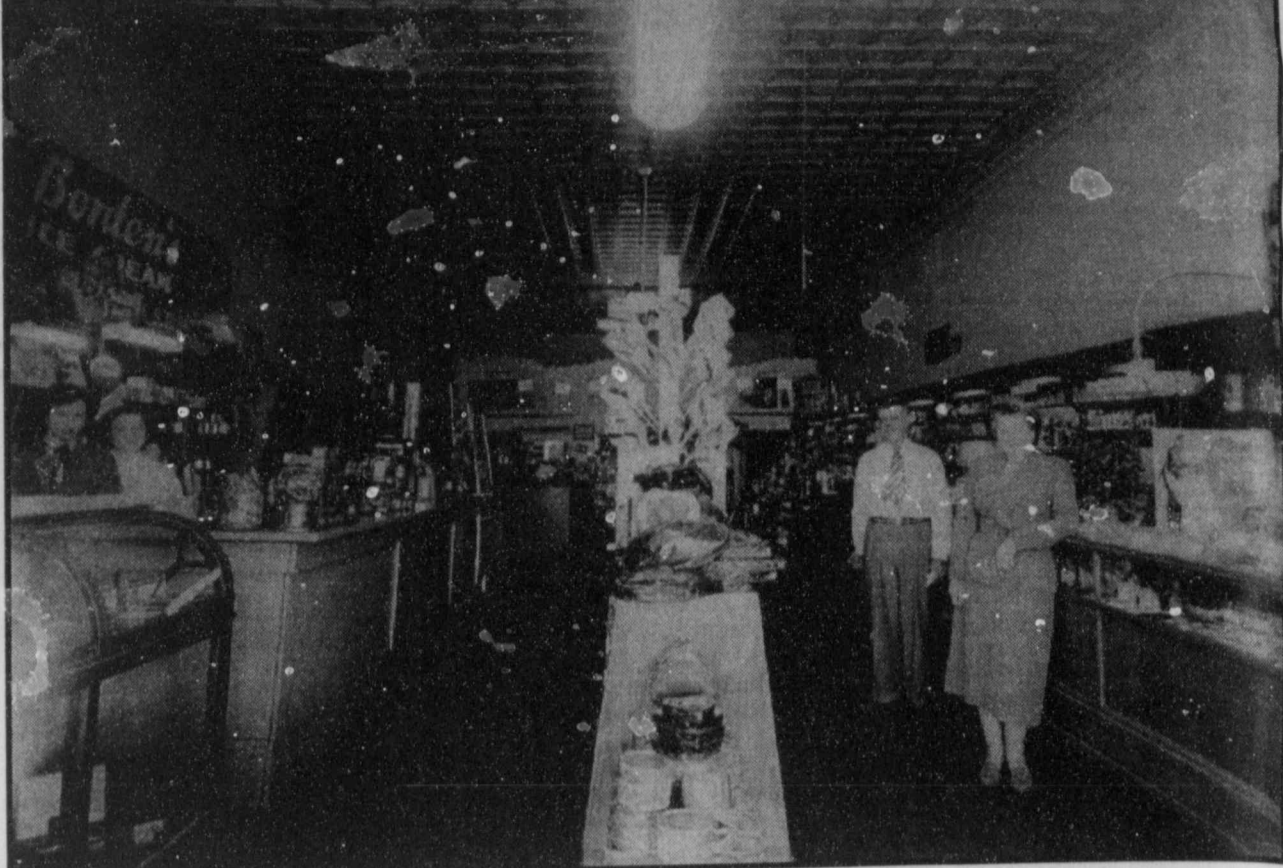
**Wesley Davidson
 Birthday celebrated**
 Wesley Davidson, son of Gary Paul
 and Julie Davidson, celebrated his
 second birthday, Thursday, Decem-
 ber 12.

Wesley enjoyed cookies and apple
 juice with his friends at Little Dudes
 and Darlins' in Deport Thursday af-
 ternoon. Thursday night he had a Bar
 B Que dinner and Winnie The Pooh
 cake with his big brother Jarod and
 his family.
 He received many nice gifts from
 his friends and family.



**Jamie Stringfellow
 Birthday Celebrated**

Jamie Stringfellow of Sandpoint,
 Idaho was honored with an early birth-
 day party Sunday, December 29, by
 her grandmother, Mrs. Dixie
 Stringfellow. Attending were her
 dad, Wayne, and sister, Lynsey, of
 Sandpoint, Jimmy and Linda
 Stringfellow, Paul and Payton
 Stringfellow, Kaley Stringfellow,
 Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Vicki,
 Danny and Dee Tabb and Felina,
 Jerica White. Also visiting during the
 day were Billy Stringfellow, Michael
 and Amy Tabb and Bubba Jack
 Rhodes. Jamie will be 7 years old
 January 25.



Lucille Mayes, Margaret Palmer Bell, Aubrey Buckman and Bess Pope

Buckman Drugstore, Inc. remembered

By Frances Rozell

Buckman Drug began in August of
 1942 when Mr. Aubrey L. Buckman
 came to Bogata and purchased the
 DeVaney Drug. It had been estab-
 lished in 1910 in the building by
 M.B. Peyton. A Mr. Smith from
 Naples owned the drugstore for a
 short time before selling to Mr. John
 DeVaney.

Aubrey Buckman received his
 pharmacy license in 1933 at Danford
 School of Pharmacy in Fort Worth.
 He grew up in Delta. County and
 married Johnnie Worden of Charles-
 ton. He worked in drugstores in
 Munday, Texas; Deport and Talco.
 He went to Stiles Drug in Clarksville
 in 1937. While living in Clarksville,
 a son, Jerry, age 2 1/2 died in 1939. A
 son, Earl Lynn, was born in 1940 and
 was two years old when they came to
 make their home in Bogata in 1942.
 A third son, Billy Lee, "Bill", was
 born in 1945.

Johnnie's sister Lydia, "Sis", lived
 with them in Clarksville. Mr.
 Buckman said he would buy DeVaney
 only if Sis would come help him. Mr.
 Buckman bought the drugstore and
 Sis worked in the pharmacy until Mr.
 Buckman bought the drugstore and
 Sis worked in the pharmacy until she
 married Paul Hamilton of Bogata also

a druggist. She and Paul moved to
 Clarksville and operated the City
 Drug there for 45 years. Paul died in
 September of 1991.

Mrs. Bess Pope came to work at
 Buckman Drug in 1947 and worked
 for about 30 years before retiring.

Mary Bogata ex students can re-
 call their days working in the drug-
 store for Mr. Buckman. The business
 was open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00
 p.m. week days and open until 10:30
 and later on Saturday nights in the
 40's and 50's when the town's busi-
 nesses were booming.

Bill, the Buckman's younger son,
 after graduating from Bogata High
 School in 1963, attended college at
 East Texas State University in Com-
 merce and graduated from South-
 western Oklahoma State University
 School of Pharmacy in Weatherford,
 Oklahoma in 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckman gave the
 Buckman Drugstore to their two sons,
 Lynn and Bill. Lynn owns and op-
 erates a business in Dallas, The Ivy
 House, Specialist in Fine Table Ware
 in old Town in the Village. He sold
 his part of the business to Morris
 Foster in January 1976. The business
 is now Buckman Drugstore, Inc.

Morris was born in Deport, the son
 of Marlin and Billie Mac (Marris)

Foster. He graduated from Deport
 High School and attended East Texas
 State University. He graduated from
 Southwestern Oklahoma State Uni-
 versity School of Pharmacy in 1974.

Bill married Joyce Ann Lewis.
 They built a home on Highway 37
 south of town. Morris married Gin-
 ger McConnell. They live on North
 Main Street and have two daughters,
 Jill, age 15, and Allison, age 11.

Mr. Buckman continued to work
 with Bill and Morris a day or so a
 week until his health failed. He died
 in 1981. Mrs. Buckman died in June
 of 1994. Mr. Buckman spend 35 years
 serving his friends and neighbors in
 this community... in the same space
 that housed Bogata's first drug store
 in 1910.

In July of 1988 Bill and Morris
 moved about three doors north into
 their present location. They took a
 few of the old furnishings with them.
 The Buckman Drug Store, Inc. is still
 the center of business in Bogata. Bill
 and Morris are here to serve you their
 friends and neighbors.

Bogata Homecoming Committee
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**Birthday celebrated
 by Leon Tuck**

Visiting Leon and Ellen Tuck on
 Leon's 87th birthday were: Mr. and
 Mrs. James Freelen, James and Jason
 of Rugby, Kelly Cantrell of Blossom,
 Helen, Jennifer and Wesley Roberts,
 Nannie Bell Ham, Nell Shull of De-
 port, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Will-
 iams, Brandon and Kevin and Gena
 Haggard of Bogata.

Cake and punch were served to
 everyone. The honoree received many
 nice gifts.

The celebration for the evening
 ended with a trip to Fulbright to the
 Fulbright home to see the beautiful
 Christmas lights.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful
 time.



Thursday at 7:00 P.M. is "42"
 time and every Saturday at 1:30 is
 Bingo playing time.

The VFW and its Auxiliary meets
 every second and fourth Monday at 7
 P.M.

Financial women's group meets

The East Texas North Group of
 Financial Women International met
 at Annie's Tea Room in Big Sandy on
 November 20 for dinner. Guest
 speaker was Donna Couch, FWI Dis-
 trict President. She encouraged mem-
 bers to apply for local and state schol-
 arships that are awarded by FWI to

 A teacher affects eternity; no
 one can tell where his influence
 stops.
 —Henry Adams

Christophers have holiday dinner

The families of Lemuel G. and
 Mary O. Christopher had Christmas
 Dinner December 8, 1996 at the
 Hazel Goodbar Center at 3000 Con-
 cord in Dallas.

In the midst of a hurried December
 month the family still took the time
 for a family get together. They had a
 wonderful time of fellowship, eating
 delicious food and sharing gifts. They
 say that most of all it is so good to be
 able to be with everybody. It is very
 important to keep families close and
 united.

There was a count of forty five
 people. Very young, older and all in
 between. They all had a great time.

Attending were Darrell and Sherry
 Warren of McKinney, Lowell and
 Bonnie Griffin of Mesquite, Melba
 Henry of Fort Worth, Joseph Espinosa
 of Fort Worth, Lesa, Cortney, An-

draw and Paden Sperling of Athens,
 Ben Whetley, Paden's friend, of Ath-
 ens, Thomas, Catherine, Lauren and
 Shannon Rawdon of Carrollton,
 Gussie Musick of Bogata, Gene and
 Carolyn Davidson of Garland, Floyd
 and Sarah Bartholomew of Wylie,
 Pistol, Kathy, Brittni and Trey
 Rawdon of Tyler, Carol Sue Christo-
 pher of Dallas, Zebbie, Cody and
 Jessica Cantu of Houston, Edith
 McTee of Wylie, Don and Margee
 Christopher of Caddo Mills, Jack and
 Christine Christopher of Dallas, Rob
 Chaney of Longview, Robert A. Ward
 of Dallas, C.D. and Zella Warren of
 Athens, Tim Rawdon of Denton,
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KEITH MAULDIN is pictured with his sister, Dayna. He is the son of Derrell and Kelly Mauldin. Keith was the winner of the giant stocking given away at Huddleston's Grocery.



RETIREE-J.D. BARNETT of Bogata received his 50 year certificate, pin and U.A watch from Local Union 669 on his retirement. He worked as a

sprinkler fitter for an automatic fire protection service, mostly in the Houston area for 50 years. Barnett is pictured with his wife, Helen. They retired to Bogata where they have family.

BOGATA GIFT SUB

To Jan Hurst and Sam Speir from Willie Mae Speir.



Paula Speir is honored with party

On Saturday, December 28 an "over the hill" party was given in honor of Paula Speir. Paula turned 40 on Saturday.

Jack Dodd off of the Rosalie Volunteer Fire Department started the celebration with sirens. He escorted Paula from Gwen Leath's house to the Bogata Community Center in style, riding in the Rosalie Fire Truck with all the whistles and sirens blaring.

The rest of the party awaited her arrival at the community center where it looked pretty black. The theme of "over the hill" was definitely visible. The birthday cake was black with a grave and tombstone marking the passing of Paula's youth. She was even too weak to blow out the candles! Barbeque was the main course for dinner but good ole' fashioned fun and "payback" were the main attractions. The party was given by Paula's "so called" friends and family: Andy, Teri, and Andy Speir, Gwen Leath, RuAnna Bell, Kay Ross, Linda Eilers and Judy Jackson.



JOHNTOWN LOCALS
By Jana Hawkins
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B.J., Robbie and Jewell McLaughlin had early Christmas in Bowie. Robbie's son's family was there. Saturday, December 28, Nelda Belzung hosted late Christmas dinner at Faye Faulkenburg's home in Johntown. She had turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Faye cooked the good turkey and ham. Those attending were Nelda and Bob Belzung of Mesquite, James Lyle Dodd of Addison, Monique and David Huckabee of Grand Prairie, Joe P.

Farris of Dallas, Linda Farris and Faye Faulkenburg of Bogata and B.J., Robbie and Jewell McLaughlin of Johntown. Gifts were exchanged and all enjoyed the day. Boots Cooper came down for a while before lunch.

NEW ARRIVALS

Dakota Lane Beene arrived on Dec. 18, 1996 weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs, 17 1/2 inches long. Parents are Danny and Darla Beene of Talco. Dakota joins brother, Dalton. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bryan of Winfield. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Keith (Fat) Smith of Talco and Bobbie Fitch of Mt. Vernon.

Richard Lee Forsyth arrived at 12:49 p.m. on Dec. 23, 1996 weighing 4 lbs. 12 ozs., 17 inches long. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Forsyth of Talco. Richard joins sisters Amber and Jessica and brother Jimmy. Grandparents are David Stephen of Talco and Ruie Forsyth of Mt. Vernon.

TALCO GIFT SUBS

- To T.J. Williams from Wayne and Jelu Binion.
- To Mike Medlin from Ann Roberts.
- To Derrell Stockton from Cecil Stockton.
- To Ginger Bruce and Mark Harris from Yvonne Harris.
- To Mrs. Hubert Smith and Allan Fussell from Mrs. Omie Hanks.

People & Things

The Rivercrest Cheerleaders have tattoos and ribbons on sale at the Talco, Bogata and Rivercrest campuses on Thursdays and Fridays. Ei-

ther item is .50 cents and may be purchased in the school offices. Support your cheerleaders while supporting your team.

Get your Rebel Pride bumper stickers and support the school in all activities. They can be purchased at Rivercrest High School for \$1.00 each.

The Talco-Bogata Tax Office will be closed Dec. 23 to Dec. 28. The office will be open Dec. 30 and Dec. 31. It will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 2 and will reopen on Jan. 3 to bring the new year.

The Rivercrest Seniors are reminded to turn in their baby pictures by Jan. 10 for the year book.

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Varsity and Rebel JV and Varsity will travel to Lone Oak Jan. 2 with play beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Lady Rebel and Rebel JV and Varsity teams will host Prairiland on Friday, Jan. 4 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the teams as they enter district play.

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