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By Nanalee Nichols

Ed Bryson dropped us a note the other day, recalling his very first airplane ride.

The column on the Steerman ride sparked his memory, and he wrote that in about 1928 two barnstormers lit in the Westbrook meadow north of Deport and scared the pants off adventurers. Apparently there were two pre-requisites to taking a ride, courage and two dollars.

Ed recalls them cranking the hand-propped machines. He and Doris Shelton paired up for the ride, and Ed claims that Shelton was "such a fool for dives and turnovers that I threatened to choke him if we ever landed".

Ed Brson apparently was not terribly impressed with flight at that time!

Which put MY mind into gear. Just why is it that some people like to do one thing while another person loves to do something else?

Why is it that two country boys like Ed Bryson and Doris Shelton, both raised pretty much the same way, and with exactly the same amount of air time (absolutely none) would find one of them loved aerobatics while the other hated them?

As an example, I feel whole on the water...the minute I indulge in my favorite hobby of white water rafting every wound in my soul heals.

Yet others absolutely hate it. Many people find soul-healing through fishing...others through gardening, while others can play baseball all year long, losing themselves in the dust, the heat and the pleasurable sound of the bat cracking against the ball.

Hobbies abound in this world, some as simple as needlecraft, others as complex as restoring antique cars or searching world wide for antiques.

While some people love to run, or cycle or pursue some strenuous form of exercise, declaring it clears their minds, others cringe at the mere thought and find that losing themselves in a book accomplishes the same thing.

There never seems to be any explaining this phenomenon. People in the same family may enjoy totally different pursuits.

So far, I've never been able to learn to like fishing, even though I've had every opportunity to...with relatives that took me and were sweet and patient. My cousin, on the other hand, adores it, and had virtually the same influence that I did!

Speculation on this leads me to believe that it is just born into us. There is nothing that can be done...what we like to relax and do can't be taught, and we can't just decided that we are going to learn to enjoy this no matter what.

No, the things that satisfy our souls simply happen...and we might as well accept the fact. And, most importantly, learn to do them as often as we can...and enjoy doing them. They help us stay happy and healthy...and it doesn't matter what pursuit we choose...the key is just pursuing!

Editor's Quotes

I must have passed the crest a while ago  
And down am going down-  
Strange to have crossed the  
crest and not to know  
But the brambles were always  
catching the hem of my gown.

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## Watermelons, Watermelons ...Far As The Eye Can See..That's The View At Rosalie!

By Wanda Fancher

Watermelons, watermelons, as far as the eye can see! That's the sight down near Rosalie on "Froggy" Rhodes' farm!

Where most people are content to grow a very few of the green-outside-red-inside melons, Froggy grows and markets them in a big way.

Froggy, whose real name is Lynn Ross Rhodes, came home to the Bogata area four years ago from Oklahoma, where he had been managing a cotton gin.

He found no work readily available, but decided the sandy soil would lend itself to watermelons and planted about three acres. The first year he produced about 4,600 melons on that three acres! They did so well that he decided to plant additional acres. Now it's a full time occupation.

Rhodes says he has always wanted

to grow watermelons, and puts his skill and success at growing them down to a green thumb and growing up on a farm.

He markets the melons to six different Brookshires Food Stores, and also to eleven other stores. It's truly big business!

The large melons are hand picked at the proper ripeness by Rhodes, his wife Rosie, and niece Sandra Woodall.

Hand picking them is quite a chore in the summer sun, of course.

"I just couldn't do this without their help" he states.

The area must lend itself to watermelons, for the Rhodes' neighbor, Steve Stevens, has about 200 acres of them.

Froggy, when asked where his nickname came from, tells quite a

tales.

He explains that back in the early 1940's President Roosevelt had had all the cows killed and all the pigs had cholera. His family, he says, ate an awful lot of frog legs.

"When I started to school," he says "I hopped to school like a frog, and when I got to school I squatted like a frog...and when my teacher, Mrs. Mabel Hale asked me a question, I replied 'ribbit'!"

He claims Mrs. Hale will verify this story. It's hard to decide whether that's a twinkle in his eye or not when he spins his story!

This is the busy time of the year for the Rhodes as load after load of quality watermelons, filled with juicy red meat, ship out for various stores.

It's a unique way to make a living, and Froggy and his family love it!



WATERMELONS are big business in Rosalie these days. Froggy Rhodes grows the melons and markets them to a

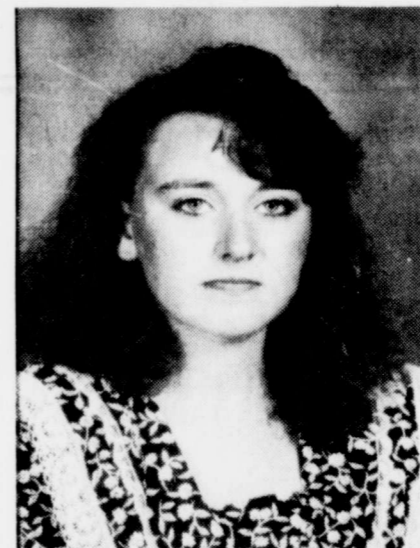
number of supermarkets. Shown in front of a load of hand picked melons are, left to right,

Rhodes' niece Sandra Woodall, Froggy and his wife, Rosie. (Staff Photo by Wanda Fancher)



NEW LOCATION- Bill and Juanita Aston have moved Talco Feed Store to the B&B Hardware building on main street in

Talco. They will be selling some of the hardware that is left in the building, as well as their regular line of feeds. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



MICHELLE MILNER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Milner, was chosen as one of the best examples from the McDonald's in Mt. Pleasant and was awarded two tickets to the McDonald's sponsored New Kids on the Block concert in Shreveport on August 24. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



Talco-Bogata Schools will dismiss Monday for Labor Day.

The Bogata Lions Club will hold its regular meeting at the Community Center on September 6 at 7 p.m.

D-FY-IT will meet at Rivercrest in the cafeteria on September 4 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Support our young people.

Red River Valley Fair runs August 30-September 1, along with the PRCA rodeo.

The Talco PTO will meet September 4 at 4:30 p.m. at the school.

Everyone is invited. Officers will be elected and plans for the Halloween Carnival will begin.

A D-FY-IT meeting will be September 4 at Rivercrest at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and get this worthy program started in the school system.

The Rivercrest Rebels will play a scrimmage game at Rivercrest Friday, August 31 against Detroit at 7 p.m.

## Back To School Time Again!

It's back to school time once more for area youngsters, most of whom profess to be shocked that "summer went by so fast!"

Teachers, school employees and parents feel much the same way, as the summer vacation weeks just slid on by.

Students will go back today (Thursday) for two days, then have the Monday Labor Day Holiday off.

Armed with packages of paper, pencils and pens, the youngsters from kindergarten to senior high school will go back to classes during the

summer's hottest weather.

There is little evidence that fall is here, no matter what the calendar says.

But, appropriate weather or not, the school year is once more geared up and here.



TALCO-BOGATA Junior High football boys and coaches met Thursday, August 23 at River-

crest to prepare for the coming season. Twenty-five boys were

present at the meeting. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

## Rebels Hoping For Good Football Season

Though predictors say that the Rivercrest Rebels' 1990 football team will finish in the middle of the pack in ratings, the Rebels are hoping to turn those predictions into little more than hot air.

With new coach Tommy Joe Green, who brings 25 years of coaching experience to Rivercrest, the youths are ready to put up a fight for the District 17-2A title.

It won't be an easy job, but Coach Green feels the young team has the attitude and desire to win.

And "young" is the key word for

the Rivercrest team. There will be five seniors and nine freshmen players. The freshmen players will need guidance from the experienced play-

ers, and Coach Green says they look to returning senior, Russell Ward, for leadership.

In their first scrimmage of the year last Friday night, the Rebels failed to score against a tough Fannindel team. There were few bright spots to celebrate.

Their battle will be uphill all the way, but the young players are think-

ing positively, that the hill might not be that tall.

As their training and conditioning continues, the Rivercrest Rebels will be building confidence as well as a solid foundation for their team, and they could surprise a lot of people with their end result.

Time Flies,  
Enjoy It Every  
Minute





## Lucille Childers Honored On 75th Birthday

Mrs. Lucille Hawkins Childers was honored by her children with an open house and fish fry on her 75th birthday Saturday, August 25 at her home in Jolntown.

Her five children were present, Earl Y. Hawkins of El Dorado, AR, Janice McCuller of Mt. Pleasant, Douglas Hawkins of Bogata, Toni Combost of Pittsburg and Cheryl Rogers of Irving.

Others present were: from El Dorado, AR, Janet Hawkins, Kenny, Cindy and Kurt Hawkins and Maria Mitcham; from Mt. Pleasant, R.L. McCuller, Lee Ann, Molly and Erin McCuller, Leon Blankenship, Ruth Sabacky, Johnny P. and Diane Barnett, Sarah and Mindy Brown, Shane Murphy; from Bogata, Robbie Hawkins, M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd, Buford and Lee Hood, Dixie Stringfellow, Oleta McAllister, Mildred Mayfield, Anita Couch, Mary M. Vaughan, Angelia Wilkerson, Mark, Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins and Carl House; from Pittsburg, Butch and Amber Combost, Bob and Lisa McCuller, Lisa and Lauren Combost, Stacy, Ashley and Kerry Hendricks; from Denton, Betty Puckett; from

Longview, Melanie Combost and Becky Baxley; from Talco, Kelly, Judy, Cassie and Emily McCuller; from Lufkin, Sammy Joe, Misti and Alan Wilkerson; from Winfield, Jacivon Overby; from Pine Branch, Steven, Kathy, Ryan, Koren and Seth Hawkins, Dan, Vicki and Dee Tabb; from Jolntown, Grady and Nadine Rhodes, Eva Weisinger, Don, Jane, Eddie, Theresa and LaWanza Barnard, Carol Black, Ida Barnard Kepler, Dorothy Foster, Tresa Couch, Mary Lynn, Megan, Adam and Colby Horn, Myra Jean, Donald, Freda, Mitchell and Sarah Jean, Lisa Wilkerson, Bro. Billy and Mary Lou Daniels.

Unable to attend but sending gifts and cards were Wayne Rogers of Irving, Inez Greer of Mesquite, Pat and Stephanie White of Mt. Pleasant, Jerry and Linda Rhodes of Clarksville, Frances Thomas, Jackie and Michael Dodd of Jolntown. Calling to say happy birthday were Jewel Morris of Clarksville, John McCuller of Mt. Pleasant, Danny and Michael Tabb of Pine Branch and Irene Sells of Jolntown.

## Bankhead Anniversary To Be Noted

Clyde and Gerrie Bankhead will be honored with a reception from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Sunday, September 2, in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. The affair will be held in fellowship hall of Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham.

Clyde Bankhead and Gerrie Richardson were married September 3, 1965 in Paris by Sister Virgie

Temple.

Their children, which will be hosts for the reception, are Jerrod, Kristi and Chance.

The houseparty consists of Brenda Watson, Carolyn Ladd, Glenda Watson, Sally Richardson, Neva Oats and JeNola Cavender.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the celebration.

## Jolntown News

Matthew Lynn Stockton was honored on his 13th birthday with a Wet-n-Wild party. Attending were Matthew and Chris Stockton, Myra Lef-fel, Tracie and Amy Green, Juan, Teresa, Miguel and Luis Torres, Kevin and Melissa Hinson, Leahanne, Joey and Danny Fincher, Sabrina Elrod. Adults attending were Pam Hinson, Mary Torres and Wanda Fincher. The Wet-n-Wild theme was carried out throughout the party down

to the Sharkelberry Fin punch. All the guests enjoyed water games, ice cream and cake and punch.

Tony and Pam Hinson, Matthew and Chris visited Mr. and Mrs. James Daniels and girls in Paris on Saturday. They did some back to school shopping while there.

Nelson and Carolyn Watts of Gun Barrel City visited with Roberta Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Allums on Thursday.

## McCrury Locals

Terry, Joyce, Wayne and Amanda Shelton were in Arkansas recently on vacation. Their first stop was Beaver's Bend in Oklahoma. From there they traveled to Dierks Lake and camped at Blue Ridge. Next they camped at Shady Lake for two nights. They went to Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Cossatot Reef, Narrow Dam on Lake Greason, Nashville to see the dinosaur tracks, Murfreesboro to the Mauney House and the Ka-Do-Ha Indian Village, to Washington to see Old Washington Historic State Park,

Kirby, DeQueen and Mena before returning to Shady Lake for the night. Upon arriving at Shady Lake, it began to rain so they just came on home. On Wednesday they attended the last night of Strike Force.

Guests of Leahanne, Joey and Danny Fincher last week were Jerry McClour of Lone Star, Wayne and Amanda Shelton, Jerry and Brandon Rector of Dallas and Stacey Miller of Lake Chapel. The boys spent the night camping in a tent.

## Rhea-Banks Exchange Vows

The Rev. Billy Paul Cain of Henderson, TX performed double-ring vows for Trina Marlette Rhea of Mt. Vernon and M. Gregg Banks of Mt. Pleasant, during formal nuptials Saturday at the First Assembly of God Church in Mt. Vernon at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rhea of Mt. Vernon are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Dave Banks of Winfield and Mrs. Patsy Cheek of Mt. Pleasant. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Townes of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rhea of Annona.

Centering the aisle was a 15 branch crescent candelabra holding tall burning tapers. Spiral candelabras set on either side completed the array. White satin bows marked family pews and guest pews. Fresh floral arrangements of spring colors enhanced the candle-light setting, as well as Boston ferns.

Chris Reese of Mt. Pleasant, soloist and pianist, sang "Crazy" and "Let It Be Me" prior to the ceremony. After vows were said, he sang "Endless Love". The processional and recessional were the traditional wedding marches.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal white slipper gown by Alfred Angelo. Outlined with hand sewn pearls and iridescent sequins, the lace designed sleeves were puffed at the shoulders and came to a point on the hand. The gown featured a jeweled portrait neckline. Embellished with hand sewn pearls and iridescent sequins, the bodice came to a V below the waist. The full skirt held an overflow of satin edged with wide scalloped lace of hand sewn pearls and iridescent sequins. The softly gathered underskirt extending into a chapel length train was edged with wide scalloped lace embroidered with hand sewn pearls and sequins. The bridal headpiece by San-Martin was trimmed with dainty flowers and simulated pearl sprays extending into a three-tiered veil completing her attire.

She carried a flowering cascade of pale pink rosebuds, yellow diamond roses and lavender orchids amid a background of English ivy leaves. Bridesmaids carried nosegays of pink rosebuds and pale yellow diamond roses mixed with deep green philo leaves and baby's breath. The groom and his attendants wore boutonnières of pink single rosebuds with greenery and baby's breath.

Sheila Stanley of Mt. Vernon was matron of honor. Robin Banister of Mt. Vernon, Shannon Griffith of Mt. Pleasant and Michelle Townes of Bogata, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids.

They were gowned in dresses of plum color having a fitted lace bodice with long, puffed, lace sleeves and a striking deep V back accented with a bow. A full taffeta skirt was gathered below the waistline with a graceful high-low hemline.

Scott Banks of Texarkana, TX, brother of the bridegroom was best man. Groomsmen were Randy Foster of Tyler, cousin of the bridegroom, Robert Foster of Crockett, cousin of the bridegroom and Kevin Wilson of Wharton.

The candelabra tapers were lit by Randy Rhea of Tulsa, OK, brother of the bride and Bobby Foster of Carthage, cousin of the bridegroom. They also seated guests.

Male members of the wedding party wore black tuxedos with plum tie and cummerbund.

Angie Foster of Carthage, cousin of the bridegroom, presided at the bride's book at the registry.

To honor the couple, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the ceremony.

The bride's table was laid with white satin cloth overlaid with Irish lace. White bows graced the center and corner of the table. Centering the table was an arrangement of white roses and lavender mums in a silver candelabra that held white tapers. Fruit punch was served from a silver Queen Anne punch bowl. Nuts and mints were served from silver appointments. The four-tiered bride's cake featured a mixture of round and square tiers. The bottom square tier was trimmed in white frosting ruffles.

A pale pink inset on the side of the cake was inscribed with the bride and groom's name. A sparkling fountain set atop the bottom tier and contained lavender water. Roses encircled the bottom of the fountain. Round and square tiers above the fountain were garlanded to match the bottom tier. A porcelain bride and groom backed by a lace heart and encircled by a ruffled net skirt sat atop the anniversary tier. Lavender napkins with bells and the couple's names and date completed the table.

Purple taffeta covered the bridegroom's table. An arrangement of white dahlias and pink and lavender roses centered the table. Coffee was served from a silver Chippendale coffee service. A chocolate basketweave cake topped with a chocolate heart was served. White napkins monogrammed in lavender completed the table. Crystal and silver appointments were used for serving.

Karen Satterfield of Hughes Springs, Cindy Arnett of Mt. Vernon and Misty Green of Mt. Vernon served at the bride's table. The bridegroom's table was served by Angie Foster and Renda Foster of Branson, MO cousins of the bridegroom.

The parents of the bridegroom honored their son, Gregg, and his fiance, Trina, at Western Sizzlin' Steak House following the church wedding rehearsal on Friday evening.

After presenting gifts to each other, the couple presented gifts to members of their wedding party.



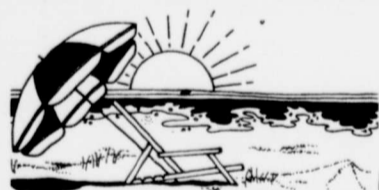
Mrs. M. Gregg Banks

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Tuesday

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Corn  
Combread  
Cookies  
Milk

Wednesday

Lunch:  
Chicken fried steak  
Gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
English peas  
Hot rolls with butter and honey  
Milk

Thursday

Lunch:  
Burritos with chili  
Seasoned beans  
Cole slaw  
Cake  
Milk

Friday

Lunch:  
Hamburgers  
Burger salad  
Beans  
Chips  
Ice cream  
Milk

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tad Alan arrived August 21 in Palestine, weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. to Mr. and Mrs. Tad Browning of Irving. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fail of Frankston. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail of Talco.

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# Gin Is Ready For Cotton Season With Innovations

By Thomas Nichols

If cotton gins are obsolete in most of this area, the reverse is certainly true of Blackland Prairie Gin in Deport. Owners and operators Earl and Nancy Gresham take pride in the fact that their gin is constantly being updated and modernized.

The Greshams leased the gin operation from 1984 through 1986, and then purchased the business. They have seen a steady increase in the number of bales of cotton ginned at the facility...from 800 to the highest figure, 6,035 in 1988.

The ginning operation has been automated by the Greshams in order to improve efficiency and keep costs down.

One of the first improvements added was a travelling suction. This system has turned what was a three man job into a one man job.

Earl added that putting people out of work wasn't his intention, but making the work easier and the job more efficient was his intention.

To prove the point the Greshams state that they employ approximately 30 employees during ginning season, with a hefty \$86,000 labor bill for last year's season.

According to the Greshams they employ local people as much as pos-

sible, and hope that this is good for the local economy.

Digital scales were added along with a new gin office, and a computer has eased the bookkeeping load.

The computer has also eliminated the use of the venerable gin tickets, and provides valuable information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on a daily basis.

Other state-of-the-art ginning improvements include a green boll catcher billed as "the best money we ever spent on the gin". This system takes green bolls out before they get in to dull the saw blades. This results in much cleaner seeds and saves a lot of valuable "down time".

Air vibrators have been installed on the seed bin to make seed flow better, and the old Deport Co-Op gin building has been completely outfitted to store seed in. The empty building, located across the road from the Blackland Prairie gin, now is useful again.

Another innovation is the digital scale installed over the cotton bale hoist that moves the ginned bales out to be loaded onto trucks.

Even the loading dock has undergone changes, with a new loading system.

Under the old system a truck had

to be physically moved after loading every six bales...with the new system seventy-four bales can be loaded by moving the truck only once.

The latest change is to accommodate the cotton modules.

Modules, which are becoming more and more common in this area, are a compacted rectangle of cotton instead of a trailer load of loose bolls.

The Gresham's son, Randy kEarl, drew up the plans for the big gray apparatus.

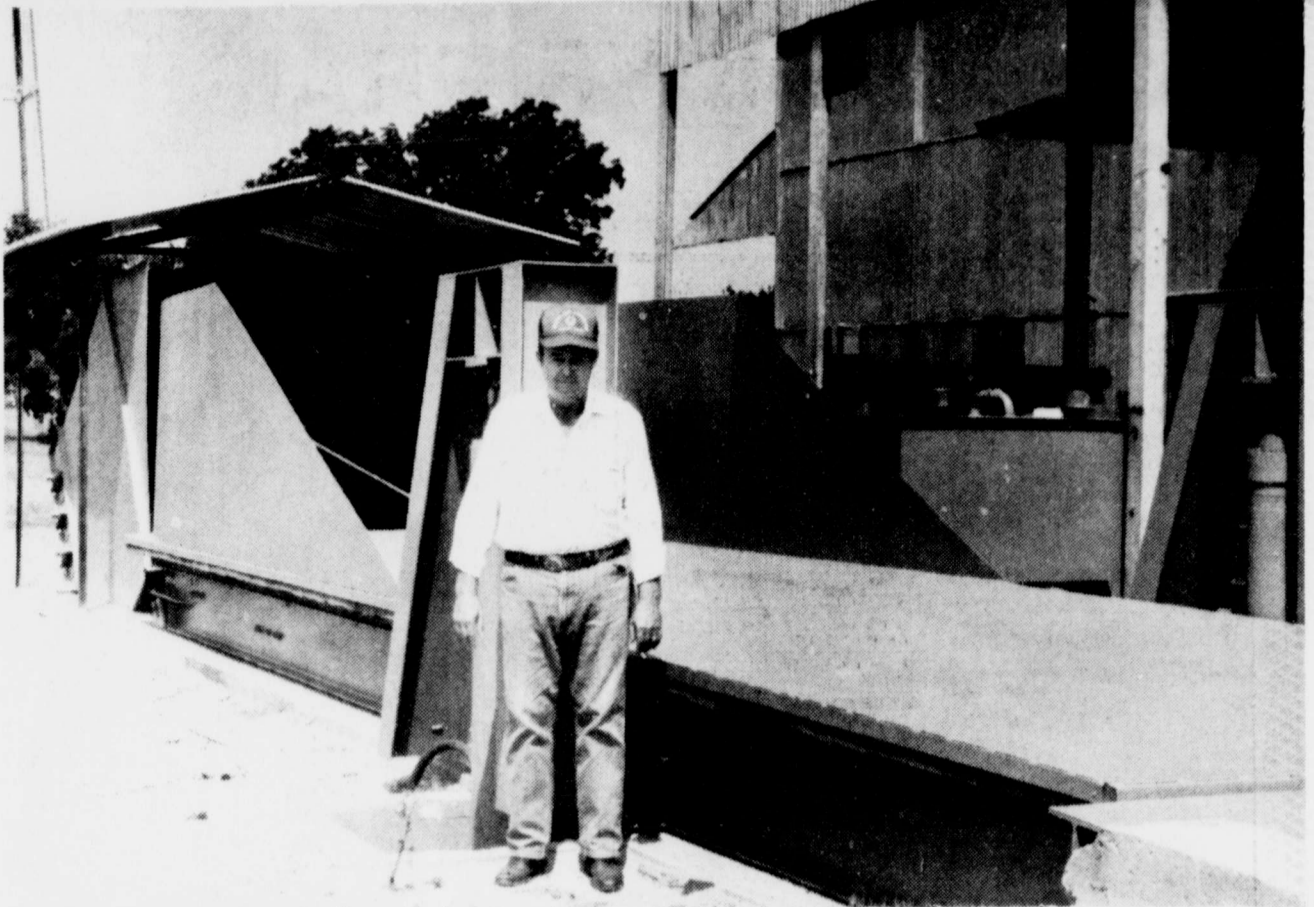
The system consists of a huge lift, capable of lifting an entire module up to where it gravity flows into an auger that takes the cotton on into the ginning phase of operation.

One man can operate the system with automated switches making it faster, easier and more efficient.

The cotton module also eliminates the need for a number of cotton trailers.

This new system is officially safety approved, and will go into operation this fall.

The cotton season is currently about two weeks away from starting, and being the planners and "doers" that they are, the Greshams are all ready for the season, whether it brings 800 bales or 6,000.



NEW EQUIPMENT-Earl Gresham stands in front of the cotton module handler that they

have built to add speed and efficiency in handling the modules

at Blackland Prairie Gin. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Sponsors Party At Red River Haven

The Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. Post 8187 sponsored an ice cream party for the patients at Red River Haven Nursing Home on Sunday, August 26.

The ice cream was furnished by the Ladies Auxiliary. Some of the patients were served in their rooms.

Those helping serve were Annie Moore, Mildred Eudy, Jettie Minshew, Wanza Sheffield, Margie Garrett, Zelma Mauldin, Phyllis Duffer,

Helen Barnett, Audry Gillis, Dorothy Wilson, Eunice Miller, Shirley Hervey, Elvis Wooten and Martha Barnett.

Prior to the party, a short program on Americanism was presented to a group of the patients in the chapel by Mildred Eudy and Wanza Sheffield. An American flag was presented to six veterans by President Annie Moore. Songs were sung and pledge to the flag was given by everyone.



COMPUTER-Nancy Gresham sits at the new computer book-keeping system that is one of the

additions to Blackland Prairie Gin. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## PJC Fall Registration Scheduled

Registration for the fall semester registration at Paris Junior College will begin Wednesday, August 22, and continue through August 24, according to Brad Bankhead, director of admissions. Orientation, required of all beginning students, will be held August 20-21. Classes begin Monday, August 27.

Sophomores may register Wednesday, August 22, according to the following schedule: A-B, 9-10 a.m.; U-Z, 10-11 a.m.; C-E, 11 a.m.-noon; S-T, noon-1 p.m.; K-M, 1-2 p.m.; N-R, 2-3 p.m.; S-T, 3-4 p.m.; night students M-Z, 5-6 p.m.; and night students A-L, 6-7 p.m.

All students may register from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Friday, August 24.

All new students are required by the state to be tested in reading, writing and math for placement purposes. Students who enter without Official Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test scores must complete local placement tests prior to registration. The TASP test is not required prior to admission.

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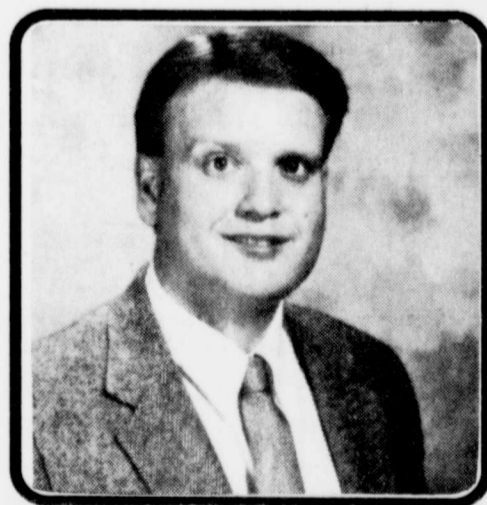
## We Would Like To Welcome These New Members Of Our School System



Georgia Robinette, Teacher, Bogata Jr. High



Tammy Case, Teacher's Aide, Talco



Gary Wuest, Principal Talco Junior High School



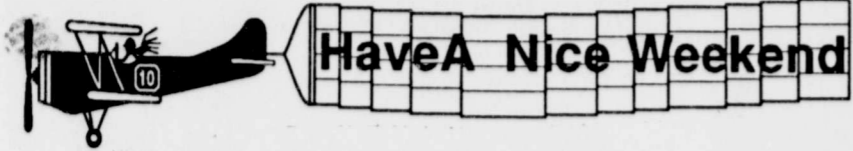
Sandra Parsons, Cafeteria Worker, Talco



Donna Miller, Teacher's Aide, Bogata School

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**WATERMELON FEED** - Rivercrest and Fannindel football goers were served watermelon following the scrimmage game last Friday night at Rivercrest.

The watermelon was provided by the Rivercrest cheerleaders and Craig Ingram and cheerleader sponsor, Lori Franks. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

**GTE And Contel Sign Definitive Agreement To Merge**

GTE Chairman and Chief Executive Officer James L. "Rocky" Johnson and Contel Chairman Charles Wohlsetter recently signed a defective agreement that will result in the largest merger in the history of the telecommunications industry.

The definitive agreement to merge GTE and Contel, which was approved earlier by each company's board of directors, will create a new company with a market value of \$25 billion," said Johnson.

A preliminary was announced on July 12. The merger is subject to approval by both companies' stockholders as well as various regulatory agencies. As previously announced, GTE will issue 1.27 shares of its common stock in a tax-free exchange for each Contel common share, or about 200 million GTE shares. Both companies will hold special stockholder meetings in the fall, and expect to close the merger around year end.

"We have undertaken a comprehensive review of this merger, and have unanimously agreed with our counterparts at GTE that it is clearly in the best interests of both companies," Wohlsetter said. "I am absolutely certain that the new company resulting from this merger will be even greater than the sum of its parts."

GTE's Johnson said, "I am delighted we have accomplished this significant step. It is clear that what

we are creating here is a perfect combination of two great companies in terms of compatibility of core businesses, management philosophy and commitment to our shareholders, customers and employees. It will make the new GTE the largest U.S. based, local-exchange telephone company and the second-largest cellular-telephone operator."

The combined companies will have a total of 18 million residential and business telephone-access lines. The companies' cellular-telephone businesses serve a total of approximately 50 million POPs-the second-highest POPs served in the U.S.

Contel is a major local-telephone and cellular-service provider. Its telephone operations serve 2.6 million access lines in 30 states, and it operates cellular systems through a 90 percent owned subsidiary, Contel Cellular, Inc. in 36 metropolitan areas and is a limited partner in 31 additional metropolitan areas. Contel's 1989 revenues were \$3.1 billion with net income of \$287 million. It employs 22,000.

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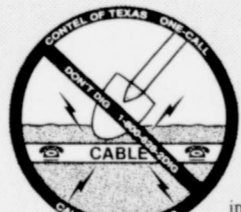
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**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** at Rivercrest High School this year are, left to right, first row: Tiffany Parish, Melanie Strawn, Susan Tabb and Amy Hervey. Middle row: Jerilyn Russell. Second row: Krista Weatherall, Lori Bush and Kristie Eudy. (Staff Photo by Keye Lee)



**JV CHEERLEADERS** for Rivercrest High School this year are, front row: Laquita Norman, Ashley Ross, Susie Moles. Left,

Jackie Re... middle, Misty Taylor; top...tha Gillis. (Staff Photo by Keye Lee)

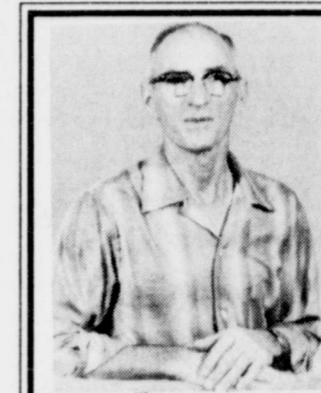
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### Talco Locals

The Talco Brownie troop enjoyed a back to school slumber party at the home of their leader, Sue Wilson, last Friday. Attending were Bre'Ann Stroud, Chrissy Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Laci Taylor, Jessica Forsyth, Shelly Hollis and Missy Carroll. Mrs. J.C. Fail and Marilyn Presley visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fail in Frankston. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Tad Browning and new baby, Tad Alan, of Irving. Celebrating August birthdays are Bill Smith, Rocky Stephenson, Rebecca Linthicum and Kim McGee. Bubba Edge was home visiting this past week with his wife, Lorry, Mrs. Bobbie Edge and other family and friends. He is stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC. Mrs. Mae Hobson underwent surgery last week and will return to her third grade class at Talco near the end of September. Wendi Mears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mears, has returned from visiting family in Florida last week. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Henson and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Elder and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and girls Sunday. Mrs. Kim McGee was honored with birthday cake and ice cream at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons Saturday. Attending were Jimmy McGee, Josh, Bo and Brittney, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen and Julie.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Kim and Jack and Mrs. Pete Swarts, Jaime and Joanie enjoyed the Caldwell Zoo and shopping in Tyler on Monday. Mrs. Sandra Milner, Danny and Tonya, Mrs. Donna Taylor, Jill and Amy and Stormi Walker attended the "New Kids on the Block" concert in Shreveport on August 24. Mrs. Virginia Wright was honored with a birthday supper at Vaughan's Landing on Lake Bob Sandlin last week. Attending were Mrs. Melba Reed, Karen Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Kernan, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Wright and Alex, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wright, Joanie and Camille, Mr. and Mrs. David Currey, Coulter and Zeke, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson, Kara and Kent, Scott Wright, Deanna and Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wright, Doug and Danielle, Mona Wright and John D. Wright. Jesse and Pat Smith and children, Alex and Clay of Rockdale were recent visitors of his mother, Mrs. J.J. Smith and sister, Mary Ruth Schultz. Also visiting Mrs. Smith adn Mary Ruth were Mary Ruth's son, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sikorski of McKinney. Their daughter, Katy, returned home with them after spending several days with her grandmother. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the WMA of the First Baptist Church has postponed their meeting until Monday night, September 10 in the church fellowship hall.

### The ABC's of Back-to-School

The lazy days of summer are over and the back-to-school race is here. Running to school in the morning or from school in the afternoon, children run the risk of injury. "Head injury is among the most dangerous of injuries, especially for children," according to Dr. James Wasco, medical director for the New Medico Head Injury System. "Any injury to the brain can significantly impair a child's ability to learn, concentrate or remember information and this can have a damaging effect on a child's development." Before you send your children back to school, outfit them with a few safety reminders.


#### Walking to School

- Most pedestrian accidents are the fault of the walker, not the driver, according to the National Safety Council, so:
  - Be sure to allow enough time for your child to get to school without rushing.
  - Plan your child's walking route to minimize the number of street crossings.
  - Teach your child always to use sidewalks and to cross at crosswalks. Where there are no sidewalks, have your child walk

facing traffic, so the child can see oncoming cars. **Riding the School Bus** Although school buses are much safer than family cars, statistics indicate that 40 students die and 7,000 are injured each year in school bus accidents. The majority of these accidents occur outside the bus, when students are boarding or exiting.
 

- Have your child wait for the bus to stop completely, then board carefully, using the handrail.
- Tell your children to take their seat quickly and stay in that seat for the entire ride — never putting head, arms or hands out the window.
- Teach your children to cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see them.

"Going to school without parents is a sign of a child's independence," said Dr. Wasco, "but children must learn that practicing safety is a prerequisite for independence."



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Bro. Paul Sowell was speaker at Maple Springs Baptist Church Sunday. He and Mrs. Sowell spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown.



### Summer Is Time To Plan Winter Pasture

As producers take inventory of their hay supply and animals to feed this winter, they may discover that winter pasture will be viable alternative, says an agronomist for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. "The hay supply in some areas is questionable," said Dr. Sim A. Reeves, Jr., extension agronomist at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Re-

search and Extension Center at Overton. "If enough hay is not in storage, the producer must either buy more hay, plant winter pasture or sell some cows." "Dairymen, stocker operators and cow-calf producers with a fall calving program probably need a small grain winter pasture," Reeves said. "For effective small grain pastures,

the land should be prepared in August so that planning can be done about mid-September. Small grain planted about mid-September should be ready for grazing about mid-November if the weather cooperates. Wheat and Rye are the preferred small grains for grazing in East Texas.

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