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By Nanalee Nichols

Nine years ago (can it really have been that long) I went to Egypt. My friend Jayne King went with me, as those of you who are long-time readers of this publication may recall.

And, you may recall that I told of a very special jaunt while at Aswan, on the Nubian border of Egypt. I will try to sum up the episode once again.

We had several hours before our cruise ship on the Nile would arrive, so we asked our guide what we could see or do in that time.

He hired a 13 year old boy to sail a felucca (an ancient type of sail boat), up the Nile to the hills, where we trekked back into the tumbled rocks to see ancient hieroglyphics inscribed onto huge boulders.

On the way down we passed the village of our young boatman, and he invited us into his home. There, in a cramped room with a dirt floor and a single lightbulb, we gestured and tried to communicate with the family and shared their hot tea. As we sat with them and visited the women in the home brought forward their babies and one after another we held and cuddled them.

Soon, every woman in the village with an infant appeared, thrusting them towards us, in a peculiarly solemn manner.

We made the properly admiring noises, but at the time were aware something was going on that we didn't quite understand.

Now, nine years later, this little mystery may be solved.

Several weeks ago I made a presentation to a sixth grade reading class at Blossom about Egypt, which they were studying. During the speech I mentioned this odd occurrence with the babies.

Their teacher called me last week to read me a passage from a book she has been reading.

The book is written by a black man who went to Africa several years ago to research his roots. And, although the location was not Nubia, but another part of the continent of Africa, the description he gives of having babies presented to him, thrust at him almost urgently, is almost exactly the same as our experience.

He, also, was puzzled by the little ceremony, until about a year later when he was speaking about the incident to a professor who informed him that he had participated in an ancient ceremony called the "Laying On Of Hands".

It has nothing to do with the healing type of laying on of hands, and in fact, pre-dates Christianity.

The professor explained that it meant, quite literally, "I am you and you are me". Children are, of course, a world-wide symbol for our hopes and dreams of the future, therefore perfect to make such a statement with.

Since we were the only "tourists" to visit this little village in years, it certainly wasn't something done on a routine basis in hopes of tips!

Were we then honored by this presentation...told that we were accepted in spite of our differences? Or is it simply a custom that has survived through thousands of years, a courtesy extended to all who enter their home?

I shall never know. "I am you and you are me". A phrase I heard last week...but which was spoken to me nine years ago. How strange, to have the translation come so many years later, and how I wish I could have comprehended then!

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George Wolf Finds New Hope With New Heart

By Nanalee Nichols

Most of the time the expression "a change of heart" is used pretty lightly. But for the George Wolf family the phrase has taken on a whole new meaning. For a new heart is exactly what George received January 22nd.

George and his wife, Nell, their three children and their grandchildren live in Milton community near Deport. George is well-known throughout the area since he has driven a delivery truck for Bogata Propane-Welch Gas for many years.

About two years ago George, who is 59, began to have problems which they attributed to stress.

In October of 1993 the family learned that the cause was much more ominous than stress, it was a virus that may have been working destroying heart muscle for many years before it became apparent.

Doctors at the St. Joseph Heart Center in Paris flew George to Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas as they worked to find out what the damage was and what had to be done.

Finally, George came home with the knowledge that his only hope for survival was a heart transplant.

In pain and weak, he kept losing weight. He tried to keep busy but was unable to do much because of his health problems.

The phone would be the primary way to notify them that a heart was available, but a beeper was needed. Without some sort of paging device Nell was afraid to leave George long enough to pay bills, grocery shop or attend to any business.

She called Lamar County Sheriff B.J. McCoy to ask him if he had any suggestions, since the beepers provided in Dallas won't work this far away from the city.

McCoy told her he would check

into it and contacted Airways Communications and made a deal with them to furnish a beeper through the sheriff's department.

McCoy then contacted Medical City Hospital and told them that if they were unable to reach the Wolfs by phone to call the sheriff's department and the dispatcher would immediately attend to contacting the Wolfs.

The wait went on into the New Year with George looking a little worse all the time and the family's tension increasing.

Then, at 5:30 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon the hospital notified them that they had a possible donor.

"They said we had a fifty fifty chance of having a heart when we got to Dallas" Nell says.

The family began the trip to the metroplex that they had hoped for.

Upon arrival the family was stricken to learn that there was no heart for George when they arrived. Then, almost miraculously, another heart became available that was a perfect match for him. He was taken into surgery, and the heart of a young woman in her early twenties replaced his diseased one. When the Lamar County Sheriff's Department was notified that the beeper wasn't needed anymore because of a successful surgery, it was announced over the department's radio so that all personnel could share in the knowledge, not only that the beeper wasn't needed, but that there was a good reason it wasn't needed!

The family reported that the most amazing thing about the transplant was the lack of pain their patient felt. After being so sick, he actually felt better almost immediately!

The next day he was up and put on

an exercise bike for five minutes. Each day he has walked further and pedaled further as they work to build up his heart strength.

On Super Bowl Sunday George became so excited watching the game that he got up to walk up and down the halls to calm down.

He gets up and shaves, showers and dresses, and says he feels really good. He also has been throwing the pillow over his head when a nurse comes in the door with yet another needle. "George isn't here" he would shout! It didn't work, however, the needles found their destinations.

On Tuesday, February 1st, George left Medical City Hospital. The family will stay at the Homestead Village for about two weeks and he will go daily back to the hospital to be monitored. A diabetic, his blood sugar must be carefully checked and they are training him to take care of his blood sugar checks and medication.

His stomach, Nell says, is his biggest problem right now.

"The doctors say his heart was functioning so poorly that it let his stomach get lazy" she stated.

There have been no rejection problems, and if his progress continues the Wolfs hope to be home soon.

They are a closeknit family, and daughters Cindy and Lynn, son David, in-laws Bert and Angie and the five grandchildren are looking forward to his arrival back at Milton.

So are his many friends.

For the George Wolfs, what seemed to be a nightmare for a while has turned into a dream, thanks to the accomplishments of modern medicine and the incredible generosity of someone, somewhere, who decided

NEW HEART-George Wolf familiar to many throughout the area due to his propane deliveries, has had a heart transplant and hopes to be home from Dallas soon. He

was released from the hospital Tuesday, but they are staying in an apartment for ten days so that his progress can be monitored. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Talco School Schedules Open House For Feb. 28

The Talco School will hold Open House February 28 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are invited to come and view their child's work and meet with the teachers.

Talco PTO To Meet Feb. 7

The Talco P.T.O. will meet February 7 at 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

VaLinda Hathcox Announces Candidacy For Texas Senate 1

VaLinda Hathcox, attorney and agribusinesswoman, announced recently that she is a filed candidate for the Texas Senate for District 1. In making her announcement, Hathcox stated, "I am the better qualified candidate in the State Senate race for the March 8 Democratic primary. My lifetime of public service, work experience and educational background has prepared me to be an effective voice for Northeast Texas."

"Friends, officeholders, Democratic—and even Republican—leaders encouraged me to serve Northeast Texas by seeking public office," Hathcox said. "Now that I am into the race, I am in to win."

To evidence her preparedness to face the issues of crime, education and public financing, Hathcox cited her 20 years professional experience as an attorney and her practical background in agribusiness.

Hathcox, 46, is a former Assistant Attorney General of Texas. In addition to serving as director of legislative resources for the Attorney General, Hathcox served as the director of governmental affairs for the Texas Association of Counties, as the director of programs and governmental affairs for the State Bar of Texas and as an administrative hearings judge for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

"In matters of taxation and public financing, I have a practical, balanced approach," Hathcox explained. "As a tax attorney, I definitely understand the theories behind tax policies, but as a taxpayer, I also understand that there needs to be a balance."

"During the campaign, I will be traveling in the 16 counties of District 1 to meet the voters and to listen to their needs and problems," Hathcox said. "Senators are elected to represent the interests of the people, not the other way around. I want to hear what the constituents want."

Because of legislative redistricting and court decisions last session, some Northeast Texas residents will be represented by the State Senator in District 1 for the first time this

election year, "Hathcox explained, "and I am seeking election to represent their interests as Senator."

"But of great concern to me are all of us who were in Senate district 1 last election whose needs and concerns were ignored," Hathcox emphasized.

VaLinda Hathcox is opposed by George Lavender of Texarkana in the March 8 Democratic Primary. The incumbent Bill Ratliff of Mt. Pleasant is unopposed in the Republican Primary.

The counties comprising District 1 include Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Red River, Rusk, Titus, Upshur and the southeastern portion of Smith County.

A native of Hopkins County, VaLinda Hathcox is the daughter of Bill Jack and Margie Dale Hathcox of Sulphur Springs. When her father suffered an immobilizing accident, Hathcox, who is divorced, returned to the Northeast Texas area in 1992 to manage the family dairy and agriculture operation.

A 1966 honor's graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, Hathcox

received her Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in English, French and Education and her Master of Arts degree in Political Science from East Texas State University. She then attended the University of Texas School of Law, where she received her law degree in 1975.

Hathcox is licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of Texas, the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She has been associated with law firms in Dallas and Austin, but now maintains a private tax practice in Sulphur Springs.

Also trained as a teacher, Hathcox's teaching experience includes serving as a business law instructor at Austin Community College; a continuing education instructor at the University of Texas School of Public Affairs and the ACC Lifetime Learning Institute; a graduate instructor at East Texas State University; a student

teacher in the Richardson Independent School system at Lake Highlands High School; a trainer at the State Attorney General's office; a speaker for the Texas Association of Counties; and a lecturer at continuing legal education courses and seminars for the Taxation and Administrative Law Sections of the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association.

Hathcox is a member of the Northeast Texas Bar Association, State Bar College and Texas Bar Foundation. She serves on the board of directors of the Hopkins County Community Chest and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs.



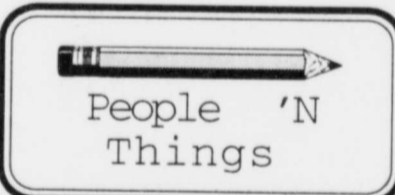
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COUNTRY COOK- This week's featured cook is Ruth Day O'Brien.

Country Cooking



By Judy Screws



I got a letter. You all know how I love letters. This one is going to be the text of our column this week, and I thank Ruth Day O'Brien for thinking of us. I hope more of you will follow her lead. So here goes. Judy,

Enjoy your Country Cooking Column very much. Even though for a few of us those good "ole" days have changed a bit. I am learning new ways to cut down on fat and sodium and you'll note my pie has no eggs. Believe me, there is "life without salt." I cook my Pinto beans in a slow cooker, add a Tablespoon of Canola oil and 2 Tablespoons sugar, and serve a lot of baked potatoes, baked salmon, and baked chicken breast. I mention to my friends how "I'm starved for fried potatoes", but coronary artery disease has taken a toll on our family. Of the eight children born to the late, Herman and Della Russell Day. Two brothers, Hoover and J.W. are deceased. Jerry and I have both recently had angioplasty

for blocked coronary arteries. We were raised there in the Craig Community. Our parents, both natives of Warren County, McMinnville, Tennessee. My mother taught me to cook at an early age. She used pinches and dashes, so I grew up being well acquainted with those measures.

My husband, Stanley and I enjoy small ranching there in the Shady Grove Community. We have three sons and 5 grandchildren.

The boys would say, "Remember Mom's meatloaf, it was delicious!" She burned us out on Peanut Butter cookies. We delight in being "Nanny" and "Papa".

*Once again I'd like to thank Mrs. O'Brien for her letter and recipes. She and her husband reside in the DFW Metroplex, but have interests as well as deep roots in Lamar County. We are always happy to hear from residents and former residents.

Obituaries

Mrs. Ollie Sevier Lee Dies January 30

Mrs. Ollie Sevier Lee, age 88 of Bogata, died Sunday, January 30 in Red River Haven Nursing Home in Bogata.

No funeral services were held, as she was cremated under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lee was born July 30, 1905 in Wetumka, Oklahoma, the daughter of Nelson and Lou Eliza Goins Mosier. He died March 12, 1942. In 1943 she married Rufus Stevens in McAlester, OK and later married Broyle Lee in Verden, OK. Both of them also preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, Samuel Ary of Redwood City, CA, Athrum (Tex) Ary of Fair Oaks, CA and Jimmy Stevens of Oklahoma City, OK; three daughters, Pat McFerran and Betty Mullin, both of Bogata and Christine Page of Oklahoma City, OK; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jewel B. Morris Dies January 30

Mrs. Jewel B. Morris, age 67, formerly of Clarksville and Joliet, died Sunday, January 30 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 1 in Joliet Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Pirtle officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Mrs. Morris was born January 14, 1927 in Joliet, the daughter of W.R. and Vallie Thacker Baxter. She married Jess Morris on January 3, 1946 in Paris.

She is survived by her husband, Jess Morris of Paris; two sons, John Morris of Austin and Stephen Morris of Naples, Florida; one daughter, Sharla Simmons of Cuthand; and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Hawkins of Joliet; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Susan Ann Morris in 1949.

Bearers were Neil Rozell, Joe Black, Grady Rhodes, Bill Morris, Morris Foster and Marlin Foster.

Jessica LeeAnn Howerton Dies January 25

Jessica Lee Ann Howerton, three months old, died Tuesday, January 25 in Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held Friday, January 28 at 2 p.m. in Lampton-Mills and Coffey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Conner officiating.

She was born October 14, 1993 in Hugo, OK a daughter of Edward Dean and Darlene Walker Howerton.

Other than her parents who live in Hugo, survivors include a sister, Kathryn Walker of the home; her grandparents, Edward and Kathy Howerton of Hugo, Tom and Johnnie Small of Fillmore, CA and Thelma and James Walker of Talco; and the great-grandparents, Nettie and Jesse Moncrief of Hugo and Mary Howerton of Hugo.

Mina Amanda Kyle Dies January 27

Mina Amanda Kyle of Paris died Thursday, January 27 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 29 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Dr. Pat Ottwell officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Deport.

Mrs. Kyle was born May 30, 1910 in Coleman, a daughter of Jesse Earl and Mollie Johnson McKinney. She married Bewel Kyle on December 23, 1928. He died June 15, 1970.

Surviving are four sons, Jesse Kyle of Reno, Robert Kyle of Paris, Clyde Kyle of Paris and James Kyle of Archer City; three daughters, Rebecca Miller of Deport, Bettie Slaten of Houston and Barbara Epley of Lewisville; 29 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Donald Kyle.

Bearers were Earl Gresham, James Slaten, Larry Kyle, Jerry Kyle, Johnny Wollum, Wallace Sullivan, Glenn Kyle, Duane Kyle and Chad Epley.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our family, friends and neighbors for the flowers, and other kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Rev. Randy Miller and James Wood Funeral Home in Bogata.

The Family of
Brenda Kay Massey

Card of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for the visits, calls, cards, food, and love we received while Mable was in the hospital, and since we have been home.

We love you all.
Travis and Mable Hale

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno was a visitor Wednesday of Mrs. Jimmie King, Kay Osburn of Paris visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Epps spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Epps and Dana at Rosalie.

Monte and Shelley Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga had lunch Sunday

with Betty Rodgers.

Mrs. Jimmie King, Faye LaRue, Yuba Sparks and Edna Lee attended a school of instruction for the Eastern Star in Caddo Mills on Thursday.

Betty Rodgers, Monte and Shelley Rodgers enjoyed a pizza supper and watched the ball game at Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga's on Sunday.

Entries For Professional Art Exhibit And Sale Are Being Accepted

The YWCA of Paris and Lamar County will accept entries for the Professional Art Exhibit and Sale of the 1994 Paris Art Fair through Tuesday, March 1st. According to Y officials, this division is juried and works of art to be sold must be submitted for jury on 2 x 2 color slides. The Professional Exhibit is open to any artist or craftsman whose work is original in content. No kits, mass manufactured or imported items will be accepted.

Those interested in exhibiting works in the 1994 Paris Art Fair Professional Art Exhibit and Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 1994

on the Paris Junior College Campus, should submit a completed application form, booth fee and color slides of work to be sold, to the YWCA by 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 1st.

Prizes to be awarded for this Professional Competitive Art Division include \$150.00 for the "Super 1 Best of Show;" 1st place in each category will receive \$125.00, with second and third places receiving \$75.00 and \$50.00. Entry deadline is March 1st.

Applications are available at the YWCA, 308 South Main, or by calling 785-5221.

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—Sébastien R.N. Chamfort

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Keith Brown Named Head Coach/Athletic Director At RHS

Keith Brown has been named head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Rivercrest High School.

Coach Brown replaces Charles Swann, who resigned in December.

Coach Brown has been in the district the past two years. He served last year as junior high boys coach and this year as varsity girls coach and assistant varsity football coach. He will continue to serve as girls coach in his new capacity as head football coach and athletic director.

Prior to coming to Rivercrest, Coach Brown served as assistant varsity football and track coach at

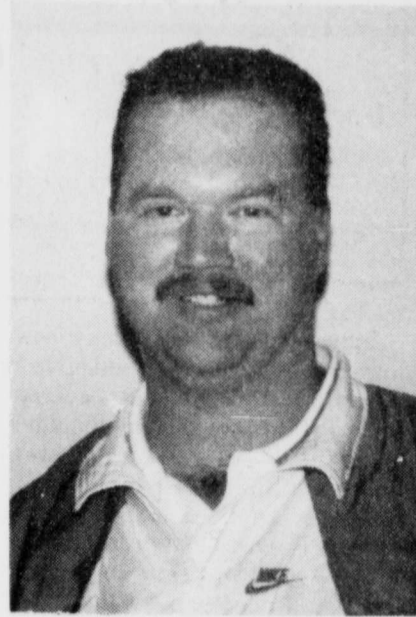
Shawnee Mission North High School in Overland Park, Kansas.

A native of Kansas, Coach Brown was Class 6-A All State Lineman, first team All League Offense, and two-time first team All Area Offense in high school. He attended Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Kansas on a football scholarship. He was middle linebacker for the 1985 Junior College National Championship team. He then transferred to Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas on a football scholarship where he also played middle linebacker. He received his

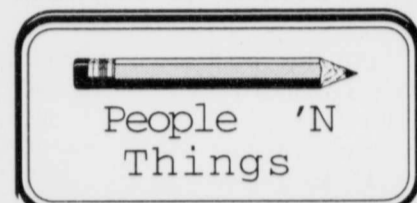
B.S. degree in Physical Education from Mid America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kansas.

Coach Brown's teams have been very competitive at Rivercrest High School. His junior high boys were District Champions in basketball and track last year and his junior high football team was District Runner-up. This year, his Varsity girls were the 17-AA District Cross-Country Champions.

Coach Brown's wife, Kathy, is the pre-kindergarten teacher for the Talco-Bogata C.I.S.D. They reside on Crawford Lane in Talco.



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR - HEAD FOOTBALL COACH - Coach Keith Brown has recently accepted the position of Athletic director-head football coach for Talco Bogata CISD. (Photo by Nancy Brown)



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JH Lady Rebs Host Honey Grove

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebs hosted Honey Grove at Talco on Monday, January 31.

The seventh grade team ended the first quarter in a 5-5 tie with the Honey Grove team, and stayed with the larger, taller team to halftime, which ended 13-11, Honey Grove.

The third quarter found the Lady Rebs giving ground and ended with a 30-22 Honey Grove lead. In the final quarter, the Lady Rebs slipped further behind and great last minute hustle could not pull out the win.

The final score was 36-28, Honey Grove. Posting high score for the ladies was Courtney Jones with 9, followed by Candias Nickerson with 8. Also scoring were Joanie Swarts 5, Dani Brown and Andrea Palmer 2 each and Misty Garretson and Katie Hare, 1 each.

The eighth grade team began a slow first half. Scores were made by Maribel Prado, Kristi Hines and Sara Stanley, but the Lady Reb defense is what kept the team in the game.

The half ended 13-7, Honey Grove. The Lady Rebs hurt themselves badly in the first half, turning the ball over most often on the walking penalty,

but a fired up team returned to the third quarter to give the Honey Grove team a game.

Prado, Hines, Stanley and Deidre Brown all netted scores but the Lady Rebs proved themselves pulling down rebounds, getting the tie balls and running their zone defense well. The third quarter ended 21-18, Honey Grove.

The final quarter saw the Lady Rebs go 2-2 with the visiting team and with 3:00 minutes left in the game, the score stood 27-26, HG.

The breaks were not with the Lady Rebs and Hines and Mallory Chaloner were lost to fouls. Tabitha Martin went to the board to score as well as Hines and Prado. Bad passes and loss of team play ended the Lady Rebs' hope of a win in the final minute.

The final score was 38-26, Honey Grove.

This team has greatly improved over the season and gave their all in the game. High scorer for the team was Maribel Prado with Deidre Brown following closely. Also scoring were Sara Stanley, Kristi Hines and Tabitha Martin.



Mr. and Mrs. Craig Easley Parish-Easley Exchange Wedding Vows

Wedding vows were exchanged by Tiffany Parish and Craig Easley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 1994 at Harris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Sugar Hill.

The pastor, the Rev. Alvin Block, officiated the traditional candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin (Scooter) Parish. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Easley.

A candelabra interspersed with ivy adorned the altar area. Purple and fuchsia bows marked the pews.

Wedding music was provided by Barbara Russell and Bobbie Price, who sang "Cross My Heart" and "Forever's As Far As I'll Go."

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin dress with a fitted bodice and sweetheart neckline. Beaded pearls and iridescent sequins adorned the gown. She carried a free-form cascade bouquet of white silk roses, pearl sprays, lace and satin streamers and English ivy.

Staci Hinton of Sugar Hill, sister of the bride, attended the bride as matron of honor. Krista Weatherall of Bogata served as bridesmaid. Laci Hinton of Sugar Hill, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Tim Easley of College Station, brother of the groom, was best man. Heath Hinton of Sugar Hill, nephew of the bride, served as candlelighter. John Easley of Bogata, brother of the groom and Phillip Hinton of Sugar Hill, seated guests.

Wedding guests were registered by Jerilyn Russell of Talco.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride's table featured the traditional three-tiered wedding cake, punch and champagne, which were served by Angela Sargent and Faye Whitney.

A decorated sheet cake and coffee were served from the groom's table by Regina Easley and Donna Stockton.

Bogata PTO Has Regular Meeting

The Bogata PTO met Thursday January 27th. The meeting opened with a discussion about upcoming events. The Kindergarten pizza party will be Friday February 4, at 2:15 p.m. Kindergarten earned this as a treat for work done for the Harvest Festival. The sixth grade class earned a pizza party for collecting the most food items for the annual food drive. Their party will be held February 4th also at 2:15. The 7th grade class came in second and will receive a coke and chip party at the same time and day. Wal Mart has matched funds raised at the Harvest Festival. This money will be used to purchase water

fountains for the Elementary building.

The PTO is sponsoring a "Nickel Drive", from which the proceeds will go to the "Tribute to Texas Children". Each child is asked to bring his extra nickels to school and donate to this great fund. For more information you may contact one of the PTO officers, or Principal, Mr. Jimmy Lee. The nickel drive will run until spring break.

The PTO appreciates all students, parents and teachers for all their efforts.

Births

David and Dottie Bell announce the arrival of their daughter, Taylor Nicole, born January 25, 1994, at Longview Regional Hospital. The young lady weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Durward and Margaret Bell, of Bogata, and Lloyd and Ann Nail, of Chandler.

Caleb Alton Boswell Peek is the name given the son born January 18, at McCuistion Regional Medical

Center in Paris, to Alton and Michelle Peek, of Boxelder. Grandparents are Bill Boswell and Nell Boswell, both of Paris, and the late Tebo and Hazel Peek, of Boxelder. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Anthony, W.W. Staley and the late J.D. and Carrie Boswell, all of Paris, and the late George and Mary Eliza Nicks, of Avery and the late Seymour and Lizzie Peek, of Boxelder. He is the nephew of Jamie and Berney Huddleston, of Bogata.

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Cunningham News
 By Berniece Wyatt

A large crowd attended the 5th Sunday night singing at the Life Tabernacle Church.

Katherine Sugg and Cathy and Annea Sugg attended a bridal shower for Twyla Cobb, bride-elect of Jerry Davis of Naples on Saturday night.

Church services were dismissed at the Baptist Church so the members could attend services and singing at the Faith Baptist Church in Deport Sunday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Kelsoe of Omaha visited Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Taylor Saturday.

Elvis Wright and Howard Wayne Sparks of Minter had Sunday lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Silas Taylor.

Susie Norwood spent Thursday night with Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood.

Ollie Ruth Guthrie and Mr. & Mrs. Carl B. Guthrie of Talco had lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain Monday.

Mrs. John B. Whitney, Debbie Currin, Maurine Womack and Tonya Currin and Christian attended a baby shower for Katherine Victoria, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Johnson of Sulphur Springs, Saturday.

Sandra Gifford of Paris had Saturday lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Parks.

Mrs. Lessie Stewart of Reno spent Sunday night with Mr. & Mrs. Silas Taylor.

Mr. & Mrs. Odis Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Norwood, Logan and Laton, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Ray Oats, Brandon and Georjeana, and Mr. & Mrs. Scotty Norwood, Trevor and Amber had lunch with Geneva Norwood Sunday.

Clyde Slusher visited his father, Harry Slusher, in the Cherry Street Annex Sunday.

Lucy Fowler spent Sunday night with Carol Dorsey and Jennifer of Deport.

Annea Sugg of Blossom spent the weekend with Katherine Sugg and Cathy.

Joyce Berry and Mabel Lynn had Sunday night dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sheppard.

Rev. and Mrs. Duane Stuart and family of Clardy and Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Musgrove, Stoney and Charity, had lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Musgrove and Zarinska Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Odis Watson visited in the afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Powers visited Mr. & Mrs. Rab Skidmore of Deport Thursday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bell of Paris and Francis Thomas of Johntown visited

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jackson and Janee and Mendy Dobbs of Paris, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Palmer and family of Bogata, and Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Drinnon and family had lunch with Jane O'Neal Sunday.

Susie Norwood and Jay Ingram had breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood Friday morning.

Ruth Chipman spent Thursday with Mr. & Mrs. Joel Chipman of Novice.

Mr. & Mrs. Talma Fowler of Pattonville and Carol Dorsey and Jennifer of Deport visited Lucy Fowler Wednesday night.

Joe Bailey Williams visited his brother, Tex Williams, in the Bogata Nursing Home Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Talma Fowler of Pattonville and Lucy Fowler had Sunday night supper with Carol Dorsey and Jennifer.

Andrew Bazhaw of Gilmer visited Lorette Pynes Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. Darold Norwood of Paris visited Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood Friday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bell of Paris visited Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain Saturday night.

Andrew Bazhaw of Gilmer spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Ford.

Talco- Bogata CISD Schools Menus For The Week February 2-7-11

Monday
 Burritos with grated cheese
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 Beans
 Cookies
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Tuesday
 Lasagna
 Salad
 Carrots
 Fruit
 Cornbread
 Milk

Wednesday
 Hot Dogs
 Tator Tots With Catsup
 Baked Beans
 Fruit Bar
 Milk

Thursday
 Sliced Turkey
 Gravy
 Green Beans
 Potatoes
 Hot Rolls
 Milk

Friday
 Hamburgers
 Burger Salad
 Seasoned Beans
 Chips
 Ice Cream
 Milk

A Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On
 By Mark Stephenson, Bogata Native

A 6.6 earthquake, 1,500 aftershocks thus far with some registering in the 4.0's and 5.0's, and a prediction of over 10,000 aftershocks within one month.

Los Angeles has taken its fair share of bumps and bruises over the past three years: the drought, the rains and mudslides, the riots, the fires, and of course, the earthquakes. Nevertheless, this recent jolt was something no amusement park can imitate. Normally, an earthquake rolls, and you feel as though you're at sea with waves roughly rumbling underneath you. This particular quake felt like being a penny in a shoebox, with someone taking the box and shaking it as hard as they could for 40 seconds.

For my own self, 40 seconds seemed like an eternity. Being asleep at 4:31 a.m., I was slammed around in the pitch dark, hearing everything crash around me in my apartment. It was a helpless feeling, and I could not do anything to stop it. I quickly learned that I was not the one in control.

Two weeks later, I look at restaurants where I ate...gone, shops where I bought goods...gone, places where people lived...gone. The pictures that I have seen and the words that I have heard on television do not even remotely come close to the devastation this city has experienced. You are receiving only a portion of the truth.

They have called it "The Northridge Earthquake" because the epicenter originated from that location. Yet, the damage extends over at least a 60-mile radius. A rough estimate has repairs costing over 30 billion dollars.

If you look for silver linings in dark clouds, you will eventually see them. I am the manager of a 7-unit complex, and my tenants worked with one another cleaning and restoring the complex. And on the first night following the quake, with only candles bearing light, we gathered around the dining table and gave thanks for life and the blessings that we had received. We had pulled together in the moment of crisis, and death with the circumstances surrounding us. And we realized most importantly that possessions are replaceable; the gift of life is not.

I want to thank everyone who has called my parents and myself concerned about my status. I am fine. Your prayers are needed though for the thousands without homes and who have lost all that they had and for a city still reeling from a distant riot and a not so distant rage of fires. And most of all, I ask you to be thankful. Not for a particular item or thing, just be thankful for the goodness of life and all that it brings.

Johntown Locals
 By Jana Hawkins
 632- 5174

Friday lunch visitors of Joyce and Tommy Cox and Glenda was Joyce's sister, Betty Evans, of Mt. Vernon. While in town, they visited their brother, Donald Wilson, of Bogata.

Sunday Super Bowl guests of Drue and Billie Pirtle were Mark and Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Doug and Robbie Hawkins, Myra Jean, Lana and Clay Pirtle, Michael Reed, and Dana Anderson.

Sarah Jean was an overnight visitor of her grandmother, Nadine Cabell, of Mt. Pleasant, on Tuesday.

Mark and Kathy Riddle, of Sugar Hill visited with Donald, Freda, Mitchell and Sarah Jean, on Saturday.

Donald, Freda, Mitchell, and Sarah Jean were guests of David, Lynne, Scott and Hillary Barrett, of Mt. Pleasant, Sunday afternoon, for a chili supper and Super Bowl Party.

Robbie Hawkins, Myra Jean, and Billie Pirtle enjoyed going to the movies on Monday night.

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WINNERS AT "42"-Winners of the semi annual "42" tourna-

ment held at VFW Post 8187 in Bogata, were Scotchie Mayes

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Postal Service Moves to Protect New Addresses of Battered Individuals:

Recognizing the growing concern in society about disclosing new address information on battered individuals, the U.S. Postal Service is making two major changes in its mail forwarding system, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon announced.

"Clearly, there are troubled individuals who could use our system of address changes for malicious purposes. I want to make sure that doesn't happen," said Runyon.

The first change alters postal regulations so that individuals can no longer walk into a post office and find out where another has moved. Currently, anyone can walk into the post office where an individual formerly lived and, after presenting the old address and paying a fee of \$3.00, receive the new address", Runyon explained.

In the second change, Runyon said, "The Postal Service will amend its mail forwarding system so that new address information of court order protected individuals, such as battered women, is blocked from inclusion in its address correction services. The information, however, would still be used for forwarding purposes."

"Concerning this new rule, the Bogata Post Office will abide by these regulations." Bogata Postmaster Ronnie Thurman said. "If you need to mail something to a local person, and you do not know the address, simply place that person's name on the envelope, along with Bogata, Texas 75417, and mail. We will deliver the letter and still be following the new regulations. We just can't give out people's addresses as we have in the past," he concluded.

Red River General Hospital Admissions and Discharges

Admissions

01-24-94 - Betty Mullin, Bogata; Ida Baldwin, Melvin Belcher, Joe Hudson, Jr., Clarksville.

01-25-94 - Garland Hines, Joann Stephens, Eva Ceasar, Tameka Norman, Pauline Alexander, Clarksville; Emma Warthan, Annona.

01-26-94 - Faye Booth, Kedrian Rannels, Floy Murry, Colie Clark, Clarksville; John Robert Martin, Annona.

01-27-94 - Leoda Helms, Bagwell; Jim Miller, Bogata; Edward Dozier, Marilyn Love, Clarksville.

01-28-94 - Robert Perry, Judy Presley, Clarksville; William Travis Holder, Avery; Libbon Moore, Bogata.

01-29-94 - Tonya Martin, Danny Robinson, Pearl McGuire, Clarksville; Georgia Lovell, DeKalb; Jessica Gonzales, Annona.

01-30-94 - Carl Daniels, Clarksville; Jennie Burrow, Alfred Martin, Bogata.

Dismissals:

01-24-94 - Willie Moreland, Clarksville; James A. Davis, Bogata.

01-25-94 - Travis Mallory, Marguerite Whiteman, Curtis Huckaby, Ola Roberts, Clarksville; Edna Morris, Annona.

01-26-94 - Ollie Lee, Leon Ussery, Ruby Edwards, Tameka Norman, Pauline Alexander, Clarksville.

01-27-94 - Meguel Green, Raymond Dotson, Clara Johnson, Clarksville; Lucy Townes, Bagwell; Edna Morris, Emma Warthan, Annona.

01-28-94 - Faye Booth, Garland Hines, Sr., Ida Baldwin, Clarksville.

01-29-94 - Betty Mullin, Bogata; Kedrian Rannels, Clarksville; John Martin, Annona.

01-30-94 - Jim Miller, Libbon Moore, Bogata; Jessica Gonzales, Annona; Tonya Martin, Edward Dozier, Marilyn Love, Eva Ceasar, Melvin Belcher, Clarksville.

Have A Nice Weekend

Bogata V.F.W. News

Tuesday at 7:30 is pool night, Thursday at 7:00 is "42" night and every Saturday at 1:30 is Bingo playing time.

The VFW and it's Auxiliary meet every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Nursing Home bingo is 4th Tuesday.

The VFW Auxiliary played bingo at Red River Haven Nursing Home

on January 25. There were 14 players. Winners were Jessie Hunter, Nappy Payne, Casey York, Irene House, Inez Hinson, and Dorothy Watkins. Mildred Eudy called games. Helpers were Georgia Hudson, Daphney Pointer, Jettie Minshew, and Margie Garrett.

Happy Birthday to Daphney Pointer. Our love and sympathy to Betty Mullin and Pat McFralin on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Ollie Lee.

Immunization Clinic Scheduled

The Texas Department of Health, Public Health Region 7 office, announced plans today for the continuation of the on-going immunization clinics for all children needing immunizations.

The next clinic will be held February 10, 1994.

The clinic will be conducted from 9:00-11:30 and 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at 1300 Highway 37 North, Clarksville, Texas.

Future clinic dates will be held on the first, second and third Thursday of each month. Parents may call the clinic for an appointment for their child, (903)572-9877, or arrive on a walk-in basis.

The Health Department emphasizes that this clinic is available to all preschool and school age children beginning at two months of age. Immunizations offered include Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Oral Polio, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis and Tetanus/diphtheria. The Haemophilus Influenzae type b vaccine is also available to medically eligible children between the ages of 2 months and 60 months. The pneumonia vaccine is available to all high risk patients meeting income guidelines. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parents are reminded to bring the child's immunization record and Social Security number if available. The Tetanus/diphtheria vaccine is available to medically eligible adults. Should the parent or legal guardian have questions, please contact the above noted field office staff.

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Honey Grove	4	2	-
Wolfe City	5	1	-
Prairiland	3	3	2
Chisum	1	5	3
Cooper	0	6	4

Tuesday's Games:
Honey Grove 52 - Rivercrest 57
Cooper at Prairiland * (W)
Chisum at Wolfe City * (W)
* Game Winner

Friday's Games:
Rivercrest at Prairiland
Honey Grove at Chisum
Wolfe City at Cooper

Rivercrest Debate Team Participates In Tournament

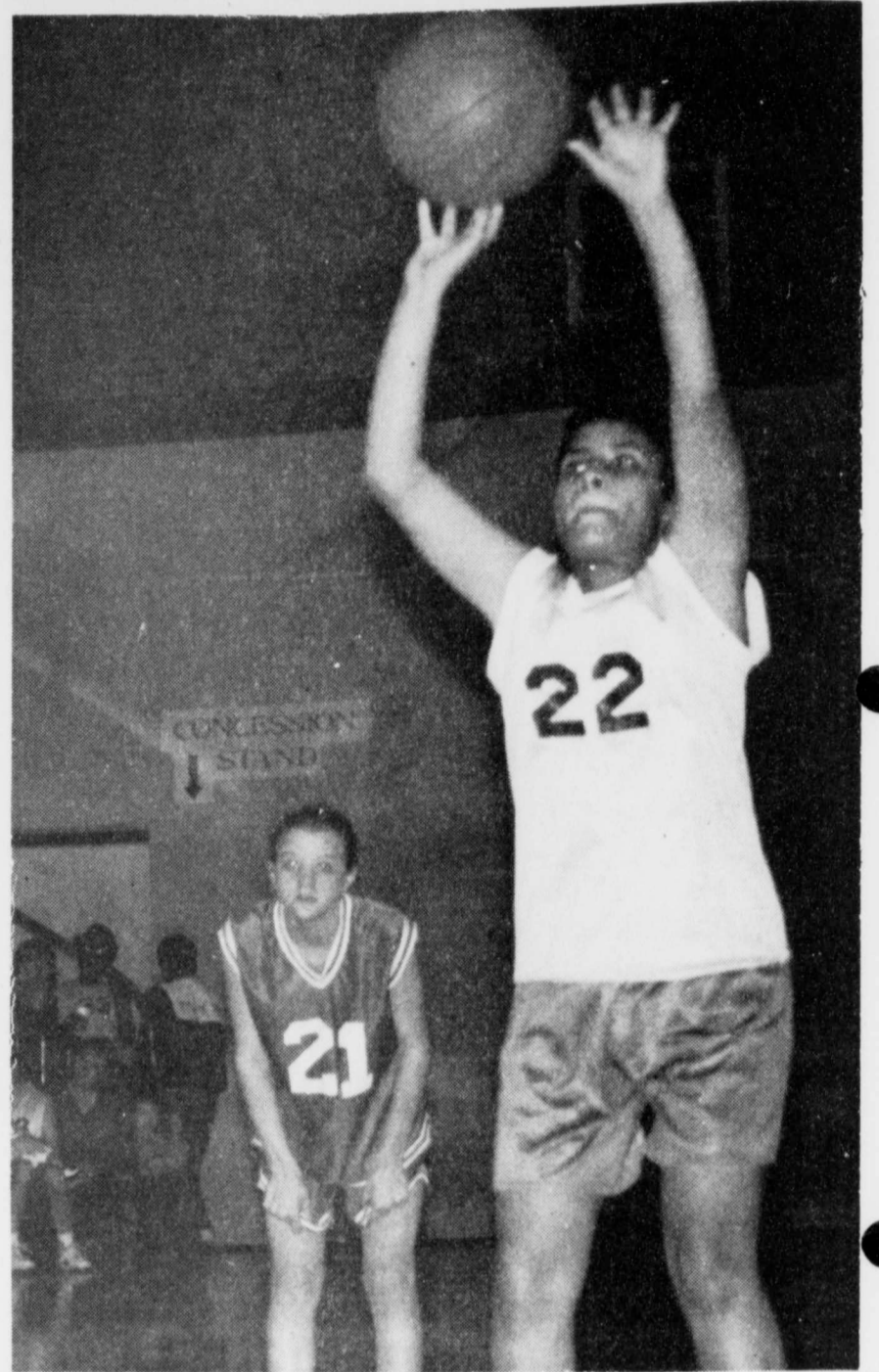
The Rivercrest Debate Teams participated in the Mt. Pleasant High School Debate Tournament, held on Saturday, January 29. The Rivercrest teams came away with victories over Hughes Springs, Van, and Greenville. District Competition for the Rebels will be held Wednesday, February 16 at Paris Junior College.

Rivercrest Is Member Of TENET

Rivercrest subscribes to TENET (Texas Education Network). It uses a computer and a phone modem. They are able through electronic mail to access many universities and government agencies for information. This computer is housed in the library. The debate class, along with the Librarian, Mrs. Fowler, decided to try to contact President Clinton for information on his health care plan, since that is their debate topic for the year. The White House is still in the process of coming online so they couldn't get any information, however, the White House did answer the two messages with a status report on their capabilities. They answered within 20 minutes. The students received a message giving a list of different types of information which will be available in the near future.

Rivercrest Rebels Win Crucial Contest

The undefeated boy's team from Wolfe City came to Rivercrest trying to remain undefeated in District 17 AA. However, as so many teams in the past have found, that is no easy task. The Rebels jumped on the Wolves early, and their defense held Wolfe City in check the first half, holding them to 19 points. The Rebels lead at the half was 28-19. The Rebels looked as if they would put the wolves away early, but Wolfe City would not give up. They cut the Rebel lead to 3 points with just over 3:00 minutes left in the contest, but clutch-shooting by the Rebels, especially at the charity stripe preserved the victory for the Rebels. The win moved the Rebels into a second place tie with Wolfe City. Honey Grove was leading the District 17AA boys' race prior to Friday night's contests. Coach Wood commented, "Wolfe City has the best athletes in District



THE TALCO-BOGATA Junior High Lady Rebels hosted Honey Grove at Talco on January 31. The Lady Rebs lost the contest after a very good game. The final score was 38-26. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

J.V. Lady Rebels Play Cooper

The Rivercrest JV Lady Rebels fell to the JV Bulldogettes, of Cooper 44-23. The Lady Rebs got into foul trouble early and just kept sending Cooper to the free throw line. Cooper scored 14 of their 43 points from the charity stripe. Tosha Nickerson lead the Ladys in scoring with 7 points. Other Lady Rebels who were in the scorebook were DJulie Lawings, Norma Jasso, Misty Rodden, Crystal Bell, Kelly Anderson, and Jaimie Swarts.

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels fell to the Cooper Bulldogettes, Friday 101-53. The Lady Rebs played very hard, but could not slow down the Bulldogettes. Rivercrest was lead in scoring by Karen Williams who had 16 points. Other Lady Rebels who scored were Laquita Norman, Ashley Ros, Shaunda Jones, Kathy Hinsley, Jana Weatherall, and Michelle Giles.

Rebels Bomb Cooper, 79-52

The final score was in no way an indication of how bad the Rebels beat Cooper last Friday night. The Rebels jumped on Cooper early as they took a commanding 48-20 half time lead. The Rebels were never challenged as the pressed Cooper into submission early. Eddie Williams, the Rebel outstanding guard-forward, completely dominated Cooper. He had 28 first half points. The 28 points waere 8 more points than Cooper's entire team had the first half. The win by the Rebels moved them into a first place tie with both Honey Grove and Wolfe City. Wolfe City was the Friday night victor over Honey Grove by a score of 52-51 in a game played at Wolfe City. The Rebels are in a crucial District contest Tuesday night as they play host to the Honey Grove Warriors. A win by the Rebels will keep them tied with Wolfe City for the District lead. The Rebels will have to travel to Prairiland Friday for another survival game in District 17 AA.



THE RIVERCREST REBELS took on the Prairiland Patriots in basketball action earlier this season. The Rebels are tied for second place in District play with Wolfe City. The Rebels travel to Prairiland for another clash this Friday. (Staff Photo by Tony Bowden)

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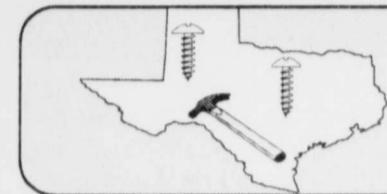
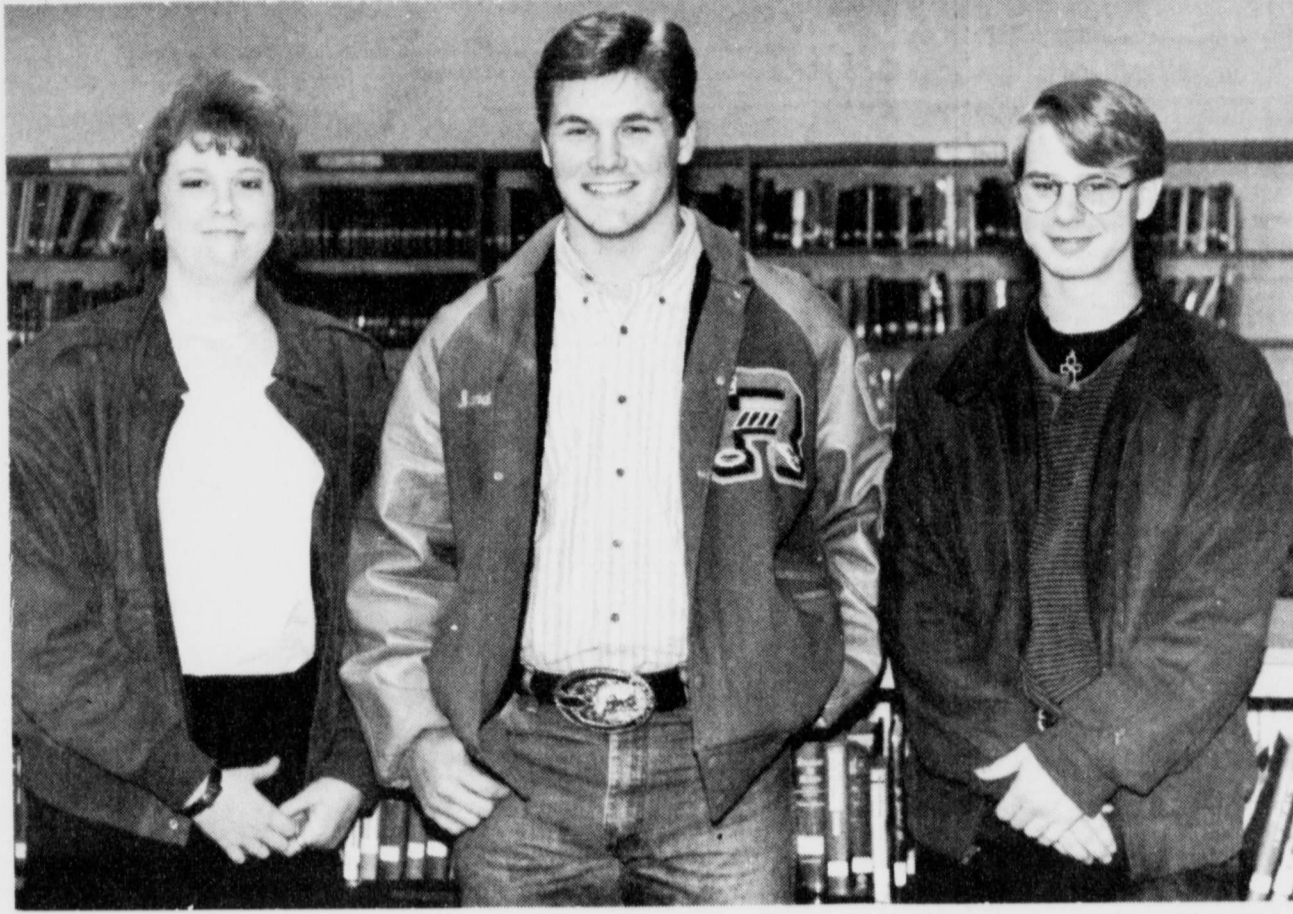
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Nuts & Bolts
By Judy Screws

I was listening to a television program recently, one of those with a news type format. I don't remember if it was hosted by Connie Chung or Dianne Sawyer, or who. I just remember the subject. It seems that there are some groups of people who have organized themselves against the offensive context of the cartoon strip, Beetle Bailey. It seems that secretaries are offended by the perky little blond who is the general's secretary, because she has an airhead attitude and because the general thinks of her as nothing but a body. Heavy set ladies are offended by the heavy lady officer and the heavy Sergeant. African Americans are offended by the African American soldier, and Oriental people are offended by the Oriental soldier. I almost forgot Zero. They say some country folk are offended by him. I guess if we follow this line, they are also offended by Beetle, himself. These people are not blaming the characters for being offensive. They blame Mort Walker, the creator and writer.

According to the critics, Beetle is not the serious young private he should be. Mort Walker is supposed to be poking fun at fat people and sexy girls and generals and country boys. They think the black soldier is too laid back, and this one takes the cake, they think the Oriental soldier is too perfect. You just can't win for losing.

I love Beetle Bailey, and I can picture someone who fits everyone of those characters and I like every-

one of the people I picture. Can't you remember the Beetle you went to school with? He just drove the teacher crazy, but was always lots of fun and paid in spankings for most of his transgressions. I can also see the sergeant. He is insecure, not too bright, and needs to have someone to blame for everything. He's also a softy. I'll bet everyone knows a Zero. A good old boy who was just one step behind the rest of the kids, but never realized it. I know you all will be able to picture someone who fits the cutesy secretary mold and the bossy officer. Neither of them is a problem for me. I don't think they are offensive. I think Mort Walker was probably looking at someone when he created each of these characters, most likely someone he liked.

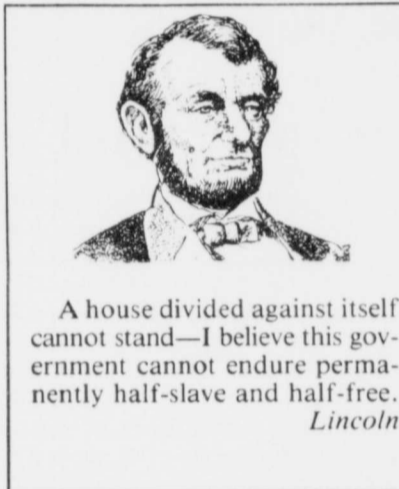
I can promise you that if they swapped the characters out and made everyone the same size, and the same personality, and with the correct amount of intelligence with the perfect attitude, someone would gripe about the comics being too boring.

I love Beetle and Snuffy Smith. I also love Blondie. Can you imagine being the same for 50 years, and never growing older? I like Garfield, and B.C. I wonder why they are not offended by the fat broad on B.C.

I will say this though, I can't stand Marvin. I absolutely detest that kid. He is every parent's nightmare. I think that if I had had Marvin, I would have killed him and sworn to God, "He died."

DEBATE COMPETITORS- Rivercrest High School students attending debate competition in Mt. Pleasant were Julie Watkins, Brandon Miller, and Carey Gable. Also attending was Misty Taylor who is not pictured. (Staff Photo)

American Viewpoints



A house divided against itself cannot stand—I believe this government cannot endure permanently half-slave and half-free.
Lincoln

AARP To Sponsor Driving Course

The Red River County Chapter of AARP will sponsor a 55-Alive Mature Driving Course in Clarksville on Thursday, February 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Friday, February 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Elderberry Center on Baker Street.

A fee of \$8.00 per person is payable at AARP to register, payable at registration.

Please call to make a reservation by calling (903)427-3117. Leave your name, address and telephone number.

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Red River County 4-H'ers Participate In Livestock Judging

The District Four 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held Saturday, January 29, at ETSU, Commerce, Texas.

Participating from Red River County were junior team members Ryan Hawkins, Robbie Somerville, Paige Wolf, Melissa Brown, Justin Allison, Regina Cherry, Justin Dilbeck, Eric Baird, Bubba Abernathy, Josh Calloway, and Justin Jones. Senior team members were Heather Luman, Amanda Callahan, and Aaron Callahan. Junior team members Eric Baird, Regina Cherry and Robbie Somerville

placed second in beef and swine judging, receiving red ribbons, and 3rd highest over-all junior team score, receiving white ribbons.

Eric Baird received the highest junior individual score, receiving a blue ribbon.

Senior team members Heather Luman, Amanda Callahan and Aaron Callahan placed 4th in beef judging and 3rd in swine judging, receiving ribbons for both placements.

These 4-H'ers were accompanied by their parents and County Extension Agent Lynn Golden.

Soybean Referendum Set For February 9th

By Lynn Golden
County Extension Agent
Soybean producers may vote February 9 to determine if the Soybean Promotion and Research Order program will be continued.

Assessments of 0.5 of 1 percent of the net market of soybeans has been collected from September 1, 1991 to the present from producers selling soybeans. This money has been used to conduct a coordinated program of promotion, research, consumer information, and industry information.

Producers who certify that they produced soybeans between September 1, 1991 and December 1, 1993 will be eligible to vote. The vote itself will take place on February 9,

1994 at the County Extension Office, and will be in person by secret ballot. Soybean producers are to vote in The County Extension Office in the county in which they reside, even if production was in another county or state.

The time period for requesting absentee ballots was from December 1, 1993 until the close of business January 21, 1994. Those not casting an absentee vote must take part in the February 9 referendum in order to vote.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

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Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown

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Wanda Graf spent the day shopping in Paris Thursday. Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Kuhl spent Thursday through Saturday in Houston on business. Bobby was in McAllen on Friday.

The Talco school students have begun studies for U.I.L. competition in March.

Celebrating February birthdays are Callie Howard, Angie Brown, Alex Penler, John Wayne Suel, Andrew Deaton, April Schumate, Amber Lum, Mike Cox, Vivian Fail, Loretta Browning, and Sharon Cook.

Enjoying supper and the Super Bowl at the home of Bubba Edge Sunday were Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Jones and grandson Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Thompson, Jordan and Jessica, Randy Jones and Courtney, Imogene Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Terry

Jones, Jeremy and Robert. Jeannie Kay recently underwent surgery at Titus Co. Hospital. She is reported home and doing well.

Tim Easley of College Station visited his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Easley, and family over the weekend. On Sunday, Tim was honored with a birthday dinner by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Easley. Attending were Mr. & Mrs. John Easley, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Easley, Veda Easley, T. J. Williams and Tommie of Kilgore, and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Stockton and Donna of Bogata.

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Fail of Frankston will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary Feb. 3, 1994.

Tawala Padgett of Mt. Vernon visited parents, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Watts, and friends and relatives over

the weekend. Mr. & Mrs. Stan Bruce and children of Keene visited with Mr. & Mrs. Glen Harris, Melba Bruce and other family and friends over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Fail of Kilgore visited with Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Fail Sunday. They also visited Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Crowston in Hagansport. Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Easley will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on February 21, 1994.

Members of the Assembly of God W M class attended the Pennies for Missions Banquet held in Mt. Pleasant Monday, Jan. 31. Attending were Patsy Watts, Grace Hearnon, Omie Ellenburg, and Lometa Smith.

Nancy Brown and Kim spent Tuesday afternoon shopping in Paris.

American Viewpoints



Once upon a time my political opponents honored me as possessing the fabulous intellectual and economic power by which I created a world-wide depression all by myself.

Herbert Hoover

Simple Precautions Can Protect Children From Unnecessary Burn Injuries

Each year in Texas, thousands of children sustain fire, scorching or scalding injuries. Many severely burned children die from their injuries.

In 1992, burn injuries were the fourth leading cause of death for Texas children ages 1-19. Hundreds of burned children were admitted to hospitals.

To reduce the incidence of burn injuries and deaths and to raise public awareness, the U.S. Congress has chosen the week of February 6-12 to start the ninth annual National Burn Awareness Campaign.

The theme for this year's campaign is: "The worst kind of burn is the one you could have prevented." Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "Many deaths and injuries from burns could be prevented with simple changes in the way we do things. Even something as simple as keeping children away when you're pouring hot liquids could prevent a painful scalding injury."

The Texas Department of Health's (TDH) EMS for children (EMSC) program suggests other ways to prevent burn injuries. These include: *Turning pot handles out of children's reach while cooking. * Using

short cords on appliances and preventing cords from dangling from work surfaces. * Making certain that microwaved food and liquids are not too hot, especially on the inside. * Placing young children in cribs and playpens, well away from cooking areas. * Adjusting water heater temperatures to 120 degrees F or lower. Temperatures higher than 140 degrees F can cause serious injury. * Running cold water first, then adding hot water to a safe temperature, when filling a bathtub. * Covering unused electrical sockets with tight-fitting plastic safety plugs to prevent children from poking items into the sockets. * Keeping children away from plugged in electrical cords. Biting or chewing a live electrical cord can cause serious burns.

The EMSC program works to promote public awareness of ways to reduce all types of childhood injuries: motor vehicle crashes, burns, poisonings, falls and drownings.

According to paramedic and nurse Rhonda Blackmore, Director of EMSC, "We'd much rather help by preventing the injury than to have the children and their families go through the pain and rehabilitation of an injury."

AARP Offers Free Income Tax Assistance

Free income tax assistance again became available for area residents starting Wednesday, February 2, through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, will operate this service at the Paris Public Library from noon until 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday through April 13.

Persons using this service should bring copies of their previous year's

federal income tax return and forms for the current tax year, including W-2s, 1099s and other relevant materials showing income for the year. The program is designed to assist persons with low to moderate incomes and is a community service of AARP. Taxpayers with more complicated returns will be referred to professional tax preparers.

Local tax counselors who have been certified by the Internal Revenue Service are: Eugene Thielman, James W. Ashmore, Jr., JoAn Powell and Dennis R. Lee.

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The YWCA of Paris and Lamar County will accept entries for the Arts & Crafts Bazaar of the 1994 Paris Art Fair through Friday, April 1st. According to Y officials, all work entered in this division must be original or handcrafted with no kits, mass manufactured or imported items accepted.

Those interested in exhibiting works in the 1994 Paris Art Fair Arts

& Crafts Bazaar, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 1994 on the Paris Junior College Campus, should submit a completed application form, booth fee and two photos of work to be sold, to the YWCA by 5 p.m., Friday, April 1st.

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