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## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols  
Fun with Clay

A fast food restaurant gave out little plastic "monsters" before Halloween that had a small plastic package of clay to mold inside the monster. Kids loved it.

Watching a great-nephew playing with his "monster mold" sent me back to "clay days".

Most kids love to play with clay, be it the air dried kind with the "dough" name, the kind that can be fired in a kiln, or the kind that never dries out. Clays can come in brightly covered packages, be created from flour and glues, salt, glycerin and water, or a variety of other ingredients.

As a child I remember learning to pinch off little bits of it and swirl them around and around until I had a clay rose which I then decorated with green leaves.

I suppose the first clay project I ever learned was taught to me by my mother. She gave me clay and showed me how to roll it out on a board until I had a long rope of it. The I was shown how to curl it around and around until I created a basket! This simple child's past time is actually the method used by early human-kind to create their first containers!

In school our class would happily mess about with the clay making snakes, flowers, birds, and as many other things as our imaginations and limited manual dexterity would allow us to make.

Of course, these times always came with the admonishment not to drop it on the floor, tramp it into the carpet, put it in one another's hair, or eat the stuff!

What fun we had, using the malleable stuff to build artistic creations, or Christmas ornaments, or Easter eggs!

I decided to take a look at a big store that sold toys, and sure enough, there are still worlds of clay projects, molds, kits and things to make. The price is higher, the package slicker, but I'll bet the fun today's youngsters have is just as much.

Which reminds me...have you see Sculpy, the resin clay that takes detail and can be baked in an ordinary oven? I have been creating tiny, very detailed houses, barns and buildings from it for several years. I suppose that means I never outgrew my enjoyment of playing with clay?

## If these memories spark a memory, send it in

By Nanalee Nichols

We have put together a special Veterans Day Section this year, six pages of memories, mementos and sponsors. Most of them come from World War II Veterans. They do make up, after all, the bulk of all veterans in this nation. We would like to have had some memories from Vietnam, from Desert Storm, or simply from people during their time in the military, not necessarily in conflict. We hope next year these veterans will submit stories, too. After looking over this special section, if you have a memory, please send it to us now....we will use it next year. Don't wait, write it down and send it to us at Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435.

Our veterans are so special, each and every one. They deserve all the recognition they can get...and we want to help each and every one of them to tell their personal story. History details the movements of troops, the results of battles, the statistics. But history cannot document the individual emotions, stories and achievements of veterans.

As you read these stories, appreciate the people who submitted them, tell a veteran "Thank you", and think about what our nation would be like without these people. Each and every one of them is a hero. Tell them so.



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**THE DEPORT AMERICAN LEGION WARREN TEAGUE POST 199 MEMBERS-** Placed the traditional wreath on the war monument Tuesday morning in honor of Veterans Day. Members shared a breakfast of ham, eggs, biscuits, and red eye gravy. District Commander Derald Stevens of Mt. Vernon as well as members from FT. Worth, Sulphur Springs, and California shared the special occasion.



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**THE NEW POST OFFICE HAS ARRIVED IN CUNNINGHAM-**Workers from Cormak Building Systems of Desoto Tx. delivered the portable building with hopes of driving up on the concrete slab and setting the building up, but the East Texas Blackland fowled their plans. Most of the afternoon was spent trying to slide the building through the mud. When completely set up the new facility will have a deck added and lobby will greet customers when they come in to do business.

## Deport Council pays bills, considers applicants

The Deport City Council was presented the final pay estimate for Drake Construction by Mike Donnan of Hayter Engineering at their regular meeting Monday night.

They were advised to pay the final amount of \$7,376.84. There is one year for the final inspection to be made on all construction.

It was decided that prices will be obtained for a tractor for mowing this spring to be considered at later meetings.

The council cast their votes for Lamar County Appraisal District Board of Directors for Herman Talley.

It was decided to get the grass fire truck in working order by having Eddie's Service Center do the work.

The council looked over all applicants for hiring and decided to set up interviews.

Bills for the month of October were paid and Richard Drake Construction was paid. A bill for \$850 to Hayter Engineering will be pending until paper work is done on the EPA permit.

The minutes were read and approved.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Charles Foster, Nancy Gresham, Mayor Pro-Tem, Carlys Denison, Floy Williams, Duane Glover, Eric Pearson and City Secretary Sharon Francis. Melba Ladd and Mike Donnan were visitors.

## Education leaders to visit schools

During the week of November 17-21, staff from the Texas Education Agency and educational leaders from other school districts will be visiting the school district to determine how well the schools are meeting the students' needs.

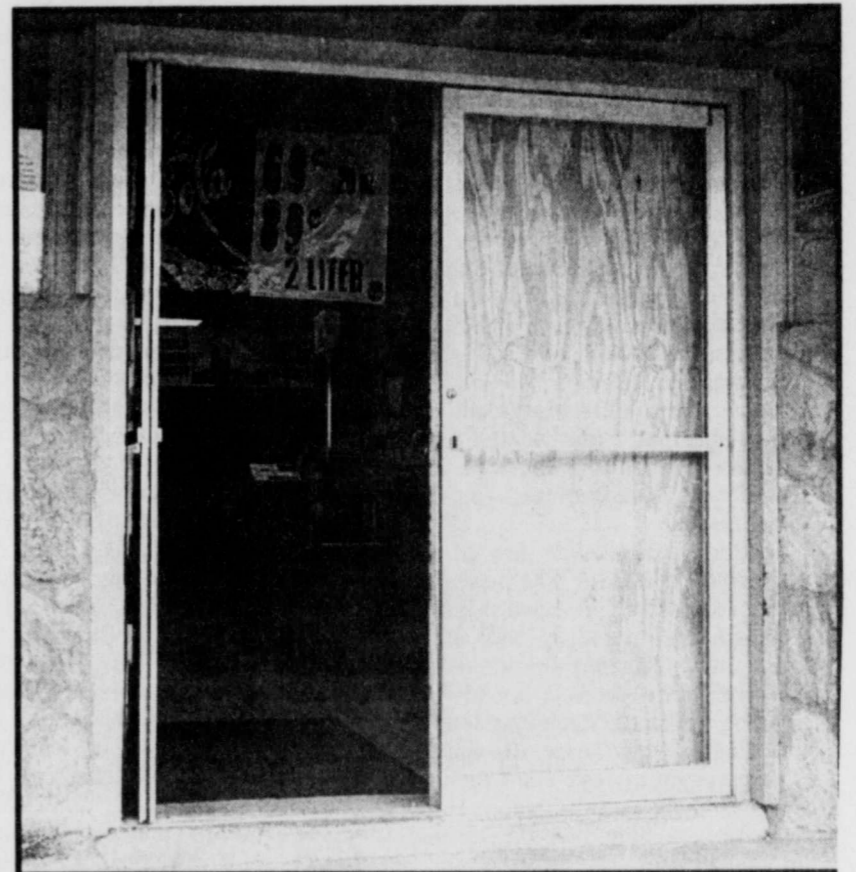
They will also be checking to ensure that the district and campus staff are observing all federal and state requirements.

## Santa letters needed

The time is getting near and everyone knows that Santa needs your child's letter in plenty of time to fill their order. Please have all Santa letters in by Friday, December 5, 1997.

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**VANDALS STRIKE FOR THE FIFTH TIME-**Circle S Food store in Deport was hit by vandals Sunday evening. A local man was purchasing a soft drink from an outside vending machine when he noticed the front door of the business had been broken out. The Lamar County Sheriff's Department was called to investigate. Owners Jim and Susan Short stated that an undetermined amount of damage was done to the building. Cigarettes, candy, and cokes were taken. The vandals apparently exited the building through a rear door.

## Annual Harvest Festival is November 15 at Methodist Church

The annual Deport United Methodist Church will hold their harvest festival on Saturday, November 15.

Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The menu consists of turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, dessert and tea/coffee.

The bazaar will begin at 9:00 a.m.

and will be held in the Deport Elementary School.

In addition to the noon meal, a bake sale, crafts and a silent auction will be available to the public.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Holiday Bazaar to be held Nov. 13

Once again the Prairiland Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar at the Home Economics Building on Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997 until 7:00 pm that evening. The purpose of the bazaar is to provide the community with holiday ideas and display the creativity and talents of the Home Economics students.

Students have been working in preparation for the bazaar since the beginning of school in August. Many hours have been spent in planning and developing ideas as well as preparing for the competition. Students will be entering their own creations and baking ideas to be on display after the judges have awarded the ribbons.

People 'n Things

The Youth Department of the Deport United Methodist Church will hold a Mother's Day Out on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children ages 2-10. This will enable parents to have a day to do Christmas shopping while their children are entertained with Christmas crafts, stories and movies. For more information on this event contact 903-652-4925.

The Girls Dixie League will hold a District meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997 at 2:30 pm at the Barnstomer Restaurant in Mt. Vernon. Representatives from each town within the Red River Valley League as well as from Mt. Vernon, Mt. Pleasant, Winnsboro and Sulphur Springs need to be present to receive new rules set at the State meeting this year. For more information contact Johnny Rutledge, District Director at 572-5465.

Cunningham Thanksgiving dinner will be November 23, Sunday at 12:30. First Baptist and Life Tabernacle will host the community country dinner at the fellowship hall of Life Tabernacle. Everyone is welcome. Country gospel singing will follow at Life Tabernacle at 2:00, all gospel singers welcome.

Broadway Junction Band will play at Pattonville Community Center and VFD. The dance will be November 14 at 8:00.

November 15, the Pattonville VFD breakfast is at 7:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Also at 5:00 there will be a hamburger supper. Hamburger, chips, drink and dessert for \$4.00.

Monday, November 17, the Pattonville VFD and community center meeting is at 7:00.

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People 'n Things

Dear Editor,

As the clock ticked down the final seconds and the horn blew, another memory was etched in the minds of our Patriot team. This would be the last high school game played by the senior players. I had the privilege to be on the sidelines on occasion and watch firsthand who this team really was. No matter how the game ended on the win/loss board, it was fun and something to be proud of. I stood on the field and watched the pain, the suffering and winners in heart. As emotions surfaced after the game. The team stood on the field and reflected. You could tell it hurt Coach Connot as much if not more to lose this last game. Why? Because he wanted to win for the team and you and I. His compassion for the game and players was very evident as he embraced #15 for his part in the team. As I was walking off the field after the game, I glanced back to see ole' #15 starting off into the uprights down the 100 yards. You could almost hear his thoughts, "This is it, the final game has been played, it was tough, I will miss this place, but I gave it my best and we had fun." I am sure many other players and coaches had the same feelings and thoughts as they walked off the Patriot field. Now it is time to look ahead to another season, make our goals and fight to win for the Patriots. WE are alive and I know I'll see the team and coaches on the field, giving it their all. But, most of all, I'll see Patriot Pride.

From someone who cares for our kids,  
 Chad Barnes





**Country Cooking**

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking Column, call 982-5829 or 652-4205. Look for us on the Internet!

http://www.1starnet.com/tp

Liz Irwin

I think I have hit a bonanza! I came across this neat little magazine called *Taste of Home!* It is published bi-monthly and is for people who love practical cooking. According to the inside cover, the book is staffed by 1000 cooks who help to edit the magazine! I do believe it. Each page is filled with super recipes with ingredients that are found in your home...no special trips to the supermarket to buy an off-the-wall ingredient. There are recipes from casseroles, to desserts, to salads to breads. There is no advertising in the magazine, just page after page of recipes and pictures of the cooks that use them. Even has a section for children and men too! Some of you may already be familiar with one of their publications...*Country Women!*

Now, I am not trying to sell you this magazine. I just wanted to let you know what a great book it is and if you love recipes, you will love this!

Listed below is a few of the recipes on bananas. The magazine featured a national contest using bananas and came up with some great ones. Bananas are one of my favorite fruits and I am always making Banana Bread or Banana Pudding, always family favorites!. These caught my eye and I thought I would share them with you. Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

love this recipe! Best served warm with warm sauce drizzled over it...but bet is is good cold too! This one just happened to be the Grand Prize Winner!

**Black-Bottom Banana Bars-** These bars stay moist and have a hint of cocoa added to create the black-bottom effect!

**Apricot Banana Bread-** What could be better than bananas, apricots and walnuts. Serve hot or wrap up a loaf and give to a friend for the holidays. Perfect!

**Frozen Cranberry Banana Salad-** Pineapple, cranberry sauce and bananas and again chopped walnuts added to it give this little salad a great flavor to serve at just about anywhere!

**Banana Poppy Seed Dressing-** Another one you are going to love. Just a hint of a "sweet-banana-y" flavor. Good with salad greens or fruits.

**Creamy Banana Pie-** An old favorite with everyone...but this one is topped with a sliced banana in lemon peel and apple jelly! Another prize-winner, taking Second Place in the contest!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The 1998 seniors from Prairiland High School are putting together a cookbook to raise funds for their Project Graduation. Anyone wishing to contribute to the book, send your recipes to me in care of the paper. Thanks so much for helping the kids.

**Banana Bread Pudding-** If you like Bread Pudding, you are going to

**Third annual Baker reunion held**

For the past three years the daughter of the late Otto and Hattie Baker of Cunningham, Tx. have hosted a "Slumber Party Reunion" for all the girl first cousin's. The first two years they had a progressive dinner visiting in each other's homes in the area, with the night ending at Donnie Lewis's home in Bogata for the slumber party.

This year they enjoyed a meal at the "Steak-Out" in Mt. Vernon, Tx. and then traveled to Mt. Pleasant to play a very competitive game of bowling. The night ended again at the Lewis home for the slumber party and sharing of family mementos.

Plans have been made for the second weekend in November of next

year to continue this fun tradition. Those attending were; Donna Gifford of Deport and Lisa Slagle of Euleus, daughters of Nell Baldwin of Blossom, Vickie Armstrong of Mabank, Detra Halza of Dallas, daughters of Bea White of Bogata, Ronda Smith of Rowlett, Judy Shew of Mesquite, daughters of the late Margie Byers, Jenissa Stephens of Paris, daughter of Jenita Smith of Pattonville, Donita Lewis of Mt. Vernon, daughter of Donnie Lewis of Bogata, Janie Hawkes of Longview, daughter of Dean Ogden of Longview and Stephanie Packard of Pattonville, daughter of Ann Baker of Pattonville.

**November continuing education set at PJC**

Paris Junior College Continuing Education Department will offer the following classes during November.

Child Care, Pediatric Basic Life Support for Child Care Providers will meet from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. The \$20 fee includes handouts, books and manikin supplies.

Computer for Windows 95, a basic computer operations software program will be taught in a choice of two classes.

Power Point I will demonstrate creatin of slide show presentations.

Counseling/Social Work seminar "Alzheimer's Disease" will be held for non-professionals and students may attend.

Driver Training/Defensive Driving will be held on November 1.

For information on these and other classes, call 782-0445 or 782-0447.



**Fulbright News**

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno took Jimmie King to Paris for an appointment with her doctor and they had lunch at Rustler's Restaurant.

Peggy and Billy Quarles of Paris and Ethel Epps visited Friday night with Berniece Conlan in Clarksville.

Bobbye and Duane King of Powderly spent Tuesday night, Wednesday night and Thursday with Jimmie King. Duane and Mrs. Kyle King took Jimmie to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday morning for eye surgery.

She is doing great. Dick King spent Thursday night with his mother. Bobbye and Duane took her to Clarksville for her check-up following surgery.

Peggy Quarles, Ethel Epps and Jimmie King had lunch in Bogata Saturday.

Marcella Wright had a massive heart attack Tuesday morning and was taken to McCuiston Hospital. Following a second attack she had while in the hospital, she was airlifted to Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas where she underwent balloon surgery Saturday.

Monte Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport visited their mother, Betty Rodgers, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Anderson are parents of a baby girl, Breanna, born two weeks ago.

Marla Crump was in Paris two days last week for a medical check up.

Betty Rodgers visited Jodi and Dee Newberry in Shady Grove Monday afternoon.

Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga went shopping in Dallas Monday.

**Births**

Cawyer Currey is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Ruston Cole Jones. Ruston was born Nov. 3, 1997 weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz., 19 inches long. Parents are Richard and Ginger Jones. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hood of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Mt. Pleasant.

**Births**

Davis Garrett Parsons was born Wednesday, November 5 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. He is the son of Greg and Connie Parsons and brother of Alisen Parsons of Whitehouse. Grandparents are Dorothy Copeland of Tyler, Keith and Peggy Parsons of Pattonville and great-grandmothers are Floy Sparks of Deport and Irene Parsons of Paris.

**American Viewpoints**



All great men come out of the middle classes.  
Emerson

**Mrs. Nicie Mary Tully dies November 10**

Mrs. Nicie Mary Tully, age 92 of Irving, formerly of Bogata, died Monday, November 10 in St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 13 in Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born March 13, 1905 in Franklin County, near Hagansport, the daughter of Luther and Elizabeth Cannon. She married Richard Joe Tully on November 18, 1923. He died July 19, 1980.

Survivors include a son, Elbert Tully of Kemp; a daughter, Lillie Kennemore of Irving; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Goldie DeBerry dies November 9**

Mrs. Goldie Hudson DeBerry, age 100, of Colonial Lodge Retirement Center in Idabel, OK, formerly of Bogata, died Sunday, November 9 in McCurtain Memorial Hospital in Idabel.

Services were held at 12 noon on Tuesday, November 11 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Diana Crawford, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Idabel officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. DeBerry was born November 23, 1896 in Chetopa, KS, the daughter of Banister Franklin and Lucy Priscilla Roberts Hudson. She married Paul Hubert DeBerry on November 25, 1919 in Bogata. He preceded her in death August 20, 1952. She was retired from San Antonio College where she was a dietitian and was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Idabel.

Card of Thanks  
The Gerald Cox family would like to thank the Pattonville community and the people of the Community Center for all their help.

**Card of Thanks**

A special thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, food, visits and phone calls while I was ill and in the hospital. May God richly bless you.  
Gerrie Bankhead

**Card of Thanks**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray. If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you so much whatever the part.  
The Family of Dured Hall  
Guylene Hall  
Michael Hall  
Carol Sue Whitney  
Steve Hall  
Deborah Waddell  
Donna Jones  
Gynell Lawrence  
Freida Andrews  
And all grandchildren

**Card of Thanks**

Card of Thanks  
Thank You  
The East Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department would like to express its thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the success of the recent fund raiser sponsored by the department. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Larry Freeman dies November 10**

Larry Freeman, age 47 of Paris died Monday, November 10 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Millsap and Rev. Sam Campbell officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born February 13, 1950 in Direct, a son of J.B. and Minnie Winton Freeman. He married Edna Curran in Hugo, in 1980. He was retired from Earth Grains and was a member of Tudor St. Gospel Mission.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; two daughters, Melanie Fields of Mesquite and Gina Riley, U.S.N. Norfolk, VA; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Freeman of Tigertown; four brothers, C.D. Freeman of Hopewell, Jerry Freeman of Houston, Nick Freeman of Phoenix, AZ, Gary Freeman of Longview; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Robert Ensor of Paris.

Bearers were Wesley Williams, Scott Nicholson, Gary Parker, Gary Morgan, Lance Nicholson and Bobby Spencer. Named as honorary bearers were James Williams, Dub Matlock, James Farris, Chris Freeman, Terry Gibbon, David Gillean and Brad Freeman.

**Douglas D. Cruise dies November 7**

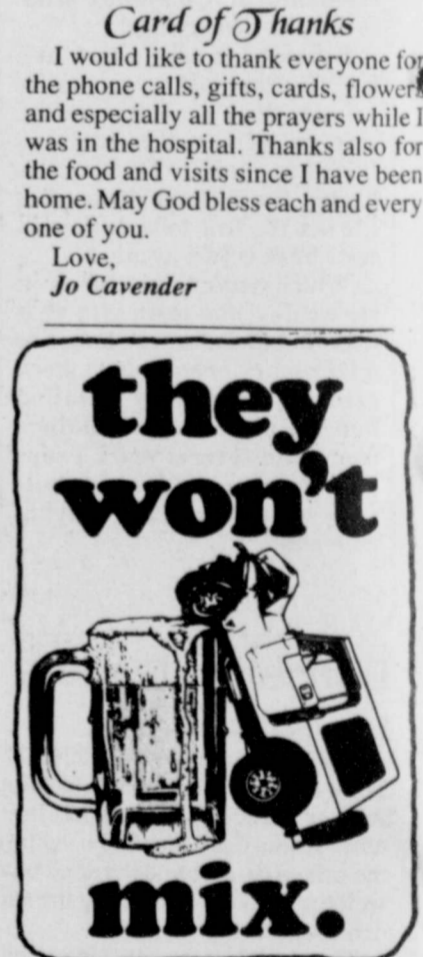
Douglas D. Cruise, age 67 of Bogata, died Friday, November 7 at his residence. Services were scheduled for Monday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Cuthand United Methodist Church with the Rev. Donnie Sherrill officiating. Burial was in Cuthand cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Bogata.

Mr. Cruise was born November 9, 1929 in Matador, the son of Charlie and Maggie Cheatwood Cruise. He married Shirley A. Head on May 30, 1953. He was a retired truck driver and U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Bogata; two daughters, Melba Vasquez of Dimmitt and Wanda Elaine Mistrot of Dallas; three sons, Doug Cruise, Jr. of Bogata, William Daniel Cruise of Dallas and Daniel Glen Cruise of Bogata; three sisters, Dorothy Coker of Bogata, Cynthia Ann Sheppard and Susan Juanita Dunn, both of Dallas and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Cathy Lynn Cruise; a granddaughter, Felicia Elaine Vasquez; two brothers, Charles J. Cruise and John L. Cruise; three sisters, Evelyn Davis, Dixie Byram and Ellisteen Coker.

Card of Thanks  
I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, gifts, cards, flowers and especially all the prayers while I was in the hospital. Thanks also for the food and visits since I have been home. May God bless each and every one of you.  
Love,  
Jo Caverder



**they won't mix.**

November 13, 1997  
Going Bananas!!!

**Banana Bread Pudding**  
Yield 6 servings  
4 cups cubed dry-old French or sourdough bread cut into 1-inch pieces  
1/4 cup butter or margarine-melted  
3 eggs  
2 cups milk  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup sliced firm bananas  
Sauce:  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
3/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup light corn syrup  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Place bread cubes in a greased 2-quart casserole; pour butter over and toss to coat. In a medium bowl, lightly beat eggs; add milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Stir in bananas. Pour over bread cubes and stir to coat. Bake, uncovered at 375 degrees for 40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Meanwhile, for sauce, melt butter in a small saucepan. Combine sugar and cornstarch; add to butter. Stir in milk and corn syrup. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture returns to a full boil. Boil for 1 minute. Remove from the heat; stir in the vanilla. Serve warm sauce over warm pudding.

**Black-Bottom Banana Bars**  
Yield 2-1/2 - 3 dozen  
1/2 cup buttr or margarine-softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1-1/2 cup mashed ripe bananas (3 medium)  
1-1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup baking cocoa  
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla; beat until thoroughly combined. Blend in the

**Bananas.** Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Divide batter in half. Add cocoa to half; spread into a greased 13-inch x 9-inch x 2-inch baking pan. Spoon remaining batter on top and swirl with a knife. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until the bats test done.


**Apricot-Banana Bread**  
Yield 1 loaf  
1/3 cup butter or margarine  
2/3 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 cup mashed ripe bananas  
1/4 cup buttermilk  
1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup 100% bran cereal (not flakes)  
3/4 cup chopped dried apricots  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs; mix well. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with banana mixture. Stir in bran, apricots and nuts. Pour into greased 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until bread tests done. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack.

**Frozen Cranberry Banana Salad**  
Yield 12-16 servings  
1 can pineapple tidbits  
5 medium firm bananas  
1 can whole-berry cranberry sauce  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 carton Cool Whip  
1/2 cup walnuts-shopped  
Drain tidbit juice into a medium bowl; set pineapple aside. Add bananas to the juice. In a large bowl, combine cranberry sauce and sugar. Remove bananas, discarding juice and add to cranberry mixture. Stir in pineapple, shipped topping and nuts. Pour into a 13x9x2 dish. Freeze until solid. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before cutting.

**Banana Poppy Seed Dressing**  
Yield 1-3/4 cup  
1 ripe banana  
1 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon poppy seed  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
salad greens  
orange or grapefruit slices  
In a small bowl, finely mash bananas. Add sour cream, sugar, poppy seed, lemon juice, mustard and salt. Chill for at least 30 minutes. Arrange salad greens and fruit on a platter or individual salad plates. Serve with dressing.

**Creamy Banana Pie**  
Yield 8 servings  
1 envelope unflavored gelatin  
1/4 cold water  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2-3/4 cups milk  
4 egg yolks-beaten  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
4 medium firm bananas  
1 cup heavy cream-whipped  
1 pastry shell-baked  
juice and grated peel of 1 lemon  
1/2 cup apple jelly  
Soften gelatin in cold water; set aside. In a saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Blend in the milk and egg yolks; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly-about 20-25 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in softened gelatin until dissolved. Stir in butter and vanilla. Cover the surface of the custard with plastic wrap and chill until no longer warm. Slice 3 bananas and fold into custard with whipped cream. Spoon into pie shell. Chill until set, about 4-5 hours. Shortly before serving, place lemon juice in a small bowl and slice the remaining banana into it. Melt jelly in a saucepan over low heat. Drain banana; pat dry and orange on top of pie. Brush banana with the jelly. Sprinkle with grated lemon peel. Serve immediately.


**Deport United Methodist Church**  
**Annual Harvest Festival**  
**Saturday, November 15**



**Deport Elementary School**  
**Bazaar Begins at 9:00**  
**Dinner Served from 11 - 1**

**"Turkey & Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Tea/Coffee \$5"**

**Bake Sale Crafts Silent Auction**




**Red River County Health Fair**  
Sponsored by St. Joseph's Family Clinic Bogata & The Bogata Lions Club

**Date: Saturday, November 22**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Place: Bogata Community Center**

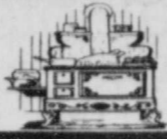
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# Deport Nursing Home News

By Candy Larkin



Johnnie Warren was visited by Bocky Norman, Lucy Fowler, Jo Wrenn, Chance Crawford, Lila Screws, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mitchell and children, Dakota, Dambri, Jaylon, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fangio, Alice Bumgarner, Linnie Bailey, Joyce Wilson and Dorothy Holt.

Sara Gilmer's visitors were Dewey, Marline, Suzanne Shovan.

Ann Ausin was visited by Chico, Velho and Chekeo.

Dean Boulware was visited by Juanita and Jodie Boulware.

Nina Hale was visited by Jo Wrenn, Candy Larkin, Nannie Bel Ham.

Genevieve Humphrey was visited by Cletus Mathis, Floyd Humphrey and Pam Humphrey.

Terry McDowra was visited by Margaret and Ceci Allen.

Grace Griffin was visited by Wynell Gilbreath, Alice Bumgarner, Ruby Cady was visited by Pauline Weddle and Margret Parks.

Bonnie Johnson was visited by Modene Lentz.

Reecie Kelsey and Brodie Bell were visited by Connie, Skip and Phillip Dodd.

David Geer's guests were Alfred and Clyde Fangio, Margret and Cecil Allen, William Geer and Joyce Love.

Rose Simpson was visited by Dan, Don O'Dea was visited by Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff and Margaret and Cecil Allen.

Athel Hester was visited by Cecil and Margret Allen.

Edith and Raymond Crawford was visited by Alice Bumgarner, Kara, Kaci, Dakota, Barbara Crawford and

Alice Bumgarner.

Linnie Bailey was visited by Ruby Blevis, Alice Bumgarner.

James and Sara Wilson was visited by lary and Jacky Wilson.

Delma Babb was visited by Juanita Williams, Bobby Jean Tippit.

Ruby Crawford was visited by Vickie Foster and Mae Crawford.

Mary Matthews was visited by Faye Burn and Inez Luttrell.

Milow Hume was visited by Ina Ward, Stasha Hume and Weldon Hume.

Mamie Fletcher was visited by Becky Proctor, Lila Screws.

Paula Shew was visited by Red Weaver.

Francis Smith was visited by Faye Burns and Lucy Cooper.

Russell Grant was visited by Red Weaver and Candy Larkin.

Betty Gardner's visitors wer Pat Talley and Candy Larkin.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Monda Fults, Cecil Allen, Peggy Parsons and Candy Larkin.

Floy Sparks was visited by Ceci Allen, Nina Sparks, Peggy PARsons, Jane Burdine, Leah Boren, Haley and Ty Parsons and Ina Saprks.

Angie Smith was visited by Dale, Darrell, Don, Eska and Don Smith, Barbara Merchant, Shirley Haskell, Ronnie Merchant, Sue Goley and Francis Edwards.

Dorothy Jensen was visited by Kathy Jenkins, Linda Jensen, Matthew Leon, Flona and Dee Harris.

Raymond and Aubrey Hignight were visited by Sara and John Starks and Mike Ralls.

Lena Powell was visited by Sue, Janie, Mary Lou Daniels, Lawanda McKnight, Dedia, Doc, Jamie Martin and Corbin.

Dorothy Fisher was visited by Doris C., Helen D., Doris Clary, Helen Davison and Donna Tobolka.

We had Bible STudy Nov. 4 with 27 hearing Bro. Freddy Burden.

Nov. 4 we had dinner with music by Robert Baugh.

Fifteen competed for ring toss, Johnnie Warren, Angie Smith topped it with 270 pts for first place, Harold Norris 2nd and Norma Williams 3rd. Manicures were enjoyed n the 5th. Bro. George Rape provided Bible Study and music for 35 residents.

Nov. 6 Dewey Ward provided music.

On the 7th Bro. Sam Campbell provided Bible Study.

Nov. 7 we had movie and popcorn by Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff.

Nov. 10 several won prizes as we played bingo.

Upcoming Events: Nov. 17 Leroy and the Country Rebels will provide music for our dance.

Lura Brodie Bell will celebrate her 100th birthday with a party Sunday, Nov. 16th at 2:00 p.m.

The Methodists will provide a birthday party for all november birthdays on Thursday, Nov. 20.

A special thanks goes to all who volunteered Halloween night to help out at the festival, and to family members who supported our residents and decorated cakes.

## Wilkinsons attend 376th bomb group reunion

By Charles Wilkinson

Jean and I left the farm on Sunday, October 12, for Emerald Bay on Lake Palestine. We drove mostly in a light rain getting to my sister Marjoree's home just before dark. We transferred our baggage to Marjoree's van and loaded Marjoree and Dora Thompson's baggage also. This was the second year for my two sisters to go to the reunion with us.

We left Emerald Bay at seven a.m. on Monday, October 13. We drove in a light rain. Our first stop was near Shreveport, Louisiana to visit a cousin, Bernice (Dawson) Gates and her husband, Wilson. While we were there her daughter, June, came. After a short visit, we hit the road again. We drove to Shannon, Mississippi that day. We drove all day in the rain. Got to our cousins, Oliver and Joyce Dawson's, just after dark on Monday the 13th. We spent Monday night and Tuesday night with Oliver and Joyce.

On Wednesday the 15 we resumed our journey to Knoxville, Tennessee where our reunion was being held. We arrived at Nashville in the early afternoon. We stopped and toured the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home. We would have enjoyed being able to spend more time there.

On the road again for Knoxville. We arrived at the Knoxville Hilton about dark. Checked in, then ate in the hotel restaurant.

Thursday morning we picked up our packets from the reunion reception desk. Spent the day visiting old friends and meeting new people. The new members all had a red, white and blue ribbon on their name tags. We try to make them feel especially welcome. We lose thirty to forty members each year. So far we are picking up about the same number of new members each year.

Thursday evening we had our welcome reception in the hotel ballroom. Light snacks, punch and a cash bar. A lot of handshaking, backslapping, hugging, kissing and a little lying. After the welcome reception, a few came to our room for drinks and visiting.

Friday morning we went to breakfast in the ballroom. A free breakfast has become a part of the package furnished by the hotel. After breakfast we returned to our rooms.

Jean just reminded me that I had left out the most important happening on Thursday. A lady, Judy

Gardner, who owns a dress shop in one of the malls, had a fashion show and sales deal for the ladies in the hotel ballroom. That was a big hit for the ladies. It went over so big that they had her to return on Friday.

On Friday we had a Symposium on the December 28, 1943 Mission to Vicenza, Italy when the 376th lost 10 B-24s. This was the most planes that the 376th lost on one mission. All the planes from the 512th Squadron were lost that day.

One of the guys from the 512th who was shot down that day has been a regular member of the after hours sessions in our room for the last two years. He has told some interesting tales of his experiences while in German prison camps.

One of the most interesting aspects of this mission was that the 376th had flown a mission to Vicenza about a week earlier and had very little opposition. They were expecting another milk run. The Germans had moved in a lot more anti aircraft guns as well as fighters. As estimated 60 to 100 fighters attacked them that day. As was their habit, the fighters would hold up about 2000 yards out (out of range of our Cal. 50 machine guns) and lob their rockets in for the formation then come on in and attack the cripples. That day it was a very effective tactic for them.

Friday night we went to Pigeon Forge to the Dixie Stampede. Pigeon Forge is the Tennessee answer to Branson, Missouri. I would have enjoyed the dinner more had they furnished silverware. The chicken and barbecued ribs were really greasy to eat with your fingers. However, they did furnish a large wet napkin when you were finished. We did enjoy the show which was performed in an arena about half as large as the Bogata Rodeo Arena. It was sort of a Civil War Scene with different types of races.

On Saturday after breakfast, we boarded buses to go to Oakridge to the Atomic Bomb Museum. They had a demonstration before our tour through the museum. For one of the demonstrations, the man had a girl with long hair come to the stage. She placed her hand on a large ball. There was a large disc on a stand behind her head. When the man turned on a switch the girl's long hair stood on end. The man said that atoms passing

through her caused it. I was real happy to see this demonstration. I had thought for fifty four years that fear had made my hair stand on end on all of my bombing missions. Now, I know that I wasn't scared, it was atoms passing through my body making my hair stand on end.

Saturday night was our dinner dance. Our speaker was a very funny guy. He had a set of large flash cards. He was teaching us the language of the Smoky Mountains. He kept us laughing the whole time.

Sunday morning we had our Memorial Breakfast. This is a very emotional time for me. After we eat, the list of our members who have died since our last reunion is read. Then taps is played. The navigator from our crew had died last April.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, we boarded buses for Ashville, North Carolina to visit the Biltmore Estate. George Vanderbilt opened the doors of the Biltmore House to family and friends on Christmas Eve 1895. The house has 250 rooms with four acres of floor space. It is located on eight thousand acres of forest, farmland and pleasure gardens. It has the most visited winery in America. I really enjoyed visiting their tasting room. However, I was not overly impressed by the taste of their wines. The trip to Ashville, the visit to the Biltmore and visiting the winery took the entire day. The tour guide had intended that we eat dinner in the restaurant next door to the winery, but they had a two hour wait. We went to a very nice restaurant that had recently opened. After dinner we boarded the bus for the return trip to the hotel.

Monday morning, after our breakfast, we loaded the van for our trip homeward. We drove to Clarksville, Arkansas and spent Monday and Tuesday nights with our sister-in-law, Helen Wilkinson. On Wednesday we drove to Emerald Bay. Thursday morning we continued our trip homeward. It started raining on Jean and me about thirty miles east of Dallas. We were in a hard rain until we got to Fort Worth.

Jean and I arrived at the farm about four o'clock on Thursday the 23rd. Needless to say we were very tired but happy to be home. Even the cats and cows seemed glad to see us.

Our reunion for 1998 is to be held in Minneapolis.

## School Menu



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November 17-21

**Monday**  
**Breakfast:**  
Biscuits, gravy  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Fried chicken, gravy  
Potatoes  
English peas  
Rolls  
Milk

**Tuesday**  
**Breakfast:**  
Cinnamon rolls  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Tacos  
Salad  
Refried beans  
Pineapple chunks  
Milk

**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast:**  
French toast strips, syrup  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Spaghetti and meat sauce  
Carrot sticks  
Rolls  
Peaches  
Milk

**Thursday**  
**Breakfast:**  
Cereal, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Fish nuggets  
French fries  
Cole slaw  
Hushpuppies  
Milk

**Friday**  
**Breakfast:**  
Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Hamburger on bun  
Lettuce, tomato  
French fries  
Pineapple chunks  
Milk

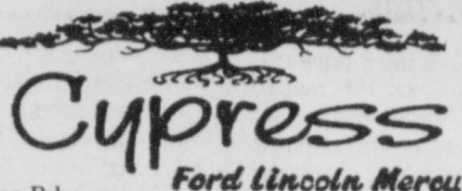


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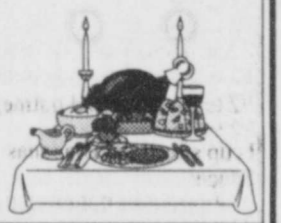
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**SENIOR PATRIOT** Jesse Thompson assists in the tackle of a Como-Pickton Eagle during last Friday night's game. Although the Patriots lost, they are to be commended for their gutsy effort given throughout the year.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS AND AREA CHAMPS**-The Prairiland Lady Patriots were named as Bi-District and Area Champs in games played Saturday, November 8 against Ore City and Tuesday night against S & S Consolidated. The girls will now travel to Denton on Friday and Saturday for Regional playoffs. Pictured left to right standing is Amber Norwood, Candace Yaross, Susan Singleton, Felicia Taylor, Leslie Spangler, Meagan Hatfield and Katie Mullins. Bottom row is seniors Brandie Upchurch, Cari Irwin, Katha Crawford and Kim Gibson.

## Patriots host Como-Pickton

By Sandy Flatt

The Prairiland Patriots hosted the Como-Pickton Screaming Eagles Friday night for the final game of the 1997 season.

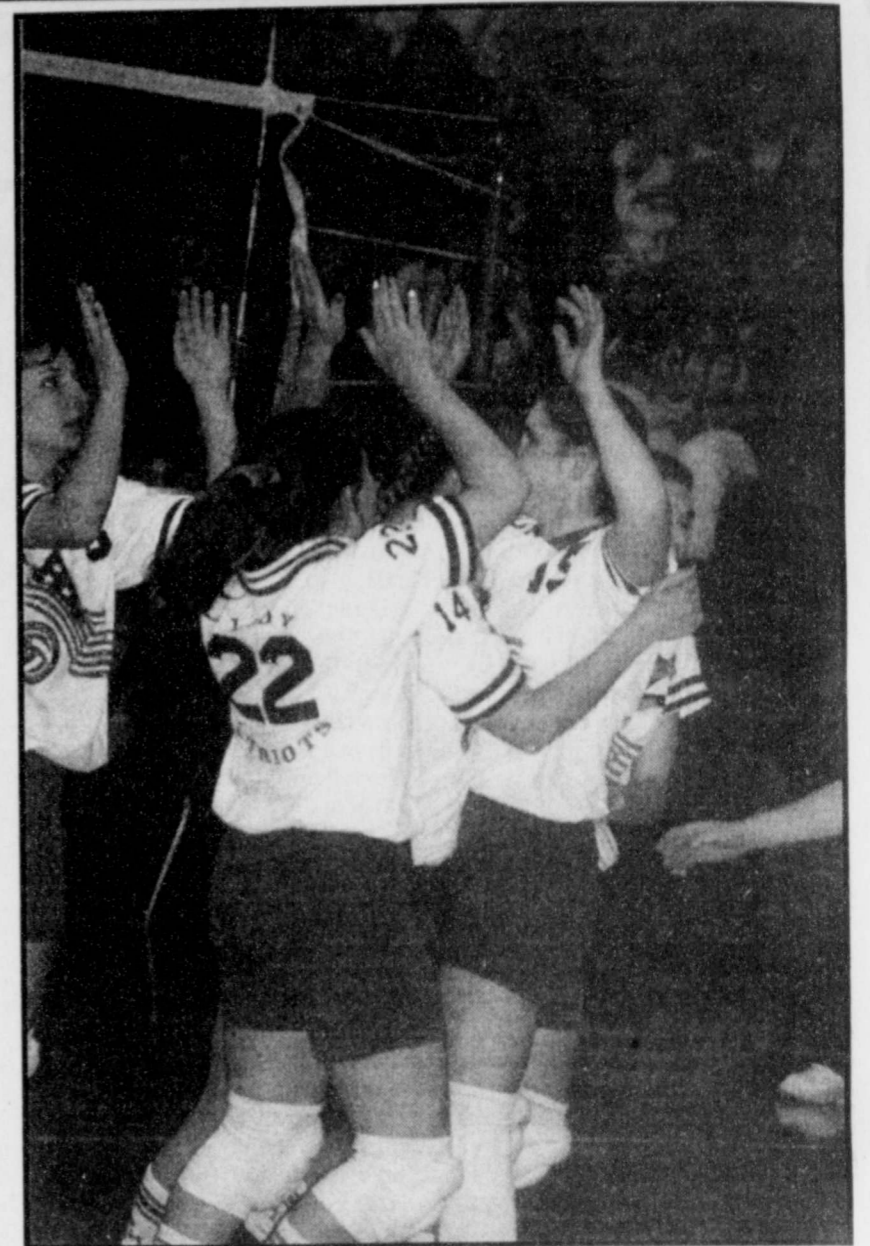
Interceptions and penalties set the tone for the game as the Patriots took a beating 52-0.

Another season filled with injuries and grades comes to an end. Fans will sit back and wait for another year and another squad of Patriots.

There are those seniors that will not have another chance to play. They are Ryan Cope, Jesse Thompson, David Ford, Wesley Conley, Casey Blount and Wyatt Vickers.

The JV Patriots traveled to Como on Thursday night, November 6. Although they played well with QB Jonathan Martin connecting passes with Chris Berry and excellent running by Jason Elrod and Ryan Gordon, the only touchdown pass came from Michael Flatt.

The Pats were outscored 16-6 for the final game of the year. Tackles were made by Matt McEntyre, Elrod, Martin, Berry, Flatt, Brooks Bailey and Kevin Farrow.



**LADY PATRIOTS** congratulate each other in Saturday's victory over Ore City. They were named as the Bi-district Champs for 1997.

**Come Out And Support Your Teams!**

## Patriots travels to Como-Pickton

By Deb Dawson

On Thursday, November 6, the Prairiland Jr. High Patriots traveled to Como-Pickton for the final game of the season. Despite desperate blocking attempts by the Pats, the Eagles were just unstoppable.

The QB was sacked several times before he could let loose of the ball. Brandon Bettis was injured during the game and was taken to the hospital and is reported doing fine. Matt Moffitt ran 55 yards for a TD only to have it called back because of a clipping call. Justin Elrod made a spectacular catch on a pass from Nathan Burden, only to be dropped short on the first down. All of the boys deserve a big pat on the back as they hung in there and kept the Eagles from scoring really big on the board.

Team members are Burden, Danny Robinson, Bettis, Elrod, Mark Carter, Thomas Bishop, Matt Oliver, Burke Burnett, Trey Unruh, Shaun Avance,

John Wright, Seth Bush, John Merrill, Jimmy Smith and Josh Fendley.

The "A" team hit the field with an air of confidence, with only one loss in district play. Stoney Musgrove stopped the carrier short in the first couple of plays with Josh Dawson, Eric Berry, Charlie Lawrence, Shawn Steinkamp, Wade Moore and Philip Elder thro3wing some hard tackles. Shortly an Eagle broke loose and scored a TD. The kick return to the

Pats was short and the Eagles recovered the ball. Dawson stripped the ball from the carrier and Berry is there to recover. Lawrence broke through the line for a 50-yard gain and a pass from Nichols to Hunt in the end zone is complete, giving the Pats their first TD for the evening.

Things started looking up for the Pats as the Eagles fumbled the ball, thanks to quick movement from Berry, and is recovered by Dawson.

The Pats had the ball on the Eagles 25. Lawrence received a 15-yard gain and in the next play went all the way for a TD. Brad Hunt and Derrick Loveless hit the Eagles with Steinkamp recovering fumble. Lawrence gained another 20 yards, but the Pats failed to score. Tackles were scored by Musgrove, Moore, Colt Hatfield, Chris Basinger, Steinkamp, Elder, Brad Gray, Josh Williams, Dawson, Hunt, Berry, Loveless and Lawrence. The Eagles took the game 30-14.

These young Patriots have a lot of heart, no matter what the scoreboard says.

Special thanks also goes to the cheerleaders Jaci Chaney, Chasiti Nation, Sheena Jones, Kara Screws, Kami Hudson, Jemilyn McKee, Kelley Clarkson, Andie Gillie, Tammie Anthony and Pam Norwood sponsor.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHASTITI-A** hayride and weiner roast was held in honor of Chastiti Nation' 14th birthday on Saturday, November 8 outside of Blossom. Sixty friends gathered for the hayride and everyone had a great time. She is the daughter of Sissy and Mark Nation of Blossom.

**Proud past, promising future...A history**

The Prairiland Lady Patriots are truly proud of the tradition, they have the privilege to carry on, but that's quite obvious with their 27-6 record and recent district, bi-district and area championships. What started during the 1990-91 volleyball season was a new aggressive style of play that has never been adopted by other area schools and a program respected and renowned for developing skilled and competitive teams.

Since 1990 the Lady Patriots have earned five district championships, two co-district championships, seven bi-district championships, six area championships and three regional championships. Although having played in three state tournaments, the Lady Patriots have found a state title to be elusive.

Prairiland has also, since 1990-91, produced 29 all district players, 13 district MVP's, 33 all tournament selections, 10 all Red River Valley players, 3 MVP all Red River Valley players, 4 TGCA all star players, 10 Texas Sportswriters, all state play-

ers, 15 academic all district players, 6 TGCA academic all state players, 6 district coach of the year awards, and three Red River Valley coach of the year awards. Also Coach Sessums is doing all she can to promote the sport by serving as chairman of the TGCA volleyball committee.

Five Prairiland players have even gone on to play college ball. The list of accolades are numerous and, of course, will continue. Since 1990, the Lady Patriots have amassed a 193-53 win-loss record, not counting this year.

All but 10 of these losses were to 3, 4 or 5 A schools. THE Lady Patriots have never played a padded schedule, but one that was competitive to help them improve. In 1990-91 the Lady Patriots went 18-6 in 91-92 they were 22-8; in 92-93 they were 29-3; in 93-94 they were 29-5 and in 94-95 they were 32-6. During 95-96, many people had their doubts about the Lady Patriots who had only one returning varsity player from the 95 state runner-up team. However, holding true to reputation and tradition, the Lady Patriots started four juniors and two sophomores, went 19-13 and still won bi-district. Then in 96-97 they went 24-12 and earned another area title. There's no luck to it. The Lady Patriots are a product of intent, much purpose, desire and

discipline...and, of course, it's also a tradition thing.

The tradition is continuing this year because of young players willing to take up the challenge of disciplined workout and older players providing leadership. Nothing comes easy, and 97-98 squad will tell you that it hasn't been easy. They aren't asked simply to maintain, but to strive daily for improvement in skills, conditioning, team play and attitude; it's expected of them if they want to be a Lady Patriot. The Lady Patriots have learned that the teams who become champions are well-disciplined and are not satisfied with status quo.

When the Lady Patriots don their red, white and blue, it's showtime for the crowd. It's fun, exciting and downright entertaining to watch them play...and they mean to entertain, but they mean business, too. That's exactly what they do...take care of business.

If you haven't seen Prairiland play, you're missing a treat. If you do get out to see the Lady Patriots, you'll agree that a tradition has begun and is still continuing. The Lady Patriots indeed have a proud past and promising future.

**Presbyterian women meet with Mame Cutshall as hostess**

The Presbyterian women of the First Presbyterian Church of Deport met Monday, November 10 in the community room of the Glover Apartments with Mame Cutshall as hostess for the meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

During the business session, Reba Temple, moderator, announced a gift of over 60 Campbell Soup labels had been received from Louise Osborne of Paris. They are being collected by members and friends of the church to assist Goodland Presbyterian Home in Hugo, OK to purchase a van.

The mission pledge for 1998 will remain the same as in 1997. This pledge is paid quarterly to Presbytery. The pledge will include an offering for operating expenses.

As an extra mission project, it was decided to send money in 1998 to assist with the Crosstown Day Care Center in Tulsa, OK. This is a day care and learning center to support low income families in the Kendall-Whittier area of Tulsa.

Joyce Davidson led the thank offering service. All the members participated in a litany of worship. The Thank offering was collected and dedicated with prayer.

Clara Stalls gave the Least Coin devotional, "A Plea for Partnership". This offering was collected and dedicated with prayer.

Eulene Nicholas presented the second lesson from the study of Job, "Why Ask Why".

In asking why he suffered, Job did not think that understanding would make the pain go away, but he hoped it would make the pain easier to bear. Job, like many of the prophets, shows that we can be honest in expressing our feelings to God.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

The hostess served refreshments during the social hour.

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 W.A. Black  
 Essie Chesshir  
 Homer Cavender  
 Robert Childers  
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 Georgia Elders  
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 Agnes Stevens  
 Willie Mae Tubb  
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 H.H. Brown  
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 Pete Wilkerson  
 Bill Wilkerson  
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 & Ricky Varborough  
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 Maggie Armstrong  
 Nora Allums  
 Rena Bryson  
 Walter Blankenship  
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 Odell Bogie  
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 Cora Barton  
 Jess Cothren  
 Ollie Glover  
 Lena Gill  
 Weldon Glover  
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 Jessie Walker  
 Alvis Ward  
 Luther Whitaker  
 Leonard Williams  
 A.S. White  
 George Williams  
 Cora Ward  
 Rachel White  
 Maggie Bell Wilson  
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 Ethyl Arnold  
 Gladys Barber  
 Mary Barnes  
 Newt Bryson  
 Verna Becton



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Williams<br>Joe Norris Woodall<br>Willie Wardslow<br>Mildred Baine Weeks<br>Fred Whitten<br><b>1977</b><br>David Baxter<br>Minnie Clara Bell<br>May Dan Bell<br>Lucian Brooks<br>Ila Bolin<br>Elbert Cheatwood<br>Daisy Coats<br>Ross Cooper<br>Verna Edwards<br>Emma Eudy<br>Roxie East<br>Guy Hurt<br>Lucy Hervey<br>Lelia Hunt<br>Roger Hanson<br>Della House<br>Robert Harden<br>Hoyt Hamilton<br>Hattie Hawks<br>Leroy Hampton<br>Fred Geese<br>Letha George<br>Michelle Glass<br>Lee Anna Gifford<br>Sally Lovell<br>Dorothy Lowery<br>Hubert Kelly<br>Elizabeth McCluer<br>Charlie V. Morris<br>Fay Montgomery<br>Doug Mayles<br>W.A. Mauldin<br>Alma L. Potts<br>Eunice Pirtle<br>Lillian Stephenson<br>Michael Paul Ship<br>Mary Agnes Sulsar<br>Roy Lee Strickland<br>Eunice Stubblefield<br>Robert Lee Roach<br>Frank Rhodes<br>Nora Audrey Terry<br>Map Townes<br>George Wilson<br>Isabella Ward<br>Mon Ward<br>Ida Williams<br>J.W. Woodie<br>Ricky Wright<br>Marshall White<br>Charles White<br>Hershal Wood<br><b>1978</b><br>Opal Armstrong<br>Charlie Abernathy<br>Jacque Bristol<br>Bennie Barrow<br>Selma Baker<br>Nellie Black<br>Herman Bond<br>Thelma Babb<br>Raymond Dugger<br>Clarence Deberry<br>Tom Cox<br>Vada Cox<br>Jester Corbell<br>Lynn Chesshir<br>Pat Craddock<br>Don Colquhoun<br>Donald Eudy<br>Fred Foster<br>Minnie Howison<br>Walter Huner<br>Ila Hoover<br>Geraldine Hester<br>Peggy Glover<br>Robert Gillis<br>John N. Gipson<br>Robert Lee<br>Richard Leffel<br>Lizzie Lee<br><b>1981</b><br>Jessie Kidd<br>Mrs. Henry Kidd<br>Tient McCrury<br>Herman Moore<br>Mack Mitchell<br>Raymond Mayes<br>Mary Maulding<br>Mrs. Jimmy Martin<br>Lou Ella Pettit<br>W.H. 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Wilson<br>Marilyn Wilson<br>Jo Watts<br>Milt Wooten<br>Cora Webster<br>Sammy Wilkerson<br>Aubrey Williams<br><b>1993</b><br>Allen Brumbalow<br>John Lee Bell<br>Marvel Baker<br>Betty Blissard<br>Alta Bell<br>Otto Baker<br>Francis Bailey<br>Marshall Beakley<br>Winnie Cross<br>Audrie Canfield<br>John Van Coats<br>Jim Clark<br>Billie Joe Dobbs<br>Bobby Franklin<br>Jim Fortner<br>Mary Garnett<br>Minnie Herring<br>George Henson<br>Sammy Hervey<br>Iva Henson<br>Iva Hooker<br>Leon Hurt<br>Pauline Hancock<br>Weldon Jones<br>Opal Lampard<br>Ethel Kennedy<br>Verna Motter<br>Bob Mauldin<br>W.H. 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Head<br>Lou Ella Hampton<br>Doshie Jones<br>Ellen Johnson<br>Mrs. Ollie Lee<br>Cora King<br>Edward Mitchell<br>Lillie Massey | Brenda Massey<br>Jewell Moore<br>Joe Martin<br>David Mullin<br>Mildred Mayfield<br>Rainey McClure<br>Clay Phipps<br>Paul Pyles<br>Mary Pirtle<br>Bob Roberts<br>Frances Sum<br>Melvin Sisson<br>Luella Swartz<br>Ed Smith<br>Fannie Sellers<br>Roy Tillman<br>Bonnie Thom<br>D.C. Williams<br>Marion Whitten<br>Margaret Whit<br>Fern Warden<br>Buddy Watten<br>Sara Wilson<br>Vola Ward<br>Blanch Wickie<br><b>1995</b><br>Steve Alford<br>Wood Arms<br>Herman Belch<br>Patsy Burns<br>Jimmie D. Be<br>Floyd Brumby<br>Mrs. Dean Ba<br>Rosalia Baird<br>Opal Benhar<br>Lillie Collins<br>Lizzie Citterio<br>James A. Dan<br>Dixie Dill<br>Johnnie Deary<br>Martha Eling<br>Nicky Eudy<br>Roger Fortner<br>Josie Fent<br>Pauline Fuga<br>Mary Gurbay<br>Herman Guen<br>James Gill<br>Gertrude Giff<br>Tom Gurfuy<br>Gordon Husb<br>Stella Howan<br>Wesley Hulle<br>Albert Harvill<br>Vera Johnston<br>J.C. Leath<br>Louie Linsen<br>Joe Lige<br>Buddy Lanst<br>Mae King<br>Albert Mout<br>Charles Mora<br>Jennie Maye<br>Doshie Moor<br>Margaret Mit<br>Katie Mauldi<br>Donald Mar<br>Geatlen Mar<br>Kelsie McE<br>Wanda Phil<br>Loree Roach<br>Sylvia Robis<br>Kenneth St<br>Joseph St<br>Madge Scree<br>Homer Soog<br>Lionel Look<br>Eunice Tumi<br>Troy William<br>Peggy White<br>Pam White<br>Pat West<br>Marion Whit<br>Tom Wark<br>Eddie Watts<br><b>1996</b><br>Eska Ayans<br>Jewell Bati<br>Bandy Bati<br>Pete Brown<br>Liddle R. B<br>Horace Bah<br>Pearl Comb<br>Ernest Cro<br>Jackie Gard<br>Doyle Gagg<br>Essie Cole<br>Loyd Cawley<br>Doug Ghalde<br>Wayne Dodi<br>Bobby Duffe<br>Thelma Dav<br>Aileen Dav<br>Billy Flaenik<br>Mack Glowe<br>Francis Gibb<br>Vera Grogan<br>Lucy Holdai<br>Norris Herve<br>Fern Howse<br>Marvellen<br>Faye Humpal<br>Sue Hudson<br>Kitty Harde<br>R.J. Ho<br>Ruth Harms |
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# We've Been

Exactly twenty-five years ago today, November 13, 1972, the James Wood family departed during their times of grief and sorrow. During these past twenty-five years, our children, love us, fed us, encouraged us and most of all become our very special friends over these years and the friendships that have evolved.

To show our love and appreciation for your support of us the past twenty-five years, the Parents Support Group in Paris in Memory of each loved one who has passed.

This is but a very small way of saying "Thank You" to the townspeople.

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# Here 25 Years

Our Family moved to Bogata to begin serving the people of Bogata and past twenty-five years, you fine people have raised and educated our very special friends. Unbelievably so, almost 2,500 families have selected our service from this to us are the most cherished assets we own.

In the past quarter century, we have made a donation to the Bereaved Home whose family we have strived to serve since we moved here.

to towns, communities and the people that mean so very much to us.



1997

## Our Love and Appreciation and God Bless You All The James Wood Family James, Dee, Tim, Juli & Denise

- 1974**  
Gilbert Huddleston  
J.N. Lee  
Iva Kilgore  
Rosie Kirk  
Chris Morse  
Ronald Mankins  
H.W. (Jr.) McKinney  
Cora Newsome  
Rudolph Patton  
Mary Parker  
Maudie Pittman  
Nadine Rhodes  
Jimmy Keith Smith  
Cloney Stevens  
Mary M. Scoggins  
Nelda Christopher Trull  
Gordon Tabb  
Verna Willis  
J.C. Whatley  
Opal Watts
- 1977**  
Elder Aubrey  
Bill Brooks  
Joe Bybee  
Talma Cooper  
Edwin Cox  
John Eudy  
A.G. Elder  
Will Gifford  
Virgil Hulett  
Lelia Pearl Hulen  
Clarence Holmes  
Sam Harvey  
Mamie Johnson  
E.E. Kirkland  
Tom Kenemore  
Joe Murrell  
Oscar Martin  
Mary McClain  
Mrs. Bob McDowra  
James Nichols  
Mrs. J.S. Nixon  
Wanza O'Neal  
Otha Pearson  
Beth Ripley  
Mrs. J.A. Roach  
Jim Rollins  
Grady Rook  
Harold Rogers  
Mrs. J.T. Slaton  
Fred Smith  
Henry Thomas  
Wayne Thomas  
Jodie Wright  
Daniel Dill  
Thomas Farris  
Jim Garrett  
Bessie Geese  
Linnie Gibson  
Robert Gibson  
Ida Gurley  
Shane Gurley  
Clarence Ham  
Julia Harper  
Vernon Harville  
Buford Hood  
Jessie Hunter  
Richard Kain  
John Keith  
Charles King  
David Knowles  
Maud Legate  
Jim Miller  
Eurieta O'Northern  
Ronald O'Donnell  
Joe Parks  
Winnie Pirtle  
Lula Porter  
Howard Potter  
Monroe Rector  
Robert Roberts  
Wanda Robinson  
Bobby Simmons  
Jewell Simmons  
Era Smelser  
Ethel Smith  
Thurman Merritt  
Rosa Speir  
Donovan Strain  
Jewell Summers  
L.C. Thomas  
Wretha Watkins  
Eugene White  
Micky Williams  
Sandy Williams  
Lewis Wilkerson
- 1975**  
Arthur Barnard  
William T. Basinger  
Otis Barnes  
James Creemen  
Mollie Carter  
Johnny Cawvey  
Mrs. Bob Diggs  
Hobert Dickson  
Ural Deshong  
Stella Dickson  
Grady Eudy  
Hester Fenter  
Mrs. John Franks  
Lofin Guest  
Mrs. Alic Griffin  
Maud Cammon  
Georgia Goodwin  
Stacey Gifford  
Rufus Guest  
Ruth Holt  
Mrs. Bud House  
Claud Jordan  
Mrs. Dennis Jeffus  
Bessie Kelley  
Mrs. Crie Kennedy  
Willie Lee  
Dea Milsbaugh  
Thurman Merritt  
Gus Nobles  
Henry Pomroy  
Zad Page  
Buford Rivers  
W.W. Rose  
Cecil Loyd Smith  
Guy Stevens  
Jess Smith  
Barney Scott  
Dessie Stevens  
L.L. Stevens  
Ben Tidwell  
W.O. Westbrooks  
Ricky White  
Mary J. Williams
- 1976**  
Walter Allen  
Mrs. Earl Bailey  
Correy Bell  
Wayne Baker  
Glynn Clayton  
Ora Crump  
John Crump  
Tenny Cheatham  
Carl Creemen  
Cynthia Crockett  
Ramsey Cooper  
Lou Davidson  
Morris Fisher  
Mrs. Verna Griffin  
R.B. Hulen  
Herman Hoover  
Ollie Hunt  
O.M. Jenkins  
Eddie May Lassiter  
Mrs. J.W. Merritt  
Arah Middleton  
Bob McDowra  
William McGill  
Barbara McCoy  
Bobby Nichols  
Malvin Pomroy  
Lucy Roberts  
Pete Ripley  
Ed Sandlin  
Lizzie Trammell  
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Terry  
Buster Watson  
Leonard Wilson  
Ellis Woodall  
Christopher Weddle
- 1978**  
Vondie Archibald  
Kenneth Allen  
Thomas Allen  
C.W. Anderson  
Mrs. Claud Barham  
Mrs. J.D. Cremeen  
W.P. Coleman  
Lee Counts  
Helon Dunn  
Dusty Darden  
Joe Edwards  
Larry Gifford  
Boss Gray  
Elsie Hillehule  
Mrs. Virgil Hulett  
Pat Holcum  
Elmon Hodges  
Joan Hanley  
Grady Hunley  
Thomas Jeffus  
Bill King  
Linda Kilgore  
Charles Latham  
Sam Monk  
Earl Murphy  
Tommie Miller  
Ida Marcum  
Mrs. Raymond Nixon  
Jessie Read  
Leon Smith  
Thurman Singleton  
Jennie Southerland  
Edwin Salter  
Clinton Smith  
Mrs. Earl Swindle  
Stella Terry  
Kate Terrell  
J.A. Wood  
Ethel Whittle  
Dea Marie Wright  
Lottie Walker  
Otis Woodson
- 1979**  
Tina Anderson  
Samuel Austin  
Henry Ballard  
Linda Lee Crockett  
Lina Crawford  
Wanda Cavender  
Queen Victoria Clarkson  
Mrs. John Cason  
Claudia Cooper  
Willie Dearmon  
Jim Davis  
Dub Dunn  
Mamie Edwards  
Dovie Eubank  
Mrs. Boss Gray  
Johnnie Gilbert  
George Grant  
Herman Terry Gray  
George Marvin Hobbs  
Bob Holt  
Lula Mae Jeffus  
Jessie Kilgore, Jr.  
Addie Lattimer  
Clifford Morgan  
Cora Monk  
Eulie Marshall  
Dock Matlock  
Jess Stalls  
Marrie Southerland  
Carrie Stevens  
Gwendolyn Sue Sutton  
Mrs. Edward Thomas  
Elbert Veteto  
Vellma Varner  
Mrs. Buster Watson  
Benie Weddle  
Adron Westbrook  
Thomas B. Webster
- 1980**  
Annie Bell  
Lucy Bell  
Guyon Batten  
Rob Bryson  
Warren Black  
Gracie Cornish  
W.S. Crockett  
Ben R. Cruise  
Cora Chandler  
Amanda Crawford  
Effie Chitty  
Ethel Coleman  
Delores Cawvey  
Guadalupe Duarte  
Alice Embrey  
John Gossett  
Retha Guest  
Mary Hawkins  
Fay Nell Harvey  
Raymond Hamby  
Emma Kilgore  
Linda Lassiter  
Henry Merritt  
Wylie Mitchell  
William Norrell  
Griffin Newman  
Beulah Philley  
Ada Pearson  
Georgia Rozell  
Mable Sugg  
Mrs. Harry Slusher  
Mrs. Fred Swint, Sr.  
Oliver Trussell  
Robert Earl Temple  
Bertha Thomas  
Thornton Trussell  
Vernon Westbrook  
Erna Lena Woods
- 1981**  
Maurice Anderson  
Pick Anderson  
Rosco Baker  
Joe Barnard  
Bessie Barton  
Dorris Benedict  
Stanley Floyd Burkett  
Berman Clement  
Thomas Cossey  
Julia Counts  
Essie Cheatham  
Walter Crafton  
Darell Evans  
Tommie Epps  
Maynie Finch  
Drury Guest  
Delbert Haskins  
Ruth Holt  
Norman Kuykendall  
Amanda Lawler  
Joe Ladd  
Tommie Massingill  
Bryan Mullins  
Fannie Edna McCormick  
Mrs. Albert Nixon  
Mrs. Coy Pomroy  
Oscar Rhodes  
Kitty Bailey Ray  
Thelma Russell  
Wylie Stone  
Agnes Skaggs  
James Tucker  
Eula Thomas  
Wallace Thompson  
Florence Westbrook  
Martha Francis Wright  
Eric Paul Wood  
Mary E. Wright  
Nellie Walker  
Ben Webb
- 1982**  
Earl Alvis  
Leona Barthome  
Ruby Brittain  
Cora Bell  
Emma Boyd  
Rutha Bell  
Drucilla Carpenter  
Mary Sue Clowdus  
J. Smith Davidson  
Lee Ella Francis  
Vernita Fisher  
Oran Lee Harvey  
James E. Hackler  
Lillie Ingram  
Susan Irene Janek  
O.L. Jackson  
James E. Kirkley  
Connie Ruth Milam  
Corene Moore  
Rasine McIntire  
Latimer Nichols  
Rufus Edgar Pettit  
Mollie A. Pomroy  
W.L. Phillely  
Tollie Robinson  
Leslie Ridens  
Joe Sparks  
Maudie Mae Smith  
Howal Shipp  
Joe Thornton  
George Taylor  
Harold Taylor  
Ersell Russell  
Ella Ruth Westbrook  
Roy Woodall  
Jessie Young
- 1983**  
Alvis Allen  
Harvey Brown  
Lola Bell  
Harmon Betterton  
Hilda Black Clement  
Johnny Clayton  
James Elrod  
William Evans  
Dempsey Floyd  
Phillip Hobbs  
Jeffery Hurley  
Cecile Handley  
Charlie Joplin  
Susie L. Kunkole  
Talma Lamaster  
Pearl Milsbaugh  
Frank Malone  
Patricia McDowra  
Zura Newsome  
Emily Young Norton  
Annie I. Nobles  
John Cecil Oats  
Robin Pickering  
Willie R. Richardson  
Claudius Richardson  
E.E. Ross  
Mamie Rhodes  
Jessica Louise Smith  
Tommie Stevens  
Pete Storey  
Gertrude Tidwell  
Wesley M. Talley  
Ivan Clarence Wilson  
Dora Watkins  
Imogene Wright
- 1984**  
Terry Adams  
Patricia Eileen Burks  
Mildred Betterton  
Thomas J. Basinger  
Tommie Betterton  
Lyda Bell  
Jim Henry Cherry  
Waymon Epps  
Laura Dunn Gifford  
Emma Grant  
George Fran Griffin  
Walter Gifford  
Clarence Grimes  
Sid Grant  
Erin Hawkins  
Bertha Johnson  
Lucille Jones  
J.B. Lee  
Zona Moore  
Nellie Mantooth  
Shorty Morgan  
William H. Matlock  
Robert Lee McDowra  
Helen Wilson McDowra  
David Packard  
Clifford Pynes  
Maudie W. Pettit  
Lillie Alice Philly  
Robert Lee Powell  
Olga Pearson  
Farris Read  
James A. Robinson  
Allie Mae Rees  
Lillie Pearl Stevens  
Billy D. Smith  
Mildred Spears  
Merle Anderson Thompson  
Minnie Lou Thompson  
Alice Trussell  
Gladys Wright  
Ruby wood  
James Elmer Woodall  
Gertrude Williamson
- 1985**  
Emma Sharp Anderson  
Leonard Archibald  
L.V. Bud Archibald  
Lillie Fae Allen  
Odin Carroll Aubrey  
Joe Lee Betterton  
Mary Louise Bailey  
David Hoyt Barnes  
Franklin Bell  
Johnnie Burrus  
Johnnie Carter  
Robert Lee Eudy  
Amy D. Frazier  
Earle Gardner  
Bonnie Lee Gifford  
C.A. Garrett  
Mamie Gable  
Mollie Griffin  
Myrtle Hulett  
Gerda Beulah Henley  
Mattie James  
Edna Estelle Keener  
William P. Lynn  
Bill Marcum  
Chlora Mae Mitchell  
Addie Malone  
C.A. Marshall  
Raymond Nixon  
Alex Tucker  
Clifford Lee Taylor  
Mrs. Izara Temple  
Betty Ann White  
Jack Whitt  
Curtis Thomas Ward  
George Walker  
Jinks Whittle  
Lillie Mae Williams  
Barbara Jean Wood
- 1986**  
Clarence Ashford  
Pauline Bell  
Robbie Francis Brumley  
Stacy Kim Brown  
Bertha Bryan  
Minnie Bennett  
Sandra Berendowsky  
Marvin Betterton  
Mrs. C.W. Cotton  
Johnnie Carpenter
- 1987**  
Hope Allen  
John D. Alley  
Glynn Dale Bryant  
Marshall Bailey  
Jerrill Barham  
Albert Ray Bailey  
Lydia Betterton  
Dulen Clowdus  
Russell Cheatham  
Maydell Duncan  
Tommie Dennison  
Austin Eudy  
Arthur Fisher  
Ara Fuller  
Vera Maud Grant  
Gordon Ray Gibson  
Richard E. Gandy  
James Hannah  
Clint Hensley  
Elbert Ray Hutson  
Mrs. Jack Hughes  
Martha Merrell Johnson  
Hal Jordan  
Harvey Buford Legendre  
James Ferrell Lagrum  
Jeff Elmer Mayes  
Robert Lee Maddox  
Jackson Nixon  
Monterey Petty  
Laura Ethel Pettit  
Cleatie Poe Pepper  
E.J. Shelby  
Dyke Skaggs  
Fred Shuman  
Mrs. Myrtle Shuford  
Josh Ray Smith  
Thomas Vandaveer  
Russie Weakes  
Bessie Jewell Wilson  
Ben Warren  
Samuel Westbrook  
Jewell York
- 1988**  
Fred Allen  
Annie Gee Anderson  
Richard Bailey  
Milburn Bumgardner  
Wesley Broughton  
Maureen Bryson  
Carl Currin  
James H. Eudy  
Clarence Fuller  
Dorothy Francis  
Mike Haydock  
Kate Harmoning  
Walcey Higdon  
Millard Igo  
Virginia Elder Jones  
Karl Kimball  
William A. Kilgore  
Inez Ruth Lewis  
Hoyle Ladd  
Mack Lynn  
Joe Martin Murrell  
Mrs. Clyde Moore  
May Mazy  
Eary Mazy  
Una McGrew  
Charlie E. McMikel  
Harold McIntyre  
Rena Nobles  
Katherine Oakes  
Eizie Pettit  
Carl Pryor  
Roxie Ramsey  
Ruby Lee Roberts  
Rupert Sugg  
Sallie Scott  
Millie Shiver  
Ira Taylor  
Katherine Tulley  
Thelma L. Wilkinson  
Clarence Williams  
Mildred Whitt
- 1989**  
Tommie Cruise  
Mattie Eileen Dickson  
Darell Frazier  
Billy Guest  
Dorothy Grant  
Myrtle Emma Good  
Nathleen Gibson  
Jeffery Hurley  
Cecile Handley  
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Susie L. Kunkole  
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Frank Malone  
Patricia McDowra  
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Mamie Rhodes  
Jessica Louise Smith  
Tommie Stevens  
Pete Storey  
Gertrude Tidwell  
Wesley M. Talley  
Ivan Clarence Wilson  
Dora Watkins  
Imogene Wright
- 1990**  
Edith Arriaga  
Loretta Allen  
Goldie Alsobrook  
Chester Bailey  
Stella Crafton  
Marvin Couch  
Levon Edwards  
Willie Joe Fowler  
Norman Francis  
Herbert C. Gibson  
Bruce Gravel  
Viola Grimes  
Ivie Hackler  
Annie Lee Holbert  
Oscar Howe  
Nadra Hulett  
Dorris Harvey  
Stella Hayes  
Malcomb Hignight  
Agnes King  
Mamie Kennemore  
David Lee Kincaid  
Ivie Hackler Love  
Christine Landers  
Harvey Merritt  
Plen Mantooth  
Micky Don Marshall  
Halatha Patman  
Dorcas Read  
Ettie Roden  
Georganne Stinson  
Britt Skidmore  
Clifford Sutton  
Allen Swaim  
Madge Smith  
Crystal Smith  
Tracie Smith  
Manton Terry  
Mary Taylor  
Therb Thomas  
Lelia Westbrook  
Willie Calvin Wood  
Pearl Whitley  
Pres Whitley  
Ellis Virgil Whitney
- 1991**  
Jessie Allen  
George Ashford  
Jimmy Dale Anderson  
Ivan Bullard  
William Floyd Riddle  
Leamon Bailey  
Elzie Bartlett  
Allene Baughn  
Bernice Bledsoe  
Lena Burks  
Frank Cannon
- 1992**  
Sterling Chappell  
Nannie Lee Cavender  
Bob Carrell, Sr.  
Eddie Loyd Davis  
Ida Mae Deshong  
Lowell Francis  
Goldy Hoover  
Newt Hackler  
Sandra Kinsey  
Willis Kelley  
Virginia Kincaid  
Tommy Joe Lowery  
Effie Lee Merritt  
Ann McKinney  
Bill McDowra
- 1993**  
Eugene Norwood  
Jennie Perkins Nobles  
Al Parks  
Lois Phillely  
Christopher Ripley  
Beth Randle  
Delores Stansell  
Wilma Stamper  
Edith Rae Shipman  
Beuna Springstun  
Octavius Westbrook  
Ray Woodard  
Obie Wright  
Michael West  
Mary Alice Westbrook
- 1994**  
Herman Adams  
G.E. Abbott  
Clyde Bankhead  
Flossie Ballard  
Bob Burton  
Audrey Lee Baker  
Marshal Bailey  
Thelma Bankhead  
Edith Bryson  
Allie Burks  
Larry Bell  
Eva Bryant  
Curtis Cheatham  
Kenneth Claypool  
Tessie Chandler  
Ann Evans  
Oma Mae Henderson  
Bessie Haskell  
Opal Ham  
Ernest Ham  
Herman Johnson  
Mildred Milsbaugh  
Rusy Masterson  
Mae McDowra  
Maldina Palmer  
Linda Presley  
Forrest Parks  
Dotaree Short  
Martha D. Smith  
Ruth Reed  
Betty Jane Thomas  
Bootie Taylor  
Lemoine Womack  
Ruby Westbrook  
Carl Wolf  
Eva Ola Whitley  
Kenneth Varner  
Mildred Young
- 1995**  
Bob Alsobrook  
Katheryn Allen  
Edna Bell  
Ruby Black  
Margarite Cannon  
Nina Mae Dockery  
Sam Filkins  
Roberta Gossett  
Mary Geer  
Ruby Hanley  
Opal Haskell  
Della Howwe  
Richard Hughes  
Madora Jeffus  
Vergie Jernagin  
Susan Ann Jones  
Margaret Helen Little  
Naomi Matlock  
Florence McEntyre  
Grace McHam  
Dorothy O'Neal  
Ben Poole  
Dennis Pynes  
Jimmy Smith  
Harry Slusher  
Margie Skidmore  
Edmond Sawyer  
Elmer Sparks  
Alfonzo Smith  
Clarice Rivers  
Vera Rhodes  
Ethel Talley  
Glenn Martin Ward  
Odin Watson  
John Quinton Young
- 1996**  
Roy Thurman Wright  
Marilyn Bullard  
Floyd Chesshir  
Jack Bell  
David Mitchell  
Doris Norwood  
Murry Keys  
Burks Dockery  
Faye Gandy  
Mary Igo  
Hazel Whitney  
Isabella Edwards  
Lola Glover  
Curtis Mantooth  
Genell Cross  
Richard Hughes  
Vergie McLemore  
Lillie Mae Baker  
Gary McEntyre  
Ola Gardner  
Curtis Glover  
Annie Mazy  
Mary Ethel Marshall  
Travis Eugene Smith  
Bud Bell  
James Conaway  
Robert James Gardner  
Alma Louise Eudy  
Byron Stanley  
Smallwood  
Dwayne White  
Paul Wood  
Wilburn Nichols  
Lizzie Lee Wright
- 1997**  
Frankie Archibald  
Charles Bal  
Cecilia Bradley  
Tony Braudaway  
Claud Burks  
Kevin Day  
Diana Durza  
Mattie Eckles  
Curtis Farris  
Billie Mae Foster  
Georgia Garrett  
Clarence Ham  
Terry Hunt  
Harvey Legate  
Ethel Middleton  
Ethel Monk  
Helen Moore  
Alva Mae O'Neal  
Roy Powers  
Billie Sawyer  
Hattie Seals  
William D. Slaton  
Stanley Smith  
Annie Smith  
William Smith  
Jackie Snodgrass  
Brenda Spiva  
Edith Sullivan  
Bill Talley  
Emri Tatum  
Ernestine Thompson  
Carol Jean Trussell  
Johnnie Watkins  
Regina Webb  
Artie Westbrook  
Goldie DeBerry  
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### Prairiland claims area title

On a 12 game winning streak, the Lady Patriots dominated S&S in area action Tuesday night at Royce City with a convincing 15-11, 15-6 victory over S&S, thus sending the Lady Patriots to regional play in Athens on Friday, November 14 where they will play Big Sandy at 7:00 p.m.

Game one was a similar tune to the bi-district match in that the Patriot squad got off to a shaky start falling behind 4-0 and then 10-7 before stepping up their level of play. Felicia Taylor put away 9 kills and Meagan Hatfield had 10 assists and six ser-

vice points in game one.

Game two began with a 6-0 lead for the Lady Patriots who seemed at this point to be a little more in sync. Totally dominating the net kept the Lady Patriots in control with 4 kills from Taylor, 3 kills from Katha Crawford and 3 kills for Cari Irwin. Irwin, Taylor and Katie Mullins also had one block each and Susan Singleton led the serving in game two with 5 service points. The Lady Patriots are now 27-6 and will be taking on Big Sandy at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14 at Athens.

Name	Assists	Serves	Serv. Ace	Kills	Blocks
Amber Norwood	5	6/6	1	1	1
Susan Singleton	1	9/9	2	2	1
Katie Mullins	2/3	2/3	5	1	1
Brandie Upchurch	1	1	1	1	1
Cari Irwin	1	7/7	3	1	1
Katha Crawford	1/2	1/2	5	1	1
Meagan Hatfield	18	14/14	1	1	1
Kim Gibson	2/2	2/2	1	1	1
Felicia Taylor	9	9	13	1	1
Candace Yaross	1	1	1	1	1
Leslie Spangler	1	1	1	1	1

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PRAIRILAND SENIORS were honored at the last Pep Rally for 1997 on Friday, November 7. Each senior was introduced and a brief summary about them was read by Dr. Gary Ballard.

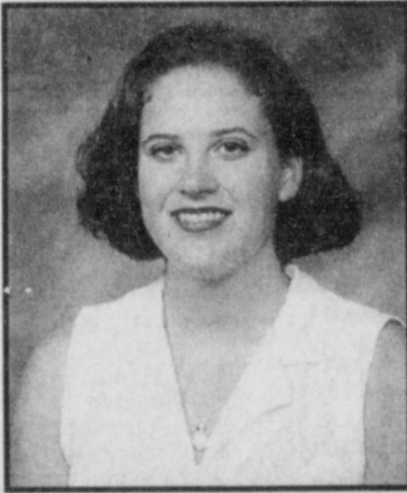
### Babb named as ASC Hitter of the Week

Mandy Babb, daughter of Gayla Babb and the late Bill Babb of Blossom was recently named as Hitter of the Week at Austin State College in Sherman. She is an honor graduate of Prairiland High School and former Lady Patriot standout who helped Austin College to a 2-2 record at the Southwestern University Invitational in Georgetown on October 3-4. In the

process, her efforts earned her ACS Hitter of the Week honors.

In four matches, the all-tournament team member hit 44 kills on 77 attempts with only eight errors.

She also recorded 26 blocks during the tourney. Babb also served seven aces, made seven digs and had four assists through the week.



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*November 11 is Veterans Day*

Veterans Day 1997 marks the 78th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I in 1918. Commander Charles Foster of Warren Teague Post 199 of the American Legion stated, in urging a community-wide expression of patriotism as part of the holiday's observance.

For more than 25 years, November 11 has been observed as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. In the mid-50's, Congress designated November 11 as Veterans Day, a national holiday to honor the men and women who served in the uniform of the United States. It is dedicated to the ultimate goal which they all sought with their sacrifices and service—world peace with honor.

In a proclamation calling upon the citizens of the community to observe the holiday, Commander Foster asked that the day "be observed with appropriate ceremonies in honor of those who have served the national purpose to preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy."

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# Think Child Safety Super Saturday success

After many long, hard hours of work and tremendous cooperation, the Prairieland Counseling and Nursing Staff and the Parent Advisory Committee are pleased to have completed the second Super Saturday, "Think Child Safety Fair" on Saturday, October 25. Under the cloudy, but rain-free skies, everything flowed smoothly as the laughter of the young children was heard as they delighted in Andy the Ambulance, McGruff, Reddy Teddy, Sparky, the balloons, caramel apples, free hot dogs and cokes and much more.

All of the children had the opportunity to get finger-printed and photographed for safety's sake, draw a sucker and rad a safety tip, get a chance to win a free bicycle and helmet, learn electrical safety tips, first aid safety, drug safety, gun safety, motor cycle safety and the list goes on and on. There was something for everyone, including blood pressure checks for the adults.

Inside the gym, Jan McKinney's music students performed before a large crowd of supporters and parents. Beside having a booth outside, several organizations gave safety demonstrations in the gym. Included in these was the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department, Texas New-Mexico Electricity, Theatre Arts Class Stranger Danger Puppet Show and Gun and Water Safety. Blossom and Reno Fire Department gave an informative and thrilling demonstration of rescuing a trapped passenger in a car wreck.

There were approximately 500 in attendance with Roxanne Westbrook from Blossom winning the bicycle donated by Johnson Concrete Company.

The Blossom 3rd and 8th grade classes won high attendance prize for the Blossom campus. Deport's third grade and

Deport music students performing were Jesi and Laci Davis, Susan Whittle, Burke Burnett, Drew and Leah Boren, Whitney Brooke, Brent Burden, Breanna Holly, Brittany Martin, Spur Norwood, Johnna Patterson, Whitney Turner, Kandi Wright, Rachel Yarbrough, Amanda Barnes, Jennifer Drinnon, Deborah Guthrie, Nicole Boehler, Brittany Harris and Raynie Skidmore.

Counselors for PID are Daphnia Downs, Fran Patterson and Edna DePriest. Nursing Staff includes Justine Johnson and nurses aide Brenda Riley. Parent Advisory Committee members include Dr. L.C. Stout, Buddy Freeman, Dr. Gary Ballard, Sandra Burnett, Larry Salter, Leslie Martin, Robbie Boren, Cindy Bolton, Dawne Darden, Lanita Unruh, Chad Barnes, Stewart Dodson, Jamie Chapman, Liz Irwin and Donna Gifford.

Participating in the event was the Deport National Junior Honor Society-registration with Marla Evans as sponsor; St. Joseph Hospital/Deport Clinic/Kid ID-Tanya Yeager and Susan Scholz-chairmen; Concession stand-PrairieLand Booster Club-Donna Gifford, Debbie Downs, Trey Gifford and Sherry Clarkson. Magnolia Home Health-Wellness Awareness and Stranger Danger-Robbie Boren, Angie Hughs, Art Vera, Sharon Boyd and Patty Couch. Blossom and Reno Volunteer Fire Departments-Jame Taylor, Bubba Coston, Heath Thomas, Derwin Wilkins and other volunteers. Carol Jones and Buddy Free-

man-Bus Safety. PrairieLand High School Keywanettes-Drug Awareness-Claudia Trammell-chairman. Blossom Nation Junior Honor Society-Bicycle Safety with sponsors Sharon Connot, Brenda Fendley, Debbie Dawson and Randy Clarkson. Randy Clarkson and Charles-Motorcycle Safety. Lamar County EMT-Stuart Dodson. PrairieLand FHA-Home Safety-Sandra Graves and Rhonda Graves-sponsors. Texas New Mexico-Electrical Safety-Gary Vest. Highway Safety-Randy Hall-patrolman. Lamar County Sheriff's Department-Fingerprinting- Robert Trapp and Scott Cass. Project Graduation-Promoting Graduation Safety-Liz Irwin and seniors. Gun Safety-Donnie McHam. Game Warden-Bubba Shelton-Hunting and Water Safety. Northeast Texas Council on Drugs and Alcohol-Dean Tinnell. Mrs. Stringfellow's Theatre Arts Class-Puppet Show. Dr. L. C. Stout-stickers and Dr. Gary Ballard-announcer. Jan McKinney and elementary music classes-entertainment. Leslie Martin and Jennifer Martin-Balloons. John Owens and Leonard Ford-tables and set up. Ola Himes, Susan Roach and Debbie Dawson-Fliers. Barbar Harrington's Art Class-posters.

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Hwy. 271 **PATTONVILLE NEWS**  
By Rita Cox 784-0283  
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Keith and Peggy Parsons were in Tyler Wednesday for the arrival of their new grandson, Davis Garrett Parsons, son of Greg and Connie Parsons of Whitehouse. Alisen Parsons entertained her grandparents until her brother, Davis, arrived home on Friday.

John Nash of Sanders Cove visited Keith and Peggy Parsons Saturday night.

Pattonville Community Center dance is Friday night, November 15 at 8 p.m. Broadway Junction Band will play Saturday night at Chicota Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, November 17, the Pattonville VFD and community center meeting is at 7:00.

Bill and Ruby Blevins visitors were

Martha Hill of Longview, Mickey Keener, Linnie Bailey and Ruby visited Alice Bumgarner Saturday.

Buster and Louise Crossland went to Bonham flea market Saturday. Sunday Buster and Louise went to Reno Church of Christ. After church they went to Currie and Pat Jones' house. Brandon Wright went with Cindy Burks and Vicki, Colt to Beavers Bend Friday through Sunday.

Joyce Merritt's mother, Syble Songer, is here for a visit.

Bryan and Kerri Bailey visited Randall and Rita Cox Sunday night. Saturday Kathy Demaree visited.

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**Post Oak News**  
By Geneva Lee  
982-5309

The East Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department had a meeting Thursday night at the fire station and discussed the outcome of the fundraiser. Also discussed some things they need. There was 8 in attendance.

Clara Bates was carried to the emergency room of St. Joseph's Wednesday night but after treatment, returned home where her daughter Billy Jennings of Plano spent the night with her. She spent from Thursday to Saturday with her daughter Betty and Norman Low before returning home Saturday.

Beatrice Proterfield is back at home after being in St. Joseph several days with a heart attack. Her daughter is visiting her.

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee visited with Charlotte Mills awhile Thursday and she is doing fine.

Rhoda Lee is now back in her room (201) at the Paris Nursing Home and feeling better. She was visited Sunday morning by cousins Faye Nell Bishop and Nancy Bishop from Cullman, Alabama. They are here for a few days at the Victorian Inn in Paris and visiting other relatives. They took dinner with Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and Johnnie Sunday.

Hazel Cleveland has been in the hospital but is home now, but will go back for more tests.

Toney Ellis, grandson of Frank and Edna Lee who has been in Baylor Hospital several weeks is reported slightly improved and is expected to try without his respirator sometime this week.

The children and grandchildren of James Freelan helped him celebrate his birthday Sunday.

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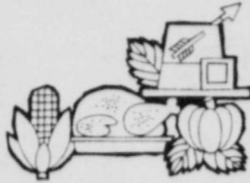
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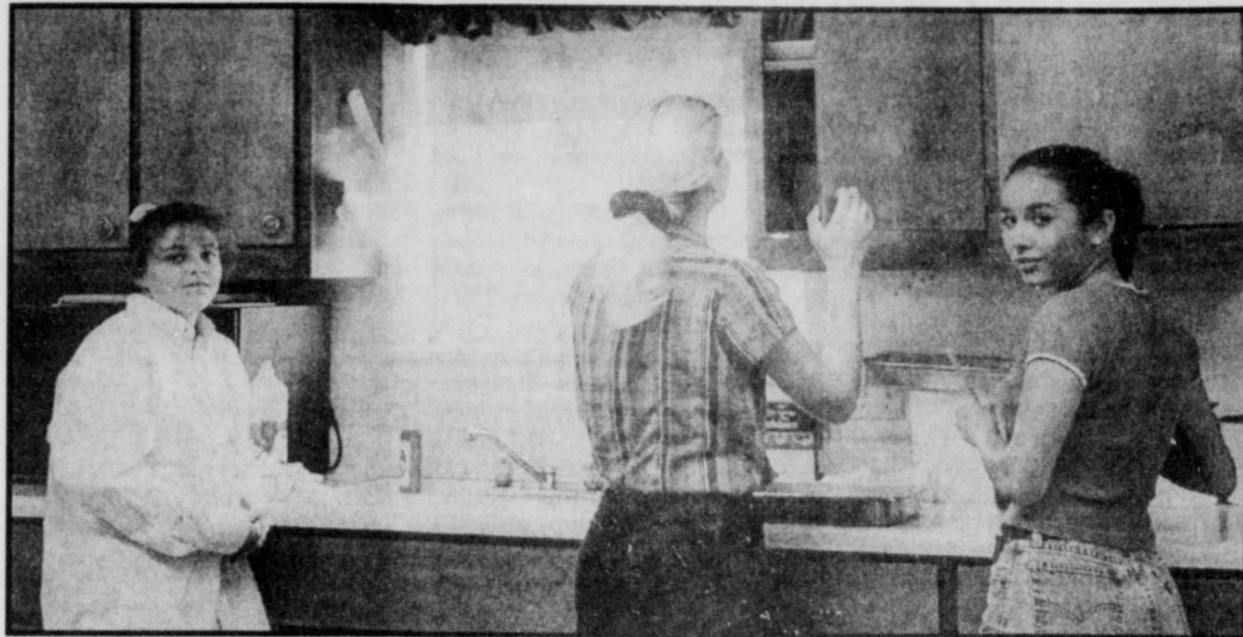
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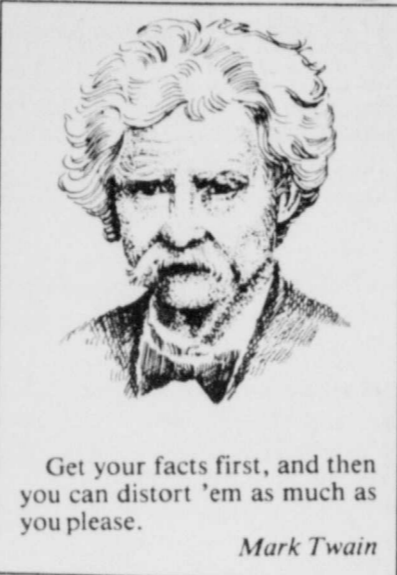
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BAKING FOR THE BAZAAR-Prairiland Future Homemakers are preparing for their annual Christmas Bazaar to start on Thursday, November 13, on the campus in the Homemaking Building. Pictured left to right is seniors Nikki Smith, Beth Hunt and Diana Sparks as they gather ingredients for Toll House Bars.



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**U.S. News rates A&M  
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COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University is rated as one of the two best higher education values among national universities in annual rankings by U.S. News & World Report. The magazine also listed Texas A&M as the only public university in the Southwest in its choice of the 50 best national universities overall.

Texas A&M ranks second in best "sticker price" values among the 229 institutions the magazine includes in the "national universities" quality-to-price category, up from fifth last year. Only the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ranked higher than Texas A&M in "sticker price" value ratings. Rice, the University of Texas at Austin and Baylor also were included in those rankings — 4th, 16th and 23rd, respectively.



(Staff Photo)

ABBIE SMITH and KRISTYE OATES work on bird house ornaments that will be sold at the Prairiland Christmas Bazaar beginning on Thursday, November 13, in the Homemaking Building. The girls are students in Sandra Graves Interior Design class.



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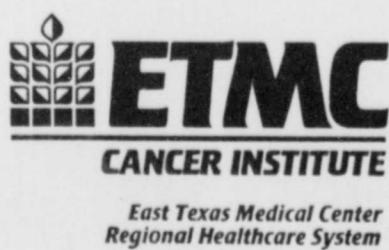
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**Blossom Locals**

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Rachel Kyle, Andrew Bealls, Nathaniel Bush, Chris Green, Justin Enox, Rose Bishop, Robert Nichols, Stacy Schmidt, Rusty Campsey, Rusty Hamil, Sammy Hamm, Josh Stapleton, Micah Jones. Billie Henry talked to her son Marvin Henry of Amarillo on Sunday night and he reported three inches of snow and still falling out there! Patriots played their last football game on Friday night against Como-Pickton. They did not have a great season, but the boys showed their love for the game by not giving up faith and staying with it! You are to be congratulated! Chastiti Nation was honored with a hayride and weiner roast for her birthday on Saturday night.

Irene Bryant celebrated her birthday on Saturday night with dinner at the Fish Fry with Marlena Bryant, Travis Bryant and Pat Otteson. Irene Bryant spent Saturday night in DeKalb visiting with Jean Isbell. Crystal Pilip was honored with a baby shower recently. She is the wife of Tommy Pilip. Randal and Sue Clarkson and Richard and Gladys Varner of Trinity spent from Thursday to Sunday touring Eureka Springs. Carol and Kenny Wood of Atlas enjoyed dinner on Saturday with Ruby Crawford. Sandra and Jeff Adams of Garland spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mathena. Hollis is

reported doing better after his illness. Paul and Sue Garrett of Paris treated Tom and Bessie Garrett to Grandy's lunch on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett attended the wedding anniversary of Evelyn and John Alley of Detroit at the Baptist Church Family Life Center in Detroit on Saturday. Geron, Gage and Gunner Gage spent the weekend with Hersh and Minnie Shands. Haskell and Judy Booth, Geron, Gage and Gunner Booth enjoyed supper with Hersh and Minnie Shands on Monday evening.

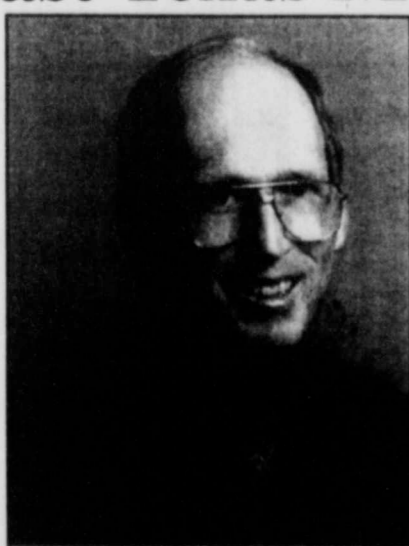
**Prairiland wins  
7th straight Bi-district title**

Saturday afternoon, the Lady Patriots claimed their seventh consecutive bi-district championship by defeating Ore City 15-8, 15-6. The Patriots gave everyone a scare with their slow start. Ore City Quickly claimed an 8-4 lead, but the Lady Patriots finally stepped up and Ore City scored no more. Katha Crawford reeled off 8 service points, with point 15 being an

ace while Felicia Taylor aggressively worked the net with 6 kills. In game two, Meagan Hatfield began the game with an ace and scored 35 more points behind kills from Taylor and Cari Irwin. The Patriots never looked back as Amber Norwood scored five straight points and Katha Crawford put away 3 kills. The Lady Patriots are now 26-6.

Ore City	Name	Assists	Serves	Serv. Ace	Kills	Blocks
	Amber Norwood	8	7/9	1		
	Susan Singleton		1/1			
	Katie Mullins		5/5		2	
	Brandie Upchurch	1				
	Cari Irwin	1	6/6		5	
	Katha Crawford		11/11	1	7	
	Meagan Hatfield	13	6/7		3	
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**Cunningham News**  
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Regina Newman, Breanna and Malcolm visited Loretta Pynes for the weekend. Visitors Friday were Blake Newman of Blossom, Andrew BAZhaw of Gilmer and Sue Pynes of Paris. She stayed through the evening meal. Saturday through Sunday Dean Ogden and Janie Hawks of Longview were visitors.

Todd and Mendy Cole attended the cross country meet in Arlington with the students from Prairiland. Lacie and Kelby stayed with James and Pat Norwood. Jase and Erica and

Brenton stayed the weekend with James and Pat.

Alma Norwood visited home for the day Sunday.

Velma Cox spent the day Thursday with Dora Hester in Paris.

Glenda Watson visited Audie Reed in the nursing home.

Larry and Pam O'Neal visited his mother, Opal O'Neal in Annona Sunday and ate dinner with her.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Larry and Pam O'Neal were Sunday visitors of Johnnie and Nelta

Musgrove.

Bobby Slusher had surgery on her hip this week. She is doing well and hopes to come home soon.

Norman and Rachel Sain's visitors Thursday were Olie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthre. George and Dorothy Green and Francis Thomas visited Friday. David Bell visited with Norman and Rachel Sunday.

Renea Watson's parents, David and Kathy of Texarkana and David's

brother from Mississippi spent Friday and Saturday nights with Jarvis and Renea. Jarvis and Renea, David and Kathy, Deana Watson, Brenda Watson ate dinner with Marie Watson on Sunday.

Billie Ford and Lillian King spent Saturday afternoon shopping in Paris. Ryan Ford spent the day Sunday with Leona and Billie Ford.

Sunday Leonard and Billie Ford and Lowell visited Kay Lynn in Denton. Kay Lynn works for Sears and has been transferred to Denton. Leonard, Billie, Lowell and Kay Lynn ate lunch at Apple Dee's in Denton.

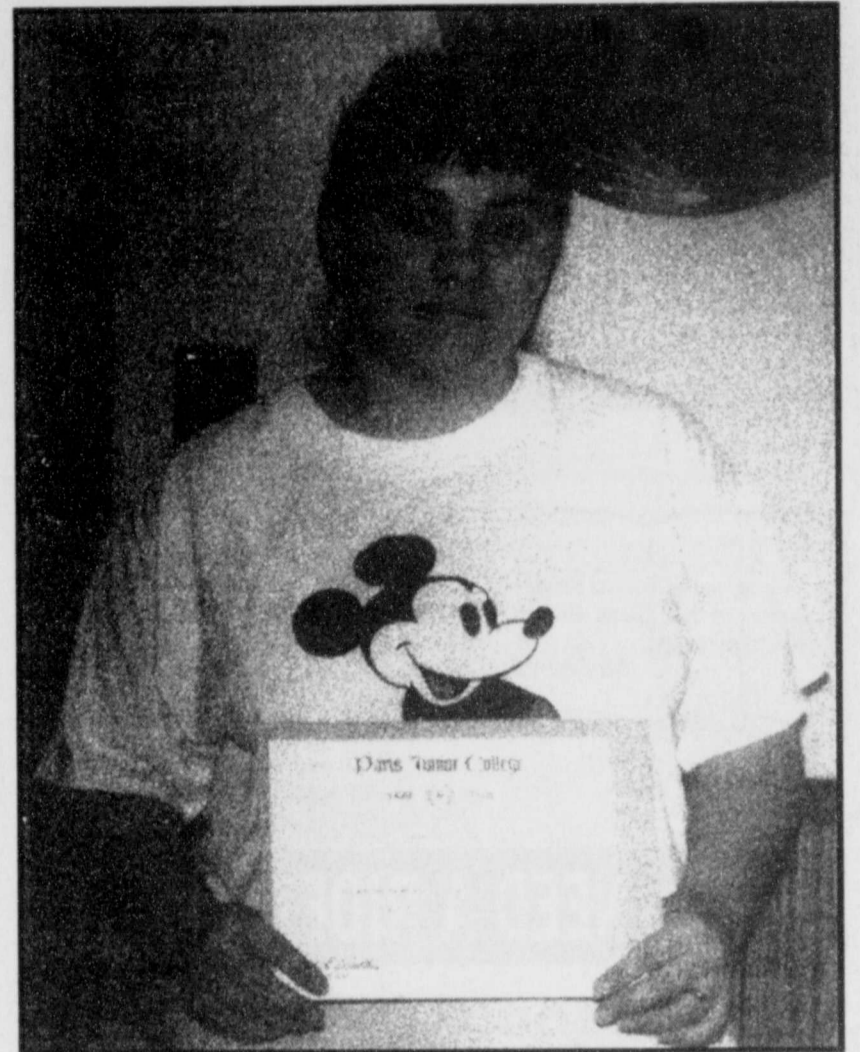
Georjeana Oats had surgery in Dallas last week. She returned home Monday night.

Robert Bills, Melba Baker, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy and a group of friends went to Branson, MO. They saw the Oak Ridge Boys, among other shows.

Jane O'Neal gave a birthday dinner for Sue Jackson. Attending were Murray, Sue Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara, Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal, Weston Drinnon.

Julie Norwood, Jamie Syrus and their mother went to Oregon to attend their brother's wedding. They have returned home.

Approximately 110 Abundant Life members and guests enjoyed a harvest fun night at the home of Clyde, Gerrie and Chance Bankhead in Cunningham. The evening began with a hayride from the church to Cunningham. Several booths lined the driveway such as tennis ball throw, dart throw, face painting, go fishing, basketball contest, bucket toss, can throw, youth toy walk, teen prize walk and an adult prize walk. Hamburgers and trimmings were served and the night ended with goodie sacks distributed and a hayride back to the church. Everyone enjoyed a fun-filled evening.



(Staff Photo)

PENNY ELROD, wife of James Elrod of Deport, has recently completed her Paralegal Certification. She is a graduate of Prairiland High School and attended Paris Junior College and Tyler Junior College. Penny is the daughter of Larry and Judy Whittle and the granddaughter of Ruth Whittle of Deport and Dorothy Goforth of Ft. Worth.



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### Prairiland FHA host leadership training

The Future Homemakers of America, Prairiland chapter sponsored a leadership training workshop on Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Schools throughout Lamar County were invited and participated in the training. Meredith Bates, state officer, Future Homemakers of America from DeKalb High School led the training.

Leadership development is an integral part of the vocational home

economics education curriculum in Texas. Future Homemakers of America is an organization designed for students enrolled in home economics courses. As a part of the curriculum, students learn leadership skills and assume their roles in society through home economics education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement.

### Tuesday 42 Club meets with Dorothy Holt

The Tuesday 42 Club met November 4th at Gazebo Number One with Dorothy Holt as hostess.

Visitors were Irene Walker, REBA Temple and Eunice Iving.

High Score for visitors was won by Irene Walker.

High score for members was Jimmy King.

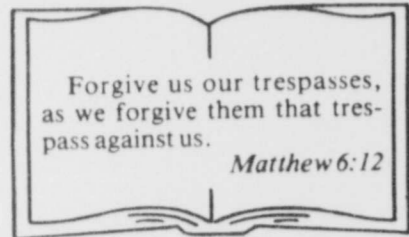
Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be on November 18th.



(Staff Photo)

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS from Prairiland High School and Chisum are shown here participating in the Leadership Training held on the Prairiland campus last week.



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Matthew 6:12

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MEREDITH BATES, state officer of the Future Homemakers of America from DeKalb High School led the leadership training held at Prairiland High School last week.

Alice Bumgarner visited Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Thornton in Hooks and Thelma McGill and Hazel Dean in New Boston. Ruby Blevins and Linnie Bailey visited Alice Saturday. Sheila, Samantha and Mattie Lindsey of Arlington spent Saturday through Monday with Gene and Jo Cavender.

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L.C. Ballard and Glenda Ballard visited Mrs. Audrey Gillis at Cherry Street Annex on Sunday.

Burl Kincaid visited L.C. Ballard this week.

Chad and Blake Barnes went deer hunting Saturday.

Mary McMikel visited Eunice Sugg at the housing authority on Saturday.

Evelyn Nixon visited Sudie M. Nichols Saturday.

Sue Farris visited Amy Farris in Paris Tuesday.

Billie, Lorrie and Dalton Lee of Paris visited Earl, Tanya, Monica and Maycee Hagood Sunday.

Denise Wilson and Tammy Currier went shopping and had dinner in Paris Tuesday.

Janet Filkins spent last weekend in Paris with Charlie, Connie and Winston Filkins. They attended church on Sunday. Janet Filkins visited Earnie Filkins in Blossom where they celebrated her grandson, Philip, birthday. She spent Monday night with Earl and Clista Filkins.

Jimmy Langley visited Earl, Tanya, Monica and Maycee Hagood Thursday.

Clint Whitsell of Paris visited Leon and Pearl Whitsell Saturday.

Gail ward visited Hale Glover Wednesday.

Dick Burden went to Shreveport on Tuesday.

Lorrie Lee of Paris visited Melvia Elrod Tuesday.

Ronald Smith visited Kenneth and Elva Lee Smith in Detroit Wednesday.

Tracy Robinson and Shane Irvin had dinner with Larry and Kathy Irvin in Paris Wednesday.

Glenn Renfro and Kenneth Burks went deer hunting this week.

Glenn Renfro visited Russell Crawford Friday.

Mattylu Upchurch visited Katherine Green this week.

Jeannie Hester visited Alta Hester this week.

Duane and Martha Glover attended Payton Chapman's open house in Paris Thursday.

Reba Temple visited Frances Franklin on Friday.

Joyce Roth visited Carrie Bennett Friday.

Jesasier Woodard had surgery Friday. We hope she has a speedy recovery.

Ty and Payton Chapman visited Duane and Martha Glover Saturday.

Anna Beth and Andrea Allen visited Kevin and Klarissa Keys Saturday.

Janet Filkins, Jessie, Carla, Britany and Courtney Filkins visited Earl and Clista Filkins Sunday.

Matthew Smith, Felicia and Heather Filkins, Monica and Anthonie Hagood visited Janet Filkins Friday night.

Jason Thomas visited James and Sue Farris Saturday.

Jimmy Langley, Mark and Chris, Dennis, Earl, Tanya, Monica, Maycee, Anthonie Hagood and Tammy Currier had dinner in Paris Sunday.

Claudine Proctor visited Chris Dennis Saturday.

Tommy and Charlene Borders have a new granddaughter this week, Lillie Mae Borders.

Carol Ladd visited Willie Mae Spears Monday.

Glenda Ballard of Bossier City visited L.C. Ballard and Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom over the weekend.

Nanee Nichols is recuperating from surgery on her left knee and right foot. Visiting her have been: Margie Rice, Dawne Darden, Christy Dickson, Hugh Jeffus, Mike Francies and Dave Seber.

Visiting Myrtle Singleton last week were Mary Jo Hoover, of Pittsburg, and Edith Murrell Palmer of Mt. Pleasant.

### Prairiland Board meets

The Prairiland ISD met in regular session on Monday, November 10 with members Downs, Dunagan, Patterson, Fendley, Jones, Bankhead and Basinger present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A bid to composition a roof for the Deport campus was let to Donnie Brown. Bills for October and the financial statement for October were approved.

The resolution to cast votes for Herman Talley to serve as Lamar County Appraisal District Director was passed.

Board Policy Update #57 was passed, as was District Improvement Plan for 1997-98.

The board went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. and came out at 9:45 p.m.

A leave of absence was granted to Wendy Dougherty through December.

A leave of absence for Jo Cavender was approved as needed.

No action was taken on the Board Team Development Plan.

The meeting adjourned.

### TGCA recognizes Frankye Sessums

The Texas Girls Coaches Association has recognized Frankye Sessums for contributions of time and service in the past years.

She has served as the TGCA Volleyball Vice Chairman.

She will assume the position of Chairman of the Volleyball Committee for the 1997-98 school year.

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Degelman and Geva, both faculty members in the Department of Architecture, recently received funding to find out if this is true. The two will assess the "energy penalty for maintaining a national image in chain-operated building in Texas." In other words, does keeping the same building style for a fast food restaurant like McDonald's or Burger King end up costing the company more, due to the building's energy consumption in different climates?

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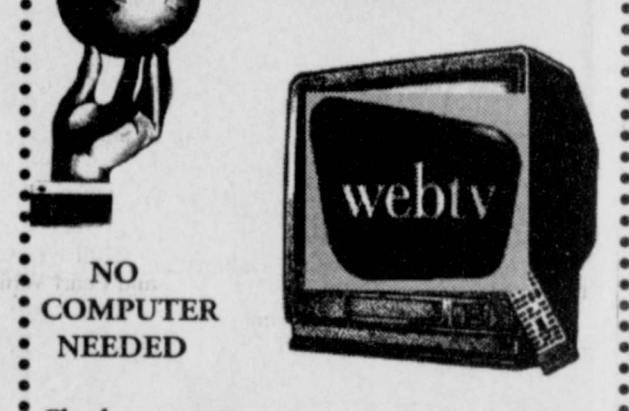
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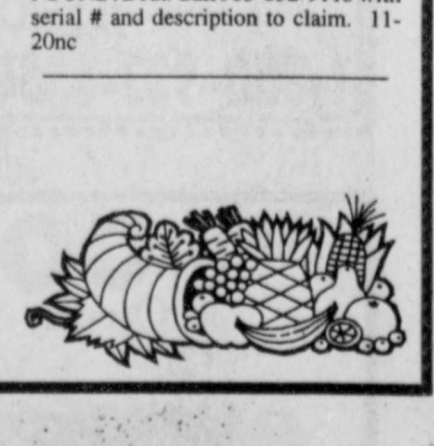
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**A Honor Roll**

First grade: Kolton Edwards, Josey Francis, Lindsay Hoover, Kaylee Miller, Hanah Norwood, Layton Norwood, Hielly Owens, Jenna Patterson, Trinity Perry, Brett Watson, Colton Barnes, Jesi Davis, Michael Davis, Ryan Kindle, Anthonie Hagood, Courtney Hargroves, Jeremiah Howington, Danci Smith, Hailey Spann, John Towers, Ethan Wilson, John Winters.

Second grade: Kayshia Ballard, Kaylee Freeman, Erika Ham, Jerrika McKee, Sarah Murdock, Landon Syrus, Lisa Barnes, Ben Dickinson, Rheagan Harrell.

Nisha Mitchell, Megan Spann.  
Third grade: Lacie Cole, Kalee Graham, Trista Harper, Amanda Mathews, Hailey Norwood, Ashlee Waggoner, Brittney Baker, Leah Cathey, Charity Musgrove, Hali Screws.  
Fourth grade: Lance Ballard, Chassity Wilson, Joshua Allen, Caralyn Corso, Weston Drinnon, Kyle Kinslow, Rebecca Murdock, Mallory Owens.  
Fifth grade: Breanna Holley, Spur Norwood, Johnna Patterson.  
Sixth grade: Miranda Weddle.  
Seventh grade: Amanda Ball.  
Eighth grade: Chance Bankhead, Kelly Kincaid, Jennifer Mathews, Melinda

**A-B Honor Roll**

Corso, Stoney Musgrove.  
First grade: Anna Baker, Kolbie Carlow, Ty Figueroa, Jacob Malone, Jessica Malone, Landry Packard, Matthew Thompson, Justin Alcorn, Courtney Filkins, Matthew Ford, Ethan Ham.

Second grade: Meghan Counts, John Francis, Casey Gibson, Danielle Holland, Paige Martin, Susan Anderson, Cody Burnett, Hunter Burris, Kelci Crawford, Justin Parker.

Third grade: Tenesa Brown, Angel Deanda, Jessilyn English, Danbri Mitchell, Alan Stogsdill.

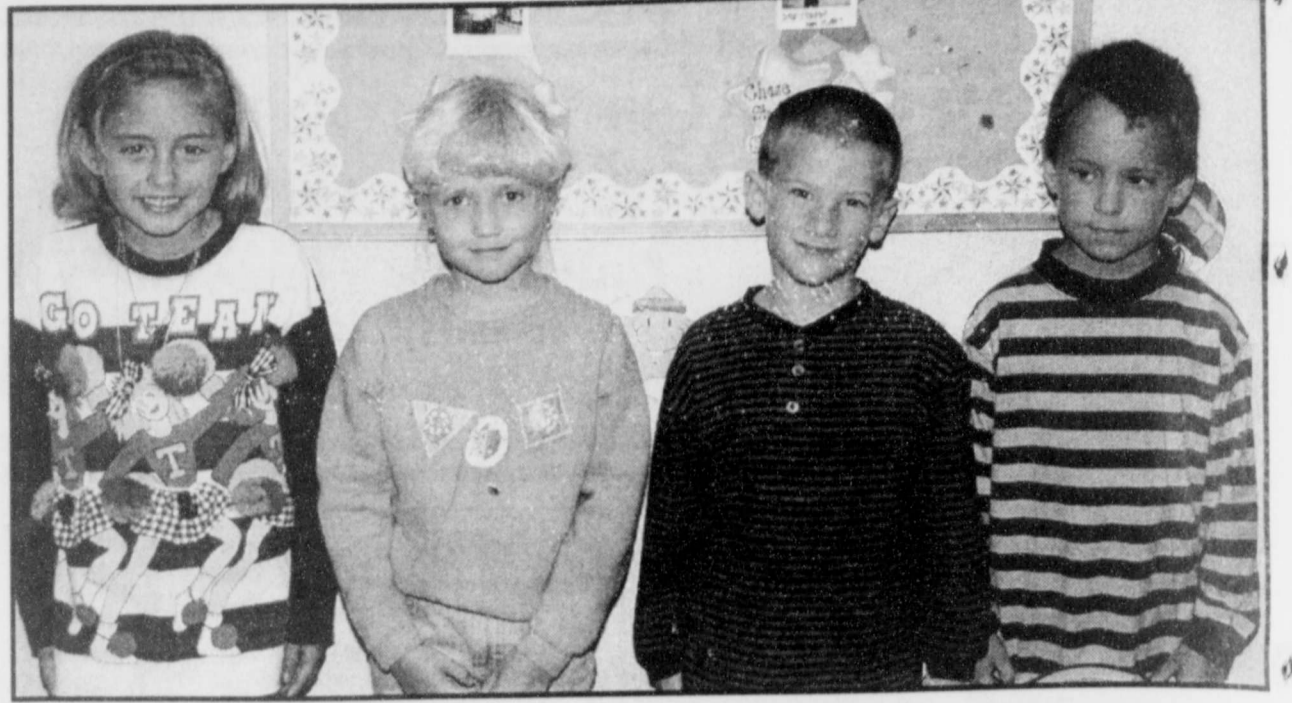
Fourth grade: Chris Clinkenbeard, Ashley Ebarb, Jase Hicks, Kelcey Howington, Lindsay Kelley, Kacy Mitchell, Justin Wright, Richard Cherry, Brittany Filkins, Jay Curt McKee, Amberlyn Sugg.

Fifth grade: Marty Anderson, Adam Ball, Laura Barnes, Whitney Brook, Randy Hoover, Matthew Swint, Brandon Wright, Brent Burden, Matt Dickinson, Megan Hargroves, Angel Mantooth, Britney Martin, Rachel Murdock, Elizabeth Porter.

Sixth grade: Heather Barnes, Timothy Cox, Chance Crawford, Shanna Draper, Michael Frenzel, Dakota Mitchell, Erika Norwood, Sarah Tubbs.

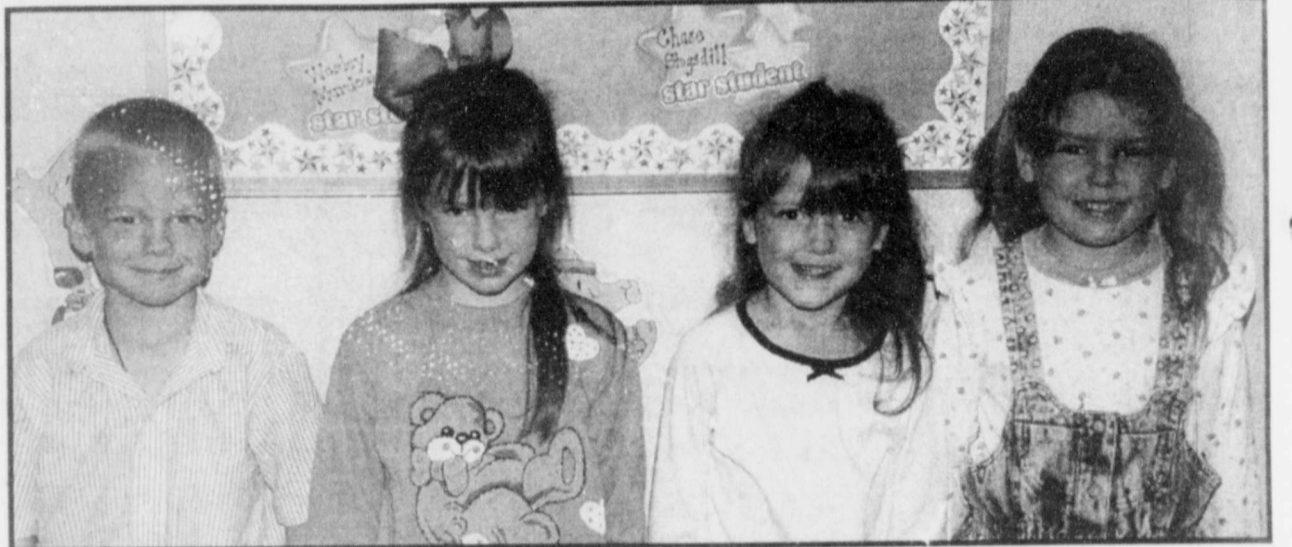
Seventh grade: Burke Burnett, David Crossland, Lacy Davis, Christopher Basinger, Leslie Davis, Amanda Denman, Megan Graham, Raynie Skidmore, Susan Whittle.

Eighth grade: Hollie Allen, Melissa Barnes, Brad Hunt, Joshua Williams, Kami Hudson, Jemilyn McKee, Lucas Mileir, Shane Posey, Kara Screws.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

FIRST GRADE STAR STUDENTS on the Deport campus are Hailey Spann, Jenna Paterson, Blake Barns and Josey Francis.



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KINDERGARTEN STAR STUDENTS on the Deport campus are Brock Crawford, Ashley Thomas, Kaylie Hines and Katrina Malone.



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SECOND GRADE STAR STUDENTS on the Deport campus are Paige Martin, Susan Anderson, Kayshia Ballard and Megan Spann.

**Milton News**

By Mattylu Upchurch

Hattie Hobbs of Paris visited her sister, Helen Temple, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Lee of Ft. Worth visited Frank and Edna Lee Monday.

Weekend guests of Benita Legate were her mother, Mary Ogden of Nederland and brother and sister-in-law, Burt and Mary Ogden of Conway, AR.

Bill and Mattylu Upchurch, their daughter Billie Goheen of Arlington and grandson Nick Maudsley of Benbrook, spent the weekend with Leah and Russell Schroeder and Jeff of Rogers, AR, also there were Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR. They were there to celebrate Mattylu's birthday.

Kay and Tim Parks had dinner with James and Dorothy Holt Sunday.

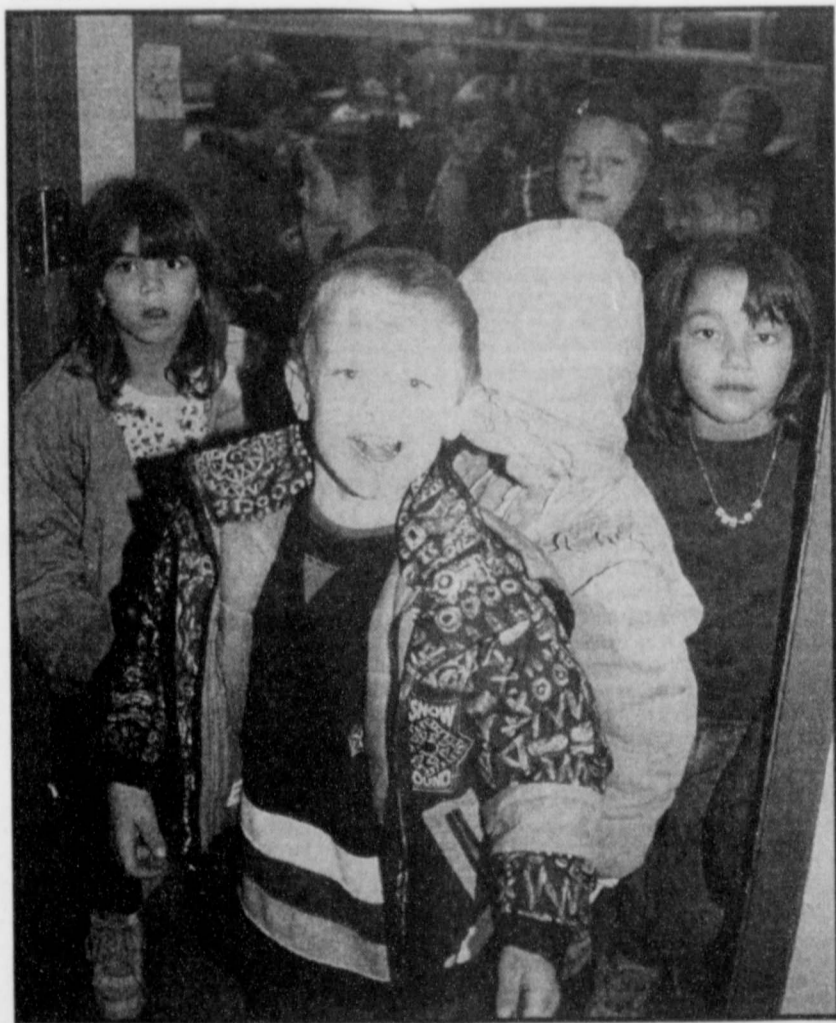
Edna Lee and sisters Patsy Merritt and Glenda Woodall of Pattonville and Claudell Powell of Queen City spent Friday through Sunday with their sister, Sybil Richie of Alexander, LA.

Rudy and Callie Carrasco of San Antonio visited her sister and huband, Buena Marshall last week.

Bety and Cory Spray of Reno had dinner with her parents, Phillip and Susie Roach on Sunday.

Having dinner with Bob and Buena Marshall on Sunday were Carlee and Bobby Dodson of Dallas, Carlotta and Steve Franklin of Lewisville, Callie and Rudy Carrasco of San Antonio and Peggy Whitney of Minter.

The time is getting near and everyone knows that Santa needs your child's letter in plenty of time to fill their order. Please have all Santa letters in by Friday, December 5, 1997.



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS in Mrs. Freeman's class on the Deport campus donned their caps, hats, mittens and jackets in preparation for outside recess this week. With the chilly winds and temperatures dropping, students are getting ready for the cold weather.

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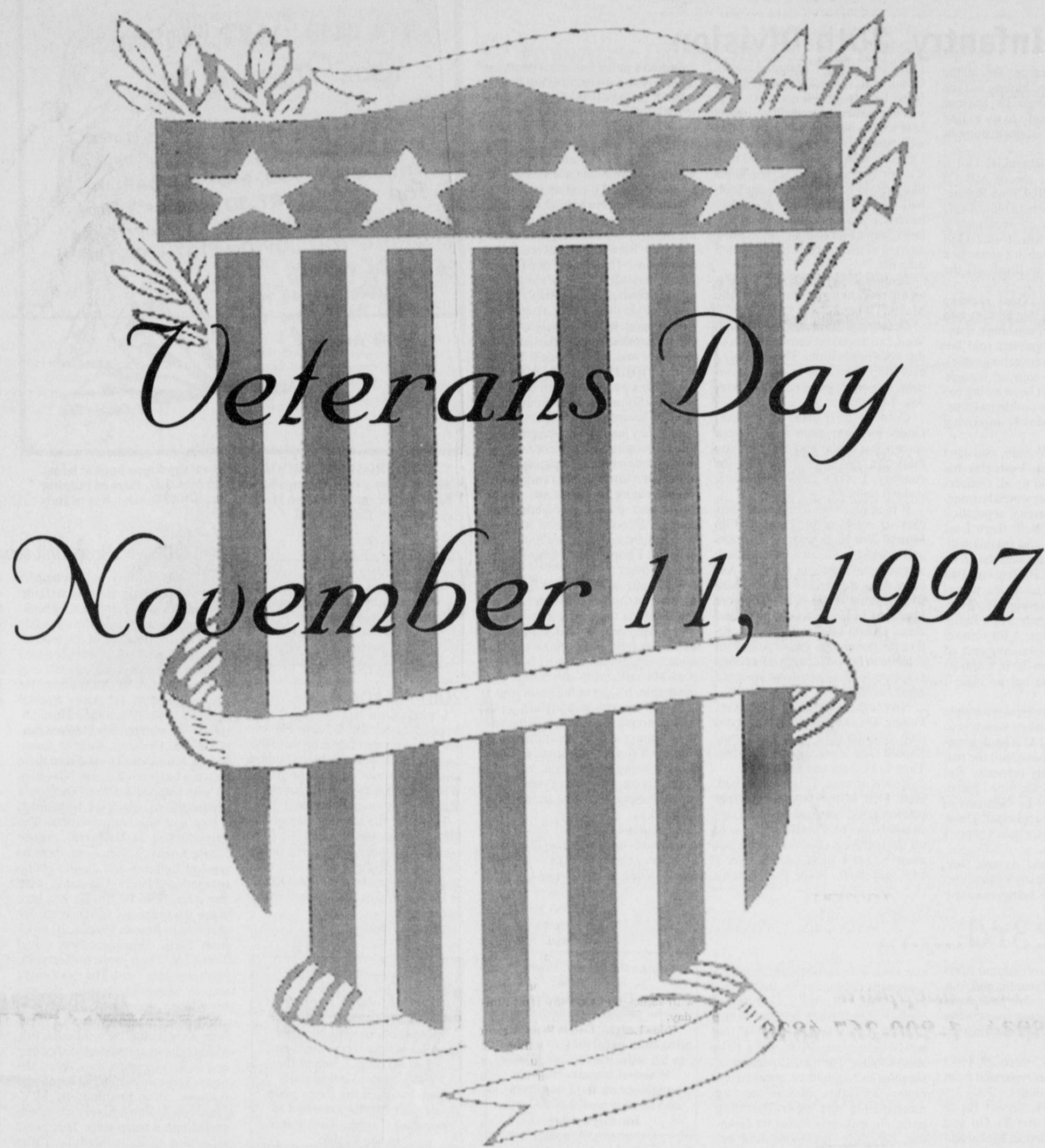
The Youth Department of the Deport United Methodist Church will hold a Mother's Day Out on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children ages 2-10. This will enable parents to have a day to do Christmas shopping while their children are entertained with Christmas crafts, stories and movies.  
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Section B: Special Veterans Day Edition, Page 1







# 104th Infantry, 26th Division

May 9, 1945-France. I'm in the replacement system, having left the hospital some time ago. I'm anxious to get back to the outfit to try to find out what my status is: occupation or the Pacific.

June 22-Czechoslovakia. Got a letter today telling me of ME (?) husband going to CBI (China-Burma-India) direct. Lord, what a blow. Don't think I can live to go even after a furlough home but direct--that'd kill me. Truthfully though, it's gonna be a helluva lot harder to finish off the Japs.

June 24. I got a Xmas package today, peanuts (stale but edible), two books, a diary, soap, washrags, shaving cream, gum cigarettes (old but smoke good) candy (unsalvageable). All in all its been enjoyed though. You see, we haven't been eating too good, transportation problems I hear. Ration situation is slowly improving though.

June 28-Czec. Woman, you can't imagine how I feel. Yesterday the Regimental CO told us all Officers with 85 points or over would be transferred soon for eventual separation from the service. Well, there I sat with 83 points. He said anyone with below 85 would stay with the Division and go to the CBI. It seems that all hope is gone. This is the way it figures: Length of service 36. Overseas service 8. Dependents 24. Battle Stars 15 (1 for Bulge; 1 for Central Germany; 1 for Germany west of Rhine.) Anyway you cut it, 's still 83 points. It was close but no cigar I guess.

We have a little problem in a couple of hours...night problem which is to last from 2200 to 0200. Thank goodness it's only a problem, not the real thing. Patrols are my nemesis. Remind me to tell you the time I had to go into a town held by Germans to stay 72 hours or get a prisoner. Those were the times that try men's souls. I thought I was gone.

September 28-Reid, Austria. Gee, I'm glad to see so many of the boys coming home and being released.

Let's see, Jack, Cannon, Lowell, Grant, Mac, Relph and maybe Evans (can't believe yet I'll make it). Yep, you're glad to see home but you really hurt when you think of the boys that won't make it. It isn't really a hurt like I guess a wife or mother would feel, it's not that sentimental. It's kinda like the hurt you feel when your football team fights against a team they haven't a chance to beat. Poor bastards, they never had a chance. How anyone is coming back beats the hell outa me.

Just got some new poop. There is an officers shipment leaving the 4th. Maybe I'll be on it.

October 8-Bamberg, Germany. Well, I still don't feel any better about the whole situation. They're doing everything possible to drive us insane. We won't leave here until Sunday, 14 October.

October 25-LeHavre, France. Guess it's been more than a week since I last wrote and I'm sure you think I'm just out of NY. To the contrary, I really think we'll never make it home.

It took us about five days in box cars to get here at Camp Phillip Morris. We have tents with floors and stoves but due to a lack of spark arresters, no fires can be built. Another thing that makes our stay here so enjoyable is the fact that before liberation LeHavre was bombed and some 18,000 civilians killed therefore the population greets American soldiers with open arms, we have had only two soldiers murdered since we came here.

November 1, 1945-LeHavre, France. Good news, we are to board ship Santa Paula about one hour. Should take about a week to cross. Then to Ft. Sam and home.

Nov. 4, France. This war ain't bad. Here I sit in my dugout with my platoon guide, runner and medic. Logs overhead, dirt for walls, living with all the comforts of home. We're just about to eat a meal cooked over a little gas stove. Some Frenchman's

cow died a rather unnatural death the other day and we decided not to let it ruin. Occasionally the Germans lob a few 88's and 120 mortars over from their positions some 1,000 yards away, otherwise things are fine. The only trouble is I'm afraid someone will decide we want those German of these days and I'll end up a hero.

6 November-No Man's Land. What do you think about the heading? Yep, me and my platoon are right out about 1/2 way between the Krauts and Americans. The Krauts don't know we are here yet, I hope. We are holed up in an old house and if they haven't found us yet they'll have a hard time from now on. We just heard an American loudspeaker telling the Germans the news and how hopeless further resistance is, but the only answer the Americans got was a helluva lot of artillery. Sometimes education of the German seems to be a hopeless situation. They just can't understand anything. It's quite an experience to have propaganda and shells passing over at the same time. The boys are sitting around eating K rations and raising hell cause there's just about half enough. I don't know how long we will be here or where we'll go from here but I hope it isn't long till this thing is over.

Had quite an experience last night walking in the woods. It seemed every 20 steps there was a fence and every five steps was a stump that looked exactly like a Nazi. Luckily none were. Weather hasn't been too cold but rain every day keeps you miserable. It's got to the point where the barest essentials of living...food...any kind of shelter and dry clothing are the most important things. Of course, the most important thing is being home again.

(Lt. Evans arrived in Tyler, Texas on November 10 where he was discharged.)

Lt. Samuel Lee Evans  
(Lt. Evans served in the European Theater of Operations from September 30, 1944 to November 1, 1945.)

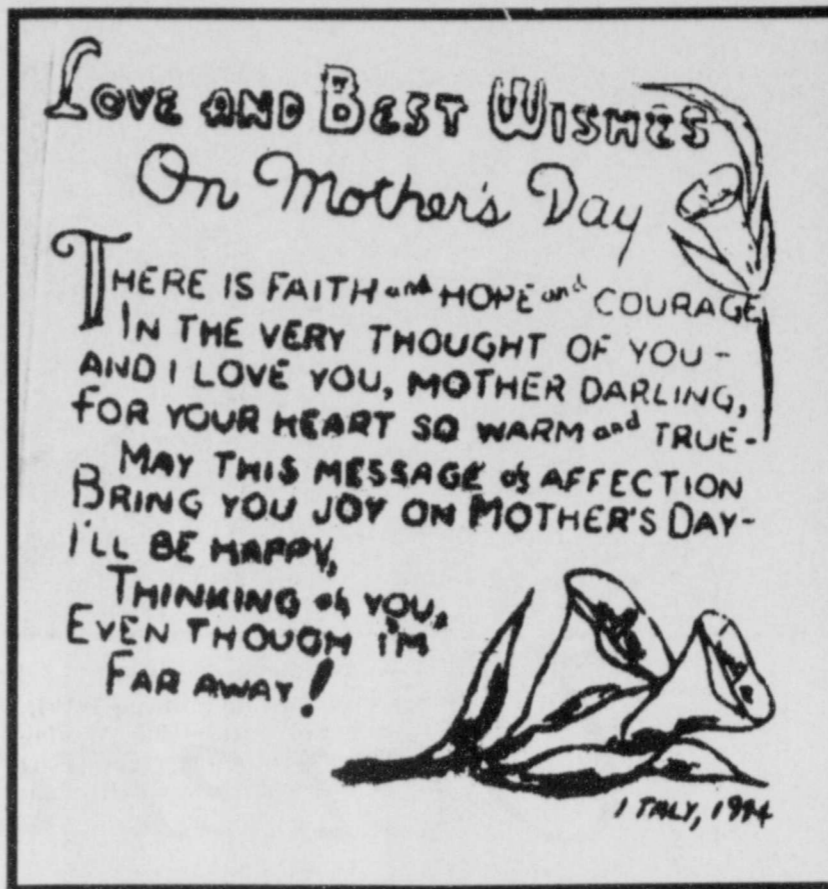
From the Deport Times, Jan. 6, 1944  
**TSgt. Thurman Singleton, who has been stationed at Alexandria, La., is now in England, according to a letter to his wife, the former Myrtle Ward of Bogata. He is an engineer on B-17 bombers and has been nthe Air Corps for three years.**

He wasn't totally ignorant. He knew sheep. We would doze off while he talked sheep. He told us that a sheep's winter coat was always sheared just before the spring lambs came and the dogwood was in bloom--both being sure signs there was no longer the danger of a sheared sheep freezing from being sheared too soon.

After we crossed the Han and took Seoul, we headed back for the ships at Inchon to board for the next landing at Wonsan. We stopped and visited the cemetery in Inchon. I looked up at the hills and wondered if they ever herded sheep up there in quieter times, and would he be able to see them from down here.

54,000 Americans died in the 3-year Korean war. 58,000 Americans in the 10-year Vietnam War. The Korean War is a "conflict," a "police action," and the "forgotten war."

Quinnon Davis



V-MAIL FROM THE TROOPS was always welcome back at home. This Mother's Day message was sent to Mrs. I.H. Hare of Sulphur Bluff by her son, Pfc. Isom H. Hare, Jr., USAFR, who was in Italy on Mother's Day in 1944.

February 17, 1944  
Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Davidson have received a cablegram from their son, Charles, Jr., saying he has landed safely overseas.

### 20th Air Force

I worked on the airplanes that dropped the bombs. Believe me, we had to be very careful because the doors on the bay that held the bombs sometimes would not open properly. WE worked hard to be sure that every plane we sent our came back.

However, the happiest day of my life was when one of our B-29's flew over our base and we saw the bomb doors open and it looked like millions of ribbons dropped. The Officer in Charge told us the war had ended in Germany.

Forrest Taylor

From the Bogata News Oct. 19, 1946  
Lt. (jg) John D. Latimer, USNR, was awarded the Air Medal along with 40 other officers who were members of Air Group 2, one of the Navy's top aviation units based aboard the Essex class aircraft carrier attached to our Fast Carrier Task Force in the Pacific.

February 10, 1944  
Sgt. and Mrs. Hulen Faulkner of Blossom have a new son, born Tuesday.

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### the 134th Evac. Hosp. Unit served where needed....

J.C. was drafted in December, 1943. He took basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas at Tyler. During basic training, his arches and metatarsals broke down. Because of his feet, he was transferred out of infantry into the Medical training program at Camp Livingston, LA at Alexandria. He was assigned to 1st Army Special Medics, 134th Evacuation Hospital. He served with the 5th Medical Battalion, 5th Division, went to Camp Polk, LA for a short time. From there he went to Camp Kilmer, NJ where he was shipped to New York on a troop train. At New York, he boarded a ship and was sent overseas. The ship docked at LaHavre, France (Camp Lucky Strike). From there he went to Belgium and then to Hallie (pronounced Holly) Germany, just a few miles from Berlin. He was here when the Germans surrendered. He was sent to Reams, France, 20 miles from Paris. This place was called Tent City. There were no barracks, just tents in a field. His next move was to Marseille, France. He was here when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. About 12 or 15 men were killed by wild rifle fire, most of the men just started shooting and hollering when they heard the news. Three days after the bomb was dropped, they boarded the M.V. Noordam, a Dutch luxury liner converted into a troop ship. They were scheduled to go to Manila. Three miles out to sea they were told they to New York an would report there in 17 days. Rough seas caused a change of plans. They went to Norfolk, VA in 11 days. From Norfolk, he went by troop train to San Antonio, Texas for

I'll never be afraid again....

I left the Air Corps in 1945, thinking wars were over, but I was recalled and sent to Korea in 1951. I was in the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Korea when one of my friends, Lt. Owens, came back from a mission with his F-84 plane shot up so bad he didn't dare try to land it. He had good radio communication, I was in the tower with Col. Davenport as Davenport told him that his only chance was to bail out of his plane.

Owens kept his voice calm, but I could tell he didn't trust that parachute 100%. If the chute didn't open, Owens would fall to his death. He said, "Let me fly around just once more." Davenport said, "You have to jump! Your only chance!"

He jumped. The chute opened and he came down safe. That night, across the table from me as we ate supper, he was one of the happiest men I've ever seen. "I'll never be afraid again!" he said to me. "Two more missions and I will get this thing over. I'll get to go back to the Land of Uncle Sugar, be home with my wife and kids. After this, I'll never be afraid again!"

He was happy, confident and happy. Next day he flew another combat mission, and he was shot down and killed.

Lee Somerville

a brief stop over, then to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, from there to Camp Campbell, KY. He arrived at Camp Campbell on November 1, 1945. He was sent back to Camp Chaffee where he was discharged in April of 1946. Rank at the time of discharge was Technician Fifth Grade.

J.C.'s outfit came from France to Dinnant, Belgium when General Patton came up from Italy during the Battle of the Bulge. 134th Evacuation Hospital set up in a school building and took care of casualties from the battle. The 101st Airborne Division was in Belgium fighting all around them.

J.C. and his best friend, Cpl. Queen shared the same birthday. They had food when they started overseas on the boat. Later, their rations were saved for prisoners of war being sent to the states. They did not eat for three days. J.C. and Queen broke into the kitchen and stole raw Irish potatoes and ate them.

J.D. served in Japan. He was a rifleman with the infantry. He was on the front lines when his appendix burst. He rode on a stretcher placed crossways on a jeep for 26 miles to a hospital. He spent the rest of his service time working in offices.

A.J. served in Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. He started with the Texas National Guard. It was turned into the 36th Division. He was a foreign observer with the Field Artillery. He was in Austria when the war was over.

J.C., J.D. and A.J., brothers of Clois Alsbrook



Pfc. Clyde T. Crouch, Duane Station, Pa., platoon aid man; was killed while braving enemy fire in an attempt to administer first aid to one of the wounded. Pfc. Donald E. Rappaport, Evanston, Ill., was injured by a concussion grenade when he attempted to rescue Crouch.

Under the leadership of Sgt. Leslie Fishman, Los Angeles, the platoon took up defensive positions in a house inside the factory grounds at twilight. Pfc. Maurice T. Stack, Doniphan, Mo., applying his knowledge of first aid, was instrumental in saving the lives of three wounded men.

The night was a long nightmare for the platoon. German 88s bombarded the vicinity incessantly. To leave the building meant death or capture. Members of the platoon repulsed repeated Nazi attacks.

Sgt. Fishman undertook a desperate gamble next

# the 223rd.....

Pfc. I.H. Hare, Jr. of Sulphur Bluff spent two years, six months and four days service, of which one year, seven months and 27 days was spent in the European African Middle Eastern Theater.

He was inducted March 29, 1943 in Tyler, TX and was separated from the service in Amendola, Italy on October 2, 1945. He served Hq & Base Sv Sq 528th Air Sv Gp and received a Good Conduct Medal and European-African Middle Eastern Campaign medal with one bronze

# The Forgotten War.....

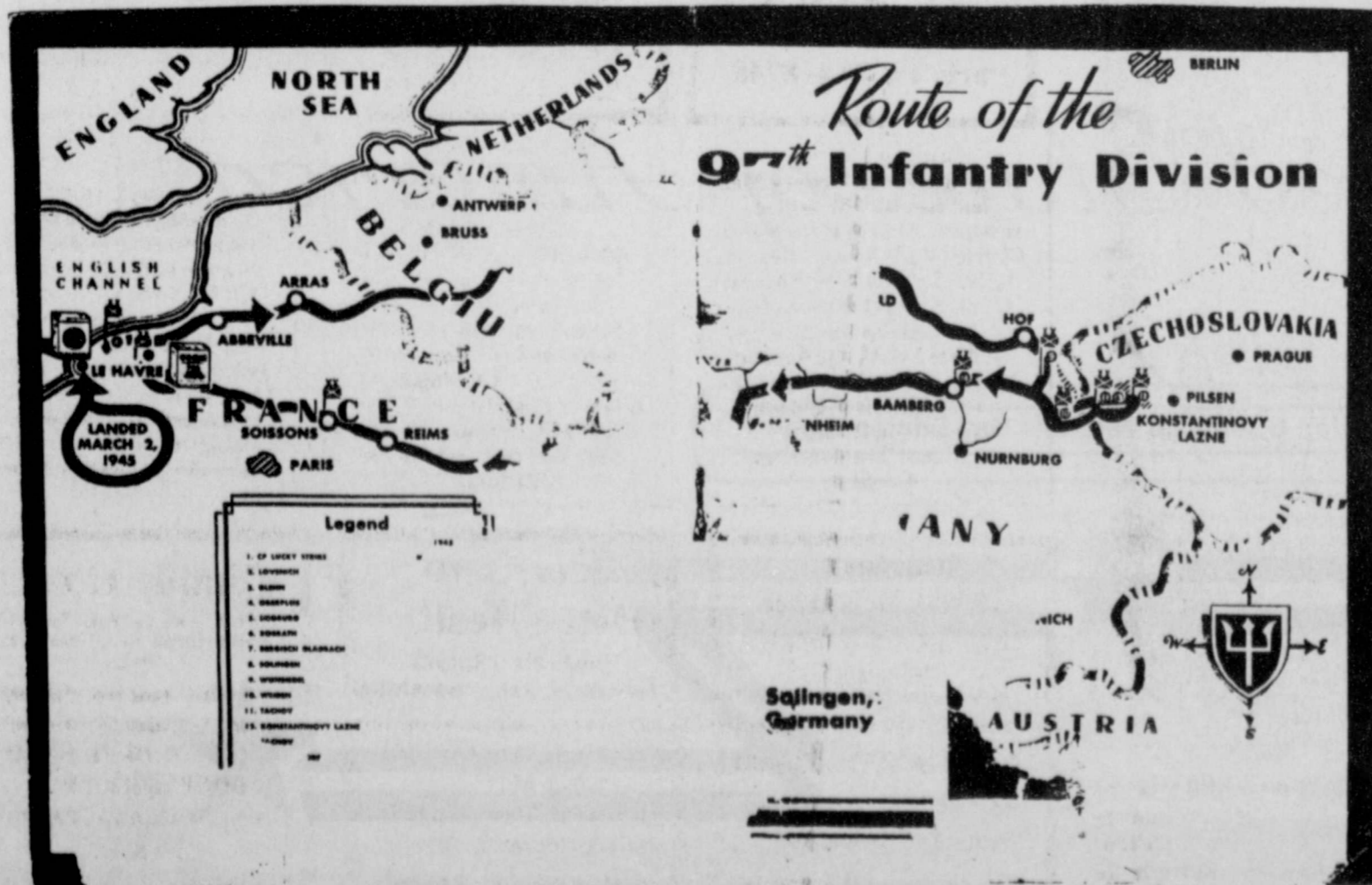
My Marine outfit was up before dawn on September 15, 1950, standing on deck of the attack ship, waiting to go over the sides into the landing boats outside the harbor of Inchon on Korea's west coast, just below the 38th parallel at divided North and South Korea.

We were told we were siding with South Korea and we were to shoot only the North Koreans. Such things were important to know. It had been only six weeks since I was wearing civilian clothes and attending classes in St. Louis. Our Marine Reserve unit had been called up on the first of August. We had traveled from St. Louis to Inchon in just six weeks, using one train and two ships. Jet lag hadn't been coined and was decades away.

This young sheep herder from Utah was standing next to me on deck. He had been tending his grandmother's flock only five weeks before. We had

all been on active duty with the Marines before being discharged at the end of our enlistments and placed on reserve status. We were all mad about being recalled just as we were getting used to civilian life again. We were ready to take it out on the Koreans. The North ones, not the South ones. We had to be careful about that.

A British cruiser pulled into the harbor with her guns blazing. The first rays of the sun were just coming over the mountains and caught her flag. It was a sight to behold. He shifted his pack, leaned close and whispered, "What flag is that?" "The Union Jack," I said. "What country?" he asked. "Great Britain," I said, out of the corner of my mouth so as not to embarrass him. "Do they speak English?" he asked. "Yeah, I think so," I said. "Good!" he said. I figured it best not to ask why he thought so. Will Rogers said everybody is ignorant, just on different subjects.



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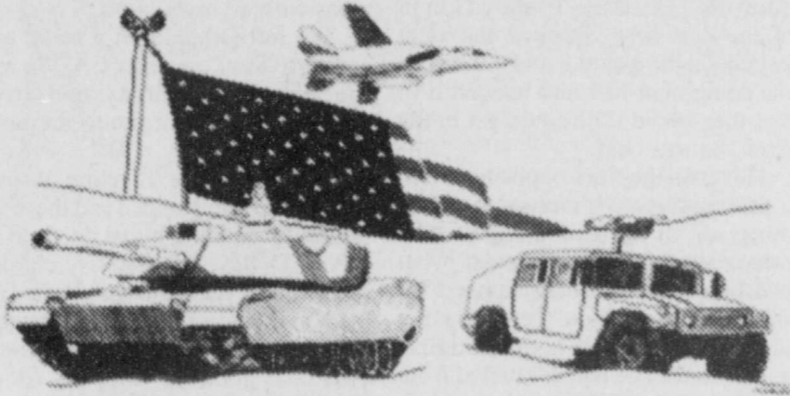
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**BOB WILLIAMS- OF AMARILLO TX.** served as Adjutant to the 351st Squadron in England during WWII. Williams remembers an awards Banquet held at their base, the Parks Abbott, in the Officers Club. Making the presentations were General Jimmy Doolittle (leader of the raid on Tokyo), and Four Star General Carl Spaatz. After the medals were presented Williams approached the Celebrities for their autographs. All he had was a dollar bill for them to sign, but they both signed the bill for him.

**8th Air Force,  
 56th Fighter Group,  
 62nd Fighter Squadron**

We were headed overseas and had to leave from New York harbor on board the Queen Victoria. Because the ship was too big to get up to the docks, we were being transported by a very small ferry from the harbor to the ship. One of my friends, Bill Carrington from Tennessee, had never seen a ship and really believed the ferry was what would take us on to war. The farther from the harbor we got, the more nervous Bill got until he finally said, "John, I could sink the Queen Victoria ship with my 22 rifle!"

By the time we quit laughing, we were within sight of the Queen Victoria, and Bill was very relieved!!  
*John L. Edwards*

**TO THOSE WHO SERVED**



**DESERT STORM**

**My "War" Story**

My oldest brother, Floyd E. Wright, graduated from Deport High School the year I was born, 1939. I remember very little of him my first few years. Since he was only 16 when he graduated from high school and since it was the tradition for the "Wright cousins" to all migrate to Dallas in search of employment when they completed when they completed high school, and since he couldn't get a job until he was 18, Floyd worked at Ross McClure's (Bogata) and Fred Skidmore's (Pattonville) garages awaiting the 18th birthday. Since we did not have an automobile, Floyd lived with these families while learning the automobile trade. He later worked for Mohr Chevrolet in Dallas and ultimately retired with General Motors on the regional management level. Automobiles and what made them tick were in his blood.

World War II whisked Floyd away before he could actually get his career in Dallas on its way. He served in the Marines in the Philippines. One of the few memories I have of the actual war days was that each member of our household received a ration book to buy items we needed.

Oh my, how my Mother would cherish every letter she received from Floyd, reading them over and over. Floyd's letters were censored by the military before they were mailed, and Floyd could only write on one side of the stationary. I remember Mother and Daddy (Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Wright) getting one letter, and

one page had been cut into three pieces, probably cutting out the section divulging his location, or something the U.S. didn't want to possibly end up in the enemy's hands.

I don't actually remember Floyd leaving for the service; I was too young. But I remember one time he mailed us a coconut, complete with the outer layer, one always sees coconuts in the grocery stores with the outer layer removed. The coconut was huge!

After years had passed, we still did not own an automobile. One night "Buggs" Skidmore drove up to our home, got out and came in and visited. Now Buggs is one of the two sons of Fred and Mable Skidmore, who owned the garage in Pattonville where Floyd had previously worked. I was still just a small child, not yet in school. After Buggs had visited probably five minutes, Mother asked him if his wife, Frances, was in the car. Buggs said, "Oh, yes, I forgot, she is out there." Mother raced out of our home to welcome Frances in. When Mother arrived at the car, low and behold, Floyd was sitting there. Well, Mother almost went bananas she was so tickled to see Floyd. She began yelling for Daddy to come out and get a hug also.

That night Floyd came home from World War II is the first remembrance I have of actually seeing and visiting with him.

*Sybil Wright Hanson*



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**THE NEW TESTAMENT-** Was issued to all G.I.s by the Commander-In-Chief F.D.R. In the early part of the war according to Pinky Griffin. Pinky recalls carrying his in his left shirt pocket with a silver dollar in the middle of it.

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From the Deport Times,  
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Pfc John R. Kelsey, Baylor Medical Student at Houston, had spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Kelsey

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**World War II**

memories..

In September, 1942, my oldest brother, J.W. Day, was drafted into the Army Air Corp.

He had never been out of Lamar County, he left a young bride, a mother and dad, six brothers and a sister.

Being the only girl, he always sent me to the milk shed to ask our father for his Saturday night spending money. \$1.50 and he shared \$.05 with me.

I received many cards and letters from him during the next three years and a blue silk handkerchief with "Sister, U.S. Air Corp", and I still have them. He always reminded me, only eight years old, to help our Mother. We never saw him again until October, 1945 but our parents and siblings were glad to have him home again.

He had served in Mississippi, Virginia, Maryland, Iceland and England and died June 19, 1965.

*by Ruth Day O'Brien*

**97 Infantry Division..... APO 445**

I was drafted October 1942 and sent to Camp Walters, Mineral Wells, Texas. I was then transferred to Camp Joseph T. Robertson, Little Rock, Arkansas for eight weeks of basic infantry training. Fifty men were sent to Fort Washington, DC for postal clerk school. After six weeks of training, seen were sent to Camp Swift, Bastrop, TX as original cadre for the activation of the 97th Infantry Division, Postal Section APO 445.

The Division went to Fort Leonardwood, MO and then to Louisiana. I had two full truck loads of mail and could not deliver the mail Christmas day because of the weather conditions. The division returned to Fort

Leonardwood, then transferred to San Luis Obispo, CA, and then transferred to Camp Cook, CA for South Pacific training. One day, the Division was ordered to unpack and repack so we could be shipped for the European Theater of Operations. We landed in LaHavre, France Camp Lucky Strike in March of 1945. From there we fought our way to Prague, Czechoslovakia and the war ended. One of the infantry division men fired the last shot in the Theater of Operation.

We were sent back to the United States and spent 30 days at home. I reported back to Fort Bragg, North

Carolina. Arrived on Wednesday and on Saturday departed with the division advanced party to Seattle, Washington. The train had a two hour layover in Prescott, AZ. While we were there, the Japanese offered surrender. After arriving in Seattle, one week later our division was on a boat to Japan as occupation troops. I spent eight months in Japan and shipped back to the United States for discharge.

*Overton B. Perry  
 T4-Sgt. Technician  
 97 Infantry Division  
 Division Headquarters  
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PFC ISOM H. HARE JR 38475985

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 Louise Charles Coe Detroit;  
 William Lee King, Bogata;  
 Morris S. Mankins, Bogata;  
 Evin I. Rushing, Bogata;  
 Menderson L. Bratton,  
 Cuthand; Travis Scales,  
 Bogata.

From the Bogata News  
 October 26, 1945  
 Sgt. James R. Gray is now stationed at Hamilton Field, Ca. His brother, S/Sgt. Harley Gray, has recently been sent overseas, somewhere in the European theatre of operations. These boys are the sons of Jack Gray and were reared in Bogata.

From the Deport Times,  
 January 25 1946  
 A message from the War Department has disclosed that the palne on which Lt. Cliff Reidwas on went down over Iwo Jima a Jap-held island about 700 miles from Japan in the Central Pacific. Lt. Reid is the husband of the former Eugenia Nobles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nobles of Deport.

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## A sailor of another kind....

While serving aboard the Coast Guard cutter USS Klamath, we had one crew member who was different from the ordinary sailor. His name was Maximillion Talisman (Max) Boatwain's Mate 2nd Class. Max, a Boxer dog, came aboard with an officer.

When the officer was transferred, Max stayed aboard with the crew. Max knew all the 125 member crew. If a sailor came aboard that was not of the regular crew, Max let every sailor know by barking. Klamath's home port was Seattle. She was moored on the waterfront street adjacent to downtown Seattle. When some of the young single sailors went on liberty, they took Max with them. All of the pubs on the waterfront knew Max and would let him come in with the sailors. When the sailors wanted to be alone, probably with a girlfriend, they would call a cab and the driver would take Max back to the ship.

Max was taught by the crew to get

himself a drink from the cooler type water fountain. He would stand on his back legs, get his left paw on the button and as the water squirted up, he would lap the water with his tongue.

Two sailors took Max downtown while one was shopping, the other one stood just inside the door. He heard this lapping noise and turned around to find Max getting a drink. He took Max outside the store, afraid civilians would think that Max was unsanitary.

Max, aboard the Klamath, has been to Hawaii, Midway Island, Japan, Adak, Alaska and through one storm with 50 foot waves. The storm was hard on Max as he had no hands to grasp something to hold onto. Max didn't seem to mind, as usually some sailor would hold on to him. Max was still serving aboard the Klamath when I left.

Richard Nance

## 97th Infantry Division

Nickname: None recorded.

**Shoulder Patch:** A vertical white trident on a blue shield with a white border. The patch was designed in 1922, when it was contemplated the 97th would be manned by personnel from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

### History

The 97th Division was first organized at Camp Cody, New Mexico, Sept., 1918. It was manned by drafted men from Oklahoma and Minnesota. The organization was never fully effected.

In accordance with the Army plan of allotting inactive divisions to the various service commands (then-1923-corps areas), the 97th was allotted to the 1st Corps Area in 1923. Accordingly, in 1943, when it was necessary to activate the division, it was the commanding general of the 1st Service Command who ordered the division into active service.

### Training

The division was activated at Camp Swift, Tex., in Feb., 1943, and assigned to the Third Army. At the outset, the division trained at Camp Swift and at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. It participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers in 1943 and returned to Fort Leonard Wood when they were completed. The division was transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., July 20, 1944, and to Camp Cooke, Calif., on Nov. 1, 1944. The division left for the European Theater of Operations in Feb., 1945.

### Commanding Generals

Brig. Gen. Louis A. Craig, Feb. 4 to Dec. 31, 1943; Brig. Gen. Milton B. Halsey, Jan. 1, 1944, to present.

### Component Units

(As of Feb., 1945): 303rd, 386th and 387th Inf. Regts.; 389th (AM),



303rd, 365th and 922nd (L) FA Bns. Higher Commands: the division was first assigned overseas to the Fifteenth Army and later to the First Army.

### Combat Highlights

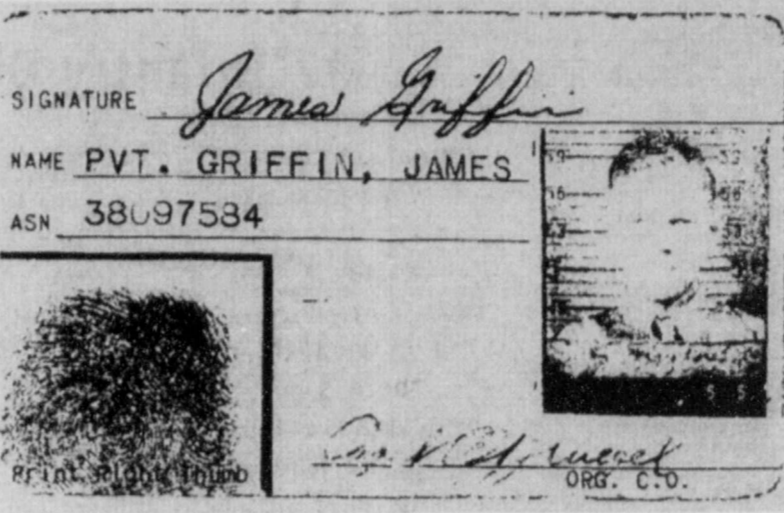
The 97th performed notable service in the liquidation of the Ruhr pocket. Going into action across from Dusseldorf, the division, after a few days, reached Bonn on the Rhine and on Apr. 3, 1945, crossed the river.

The line of action at the southern end of the Ruhr pocket ran along the Sieg river and Sieberg was one of the first towns to fall to the 97th. From there the 97th fought north, closing the pocket from the south and coming out at Dusseldorf.

After cleaning up the pocket, the 97th joined the Third Army, going into action at Hof to guard the flank near Tirchenreuth.

Near the end of the war, the division had gone on to cross Germany. Its patrols made contact with the Russians near Luditz, Czechoslovakia.

The 97th was returned to the United States and redeployed to occupation duties on Honshu, Japan.



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I.D. CARDS - Were issued to G.I.s and they were required to carry them at all times. The card was shared by Pinky Griffin of Sulphur Springs TX.

## First Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Inf. Division

The First Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Inf. Division was in regimental reserve about two miles behind the lines in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains near Coar, France. Early December 1944, cold, snow all over everything, and a bright moonlit night. About 2 a.m. I had finished checking on the perimeter guards as ordered by the A Company Commander. I walked up to the back of a half-track that had been set up with the regimental radios and parked about 50 yards from the command post. The "track" had been rigged up with a canvas top over the bed and I knew it would be warmer in there than anything else around.

A rap on the steel rear door and the man on radio watch pushed one side open. I climbed in and sat down on the floor near the door with my back to the wall. The combination he warmth from the radios (radios then had large vacuum tubes that ran hot) and the soft buzz of the radios and I dozed off.

A knock on the door by my side ought me back to reality, and I unlatched the door and pushed it open. A figure stood there in white coveralls, what we called a "ghost suit", and asked if I had a cigarette. I shook one out and handed it to him and then he asked if I had a light, all in perfect "American". He stuck his head in the door and I lit a match. In the flare from the match, I saw he had a Schmeisser machine pistol slung across his chest, their equipment belt with hand gun, and a German steel helmet hung from his canteen. I grabbed for my weapon leaning against the wall and knocked it over with a clatter. Joe is trying to get his pistol bear on the figure but is pointing it at me, and the man said "Hold it boys, I'm here to surrender. I am Major Herman

S\_\_\_\_\_ (I never got the last name, sounded like Schiller or Strikler) and I am cold, hungry and tired, and I quit." He passed the Tommy Gun in to me butt first, dropped the steel helmet on the ground, and unhooked the equipment belt and handed it to me, then asked if he could get in the track, he was cold.

He sat on the floor opposite me for a few minutes without saying anything, all of us just looking at each other. Joe notified Regiment what had happened and they advised we stay put until daylight, then bring him in. I asked about his perfect English and he told us he had graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1938, returned to Germany to visit his parents, and had been drafted into the German Army. He said he hoped to be able to return to Wisconsin at the end of the war, that his parents were dead and he had no reason to return to Germany. (Joe and I have wondered for many years if he was ever able to do this.)

Corporal Brooks was relieved about 6 a.m. and we escorted the German to the Regimental Headquarters and turned him over the MP's. The Regimental Commander, Col. Britt, was so pleased to have a high ranking enemy officer that he had us both awarded the Bronze Star medal for "capturing" a high ranking officer, then turned around and gave about three officers and six non-coms a terrible "eating out" for letting an enemy soldier, who was not only able to get through the German lines, but also ours without being challenged, or shot. We were lucky he was not on a raiding mission, the ending of this story would have been very different.

Ed Gardiner, Lt. Col-Inf. USAR (Retired)

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## A memorable occasion....

President Roosevelt had completed a meeting in Teheran when he flew to Malta and then to Sicily where he had arranged a meeting of all Generals at Castlevevans which had the only hard surfaced runway on the island.

I was stationed there in the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron, 314th Troop Carrier Group. The day of President Roosevelt's arrival, we had been instructed to be in dress uniform. We were to meet near the air strip. So, we arrived early and awaited his arrival. About 10 a.m., Air Force #1 landed. We soon learned it was a decoy. In the meantime, fighter planes flew P51's and P38's flew continuously over us making a cloud cover. It reminded me of a flock of blackbirds. An hour later the decoy plane left the runway and the President's plane arrived.

Accompanying him were Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. George Patton, Gen. Marshall and Gen. Clark. Other dignitaries were heads of Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines.

We were standing in formation with enough space for the jeep to drive through the ranks. With President Roosevelt in the front seat with the driver, Gen. Marshall and Gen. George Patton in the back seat. When the jeep stopped, Gen. Patton placed his right hand on the back of the vehicle and hurdled the jeep and when he stopped, he froze to attention.

He was wearing his famous polished boots. I was standing within 50 feet of all the brass and dignitaries. It was certainly an impressive event and one I'll always remember.

Thomas E. Watson

## A Soldier, a Sailor & the Family Dog....

My two "big brothers", Elbert Nance and Richard Nance, served our country during World War II. Elbert, a soldier, served in the Army Signal Corp. and Richard, a sailor, served in the Coast Guard.

When Elbert was sent overseas, it was two months or more before we heard from him. Finally when the day came that we got a card stating that he had arrived safely overseas in Cairo, Egypt, our family dog, Ponto, whom we had raised from a pup and was 13 years old, met the mailman, Buck Mathews, down the road, followed him to the mail box and stood there barking until Mother went to get the mail from the box. This was the first time he had ever done this. I really

believe he knew important news in the mail that day.

In April, 1945, we got word from Elbert that he would be coming home on furlough. To our surprise, Richard arrived home on furlough about two days ahead of Elbert. We were so glad to have both of them home at the same time. Ponto was really proud to see them. By this time, Ponto was 17 years old, couldn't hear, had arthritis, and no teeth. Tragedy struck a few days after the boys came home. Daddy got into the car go to town and not knowing Ponto was asleep under the car, backed over him and killed him. We were all sad, but at least he lived to see the "boys" come home.

Audrey Nancy Scott

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## The War as I saw it...

It was cold March 3, 1942 and there was snow on the ground. My Dad came in the bedroom and informed me it was time to leave. We left Deport at about five in the morning to catch a bus in Paris headed for the Army reception center in Mineral Wells.

We got all of our gear issued and started our long stay away from home. There were four of us from Deport leaving at the same time, Donald and Esker Westbrook, Budget Marshall and me. We were separated in Camp Walters and I was sent to Camp Crowder, MO. I don't know how to describe the way I felt when I loaded on the troop train, except I was already homesick and scared.

I spent six weeks in Camp Crowder and then went to Orlando, Florida. I was in the Signal Corps and attached to the Army Air Force. I spent the next year training and playing baseball for Orlando. I don't know what part the baseball played in winning the war, but you did what they told you to do. I could have spent the whole war playing baseball but like the "village idiot" I chose to go overseas with my own outfit.

We left Orlando on a troop train going to San Francisco, CA. We were on the train for eight days and arrived in Frisco for departure to the South Pacific.

While we were traveling through Utah, the train stopped and there was a family standing at the depot to see "Pop" Dailey. Pop had five children and was 38 years old and drafted and sent to the South Pacific. I thought it was real good of the Army to arrange this last "goodbye" meeting for old Pop. I began to realize what "goodbye" meant after this meeting.

We shipped out by loading on the Delta Queen, the Mississippi riverboat that is still in operation on the Mississippi, and boarded the troop ship in Frisco on December 11, 1943. It would be two years to the day before we came back to the same place. We went on the Liberty Ship "Sea Barb" to Guadalcanal in the

Solomon Islands. I was sent to Green Island at the tip of the Solomons.

The only contribution I made to the war was going on a P.T. support mission over New Ireland in a P.B.Y. We dropped flares to light up the island so the P.T. boats could shoot up the enemy. I was scared to death all through the mission (the Japs did not even shoot at us) and after about seven hours, returned to Green Island. I was on New Guinea, Numfor Island and then to the Philippines for the remainder of the war.

We sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge at almost the same time of day only it was two years later, 1945.

The Army was really good to me and many others. We got a college education for free, and they paid us \$105.00 a month in cash then when you had a child it was \$120.00 bucks a month. I went to East Texas State Teachers College, lived we called the "Chicken Shack" and had it real good. I got a master's degree gratis the Army. I don't regret a day I spent from 1942 to 1945. I do not ever want to have to go through this again, but would not take anything for my experience. I wish I could have been a "hero" like some from Deport, but we all had a job to do and we did it the best we could.

I earned the following decorations and citations while I served four years: The American Theater Campaign Asiatic-Pacific medal with three bronze stars; Philippines Liberation medal with one bronze star; Good Conduct medal; Victory ribbon; one Service stripe; four Overseas Service bars; and "I never even saw a Jap."

My job in the South Pacific was to direct sea planes to pick up "downed" pilots who were in the ocean. Some had been shot down and some had mechanical trouble. I know we were helping win the war with this job, but sometimes I felt like a "sad sack" until a "downed" pilot came by the information center and gave us a "fifth" and said "Thank You".

James A. (Pinky) Griffin

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From the Bogata News  
Oct. 19, 1946  
Lt. (jg) John D. Latimer, USNR, was awarded the Air Medal along with 40 other officers who were members of Air Group 2, one of the Navy's top aviation units based aboard the Essex class aircraft carrier attached to our Fast Carrier Task Force in the Pacific.

January 6, 1944  
Cpl. John Worth Hood had been transferred to San Francisco, California from Tennessee.

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Though the combat history of this division has been relatively short, the part we played in bringing about the downfall of German forces all fronts has been of utmost importance. You, as members of the division, can look back for many years and say, "The Trident was on the march when the bell rang."

Even as we rejoice, in victory, however, there is sadness in our hearts, for the road through the Ruhr Pocket and into Czechoslovakia is marked by crosses bearing the names of our comrades who valiantly and unselfishly gave their lives that the cause of freedom might endure and flourish."

..... Colonel M.B. Halsey, following the victory in the European Theater which ended World War II.



October 19, 1945  
Pvt. Gerald Gordon has been transferred from Ft. Sam Houston, to Ft. Knox, Ky. His wife and small daughter, Kay, are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Temple for the present.

### the nation's highest honor.....

Paving the way to America's World War II victory in the battle of Manila, Pfc. John N. Reese, Jr. was posthumously awarded the nation's highest military decoration on November 8, 1945.

"Pfc. John N. Reese, Jr. was killed in the line of duty and he and a comrade killed more than 82 Japanese, completely disorganized their defense and paved the way for subsequent complete defeat of the enemy at this stronghold," read the citation which was signed by President Harry S. Truman.

Reese, from Pryor, Oklahoma was killed February 9, 1945 during the key battle in the Philippines Islands.

He was an automatic rifleman with Company B, 148th Infantry, on February 9, 1945 during the battle of Manila, Philippine Islands, engaged in the attack on the Paco Railroad Station, which was strongly defended by 300 determined enemy soldiers with machine guns and rifles supported by several pillboxes, three 20-

millimeter guns, one 37-millimeter gun and heavy mortars.

On his own initiative, private Reese left the platoon, accompanied by a comrade, and continued forward to a house 60 yards from the objective.

The two men remained in this position for an hour, firing at targets of opportunity, killing more than 35 Japanese and wounding many more. Moving closer to the station and discovering a group of Japanese replacements attempting to reach pillboxes, they opened heavy fire, killed more than 40 and stopped all subsequent attempts to man the emplacements.

While the two men started to return to the American lines, alternately providing covering fire for each other as they withdrew, Private Reese was killed by enemy fire as he reloaded his rifle.

Private Reese, who is buried at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, is one of the many reasons Americans celebrate Veterans Day.



October 26, 1945  
J.O. Barnett of Blossom had heard from his son, Chief Petty Officer Ray Barnett, who has been on sea duty four years. Barnett said he had arrived in Chicago, having been made instructor in the Naval Air Technical Training Center.



January 13, 1944  
Sgt. Malcolm Wright of Bogata was with the flying fortress "Knock Out Dropper" which on Armistice Day, 1943, made an army air force record of fifty operational flights over enemy territory in Europe and dropped a bomb on each flight.

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### My memories

I served in World War II in 1944, 45 and 46 in the Philippine Islands and in South Korea. While in the Islands, the malaria jungle rot and the Japanese were real bad, but survival is the name of the war game. I thank my God for survival.

While in South Korea, my greatest memory is about getting to try out playing basketball for the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Due to jungle rot on my legs I did not complete the tour, however, I had to spend two months in a hospital in Pusan, Korea getting over malaria and jungle rot temporarily.

Another good memory in South Korea was when I got my Army tour complete and was ready to come home.

I had two brothers serving in the Navy that had finished their tour of duty and got home before I did. Great memories all getting to be home again.

My father served in World War I in France and was gassed so bad his health was never the same, however, he was the best manager I ever knew. Great memories.

Thanks for asking us Veterans to share a few memories with you and others.

George Richardson

## 96th Infantry Division

Nickname: Deadeye Division.  
Shoulder Patch: Overlapping white (purity) and blue (courage) squares on khaki background.

History  
The Armistice headed off organization of the 96th, scheduled for Sept., 1918. In 1923, it was organized "on paper" as a Pacific NW reserve division.

Training  
Activated: Aug. 15, 1942, Camp Adair, Ore., assigned to IX and then IV Corps. Other stations: Ft. Lewis, Camp White and Camp San Luis Obispo. Maneuvers: Oregon with IV Corps. Overseas: July, 1944 (POA).

Commanding Generals  
Maj. Gen. James (Smiling Jim) L. Bradley, from activation to present.

Component Units  
(As of July, 1944) 381st, 382d and 383d Inf. Regts.; 363d (M), 361st, 362d and 921st FA Bns. Higher Commands: Tenth Army.

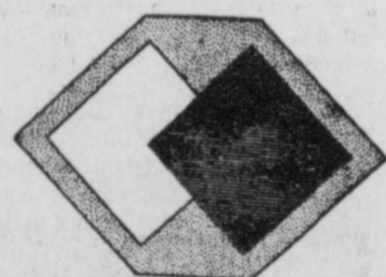
Combat Highlights  
First combat action for the Deadeyes came during the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands, where the 96th went ashore with the great armada of units assembled by General MacArthur off that shell-torn island shore.

It was the first Allied smash at the Philippines and the action began Oct. 20, 1944, when elements of the 382d and 383d Inf. Regts. plunged through the surf in their first charge.

Spearheaded by the 382d, the Division quickly moved against spasmodic enemy resistance. Within a period of approximately two months, the Division, along with the 7th and 77th divisions, had liberated the island.

Remaining on the conquered island, the 96th drew new equipment

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and supplies and prepared for further drives along the road to Tokyo. It was a period of intensive training.

The Division hit the beaches again Apr. 1, 1945, this time at Okinawa as part of the Tenth Army, newly formed under Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner. Against the fanatical resistance offered by the Nipponese defenders, the Deadeyes carried on like veterans.

Highlight of their action on Okinawa came on May 14, 1945, when the division took two of the toughest defense positions on the island, Yonabaru airfield and Conical Hill.

By taking Conical Hill, situated 2500 yards east of Shuri, the 96th eliminated the chief remaining observation point on Okinawa held by the Japs and its capture was essential to capture of Yonabaru airfield.

A month later, the 96th (June 14) cracked the center of the previously outflanked Japanese defense line on southern Okinawa by capturing 500-foot high Yaeju Hill and pushed on south.

Five days later, Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, assistant commander of the 96th Division, was killed in action, his death following by a few days that of Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, killed by a Jap shell burst. The Okinawa campaign ended June 20. The 96th continued combat activities by taking part in the mopping up of isolated Japanese units.

## Marseille, France, World War II

1st Sgt James Holmes of Pattonville, Texas completed extensive training in Mississippi and Louisiana before sailing to Europe, landing at the Port of Marseille, France during World War II. Just prior to landing, the voice of Axis Sally came over the PA system saying "Tonight we want to welcome the 103rd division to France. We will receive you warmly, very warmly." That was an understated omen.

His unit was the first to land at Marseille, to become a part of the 7th Army. Combat began in the Vosges Mountains, on the outskirts of a village called St. Die. The company commander said "If you live through this day, you've got a good chance." It's ironic, the commander was killed that day. The Mayor of St. Die vowed to name the town square for the 103rd Division. Holmes never saw the named square as his unit pushed on to Alsace and ultimately to the Siegfried Line.

As the attack progressed in the Haardt Mountains, resistance was fierce. Road junctions were well-mined, usually set up with machine guns as supporting fire. Open ground was dangerous as the enemy had all likely routes of approach covered.

It was rough in the hills, slogging along, halt, slog again with weariness beginning. Man followed man, company followed company, slipping, sliding, sweating, swearing, halting briefly as the cold became almost unbearable.

The troops were loaded with equipment, having to drag it up the slippery slopes, through the brush and down the ravines. Carrying your rifle, a belt of ammunition, three bandoliers, a grenade launcher, three or more grenades plus raincoat and sleeping bag, and your rations. The grenades were dangled from your bandolier or rifle strap, stashed in a jacket pocket or else hung from your pockets by jamming the grenade handle through a button hole. The four jacket pockets were the Infantryman's warehouse. Always room for one more thing, hoping clean them out when you got the time, still "stuff" in them from Marseille. The jacket crisscrossed by your rifle belt and the bandolier straps made you bulge like Mae West on the top and flare out like her at the hips.

As you ate your way through your K rations, you'd save the cigarettes, matches, candy, sugar, chewing gum and toilet paper. The toilet paper was crammed into the shock bands of your helmet liner, the rest into a jacket pocket.

You started with a jacket pocket filing system, cigarettes and matches in right breast pocket, gun and sweets

in the left, but you'd find a strap pinning the pocket shut so you'd use another pocket, end up with a conglomeration worse than the contents of a woman's handbag, in every pocket, always hunting in the wrong pocket, finding you couldn't get the pocket you wanted because a strap clamped it shut.

In December of 1944, the unit bumped against the strongest defensive line the world had ever known, the Siegfried Line. The Siegfried was designed as a permanent defensive line, with strong points backing up strong points, each mutually supporting. Fierce fighting attacks and counter attacks including close combat ensued. Heavy losses on both sides were encountered.

The company was short on supplies-re: ammunition and explosives. Holmes, being a farm boy, was selected to take a mule train (18 mules) to deliver supplies and rations to designated areas in the Siegfried Line. After delivery, the mules were to be used to evacuate the killed in action bodies. This proved to be more complicated than anticipated. The mules were reluctant to have frozen bodies attached, causing considerable movement and struggle making them difficult to control.

This melee on the mountain was observed by the Germans resulting in heavy artillery barrages. The health and welfare of the mules was no longer paramount by the person leading the mules. The mules with the KIA's attached became wildly out of control. They came flatulent, kicking, bucking, snorting and running in all directions. The unsupervised exercise resulted in bodies being scattered once again on "Pill Box Hill".

After a lull in artillery fire, the mules caught and their mission was accomplished. One of the mules was wounded and treated at a battalion aid station, likely, the only mule in the Army to earn a Purple Heart!

The unit continued to fight for another three months inside the world's strongest defense positions with losses and replacements, more losses and more replacements. During this period, Sgt. Holmes was given a battle field commission to the grade of 2nd Lieutenant.

In late March of 1945, the unit punched a hole through the Siegfried Line. Holmes' platoon was attached to Task Force Rhine, a completely mechanized unit. It was dusk when tank-riding infantrymen shoved off towards the Rhine River. Moving into enemy territory, instructions were to fire at anything that moved, "Recognition by fire, is the military term.

The Task Force overran and destroyed the pocket shut so you'd use another pocket, end up with a conglomeration worse than the contents of a woman's handbag, in every pocket, always hunting in the wrong pocket, finding you couldn't get the pocket you wanted because a strap clamped it shut.

Lt. Holmes was ordered to take his platoon from the Task Force and eliminate the enemy from Landeck Castle. His platoon started up the hill towards the castle just as dawn was breaking. The hill seemed to go up to about 70 degrees. The Germans tossed down boulders and hand grenades on the advancing platoon, scattered snipers throughout the woods, making the mission more perilous.

Lt. Holmes took one squad of men up a ravine and struck from the rear, making radio contact with his platoon Sergeant to advance a frontal assault. The platoon, led by Lt. Holmes, killed or wounded 18 of the enemy before the remaining 37 including a Lt. Colonel, raised their hands in surrender.

While securing the castle, Lt. Holmes rounded the corner of the building, meeting a German face to face. Both raised their weapons to fire. The German pulled the trigger first, forgetting that he had not released the safety on his weapon. As the platoon lined up their prisoners, one treacherous German suddenly pulled out a Burp Gun that had gone undetected both cases, Lt. Holmes prevented two Germans from causing damage to the platoon.

The platoon accomplished the mission with minimum casualties. Returning to the base of the mountain, encountering one of his men, Lt. Holmes asked "What are you doing down here? The soldier, shaking and crying responded, "Sir, I just couldn't fight anymore. Something told me that if I went up that mountain, I would die this day." Lt. Holmes gave the Corporal a cigarette and said, "Soldier, I had the same feeling while on top of that mountain."

The unit moved on through Germany, into Austria and reached the Brenner Pass in the Alps with little resistance. On V.E. Day, he thought of all the heroes left behind on the Siegfried, wishing they could have been there to celebrate.

Major James Holmes, Ret. (Major Holmes brother, Roy (Ed) Holmes, son of Clarence and Lula Holmes, attended Pattonville schools graduating from Deport High School in 1942, was killed in action during the attack on Iwo Jima while serving with the 4th Marine Division, March 9, 1945. He was married to the former Geraldine Wright.)

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## What may have started the Cold War...

After helping commission the USS Sandusky (PF-54) in New Orleans with a shakedown cruise to Bermuda, then back to a shipyard in Philadelphia and then on to Staten Island, New York to escort six troop transports through Panama Canal, a fuel stop at Bora Bora (Society Islands) and 45 days later arriving in Finch Harbor, New Guinea and on to Hollandia, New Guinea. After crossing the equator 12 times escorting convoys that were invading islands as we worked our way to the Philippines and surviving aircraft attacks and one typhoon that sank three Navy destroyers, we headed back to the US with a stop in Hawaii. We arrived in Seattle, Washington and after repairs in a shipyard, headed for Cold Bay,

Aleutian Islands to turn our ship over to the Russians on a lease-lend deal. When we arrived one half of our crew stayed with the ship and half of the Russian crew came aboard. We were to familiarize the Russian crew with the operation of the ship. We could not speak Russian and they could not speak English. There were no interpreters, we used the hands-on type training. We were told not to give the Russians money and they were not supposed to have any American money. One night a Russian sailor motioned me to go with him. We went to the stern of the ship where no one else was around. He motioned to my low quarter shoes and through hand motion, I knew he liked them because they were polished and

shined. Their shoes were of rough leather that couldn't be polished. He indicated that he wanted to buy my shoes by holding up five fingers. I held up ten fingers. He gave me two US \$5 dollar bills. I did not know where he got the money and I did not ask. I pulled off my shoes and gave them to him and walked back to my quarters barefooted. What he did not know at that time, there was a quarter size hole in the bottom of both shoes. When he found out, it may have been the beginning of "The Cold War".

The USS Sandusky was commissioned, manned and operated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Richard Nance,  
Gunners Mate 1st Class

September 28, 1945  
Pvt. Lowell Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Francis of Deport, is back in France after a month in an English hospital. Pvt. Francis has been in the army since May 19, 1942. He has been overseas since February 1944.



WITH the end of the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket, the 97th was ordered to the Third Army sector along the Czechoslovakian border. Its mission was to protect the left flank of Gen. Patton's spearhead, plunging southward toward the National Redoubt.

The major offensive action for the 97th was the seizure of Cheb (Eger), war factory, administration and communications center, site of a large airport.

Division headquarters moved to Wunsiedel, Germany, and the combat teams took up positions along the Czechoslovakian border. The 97th became operational under XII Corps, Third Army, April 23, 1945.

Two days later, 3rd Bn., 387th, jockeyed into position at dawn. At 0900 the attack on Cheb got under way, spearheaded by Co. I, commanded by Capt. Harold F. Selesky, Rochelle Park, N. J., and Co. K, under Capt. John R. Wilson, Sikeston, Mo.

### FLAK!!!

I flew bombing missions as a radio operator/gunner in a B-24 bomber out of Guilia Field in Cerignola, Italy during World War II. Our main objective was to disable the German war machine factories and the oil refineries which furnished fuel to operate the machines. By August 1944, American planes had carried out many raids on the Ploesti Oil Refineries in Romania which furnished one-third of Germany's fuel. Within days after a raid, these refineries would be up and running again. Three days before my crew flew its first bombing mission, the death blow was struck and Ploesti was gone from the scene. This meant most of the German fighter planes were grounded because of the lack of fuel. In their place were anti-aircraft guns. From then on our bombers passed over the targets amidst terrifying puffs of black smoke from the sting shells from these guns--flak!! At times, flak was so thick we could not see the sun.

On August 22, 1944, our crew was ready to go--our first mission: Blechhammer, Germany. I flew a total of 55 missions over ten countries, but

Blechhammer was to become the most dreaded word I would ever hear. By daylight that day we loaded into the plane and were ready to taxi down the runway, anxiously awaiting the long flight over the Adriatic Sea to Blechhammer. We came home that night seasoned veterans. Seven planes from our group did not return. The plane flying next to us lost a wing. When the crew abandoned ship, only nine parachutes from a ten-man crew were seen. The big bomber went into a deadly spiral toward earth. As we watched and prayed, the plane leveled off for just a few seconds and the tenth parachute came out and opened. Planes were at our wing one minute and gone the next, evaporating into thin air from direct hits from the anti-aircraft guns. Some planes became huge fireballs when their fuel tanks were hit. Some went down with engines burning, no chance for the crew to escape. A few ditched in the Adriatic.

In October, 1944, we flew to Blechhammer again. While over the target, we lost one of our engines to

flak. Flak was so intense that our plane rocked and quaked from the hits and near misses. Our pilot managed to keep the plane in formation until after the bomb run was made and our load of bombs dropped, then peeled sharply away to return to base. Normally, it took two hours to cross the Adriatic Sea, but today while we were crossing, two more engines went out. We were down to a very low altitude and it looked as though we might have to ditch in the Adriatic. We threw everything out that we could get loose from inside the plane to lighten our load: parachutes, flak suits, guns, ammunition--even our top-secret Norden bomb site went into the sea. The pilot barely managed to maneuver the big B-24 onto the runway at the Isle of Vis, a friendly base off the coast of Italy. After landing safely, I climbed from the plane and counted 155 flak holes in our plane, ranging in size from one inch to 18 inches in diameter. I fell to my knees and kissed the welcome earth and thanked God for sparing our lives.

D.A. Willson

(The following is a letter written to David L. Miller from his old school friend, Harold Rodgers. Harold joined the military shortly after high school graduation in 1948. Harold, Bobby Joe Gifford, Dan Barnard and David Miller had a lot of good times hunting and fishing in those days. Times long past but not forgotten.) Grafenwor, Germany Tuesday, August 2, 1949 Dear David,

How are you? Fine, I hope. I am doing pretty good except I sure hate having to work tonight. I have to stay up all night. It's now five minutes to one and boy am I sleepy. Say, I've done forgot you wrote last. Was it you or me? I guess you're working in the field hoeing cotton now, aren't you? The last letter I got from home, Dad was trying to chop some cotton himself but he is getting so old he isn't hardly able anymore. Boy, it sure has been hot up here where we are. This is where we have all the big maneuvers in Germany. We have a big one coming up in about a month. Boy, I sure do hate it, too. We'll live in little old tents for about three weeks. Say David, have you been hunting lately? Or fishing? What's old Bobby Joe doing these days? Or do you ever see him? Remember the times we used to go hunting that creek? Boy I really had some fun them days. Didn't you? Roy has my shotgun out there where he is I think.

It's been trying to rain some tonight. Boy we sure do need it. Did you read in the paper where Gen. Bradley was coming over here to Germany? Well we had a big parade in his honor today. I didn't have to go though. There was some jets flying around here, too. Do you ever see any of those around home now? Boy aren't they having a lot of plane crashes. That's about all year about.

Well, I can't think of anything else to write so I'll close for now. Answer soon in a long letter and excuse the typing.

Your friend and buddy,  
Harold

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AT 1725, March 28, 1945, division headquarters rolled across the German border a few miles west of Aachen. A short time later, it passed through the streets of the battered city which Hitler once said never would be taken by the Allies.

The division's first assignment was taking up defensive positions along the western bank of the Rhine River opposite Dusseldorf. Here, 97th doughs captured their first prisoners, killed their first Nazi soldiers.

The 389th FA Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Lawrence G. Kiely, Billings, Mont., fired the first round against the enemy. A 155mm howitzer shell demolished an installation in the suburbs of Dusseldorf.

The 303rd, a light artillery battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph W. Redding, Jeannette, Pa., fired on an enemy gun emplacement across the Rhine in Div Arty's first combat mission. One less German gun emplacement was the result of that round. Members of the gun crew were S/Sgt. Sherman Girdler, Somerset, Ky.; Cpl. James K. Allen, Chicago; Pfc Michael L. Nocera, Exeter, Pa.; Pfc Alfred C. Barnow, Boston; Pfc Jack R. Clarke, Inde-

### A tribute.....

I am writing this tribute to my brother, Talma Joe Fowler, a Veteran of the United States Army, who served in Vietnam.

In the late 1960's Talma was assigned to go to Vietnam. I was a teenager in high school and had no idea of the terror and harsh reality of war. His stay there lasted around a year. Every now and then he would write to me. At the time I was thinking only of my social life, lacking any real sensitivity to my brother's situation. Because of this lack of empathy, sometimes I would write him, sometimes I would not.

As the year went by, Mom kept the television on any news coverage about the war. Now that I have my own child, I can put myself in her place and realize the agony of that time. As a teenager, I was totally oblivious to what was going on with her.

The night Talma came home from the war, the whole family went to pick him up at Love Field in Dallas. It was during the time they had not invented the covered walkway that extends from the plane to the inside

of the airport. We all rushed to the gate to meet him. I will never forget watching him come down the ladder as he walked out of the plane. He was tanned and in perfect physical condition. He looked so good to all of us. We all gathered around him and cried and laughed at the same time.

From Love Field, we drove on home. Mother had prepared all of his favorite foods. I watched out of curiosity and amazement as my brother's hands shook while he was eating his meal. Even at that point, the realization of what he had been through did not hit home with me. The thought did not enter my mind that it had been less than 2-3 days that he had been in a war zone.

Up until recently has Talma been able share a portion of what went on over there. We've been able to get a couple of stores out of him, but not many. In one story, he tells of he and his platoon walking into a village that had been taken over. The dead and maimed bodies of men, women and children were stacked up like potato sacks. His wife, Margaret, can tell of

many times he was awakened by a war time flashback.

I believe God puts you in places and makes you go through things that you do not understand in order that he may use you in the future. Today, Talma is the one we want around during an emergency. He is the one who can withstand the pressure. He is the rock in our family.

Dear Brother, although you and the rest of the guys who served in this war were not given the welcome back that all of you deserved, there is still a lot of people who respect what you did. You have always had high expectations for yourself and because of this, sometimes you have been quite hard on yourself. But, honestly, if you don't do another thing, you've done enough. When the chips are down, you as did many others, stood up and fought, so that people like me could remain free.

For this and many other reasons, I have the ultimate respect and admiration for you. In my eyes, you will always be a hero.

Written by Carol Dorsey



APRIL 7, 1945, 1100 hours: The relative silence was shattered by booming howitzers and a "cloud-burst" of 105 and 155mm shells pouring down on enemy positions across the river from the 386th Regt.'s sector. For 30 minutes all four Div Arty battalions laid down concentrated fire. Then, as suddenly as it started, the preparation stopped.

At exactly 1200, the 386th Combat Team, under the command of Col. Samuel M. Lansing, spurred forward, crossing the Sieg in engineer assault boats. Resistance was light because the enemy's main defenses still reeled from artillery's punishing blows. Casualties were negligible. Training, coupled with surprise, paid off.

Once on the opposite shore, the 386th CT immediately regrouped and pressed the attack northward. The first

### Advice on war.....

I could sit down and write my Army experiences in sentences of one word. Like wool uniforms, \$21.00 a month, sea sick, homesick, board the ships, deboard into small beach crafts, airplane rides in C-47's, passes to town, riding a train from Florida to California, buddies we would never see again, radar units that would make you sterile, WACS, Canadian WACS, Daytona Beach, the \$50.00 a month, drilling with 8 3/4 pound rifles, tents, seasick, furloughs back home, buddies being shipped out, the Florida heat, the South Pacific heat and rain, Green Island, Guadalcanal, Bougainvillea, Soloman Islands, Green Island, a Jap sub, Numifore, New Guinea, checkers, cards and card games, sea sick every time we made a trip, my Thompson machine gun I never shot, an extra stripe, K rations, C rations, no rations, fights, poker, drilling, orders from bottom to the top, rumors, more rumors, letters from home, writing letters home, hometown paper, mad at your buddy, mad at all your buddies, mad at the world, air raids, dead Japs and Americans, the road to Tokyo.

Some time back, I noticed an article about a B-24 they had found on Espirito Santo in the New Heberdes Islands. This was the first island we landed on and at the port was Espirito Santo greeted by six Corsairs doing a victory roll over our ship. Why they did a victory roll, I don't know, maybe

they had shot down some Japs or that we were going to bring home a victory.

Many odd things happen to you in the Army. I was talking to a kid in the chow line who had been shot in the arm. He was from Brookston, Texas. He was in a machine gun crew, but he was going get in the mortars as they were way back, like another 20 yards. He came out on the ball field in Paris to see me after the war and the first thing I asked him was "Did you get in the mortars?"

Donald "Whiz" Roach from Bogata was on Guadalcanal and his friend John Norton from Paris was trying to find Whiz. He was walking up a trail in the jungle from the air base and there 8,000 miles from home they ran into each other. Both had graduated from PJG.

I was on several islands but never even saw a live Jap, thank goodness. From Espirito Santo we went to Guadalcanal. From there to Bougainvillea in the Solomons and on to Green Island, and then to Emeru. We caught a C-47 back to Guadalcanal and on the way landed in Bougainvillea. The pilot, who must have just graduated from flight school, hit the runway, bounced the 47 up and the wings wobbled up and down, then he straightened it out and landed it. There were 52 scared soldiers that airplane and we threatened to stay on Bougainvillea rather than fly back with

him. Another time we were flying from Celau to Palowan Island in the Philippines, the pilot went into a cloud. We fell about 2,000 feet and were pushed up 3,000 feet by the updraft again. We all were so scared we could only hold on a cuss and swear we were going to have him court marshalled when we got back.

I keep saying "funny things happen to you in the Army". After a tour of duty on Numifore Island, we loaded up all the tin we could find and all of the wood we could use and loaded them on six landing boats. There were six of the landing boats going back from Numifore to Biak. We were out in the Pacific with no protection and a Lieutenant who was dead reckoning us back to Biak.

It was five or six hundred miles back but we made it without a hitch. The biggest excitement I had in New Guinea was catching beautiful butterflies. What a way to fight a war! Butterflies and Raisin Jack was what kept us going.

I had one job I really enjoyed. We were detailed to unload a L.S.T. that was loaded with beer. Out of a detail of eight, I think we unloaded half the beer and drank the rest. We also ate the scraps (and they were meat scraps) that the Merchant Marines threw in the garbage can. It was good after a year and half of C's and K's and no meat.

Sgt. James A. Griffin

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