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By Nanalee Nichols

I know better. Of course I know better. After this many years I KNOW better!

But I fall for it anyway.

My husband maintains that his wife's people will LIE to you.

He's been in the family too long not to have figured that out.

Over the years he's been regaled with tales of "Brooklyn Boys" dancing in the moonlight, mountain cows with legs shorter on one side than the other, and recipes for foods that take rather bizarre twists. When that certain gleam comes into my father's eye it's best to listen to the story he tells with a certain amount of suspicion.

But every now and again he manages to sneak one by.

Those of you who were out and about Tuesday of this week know it was foggy, a fog so heavy it felt more like breathing water than air...so foggy that it beaded up on everything. Just one tiny push would have sent it from fog to rain.

Tuesday morning is when Dad makes the rounds for us, gathering news, mail and film up from a number of locations and bringing it back to the central office.

He arrived back in the fog safely, handed us the stuff and proceeded to regale us with his tale.

Being busy, I missed the sparkle in his eye.

"I was driving along on a farm to market road," he said calmly, "when I began to see something really strange. I was only driving about 40 miles per hour, and I wasn't gaining on whatever it was very fast".

"Umhum" I said, only half way paying attention as I flipped through the mail.

"As I got closer and closer it looked stranger and stranger" he continued. "There was something really big...or rather two things really big moving right down my lane of the road. They moved in a most peculiar way, bobbing ever which way, and I couldn't quite figure it out" he continued.

By that time I stopped to listen because his tone of voice was so completely serious. So had every one else in the place.

"Yep" he finished up "I drove right up behind these moving objects and what in the heck do you think it was?"

We all looked at him expectantly.

"It was two catfish, weighed about 45 lbs. each, and they were chasing a big old bullfrog right down the middle of the road" he exclaimed!

Well, we had fallen for his tale all right. He grinned wickedly, muttered something about not seeing too much road kill catfish these days, and left.

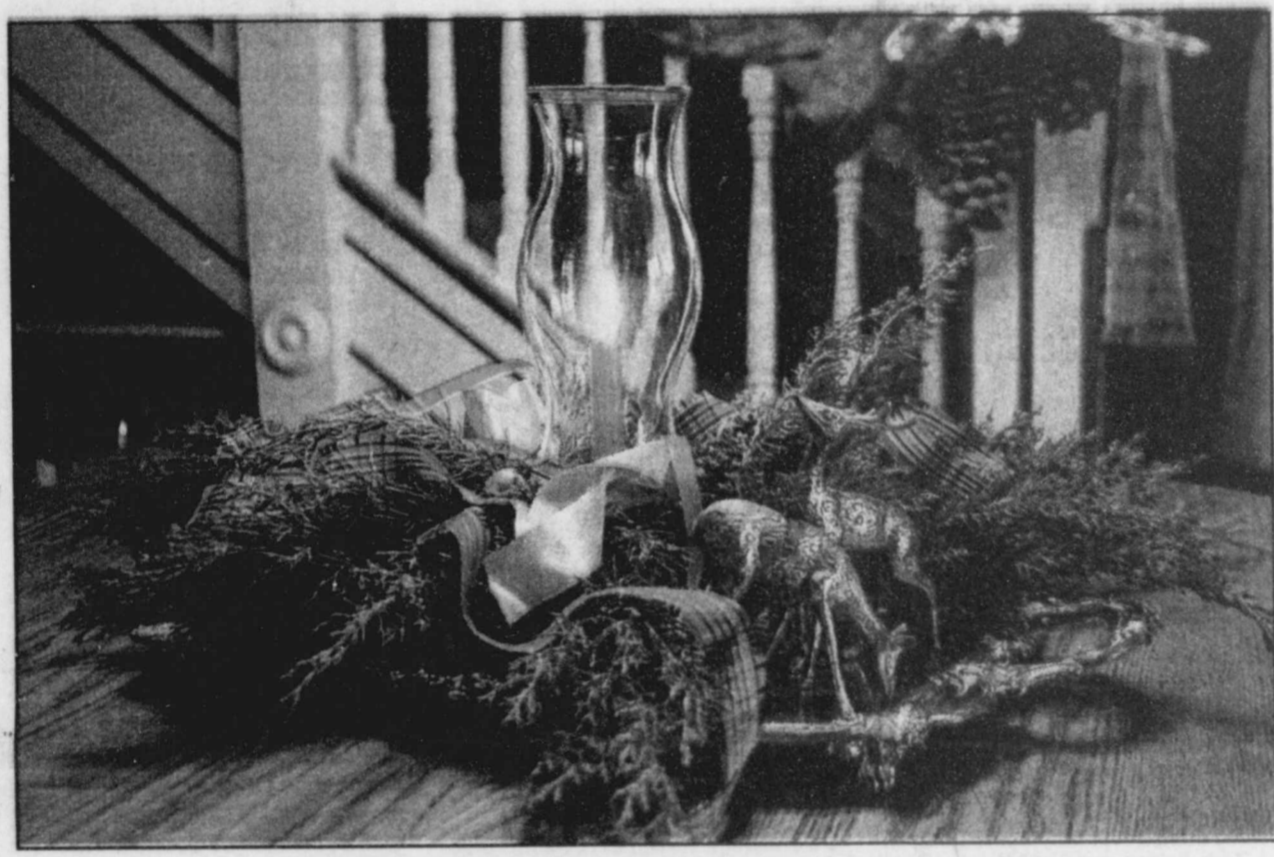
We giggled ruefully about falling for his catfish and bullfrog tale, then went to lunch.

Do you suppose it was just a coincidence that the menu for the day featured fresh catfish? Hmmm, I wonder?



# Deport Times

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**CHRISTMAS COMES!** Let there be joy! This centerpiece uses the warm glow of candlelight to symbolize the light Christ brought into the world, and evergreen to represent everlasting life. The season for joy is here. May all share in it's beauty. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**TOTALLED**-the Deport Volunteer Fire Department's Pumper truck lies destroyed on it's side after being stolen and wrecked

north of Deport on a county road last Friday morning. Killed in the accident was Gaylor Fra-

zier, age 19, of Deport. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

## Death, Destruction Result From Firetruck Theft

The Deport Volunteer Firemen met Monday night to lay careful plans on what to do in case of a major structure fire within the city limits.

This was after the city's pumper truck was completely totalled in the early hours of last Friday, December 19, leaving one dead and an investigation ongoing.

Dead is Gaylor Courtney Frazier, age 19, of Deport, who apparently died of internal injuries suffered when he was thrown from the pumper truck after it was stolen that same night.

The vehicle was taken from the Deport Volunteer Fire Station, with the bay doors being lowered and locked behind the vehicle.

The crash occurred north of Deport on a county road, as the truck maneuvered a series of turns in heavy fog, then left the road on a straight stretch. According to DPS Trooper Don Watson the vehicle "essentially left the road to the right, striking two pine trees, causing the truck to turn over to the left". "The vehicle went into a broad slide and ejected Fra-

zier".

The fire truck came to a stop in the yard of Ken and Pam Hunt.

Investigation continues into the possibility that there may have been others involved in the incident.

The tragedy leaves the city of Deport facing several serious problems.

The pumper truck was totalled, and it is the fire truck which enables the city of Deport to meet insurance "key rates" which give a substantially lower insurance rate to home-

owners.

Fortunately for the city, the new truck purchased three years ago will serve as effective fire protection until a pumper truck that will meet insurance requirements can be located and financed. The "new truck" comes very close to meeting specifications, and was purchased to serve as a back up unit to the pumper truck as well as fighting fire outside the city limits. (3/4ths of all fires Deport responds to are outside the city limits). When the department decided they needed a backup they envisioned breakdowns, not total destruction, however.

Mayor Charles Foster has contacted the Ark-Tex of Governments and officials in Austin and Washington on the possibility of obtaining grants to help finance another pumper since insurance will not cover the full cost of replacement.

The town and the firemen are shocked by the theft and death.

In addition to the destruction of the vehicle itself, several lengths of hose, extremely expensive air packs, drafting lines which had just been purchased this year, flashlights, ladders, and other expensive items were damaged or destroyed in the crash.

Although this is the first incident in over forty years of the fire station, plans are underway to provide a system that will deter theft from ever happening again.

"We've just never had this kind of problem" Fire Chief Duane Glover says sadly.

## Nanalee Nichols Featured In Texas Press Messenger

The publisher of five newspapers has been featured in a front-page article in the Texas Press Messenger, an official publication of the Texas Press Association.

Nanalee Nichols, along with her husband Thomas owns and operates the Bogata News, Talco Times, Blossom Times, Deport Times and Detroit Weekly.

These papers cover the news in Lamar, Red River and Titus Counties.

The article tells how Mrs. Nichols, whose father, grandfather and brother, as well as her uncle and cousins, have been in the banking business all their

lives, began working part time at the Deport Times in February 1978, after discovering that seven years in a

family banking tradition was "too long".

She went to work to help out friends Bob and Pat Wright temporarily.

The job soon became full time and permanent, and in December of 1982 she purchased all of the papers except the Detroit Weekly, which was purchased in September of this year.

The article details something of what life on papers that cover three counties and three school districts is like, and a little about how it is done.

It also mentions the state-wide awards her column has won, as well as numerous other awards the various papers have taken.

It's mentions that Mrs. Nichols is known as "the newspaper lady", which she likes.

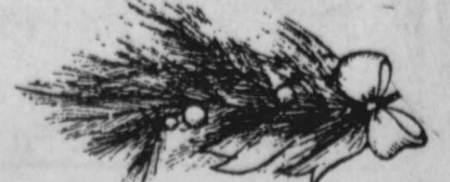
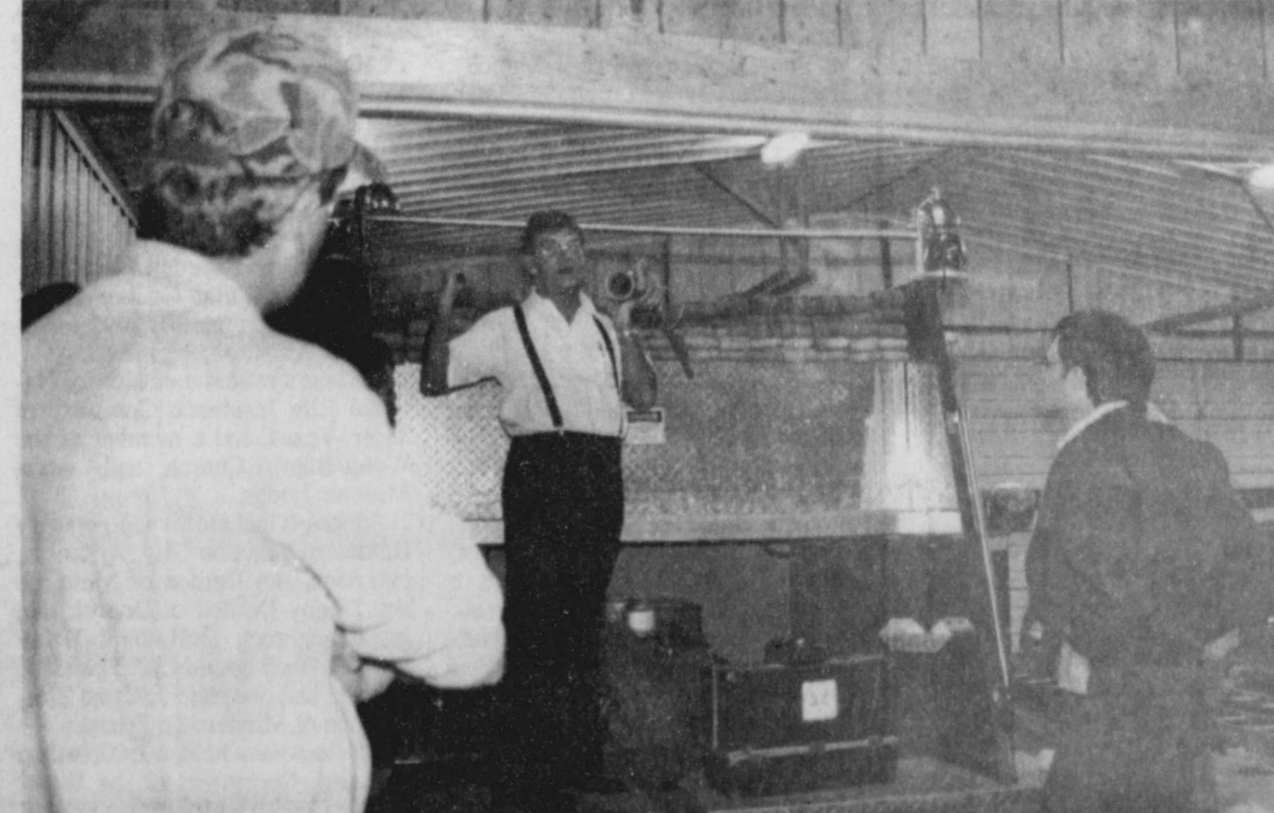
The title became "official" when she was asked by a local sheriff to photograph a drowning victim.

Upon arrival the coroner demanded to know "What's that woman doing here".

"That's no woman, that's the newspaper lady" the sheriff replied.

Upon reciting the tale friends, acquaintances and indeed the general public often refer to her as "The newspaper lady".

**THE DEPORT** Volunteer Fire Department met Monday night and Fire Chief Duane discussed and demonstrated new fire fighting techniques to members. The new procedures are necessary because the department's pumper truck was stolen and totalled in a wreck last Friday morning. Glover assured the department members that with the newest fire truck, purchased three years ago, they can provide adequate fire protection for the city in the event of an emergency. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



### People 'N Things

The Deport Community Service Club will not meet again until January 9 due to the upcoming holidays. Merry Christmas!!

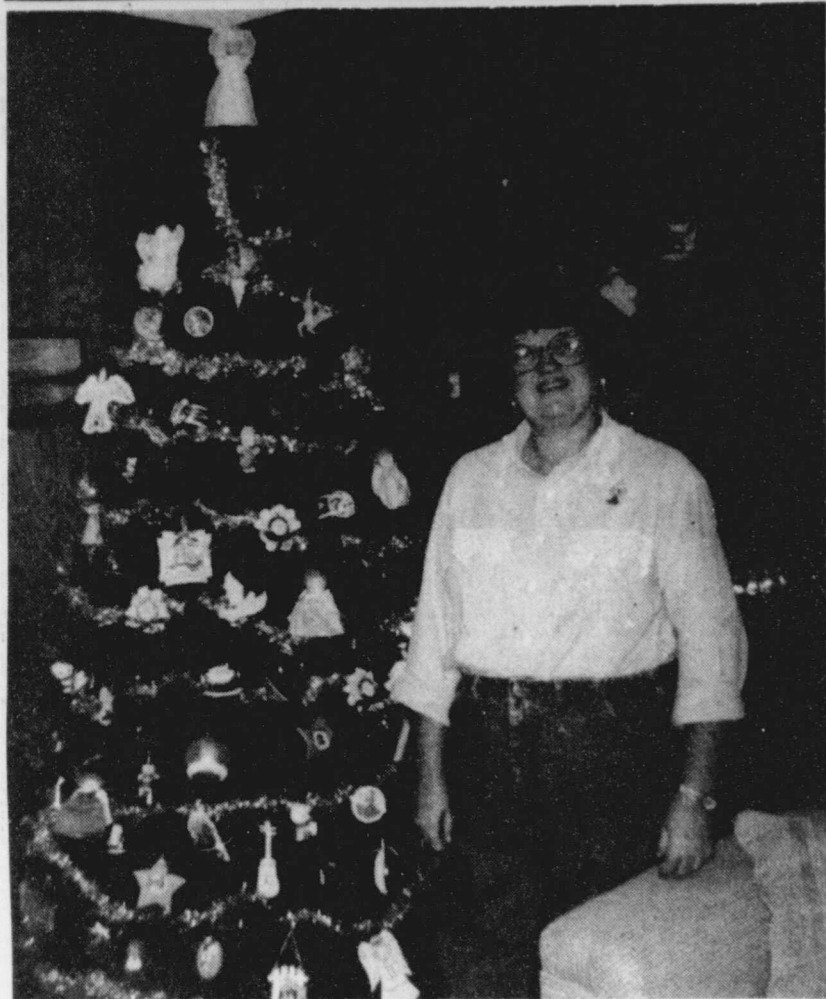
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GERLYN GRAY is pictured with her Christmas tree in her home in Bogata. She is the

featured cook this week in Country Cooking. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

## Country Cooking

By Judy Screws



When I went to visit in the home of Gerlyn and Jerry Gray this week, it was muggy, rainy and just plain yucky outside. I went inside their home and it was just like a Christmas City.

It was so bright and warm that I couldn't have had a sour thought if I had wanted to. Gerlyn and her daughter, Jessica Hines were there. We had a nice visit. Jessica and husband Danny live in Clarksville. He is self-employed and she will soon be out of school. She is anxious to get on with the business of teaching elementary students. The Grays have two other daughters; Jennifer Reeder and husband Rusty, who live in Dallas. She is a CPA and he is in customer relations at NationsBank. Judy Holt and husband Harold live in Cuthand. She is an RN at Red River General Hospital and Harold works at UARCO.

Gerlyn works at the Elementary School in Bogata. She assists with the K-8 Special Education group. Jerry is employed at B&W.

Gerlyn is an active member of the First Baptist Church. She also goes to Red River Haven daily to visit her mother, Mrs. Clara Lowe. Jerry and Gerlyn also enjoy camping.

When I called Gerlyn to ask if I could feature her in a column, she told me that she doesn't cook. This is the answer that almost everyone I call gives me. I know that someone cooks, so I decided to investigate the subject. I asked Gerlyn what they ate if she didn't cook. She said that actu-

ally, she cans and freezes vegetables all summer. Then all they have to do is fix a roast or some other kind of meat and maybe a salad and they are ready to eat. She also cooks Mexican food, and Jerry grills outside. Jerry also does the cooking outside for fish fries. I was served a wonderful piece of coconut cake as we talked.

I have now solved the mystery of all these people who don't cook. When I ask them about their cooking, they automatically think I'm asking for something special or fancy. This is not the case. We sometime stake for granted all of these plain, tasty meals that we all cook daily. Ladies, we're not giving ourselves enough credit.

Gerlyn makes crafts like you wouldn't believe. She crochets, quilts and sews, just to name a few.

Since her father was with TP&L, and was transferred often, Gerlyn attended 13 different schools. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High.

When I left, I had gifts. The picante sauce is delicious, and my grandchildren enjoyed the Christmas Tree cookies. I was given a recipe for the picante sauce but they wouldn't give me the cookie recipe. I begged a bite from one of the kids, and it was delicious. It's not that it don't have cookie recipes galore. It's just that it drives me crazy when someone refuses to give me a recipe. I'll never sleep again.

Merry Christmas and much love to all of you.

## Obituaries

### Alice Lavelle Brown Dies December 14

Alice Lavelle Brown, 87, of Bogata, died Monday, December 14 at Red River Haven Nursing Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 17 in Jolley's Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Free officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born December 9, 1905, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuller. She was preceded in death by a son, James Goff in 1966. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Jean Goff of Claremore, OK; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Patricia Alexander Dies December 20

Patricia Marie Alexander, 47, of Bogata died Sunday, December 20 in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Rosary was recited at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 23 in Grant Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Barone officiating. Burial mass was in Restland Cemetery in Cunningham.

Mrs. Alexander was born September 1, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Roman and Rosiana Bojin Ghilezan. She was a shop owner, specializing in gourmet cooking.

Surviving are her mother of Halesboro; one daughter and son-in-law, Deborah Ann and Steve Crawford of Bogata; one son, John Andrew Holcomb of Richardson.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Foundation.

### Margaret Inez Miller Dies December 15

Margaret Inez Miller, 76 of Paris died Tuesday, December 15 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 18 at Gene Roden's Sons Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wilburn Lee and Dr. Pat Otwell officiating. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery.

Ms. Miller was born June 6, 1916 in the East Post Oak Community of Lamar County, a daughter of Thomas Emmett and Florence Lavelle Hardin Finch. She married R. Everett Miller on October 15, 1944. He preceded her in death January 18, 1964. She was a retired telephone operator.

Survivors include a brother, Clyde C. Finch of Anaheim, CA; two sisters, Evelyn Barto of Atlanta, GA and Kathleen Howard of Irvine, CA; several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Johnnie Lee, Fred Ramsey, Willie Lee, Gene Walker, Claude Tyler and Richard Caldwell.

### Elzie Elizabeth Denny Dies December 19

Mrs. Elzie Elizabeth Denny, 73 of Bogata died Saturday, December 19 in Red River Haven Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 21 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Posey and the Rev. George Thomas officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Bogata Funeral Home.

Mrs. Denny was born September 24, 1919 in Red River County, a daughter of Louis and Lilia Sullivan Hunt. She married Altis Denny December 23, 1937 in Bogata. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Bogata and she and her husband owned and operated the Denny Roller Rink in Bogata for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Altis Denny of Bogata; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Shelia Denny of Quitman; a daughter and son-in-law, June and Carlton Stanley of Bogata; two grandchildren, Susan Salous of Portland, Oregon and Kenny Stanley of Atlanta, TX; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Henry of Mt. Pleasant. She was preceded in death by a brother, Randal Hunt.

Bearers were Ronnie Henry, Gerry Henry, Mike Henry, Lynn Henry, Terry Henry, Mark Henry, Brandon Henry and David Henry.

### Mack Neal Solomon Dies December 22

Mack Neal Solomon, 68, educator, businessman and state legislator died Tuesday, December 22 in East Texas Medical Center, Mt. Vernon.

Services were Wednesday, December 23 at the Sam Harvey Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Vernon with the Rev. James Duckworth officiating, assisted by District Judge Lanny Ramsey. Burial was in Mt. Vernon City Cemetery.

He was born September 14 in Franklin County to Dean and Belle Solomon. He was a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and earned a bachelor of science degree at ETSU and a master of science degree at Sam Houston State University. He taught vocational agriculture for 14 years in the Slatillo and Mt. Vernon school districts.

He served in Austin for eight years as a Texas Legislator and was chosen citizen of the year by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

He served as mayor of Mt. Vernon for several years, served as president of Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and was a member of the Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge and Hella Temple. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, serving as a deacon and was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II in the Philippines.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Connelly Solomon; a daughter, Vatra Solomon of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter and son-in-law, Nila and Louis Williams of Austin and granddaughter Mary Elen and Connelly; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Rosanne Solomon of Mt. Vernon and grandchildren Amy and Andrew; and a brother-in-law in a sister-in-law, Herman and Bennie Connelly.

### Gaylon Courtney Frazier Dies December 18

Gaylon Courtney Frazier, 19, of Deport died Friday, December 18.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 20 in Grant Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Grant Funeral Home.

Mr. Frazier was born March 25, 1973 in Talihina, OK. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Kay Frazier.

He is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.N. Frazier of Deport and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

### Kenneth Charles Irvin Dies December 16

Kenneth Charles Irvin, 86, of Bogata died Wednesday, December 16 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 18 in the Bogata Church of God with the Rev. Mark Jones officiating. Masonic graveside rites were conducted by Rosalie Lodge AF&AM at Bogata Cemetery. Bogata Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Irvin was born October 15, 1906 in Tarkeo, MO, a son of Charles and Jeanette Logan Irvin. He married the former Virginia Lee Larson on February 14, 1935 in Milwaukee. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army as a captain, a member of Oshkosh Lodge #27 for 50 years and a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of Scottish Rite. He was a member of the National Society of Sons of American Revolution and was a past president of the Texas Genealogical Society. He was a retired cattleman.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Irvin of Bogata and his caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. David Townes of Bogata. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cleta Helen Dwyer and Winifred Bowers.

### Marion Liggins Dies December 12

Marion Liggins, 71, of Paris died Saturday, December 12 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pine Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. David McDonald officiating. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery under the direction of Maxey Funeral Home.

Mr. Liggins was born September 16, 1921 in Red River County, a son of Handy Liggins and Mariah Bishop Liggins. He attended Red River County schools and was a deacon in the Pine Hill Baptist Church. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a former employee of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Howard Liggins of Paris and Felton Liggins of Charleston, SC; three daughters, Priscilla Woods of Paris, Gwendolyn Johnson of Dallas and Marion Perkins of Paris; two brothers, Aaron Liggins of Albuquerque, NM, Oneal Liggins of Detroit; four sisters, Mary Ruth Jones of Los Angeles, CA, Mabel Fisher of Dallas, Julia Weekly of Bagwell and Edna Ricks of Detroit; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### Jimmy David Darden Dies Dec. 20

Jimmy David Darden, born October 16, 1932, Union County Arkansas died December 20, 1992 in El Dorado, Arkansas age 60.

He was a retired manager for National Life Insurance Company in Tyler, Texas, and a member of the Wyatt Baptist Church and Lisbon Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his widow, Betty Darden of Junction City, Arkansas; two sons, Jim Darden of Mesquite and Donny Darden of Deport; two granddaughters, Holly and Haley Darden, one grandson, David J. Darden, and one sister, Norma Zimmerman of Minden, Louisiana.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, at Wyatt Baptist Church with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

December 24, 1992

#### Picante Sauce By Gerlyn Gray

Combine:  
2 quarts fresh tomatoes  
2 cups chopped onions  
1 3/4-2 cups chopped jalapeno peppers  
2 tsp. garlic powder  
1 cup vinegar  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 tsp. salt

Cook 1 hour over low heat, covered. Stir occasionally. Seal in hot jars. Makes 4-5 pints. Temperature of sauce depends on how hot jalapeno peppers are. Adjust to taste. Omitting 1/4 cup sugar makes it taste hotter.

**Aunt Ruth's Coconut Cake**  
Grease and flour bundt pan or two loaf pans.

Cream 1 cup shortening and two cups sugar. Add 5 eggs, beaten; 1/2 cup milk; 2 cups all-purpose flour; 1/2 tsp. baking powder; 1/4 tsp. salt; 1 tsp. vanilla; 1 T. coconut extract. Mix well and bake at 325 for 1 hour. Moist, delicious, freezes well. While cake is hot and in pan, poke holes in the top with the handle of a wooden spoon. Mix 1 cup sugar; 1 cup water and 1 T. coconut extract. Bring this mixture to a rolling boil. Slowly pour glaze over cake. Let cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

#### Pepper Jelly

1-6 oz. pkg. Certo  
1 cup hot peppers (grind and then measure)  
3/4 cup bell peppers, green or red (grind and then measure)  
5 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1 1/2 cups cider vinegar  
Mix peppers, sugar and vinegar. Bring to a boil. Boil 3 minutes, stirring. Remove from heat, add Certo. Mix well. Fill jars, seal with lids and rings. Cool.

This is delicious on snack crackers with cream cheese or as a relish with beans or chili.

#### Brown Sugar Brownies

Beat 4 eggs. Blend with 1 box brown sugar; 1 pkg. buttermilk biscuit mix; 1 stick margarine. Add 1/2 cup chopped pecans; 1 tsp. vanilla.

Pour into 9x13" pan, greased and floured. Bake 30 minutes at 350. Cut into squares and serve warm. These are moist and chewy.

#### Cream Cheese Mints

1-3 oz. cream cheese (room temp) coloring and flavoring as desired  
2 1/2 cups confectioners sugar  
Blend cream cheese until softened. Add color and flavor. Gradually blend in confectioners sugar until of pie dough consistency. Pinch off small piece of dough and roll into small sized ball. Coat with granulated sugar. Press into candy mold.

### Thomas A. Newton Dies December 18

Thomas A. Newton, 61, formerly of Paris, died Friday, December 18. Services were held in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Bertie; two sons, Stanley and Charles Newton; daughters Doris Turner, Judy Hamm of Deport, Glenda Jones, Janet Kelly, Debbie Angle; two brothers, Grady and Royce Newton; three sisters, Joyce Bridges, Florence Lester of Paris and Sarah Crawford; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

#### Correction To Obituary

Left out of the obituary for Allen Avery which was run last week were the names of Rev. George Rape, who officiated, and Rev. Larry Allgood, who assisted. We apologize for this.

### Ollene Morgan Dies December 19

Ollene Morgan, 71 died Saturday, December 19 in Humana Hospital, Marksville, LA.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 21 at Liberty Hill in Mt. Pleasant with Jamie Duncan officiating.

Ollene Morgan was born July 29, 1921 in Mt. Pleasant to Ollie Hill Robertson and Cleo Floyd. She worked as a traveling supervisor for Franklin stores for 33 years. She was of the Protestant faith.

Surviving are her sister, Doris Hollowell of Wichita Falls; a niece, Mary Ann Hollowell of Austin and her niece's children, Mike and Jordan of Austin.

Escuade Funeral Home, Mansura, LA handled out of town arrangements.

### Florene Randle Bell Dies December 19

Florene Randle Bell, 70, died Saturday, December 19 in Titus County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, December 21 at 2 p.m. at Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home with Bro. Lloyd Cashion and Bro. Lyle Huntress officiating. Burial was in Gladewater Cemetery. Bearers were Donald Bell, Skippy Randle, Jackie Easley, Paul Smith, Billy Joe Randle and Duane Randle, Richard Randle and Terry Horn. Honorary bearers were Chris Hall and Mike Kearns.

She was born December 28, 1921 in Talco to Will Randle and Izora Diggs Randle. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, John T. Bell of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Sherran Bell of Mt. Pleasant; a brother, Ollie Randle of Wilkerson; sisters, Thelma Kelley of Naples, Birdie Blalock of Talco, Myrtle Bell of Mt. Pleasant, Helen Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Jean Dennis of Mt. Pleasant; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Randle and a sister, Ethyl Coleman.

#### Card of Thanks

The children of Elizabeth Harden Barnard: Bob Barnard, Margaret Jacobson and Marjorie Lewan thank their friends in the Bogata Community who provided food for the prefuneral luncheon at the First United Methodist Church of Bogata. We also thank those who sent flowers and cards and made telephone calls of encouragement.

We especially thank Rev. Bob Bush and James Wood for co-ordinating arrangements between Denver and Bogata and for assisting on that day. In addition, we were especially grateful for all the family members and friends who joined us to honor our mother.

The Family of Elizabeth Harder Barnard

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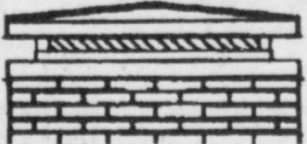
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**People 'N Things**

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Susan Rickey is here from Stephenville for the holidays, staying with her parents, Jerry and Dorothy Rickey.  
 Monica Brumley spent Sunday night with the Richey's.  
 Roy Powers is reported doing well. Weekend visitors of Don and Peggy Gentry were Jamie Tadlock and children Holli, Jordin and Collin of Arlington.  
 Kent Richey had lunch with Jerry and Dorothy Richey Saturday.  
 Jerry and Dorothy Richey and Mike, Missy and Jake Merritt were out Monday enjoying the Christmas lights.  
 Roger and Anna Beth Allen hosted the Young family Christmas dinner Sunday. Those present were Andrea Allen, Jack Kindle, Vicki Seeliger, Jon, Barbara and Darren Young, Jack and Marquita Bolton, Mike, Missy and Jake Merritt, Kevin and Krissa Perry, Kevin Keys, Doug and Melissa Phillips, Tommy and Joann Young, Mrs. Bob Thomas Young, Neil Young and friend Debbie and Jordan, Robbie Mae Cutting, Dorothy McDowra, Sonny, Gloria Lynn Pepper and Jimmy Joe Young.  
 Margaret Fowler visited Vada Mae Hoover Monday afternoon.  
 Jon Quentin Young is in from Lake Charles, LA for the holidays.  
 Tracy Scott is in from Lubbock for the Christmas holidays.  
 The Broadway Junction Band played this weekend for a benefit in Mt. Pleasant.  
 The Merritt's had their Christmas party Sunday at the home of Joyce

and James Merritt. Those attending were Mike, Missy and Jake Merritt, Lewis, Cathy, Chad and Ashley Merritt, Leta, Tracy, Carley Scott, Marise Fontenot, Barbara Young and Darren and Chris and Toni Fuggett. Jamie, Holli, Jordin and Collin Tadlock and Donny and LeAnn Gentry had lunch Sunday with Don and Peggy Gentry.  
 Visitors of Mike, Missy and Jake Merritt were Lewis, Cathy, Chad and Ashley Merritt and Chris and Toni Fuggett.  
 Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crossland were Mr. and Mrs. John Clever of Paris and Joan Richard.  
 Michael Moore of Clarksville spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fowler.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fowler hosted the Fowler family Christmas dinner on Saturday. Those attending were Lucy Fowler of Cunningham, Mrs. Carol Dorsey and Jennifer and Mrs. Johnnie Warren, all of Deport, and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Moore, Meghan and Michael of Clarksville. Those attending from Mesquite were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fowler, Christi and Mandi, Mr. and Mrs. Del Dunlap, Jason and Meagan and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunlap, Lauren and Alyssa.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fowler visited Howard Hidgon Sunday.  
 Visiting Mrs. Vada Mae Hoover Friday were Thelma Shelby, Corene Taylor, Floy Sparks, Francis Franklin, Purna Haydock of Deport, Grace Fendley of Blossom and Shirley and Eldon Miller of Paris.

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JOHN E. BALL, right, was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force at a ceremony held December 1 at Randolph AFB, Texas. He is currently a pilot assignment officer at AFMPC. He was also awarded the Air Medal, recognizing the over 750 hours flown in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm between August 1990 and February 1991. At that time he was a C-5 instructor pilot stationed at Travis AFB, California. Maj. Ball attended Prairiland High School, received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and masters degree from the University of Oklahoma. He is the son of John D. and Ruth Ball of Paris and is married to the former Wyn Dunn, daughter of Bobby and Donna Dunn of Clardy. They have two daughters, Jessie and Karla.

*Deport Nursing  
Home News*  
By Joni Kincaid

The Blossom Girl Scouts joined us Monday to sing and pass out refreshments. Leaders Virginia Delarosa and Juanita Robinson along with Neighborhood Chairman Diane Woodall and a host of young Girl Scouts sang Jingle Bells, Here Comes Santa Claus and Silent Night and others. We appreciate all of them for coming to see us.

The Friendship Baptist Church of Beardstown joined us Sunday, bringing gifts for all the residents and sang Christmas Carols in the hallways. These ladies have come to the nursing home once a month throughout the year. We appreciate the time and effort they give to us at Christmas and during the year.

The Prairiland High School Choir, led by Mrs. McKinley, came to the nursing home Monday. They sang a variety of Christmas Carols and a few old favorites. Our residents really enjoy the kids donating their time to make out Christmas more enjoyable.

The Prairiland Future Homemakers of America also joined us Monday. They brought gifts for all of our residents and visited with many of them. It is wonderful to know that the youth of today will spend their time with our senior citizens. The FHA is sponsored by Mrs. Graves and Mrs. Bangs and they should be commended for their concern for our residents.

The First Baptist Church of Deport joined us last week with Christmas gifts for everyone. Every year they bring much needed items to each of our residents. Their time and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by all.

The Joyful Sound, a trio from the First Assembly of God Church in Paris, joined us Tuesday morning.

These ladies, Ruth Wear, Joyce Fay and Virginia Wheeler have blessed us all with their beautiful voices. They harmonize so well together. We are all very grateful to have them here with us to share their friendship.

Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Allen's fourth grade classes from Deport Elementary joined us Thursday. The children sang Christmas Carols and visited with residents. A special thanks to all these students for making our Christmas a little brighter.


The Blossom Church of Christ joined us Monday for song and fellowship. They come to the nursing home each month. Their time and talent are greatly appreciated by all our residents.

The monthly birthday party was held last Thursday. Eight residents celebrated their birthdays in December. Five area churches were here with cakes, entertainment and fellowship. They were First Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church, House of Prayer, Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church. They brought Christmas gifts for all our residents. We greatly appreciate the time and effort all these ladies and gentlemen spend on us throughout the year.

The VFW Post 3990 of Reno brought gifts for all the residents Monday afternoon. Bocky Norman and Floy Sparks were here to lend a hand passing out gifts and playing games. Frankie Archibald played the piano while we all sang Christmas carols. April and Ashley Kuhl and Brittney Hart sang Silent Night and Away In A Manger in sign language.

Winners of the candy cane races were Meldina Palmer, Brodie Bell, Lena Powell and Lillie Mae Gardner.

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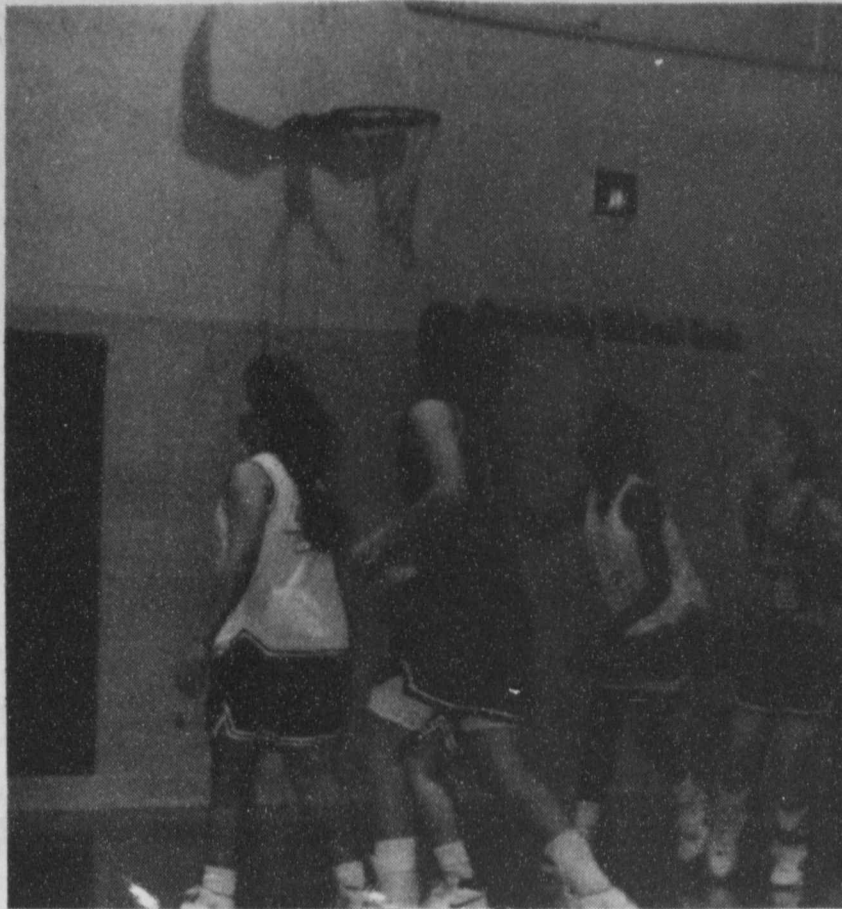
The president, Mrs. Margaret Crawford, called the meeting to order and Mrs. Blondie Rogers, Secretary, read the minutes of the last

meeting and gave the treasurers report.

Three tables were arranged for games of "42". High score was made by Mrs. Lorene Isom for members and Mrs. Imogene Clark for guests.

Mrs. Peace served a dessert plate.

The next meeting for the Kill Kare Klub will be January 8, 1993 with Mrs. Margaret Parks as hostess



**UP IN THE AIR**-The Lady Patriots took on the Detroit Lady Eagles last Friday, defeating them 15-49. Mandy Babb watches to see if a shot is good while Melissa Miller (both in dark uniforms) is ready to rebound. (Staff Photo)

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**Milton News**  
By Mattylu Upchurch

Elizabeth Bell and Corene Taylor of Deport spent Thursday with their sister and husband, Mable and Norman Pierson of Marshall.  
Frank Lee is improving and able to walk with a walker after knee surgery.  
John Manley Temple spent the weekend at his home in Plano. His granddaughter, Amber Brenna, came back with him to spend a few days.  
Kay Parks and Tim of Faught and Dale Williams of Paris had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James Holt Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pettit of Irving spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall.  
Several from Milton attended the Deport Community of Church's Christmas program at the First Baptist Church Sunday.  
Mitchell Haley has the chicken

and we hope he will feel better soon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Malone and Micah attended the Moore family christmas get-together Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Moore of Hooks.  
Edna Lee, Anita Bowling and Kay went to Houston Saturday to visit Ruby Lee and attend a friend's funeral.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lee of Galveston came Saturday to spend the Christmas holiday at their home here.  
John Pettit and daughter Brittany of DeSoto and John Slebig of Red Oak visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall Monday.  
Kim Allen of Ganado and Kenda Allen of Paris are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Allen.

**Foster Family Holds Christmas Dinner**  
The family of the late Opal and Bertie Foster had their annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 20 at the Legion Hall in Deport.  
Attending were James and Virginia Foster, Daniel and Joseph of Paris; Geraldine Patterson, Dallas; Phyllis, Rebyn and Lisa Webb of Garland; Darlynnne, Richard, Melissa, Lindsey, Derek and Greg Nix of Rockwall; Charles and Maxine Fos-

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Mrs. Ronnie Cross of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bowden and Tyler of Paris; Kathleen Miller and Kyle of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Miller of Clardy; Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Butler and family of Mt. Vernon. Dean Butler of Clardy; Christy and Jason Miller of Clardy; Kenneth and Tammie Butler and Kathy Duke and Ruby Simmons of Bairdstown.

**M-J-C News**

News of Marvin, Jennings and Clardy by Kay Hancock

The Butler family held a Christmas Luncheon at Plainview Saturday.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butler of Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler of Paris; Mr. and

Johnnie Warren, Lanita Proctor, Jenny Roach and Beth Ann Roach. (Staff Photo)

Jacob McDowra of Paris spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woodall.

Mary Ann Hancock spent the night with Ann Holmes of Paris Friday.

Dustin Clement of Jennings spent two weeks with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Clement.

Mary Ann Hancock spent the day with A.G. Ballard Tuesday.

Roy and Laverne Griffin of Sumner ate supper with Louis and Louise Clement of Clardy Saturday night.

Elaine and Amy Ballard attended Lamar County A&M Christmas Party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dupree.

**Blossom Housing Authority Locals**

Aileen Herron & Morene Bradley

and Hettie Mae Bailey visited Dorothy Wilson last week.

Judy Whitley visited Morene Bradley on Tuesday, Ruby Dickerson on Thursday, Ahsley and Shane Whitley on Wednesday.

Morene went shopping in Paris on Wednesday. Polly Burman visited her Wednesday and Daphna Downs and Lorene Gibson visited Friday.

Delbert Smith of Detroit, Ruby Dickerson, Ione Woodard, Noble Shannon and wife from Oklahoma visited Vergie Jarnagin last week.

Lorene Gibson, Monty and Chad Johnston and Barbara visited Aileen Herron on Thursday night and played 42.

Hubert, Peggy and Chad Johnston

**Sarah Crowder Celebrates Birthday**

Sarah Crowder's birthday was celebrated with relatives Tuesday night.

They had dinner at Gray's Cafe and went to the home of Rachel Braswell for cake, cookie and goodies.

Those attending were John and Sarah Crowder, Rosella Carter, Joe Noble and Waka Rodgers, Kenneth

and Barbara Givens had lunch with Aileen on Saturday. Chd spent the night with his great-grandmother. Aileen had lunch on Sunday with the Johnstons.

Helen and James Noble from Paris visited Ione Woodard Sunday. Ione and Mrs. Adams went shopping in Paris on Saturday.

Sylvia May visited her mother, Ruby Dickerson one day last week. Mark and Mica Reynolds visited her grandmother one day and Ruby had Christmas dinner with Clay and Sharon Minton Saturday.

Eloise Pettit from Paris visited Wayne Barnett Thursday. Wayne and Hettie Mae Bailey shopped in Paris on Sunday.

and Jane Lyday, Gay Barr of Blossom and Ray and Carol Starnes, George and Johnnie Carter and Rachel Braswell of Paris. From Powderly were John, Jamie, Wesley and Belinda Carter.

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*Fulbright News*

By Betty Rodgers

The Good Neighbor Club met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Epps Thursday for their Christmas dinner and party. Five members and four visitors were present.

Mrs. Worth Baker suffered a massive stroke Saturday and is in ICU at Clarksville General Hospital.

Katy Van Deaver visited her aunt, Mrs. Eva Matlock, at Deport Nursing Home on Monday.

Visiting Mrs. Marie Legate last week and attending the Christmas party with her at the center was her son, Rueben and wife.

Mrs. Johnnie Looney is ill with pneumonia in a Paris Hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Epps accompanied her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Quarles of Paris, to see her sister, Mrs. Berniece Conlan in Clarksville Friday night.

Jodi Crawford of Shady Grove attended the community Christmas party Monday night and spent the night as a guest of Betty Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hammer of Aikin Grove spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Travis King.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis VanDeaver accompanied Charles VanDeaver of Clarksville to Greenville Wednesday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Narvel Gasway.

Monte and Shelly Rodgers of Tigertown visited his mother, Betty Rodgers Sunday afternoon to show the new car he bought Shelly for Christmas and her birthday.

The Fulbright Community Club held their annual Christmas dinner and party at the community center last Monday. Everyone enjoyed the meal, program and exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King and children of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis King Wednesday night. Dick and Jeff King were visitors Tuesday.

Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga attended the wedding of his daughter Saturday.

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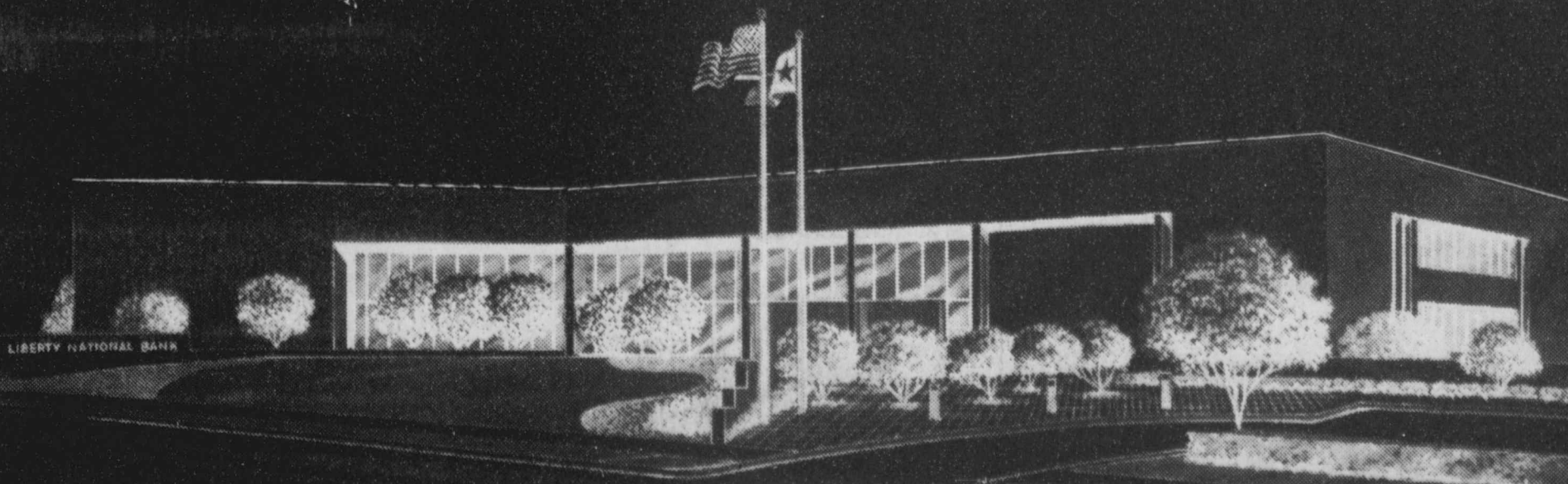
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## Cunningham News

By Berniece Wyatt

Friends were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. W.A. (Bill) Dorries of Paris Nursing Home. She and her family were longtime residents of Cunningham, and owned and operated the telephone exchange. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Members of the Life Tabernacle Church with their pastor Rev. Dwayne Stuart, and family and several visitors enjoyed pre-Christmas dinner at the fellowship hall Sunday.

Larry Bell and Sharon Hatcher of Paris and Bobbye Ruth Slusher attended the funeral service of their uncle, Joe Edd Temple of Seminole, Ok. Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Claypool of Ben Franklin visited Berniece Wyatt Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Presley, Deann and Dona spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pressley of Nacogdoches and attended the graduation of Sandra Presley Saturday morning from Stephen F. Austin College.

Jo Gordon of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Mrs. Delphia Malone.

Christine Kelley of Reno, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shipp of Sulphur Bluff and Pete McKnight visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Watson celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Monday.

Rev. Josh Jones of Rockwall was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church Sunday.

John Newman and Blake of Paris and Mrs. Lorette Pynes had lunch at Burgerking Friday.

Lillian King spent from Sunday until Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Delano Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dunlap and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunlap and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Medlin and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fowler and family of Mesquite, Carol Dorsey and Jennifer of Deport, Johnnie Warren of Deport Nursing Home, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Moore and family of Clarksville and Lucy Fowler had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Talma Fowler of Pattonville.

Children of the Life Tabernacle Church presented a Christmas play Sunday night.

Jane O'Neal was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jackson and Jane of Paris, David Jackson of A & M College, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Plamer and family of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Drinnon and family.

Alma Norwood visited Noah Poe of Parkview Nursing Home Wednesday.

Todd and Mendy Cole and Lacie, Rodney Norwood, Jase and Erika had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood Sunday.

Christy and Mandi Fowler of Mesquite spent Saturday night with Carol Dorsey and Jennifer of Deport.

The Cunningham Co-Op Gin took employees, farmers, directors, husbands and wives to the Fish Fry Saturday night. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swint, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swint III., Mr. and Mrs. Pete McKnight Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Musgrove, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Devlin, Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis, MR. and Mrs. Billy R. Oats, Brandon and Georjeana, MR. and Mrs. Leo Parsons, Geneva Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Oats, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Crenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Anderson and Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Syrus and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Mt. Pleasant and visited Mrs. Ollie Ruth Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Guthrie of Talco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, Deryle Cooper and Jennifer Dorrell, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Cooper, Ryan and Khimen K'Lene Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Brit Phillips, Lindy Jo and Bonnie Sue of Lone Star Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fowler of Mesquite spent Saturday night with Mrs. Lucy Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sheppard and Tamy, Benny Crawford and Ruth Chipman had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lynn Thursday.

Talma Norwood had breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood Thursday morning.

Louise Black of Paris spent Sunday with Mrs. Delsa Wilson.

Melissa Chipman of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chipman went shopping in Dallas Friday evening and picked up their granddaughter Sydney to spend the holidays.

Jo Gordon of Ft. Worth, Eunice Sugg of Rockford, Terry Davis and Twyella Cobb of Omaha, Katherine Sugg and Cathy had lunch with Mrs. Delphia Malone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bell of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chipman and Melissa Chipman attended a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Buddy Michael of Novice Saturday night.

Marie Watson, Brenda Watson, Deana Gibson and Dillion went shopping in Mt. Pleasant Thursday after-

noon. Gordon Cox of El Dorado and Velma Cox had lunch with Dora Hester of Paris Monday.

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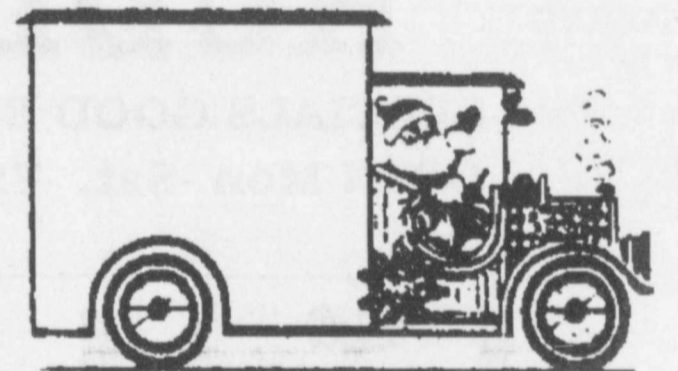
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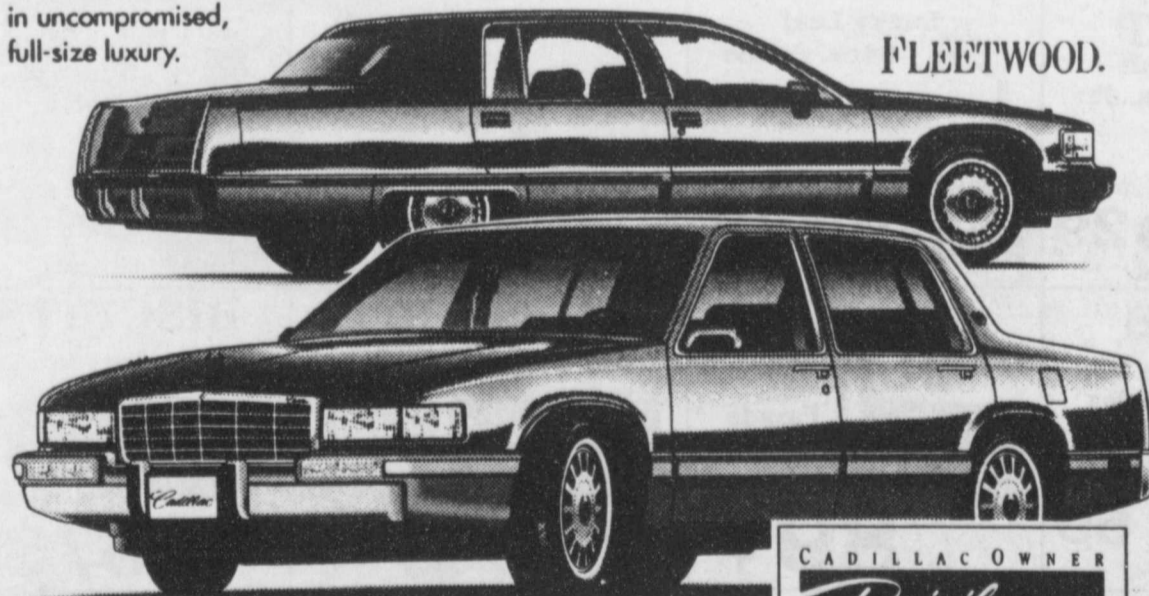


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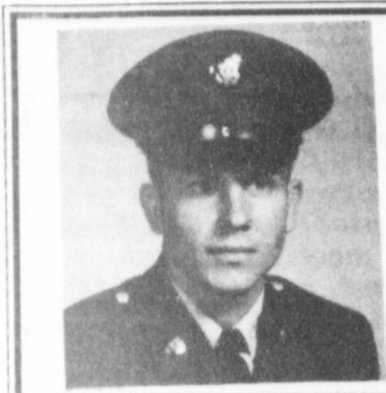
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## Patriots Fall In Tournament

**By James Taylor**  
With good effort and Swede Ladd hitting from the outside, the Prairiland Patriots found themselves up 20-15 at halftime against the Chisum Mustangs during the Nutri-System Invitational Tournament.

The Mustangs came out in the third quarter with 14 consecutive points. Prairiland errors helped Chisum to a 33-26 lead at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter found the Patriots having to foul to get possession,

but still fell short 48-39.

Ladd led with 16 points, David Singleton and Jimmy Little both had five, James Standeford, Jason Pasquill and Brock Blassingame all hit treys to end the game with three each.

Again being led by Swede Ladd's outside shooting, Prairiland fell short to Hugo's JV Friday night.

Ladd hit two treys and another bucket before the end of the first quarter, and found the Pats down 13-

11.

The second quarter found the Pats down again 31-23.

During the final quarter, the Patriots rallied behind Brock Blassingame and were down by eight. But Hugo somehow held on to win by the final score 58-43.

Blassingame had 13; Ladd had 11; Brandon Johnson had 10; James Standeford had five; and Justin Withers finished with four.



## Season's Greetings To All

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## Patriot JV Wins Over Mt. Vernon

**By Jack Whitley**  
The Prairiland Patriot Junior Varsity boys made it three straight victories over the Mt. Vernon JV boys.

The Patriot boys started off slow, falling behind 9-8 at the close of the first quarter, but Coach Baker's squad used the full court press to their advantage, causing several turnovers by the Mt. Vernon squad. With the turnovers, Prairiland scored 15 points in the quarter for only 8 by MV to take a 23-17 halftime lead, a lead which they would hold the remainder of the game.

The Patriots continued to press and

outscore the Tigers even though they had four of their top players in foul trouble to take a 49-33 victory.

Leading scoring for the Patriots were Gearl Keys 19; Manuel Topia 7; Jason Whitley 6; John Pasquill and Troy Russell 5 each; and James Dudley and Jeff Gilbert with two each. Brian Ausmus and Paul Jackson also action for the Patriots.

James Dudley had seven rebounds while Troy Russell had four to aid in their win.

## Claude Burks Celebrates 90th Birthday

Claude Burks celebrated his 90th birthday which occurred on Monday, December 21 with a family dinner Sunday, December 20 at the home of a daughter and her husband, Kathryn and Grady Wright.

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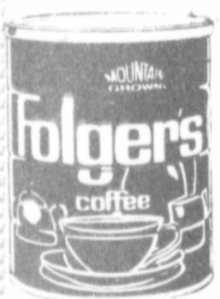
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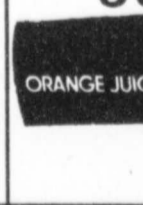
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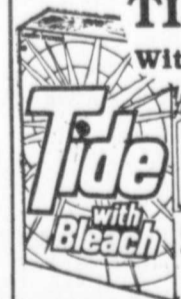
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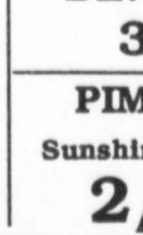
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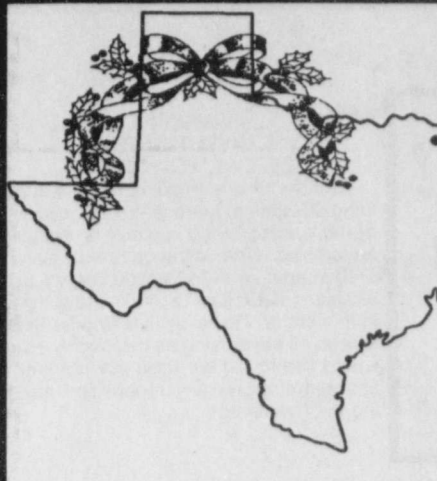
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community room last Saturday, with a number of guests dropping in for refreshments and

friendship. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



**MATT DOUGLAS**, 11 year old son of Tony and Paula Douglas of White Oak, has completed a successful year on the Longview Elite Soccer Club, in its first year of competition. Matt was selected in July through try-outs for the team. The team has traveled to tournaments in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana and have placed second in each tournament. Throughout the season, Matt maintained an A average at White Oak Middle School. He is the grandson of George and Martha Hill of Paris and Bill and Leta Douglas of Farmersville.

**GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS**



**Pangburns Christmas CANDY \$5.95 and Up**

**Amity BILLFOLDS 1/2 Price**



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Camaflouge Med. & Large **\$5.00** Each

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**Deport Housing Authority News**  
By Mary Westbrook

Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer of Dallas visited Alpha Barnard Saturday. Those having birthdays were entertained by the Third Wednesday birthday club, were Floy Sparks, Thelma Shelby and Mrs. Mamie Kennedy. Refreshments consisted of chocolate cake and white cake. Those attending were Ada and Tilden Betterton, Alpha Barnard, Mildred Wright, Mae Storm, Floy Sparks, Fae Elmore, Dorthea McDowra, Mauna

Kidd, Corene Taylor, Vada Mae Hoover, Thelma Shelby, Francis Franklin, Lucille Morgan, Eunace Ervin, Carrie Bennett, Phillis Gifford, Dr. Glover and Kenneth Gifford.

Mrs. Kay Flowers of Houston spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Mavis Sowards.

Betty Jackson visited her mother, Carrie Bennett and Saturday.

**BIRTHS**

Ronald and Carolyn Nichols of Deport announce the birth of their daughter born December 14, named **Jessica Page**. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nichols of Deport and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hines of Blossom.



**Gift Subscriptions**

To R.R. Stone from the Buck Slatons.

To Robert Lee Powers, Talma D. Powers and Ruby Hoover from the Roy Powers.

To Mrs. Onita Palmer, Mrs. W.C. Hignight and Mrs. Hubert Griffin from Mr. and Mrs. C.H. McFatridge.

To Homer Patterson from Eula Wright.

To Jerry and Joanna Pitcock and Buster and Louise Crossland from the Randy Boren family.

To George Parks, Cora Braly, Burl Parks and William Johnson from Mary Parks.

To Chris and Staci Whitley from Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitley.

To Sue Jackson from Jane O'Neal.

To Shane Currin from Mr. and Mrs. John B. Whitney.

To Mrs. H.D. Pomroy from Glenna Trapp.

To Jerry Burns from Wilma Grant.

To Annie Barber from Lisa Crinnon.

To Irene Davis on her birthday from Lucy Fowler.

To Dawne and Donny Darden, LuAnn Sparks, Jim and Christine Nix from J.A. and Juanita Sparks.

To Ruth Whittle from Kathy Guess.

To Mrs. Ben McCloud from Jacqueline Amacker.

To Bobby Clement and Wanda Rainy from the L. T. Clements.

To J.D. Polk, Benette Russell, Kathryn Little, Melody Holland and LaRue Leatherwood from Ben Holland.

To Judy Ellington, Randy and Christy Boren and Floy Sparks from Keith and Peggy Parsons.

**Deport Locals**  
By Kathy Guess

Sam Upchurch and his sister returned to Amarillo Friday after being here for the Varner Christmas dinner.

Barry Ballard and Joel Ballard are home after their deer hunting and pheasant hunting in West Texas.

Sam Upchurch and Irene visited in Paris with the Russels.

Grace Cunningham of Paris had her grandson of Dallas. They were in Shady Grove Saturday for the Christmas supper at the church.

Friday night dinner guests of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were Ruth Skaggs and Marilyn Glover.

Saturday night Thomas and Nanalee Nichols had Christmas supper with Dicky, Jayne, Jeff and NeLeigh King.

Sunday luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffus, Sr. were: Christy and Jason Dickson, Hugh Jeffus, Camey and friend Dale and Jeff Jeffus and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols.

**Cemetery Donations Received**

Donations for area cemeteries received from November 17 through December 21 are:

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery: From Thelma Warren.

Highland Cemetery: From Dr. and Mrs. John R. Kelsey, Jr., Thelma Warren and S.H. Bell.

In memory of Mrs. Opal Foster from Ida Mae and Darold Norwood.

In memory of Mercedes Gardner, Helen Nance and Russiie Bell from Melba and Carlos Ladd.

Your year-end giving will be appreciated for these worthwhile endeavors. Grass mowing time is not that far in the future. Funds are needed at all three cemeteries to begin that season. Thank you for your support and consideration.

**Kirkland Class Holds Christmas Party**

The Kirkland Class of the United Methodist Church had their Christmas party in the home of Martha and Duane Glover.

A covered dish supper was enjoyed by 30 members of the class. Miss Ina Sparks led the group in games of Trivia.

Rather than exchanging gifts, each brought a money donation for the class mission project.

**YEAR END BLOWOUT!!**



**WE DON'T WANT TO PAY TAXES ON OUR INVENTORY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR!!!**

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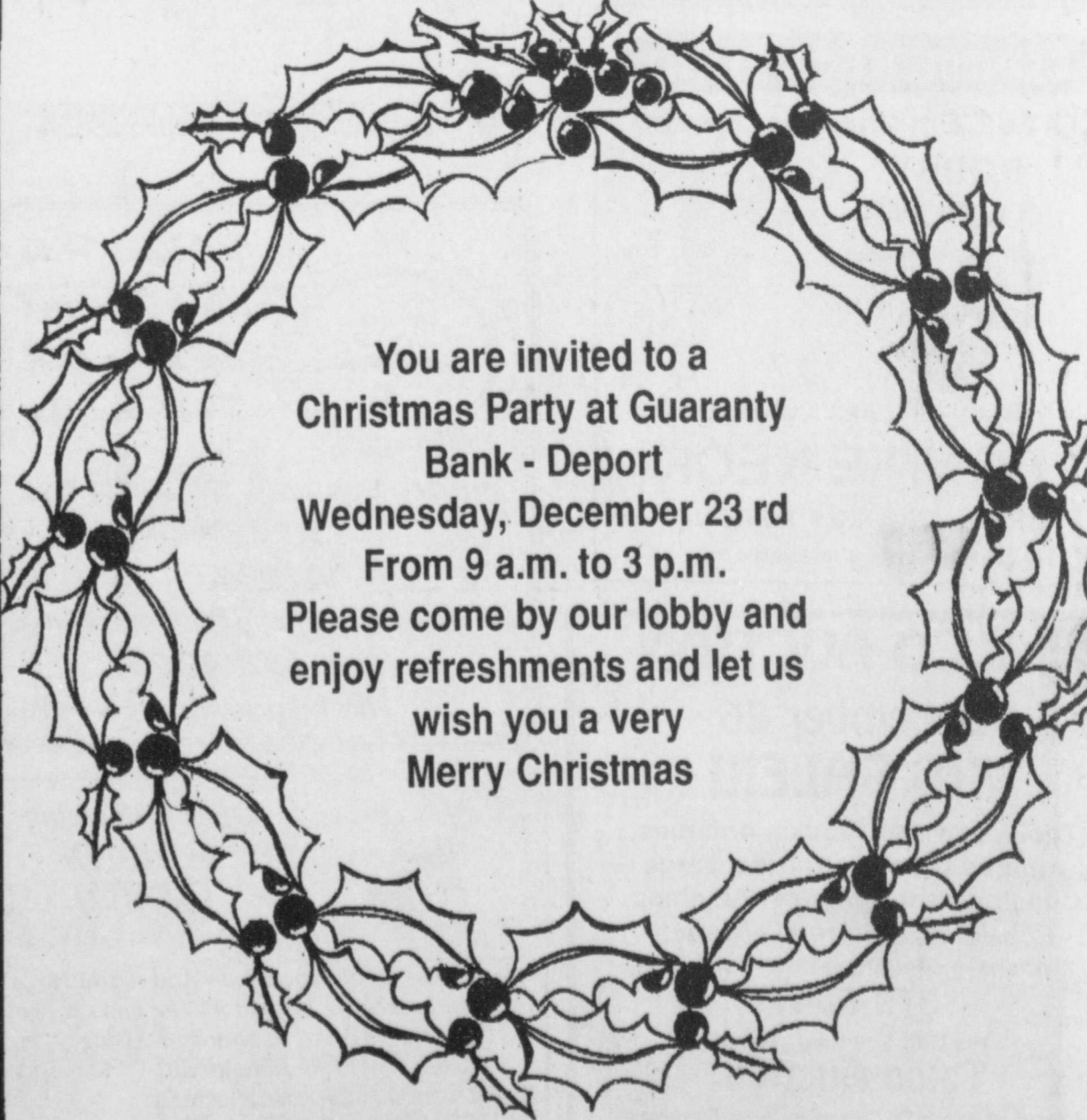
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You are invited to a Christmas Party at Guaranty Bank - Deport Wednesday, December 23 rd From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come by our lobby and enjoy refreshments and let us wish you a very Merry Christmas

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