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I only thought it ended

Okay, I only thought it was over. I swear since my column last week I have received enough congratulations over our bear sightings than I ever did for anything else!

I have heard tales of bears sticking their noses down into glasses of milk, climbing into pop up camper trailers, yanking open garage doors and breaking into freezers.

I have heard about cinnamon colored bears, grizzly bears and black bears of every size, every age.

Proudly, I may say that most people DO say they have no photos to compare with ours.

At any rate, we have loved each and every story about the bears. The saga of bear search has been lots and lots of fun.

Now, on to things a tad more serious.

I need to explain something about how photographs or articles appear in these papers.

We take lots and lots of pictures and accept many stories. We must budget our space. If there isn't enough advertising for a twelve page paper...we must have a ten page paper. It's a simple matter of economics. This limits the number of stories and photographs we can run in one week.

Especially, right now when there are SO many events going on, we sometimes have to hold a photo or article (if it is not time-sensitive) for a week

or two. We promise, if the photo came out we WILL get it into the paper sooner or later.

Which leads me to "coming out". Sometimes a photograph just isn't any good. Occasionally we have someone in the photo bent over or laughing and it wouldn't endear us to them if we did run the photo.

Occasionally, we have lost an item, or on rare occasions we have not received an item. If you don't see your story appearing, please don't hesitate to call.

And now, to the last item on this subject. Who decides what photo runs and when? I do. No one else.

It isn't Liz Irwin, it isn't Nancy Brown. It isn't Cindy, or my husband, or Mike or anyone else in the organization. I do. If it's wrong I must take the blame. One thing I can assure you...I have never, nor will I ever, be "personal" about that selection. I don't care who someone is, who their parents are, or anything else. I can honestly say that I have not used these papers as a weapon, to get even, or to irritate anyone.

So, if you need to talk to me, call me at the office at 652-4205, or even at home at 652-5823. I'll listen, I promise.

Aurora borealis seen this week

For those who may have noticed the eery red glow in the northern sky Monday night, it wasn't the end of the world (obviously).

The aurora borealis, or northern lights, were visible because of a large solar flare on Sunday. They are not often seen this far south, and appeared as a band of pulsating red light just above the horizon.

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Grand opening of new Rivercrest Gymnasium set for November 19

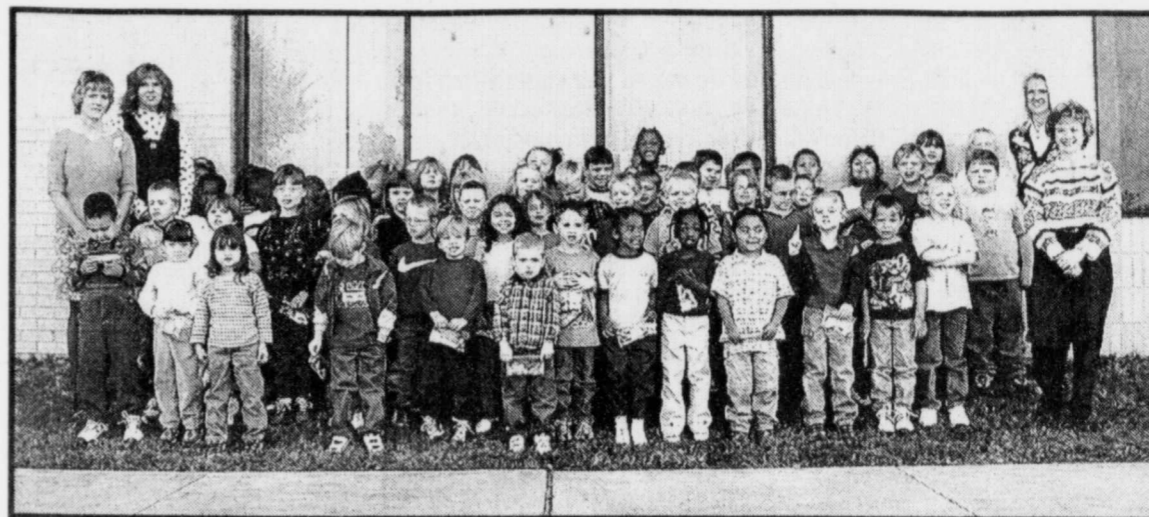
Rivercrest Principal, Keith Brown announced today that the date has been set for the Grand Opening of the new Rivercrest Gymnasium. November 19, 2001 will see three games played in the new facility, the first ever.

It will be a full basketball night beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the Lady Rebel Freshman in the old gym and the Lady Rebel JV in the new gym. The JV boys will follow the Freshman girls in the old gym while the Varsity girls and boys will follow in the new gym. The teams will be host to Quitman

girls and Fruitvale boys.

To keep everyone on their toes and the road busy between Rivercrest and Talco, the Rivercrest Lady Rebel 7th and 8th grades and Rebel 7th and 8th grades will host North Hopkins in the Talco gym on the same night beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend any or as many of the 9 games as possible and to especially try to attend the Rivercrest High School Gymnasium "Grand Opening". Good Luck Lady Rebels and Rebels!!!



TRICK OR TREAT-give me something good to eat.. And they did, at the Talco Guaranty Bank Wednesday morning. The Rivercrest Elementary Pre-K and Kindergarten students are pictured with their goodies after visiting at the bank. The first through third grade students also visited during the day at the bank for treats making it a Happy Halloween for all. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Parents night to be held Nov. 9

The Rivercrest Rebels will play their final football game of the 2001-2002 season at Rivercrest on Friday, November 9.

Prior to the game at 7:00 p.m. the team will honor their parents. All parents are urged to be at the game early for this special event in both their and their students lives.

It has been a hard season for the Rebels but their spirit has not been broken and will be taken on to the basketball court next week. The Rebels will meet Chisum in this final game of the year and everyone is encouraged to come out and support our local boys. Go Rebels!!!

Shot Clinic to be held Nov. 15

A flu and pneumonia shot clinic will be held at Rivercrest Elementary on November 15, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m. through 2:30 p.m.

Flu shots only will be \$5.00 each and Pneumonia shots only will be \$10.00 each.

Young children, adults and especially older adults or those with medical risk should be protected through vaccination. For more information call the school at 903-632-5214.

Do Not Forget Those Fighting For Our Freedom Right Now! Honor ALL Veterans and Their Dedication

Maple Springs Church to host fall festival November 10

The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual fall festival on November 10, 2001 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will be served and games of vari-

ous types will be held for the youth..

There will also be a silent pie and cake auction. Everyone is invited to come share the fellowship and fun of the evening.

Talco Historical Museum to host bar-b-que lunch/bake sale

The Talco Historical Museum will host a bar-b-que lunch/bake sale fund-raiser on November 9, 2001 in front of the Talco Post Office.

The bake sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. and serving for the lunches will begin at 10:00 a.m. The meal will include bar-b-que brisket or chicken, potato salad, beans and bread and will cost \$5.00 per plate. To place to go orders early call Jane Holmes at 379-3861; Grace

Herron at 379-3382 or Karen Jones at 379-2083.

All proceeds from the event will go to purchase frames for photos, make reprints and finish work on two more rooms at the museum.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by and visit the museum holding Talco's history. Museum hours are: Friday's-9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Saturday's-1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Display cases donated to museum, Veterans Display set up

Yet another generous donation has been made to help the Bogata library and Museum. Mary Joplin, a native of Bogata, has donated four lighted, mirrored display cases.

One of the cases has been used to highlight some of the things in the Veterans Room at the Museum. With Veteran's Day this Sunday, it might be a great time to go by, see the articles and memorabilia and generally spend a little time in appreciation of those who

have served their country.

Mary is employed by Belk as an Area Sales Manager at the Greenville store. The store recently updated the cosmetics counters and no longer needed the counters. Mary attended schools at Bogata and has lived here all of her life until moving to Greenville a few months ago. Her parents, Fred and Audrey Rodgers were lifelong residents of Bogata. She has two sons, Shane Joplin of Clarksville and Clifton Joplin of Copperas Cover.

Bogata VFW unable to set flags

Due to the recent conflict the Bogata VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will be unable to get flags to set on local veteran's graves this year.

The group have made it a tradition to set the flags for many years now and are greatly disap-

First Assembly of God Homecoming set for Nov. 10-11

The Bogata First Assembly of God Church will celebrate "Homecoming" November 10-11, 2001.

Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. will be a singing with "The Gospel Chimes" and other church home folks. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Sunday morning service will

begin at 10:30 a.m. with praise and worship. Pastor Sherrill will bring the message.

Everyone is invited to attend. Letters of invitation will not be sent out this year, so, everyone is encouraged to spread the word and come be a part of these special services with Pastor Sherrill and the congregation.

Thanksgiving supper to be held at Red River Healthcare

Red River Healthcare will sponsor a Thanksgiving supper for all their residents and their families on Thursday, November 15, 2001. The meal will begin at 6:00

p.m. All resident's family members are invited and urged to attend and share this special meal with their loved ones.

Miss Texas to be in Paris

Stacy James, Miss Texas 2001 will be in Paris Thursday, November 8 to begin a series of appearances at area schools. Sponsored by Project SAVE, Miss Texas will promote the Texas Cares for Children program as part of the SAVE mentoring program.

She is a 22 year old honor graduate of Baylor University with a degree in political science. Following her year as Miss Texas, she plans to attend law school at the

University of Arkansas.

She will be at Prairiland High School at 10:15 a.m., November 13 and Deport Elementary at 1 p.m. She will be at Detroit at 9 a.m. on November 16.

Project SAVE is a grant program of the Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business and Industry. This is the fourth year Miss Texas has appeared at area schools as a guest of Project SAVE.

pointed that it will not be possible this year. The flags are simply not available even though a serious effort has been made to get them. The groups appreciate your understanding and regret being able to bestow the honor this year.

Editor's Quotes

Watch your thoughts, they become words..
Watch your words, they become actions.
Watch your actions, they become habits.
Watch your character becomes your destiny.
Frank outlaw

Items for Red River County Elderly needed

The Lennox Health Resource Center is in need of help.

The Red River County Elderly are in need of a variety of items. All donations will aid the elderly in Red River County.

Please make sure items are clean prior to donating.

The list includes: men's Work Coats, Gloves, Socks, ladies Sweaters (button front), Scarfs, Gloves, Blankets, Candles, Flash light w/batteries, Laundry Soap, Bath Soap, Shampoo, Powder, Canned Goods, Non-Perishable items, Ensure.

Cash donation can also be accepted. Please call for further information: Laurie Pryor 428-8500.

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc. reports third quarter results

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc., the parent company of Guaranty Bank, announced that year to date earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 are \$2.3 million, up 28.5%, consolidated assets are approximately \$445.0 million, up 8.3%, loans are approximately \$318.3 million, up 12.7%, and deposits reached approximately \$376.0 million, up 6.0% compared to the same period in 2000.

Third quarter earnings for the three months ended September 30 were \$819,000 which represents a \$278,000 or 51.1% increase over earnings during the third quarter 2000. Earnings per share, basic and dilutive, were \$0.27 for the third quarter 2001 compared to \$0.18 for the same quarter 2000.

Net interest income for the third

quarter was \$3.5 million, an increase of 20.4% over the third quarter in 2000.

Non-interest income increased \$254,000 or 25.6% for the quarter. Non-interest expense increased to \$3.3 million from \$3.09 million for the same quarter 2000.

Loans, net of unearned discount, increased \$35.9 million or 12.7%.

Total common shareholders' equity was \$31.7 million, an increase of \$3.3 million from the same period a year ago.

The company recorded a return on assets of 0.75% and a return on equity of 10.43% for the quarter ended September 30, 2001 compared to 0.54% and 7.68% respectively for the same period in 2000.

Bogata Methodist Church Bazaar to be November 10

The annual Bazaar of the Bogata Methodist Church will be Saturday, November 10, 2001.

Many beautiful and useful items will be for sale. The prize quilt is a queen size, whole cloth quilt (all ecru on ecru). Many of the women of the church have tickets for sale. The drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, following the bazaar.

The regular stew luncheon will

be available starting at 11:00 a.m. Jack Dodd and his grist mill will also be on hand with fresh yellow mill and fresh roasted peanuts. Mr. Dodd will be donating all proceeds from sales to the Methodist Women. Advertising flyers with more items listed will be in the local area soon. Everyone is invited to attend for a good lunch, to purchase some Christmas gifts and possibly win a beautiful quilt.

Supper/cake walk to benefit Kenneth Sheffield

A spaghetti supper and cake walk will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2001 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Cuthand United Methodist Church with all proceeds going to Kenneth Sheffield.

Mr. Sheffield has been very ill and funds raised will help the family with various expenses.

The cost of the meal will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. For more information call: Linda Eilers at 903-632-4530, Doris Belcher at 903-632-5673 or Peggy Burge at 903-632-5376. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Since the weather is cooler appetites seems to reve up in high gear and want something maybe a little different from the usual fare of sandwiches and hamburgers. So, on those chilly days and cold nights, gather your family or friends around and enjoy a casual afternoon of watching football, playing games or just some movies. Serve plenty of satisfying comfort foods for a cozy get-together that your guest are sure to enjoy!

Try some of the following recipes in advance to ensure you have time to enjoy your company along with your family members. Hope you enjoy some of these and we

will see you in the kitchen!
Hot 'n Spicy Chicken Wings-this hearty appetizer is an inviting start to a memorable meal!
Enchilada Casserole-this dish can satisfy any guest or family member!
Apple Harvest Oatmeal Cake-this cake adds a perfect ending to a delicious meal!
Best Oatmeal Cookies-moist and delicious and so gooooood!
Apricot-Oatmeal Bars-just right for that after-dinner snack or lunch bag!
Dinner Casserole-this was sent in by one of our faithful readers, Faye Guest, and states that it makes a good dinner meal!

Thursday, November 8

Hot 'n Spicy Chicken Wings
1-1/2 cups 3 Minute Quick or Old Fashioned oatmeal
2 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 egg whites
3 tablespoons hot pepper sauce
1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast-cut in strips
1/4 cup fat free ranch dressing-optional
Set oven to broil. Coat pan with non-stick spray. Combine oats, paprika, garlic powder and salt in blender or food processor for one minute. Pour into shallow dish; set aside. Combine egg whites and hot pepper sauce; mix well. Roll chicken in oat mixture. dip into egg mixture, then oat mixture again. Place on prepared pan. Spray top of coated chicken evenly with non-stick spray. Broil 4-5 inches from heat source for 6-8 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with dressing.

Enchilada Casserole
1 pound ground chuck
1 medium onion-chopped
1 cup 3-Minute Brand Oats
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2-14 ounce or 3-10 ounce cans enchilada sauce
4-1/2 ounce can chili peppers-chopped and undrained
3/4 cup water
8-8 inch flour tortillas-cut in strips
2 cups shredded Cheddar/Monterey Jack cheese
In deep skillet, saute beef and onions until meat is lightly browned; drain. Stir in oats, chili powder, chilis and water; bring to boil. Spread layer of meat mixture over bottom of 9x13 baking dish. Layer half of tortillas, half of remaining meat mixture and half of cheese. Continue layering until complete. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes until hot and bubbling. Remove foil and top with remaining cheese and continue to bake 5-10 minutes until cheese is melted.

Apple Harvest Oatmeal Cake
1-1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup 3 Minute Brand Oats
1 cup all purpose flour
3 eggs
3/4 cup margarine or butter
1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 cups chopped peeled apples finely chopped
1/2 cup walnuts
Frosting:
2 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup margarine
5 teaspoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
In large mixing bowl combine sugar, oats, flour, eggs, margarine,

cinnamon, vanilla, salt, baking powder and soda; beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Stir in apples and nuts. Pour into lightly greased 9x13x2 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes; cool completely. Frosting: in small bowl combine all ingredients and mix until smooth and creamy; spread over cake.
Best Oatmeal Cookies
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup margarine
1/4 cup vegetable shortening
2 eggs
3 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2-1/2 cups 3-Minute Brand Oats
2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups salt
2 teaspoons dried cranberries or butterscotch chips-optional
1 cup chopped pecans
Beat sugars, margarine and shortening until creamy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; mix well. In separate bowl combine oats, flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Add margarine mixture; stir well. Stir in cranberries and pecans. Chill dough one hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drop by rounded teaspoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Let stand five minutes before removing from racks. Makes 5 dozen.

Apricot-Oatmeal Bars
1-1/2 cups dried chopped apricots
1-1/2 cup apricot nectar
1-1/2 cup oats
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cook apricots and nectar for thirty minutes or until nectar has evaporated and absorbed into apricots. Remove and cool. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 9 inch pan with foil and spray lightly. In large bowl stir together oats, flour and salt; set aside. In another bowl, cream together butter and sugar with wooden spoon. Stir in vanilla. Gradually beat into oat-flour mixture. Firmly press all but 1 cup into prepared pan. Spread evenly and top with reserved oat-mixture. Bake 35-40 minutes until lightly brown. Cool completely and remove from pan.

Dinner Casserole
Faye Guest Davidson
1 pound ground beef
1 package Uncle Ben's Rice and Dressing
1 can mixed vegetables-do not drain
1 large onion
1 can mushroom soup
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour into casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees until bubbly. Top with grated cheese if desired.

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Mable Manning dies October 21

Mable Manning, age 85, of Cisco, died Sunday, October 21. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Ferguson officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Manning was born October 10, 1916 in Cunningham, to Lee and Ethel Sampson Sugg. She married William Travis Manning on October 3, 1936 in Cisco. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cisco Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include a son, Travis Manning of Cisco; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



JoDelle Cooper

Mrs. JoDelle Cooper dies November 3

Mrs. JoDelle Cooper, age 67 of Cunningham, died Saturday, November 3 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital, South Campus. Wood Funeral Homes conducted funeral services Wednesday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cunningham Methodist Church with the Rev. Tony Corso and the Rev. Ted Willis officiating. Burial followed in Restland Cemetery.

She was born September 9, 1934 in Red River County, the daughter of Joe Lee and Edna Mae Franks Betterton. On July 11, 1953, she married W.A. Cooper in Yuma, AZ. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the Cunningham Methodist Church, had worked for the Cunningham School as School Secretary, Germania Insurance Company and Wesco Trucking.

She is survived by her husband, W.A. (Bush) Cooper of Cunningham; four children, Anaya Phillips of the Lone Star community, Ricky Cooper and wife Kaye of Pattonville, Nikki Jo Smith and husband Andrew of Oroville, CA and William Deryl Cooper and wife Jennifer of Sacramento, CA; seven grandchildren, Lindy Jo Phillips and Bonnie Sue Phillips of Lone Star, Ryan Ray Cooper and Khimen K'Lene Cooper of Pattonville, Jacob Ray Smith, Nathan William Smith and Michael Andrew Smith of Oroville, CA; one brother, Boyd Betterton and wife June of Jacksonville, FL.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Britt Phillips in December, 2000.

Card of Thanks

The Doris Branch Glover family would like to express appreciation to everyone that kept us in your thoughts and prayers, telephoned, mailed a card, sent flowers, brought food, attended visitation and the funeral, or made a memorial donation. Special thanks to the Methodist Ladies providing the family lunch after the service and Dr. Ganguly, South Hall nurses, and ETMC ICU nurses for the excellent care provided and your concern for her family members also.

Jim & Barbara Branch
Rita Beth & Lyndon
(Pinky) Reed
and Families

Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the love and support shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Also the food, prayers, cards, visits, calls and other sentiments shown to our family. May God bless.

The family of Hershel Shands
Minnie Lee Shands
Jerry and Linda Farris
David and Linda Hicks
Tracy and Todd Denney

Obituaries



Mrs. Patsy Ann Ward

Mrs. Patsy Ann Ward dies November 4

Mrs. Patsy Ann Ward, age 62 of Bogata died Sunday, November 4 in Wadley Hospital in Texarkana.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 7 in First Baptist Church of Bogata with Rev. Blake Dunagan and Rev. Donnie Sherrill officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ward was born August 28, 1939 in Rugby, the daughter of Marvin Holmes (Jack) Franklin and Edith Lavelle (Duga) Ragsdale Franklin. She married Rufus Ward Jr. on December 2, 1955 in Bogata.

She is survived by her husband, Rufus Ward, Jr. of Bogata; her mother, Edith Franklin of Paris; two daughters, Carla Allen and her husband James of Arlington and Dana Ward of Deluth, GA; a son, Steven Ward and his wife Anita of Arlington; two brothers, Jack Franklin and his wife, Nettie of Garland and Ricky Franklin and his wife Mary Ann of Paris and four grandchildren. Her father, Jack Franklin, preceded her in death in 1992.

The family requests memorials be made to Alzheimer's Association, 4082 Summerhill Square, Texarkana, TX 75503 or the Lamar County Humane Association, P.O. Box 8, Paris, TX.



Bonnie Elizabeth Wright

Bonnie Elizabeth Wright dies November 1

Bonnie Elizabeth Wright, age 78 of Lamar Point, died at her residence on Thursday, November 1, 2001. Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services on Saturday, November 3, 2001 in Highland Cemetery at 11:00 A.M.

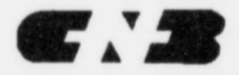
She was born on August 22, 1923 in Blossom, Texas, the daughter of George H. and Rena Williams Wright. On October 31, 1936, she married Jim Wright. He died in 1956—she was also preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Bennett. She had worked in several different careers, the most notable of which was Prison Ministry from her home and in her later years was a Home Health Provider.

She is survived by three sisters, Betty Phifer of Detroit, Jo Ann Hurley of Paris, and Edna Earl Gold of Carthage; a brother, Charles Rollins of Deport; three nieces, Sharon Anderson, Angie Adams, and Carla Fletcher; three nephews, Ricky Bennett, Mike Bennett, and Carl Rollins; several great-nieces and great-nephews.



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Genealogical society to meet

The Red River County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, November 12 at 7:30 at the Red River County Library.

Speaker for the meeting will be Mrs. Pat Hamilton of Mt. Vernon, whose subject will be Deed Abstract research.

All persons interested are invited to attend.

Bereaved Support group to meet

Louise Stuart will speak at the November 12 meeting of the Bereaved parents Support Group at 7 p.m. Her topic will be "Strategies for coping with the holidays".

The group meets the second Monday of each month at 635 Clarksville St. in Paris.

An open invitation is extended to everyone.



Bogata V.F.W. News

* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

*The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

*The VFW will host a lunch to celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11, 2001 beginning at 12:00 noon. Fish and all the trimmings will be served and everyone is invited to attend for good food and fellowship.

*Happy Birthday to Ethan McCleandon and Amos Spencer.
*Get Well Wishes are sent to Ressie Crow.



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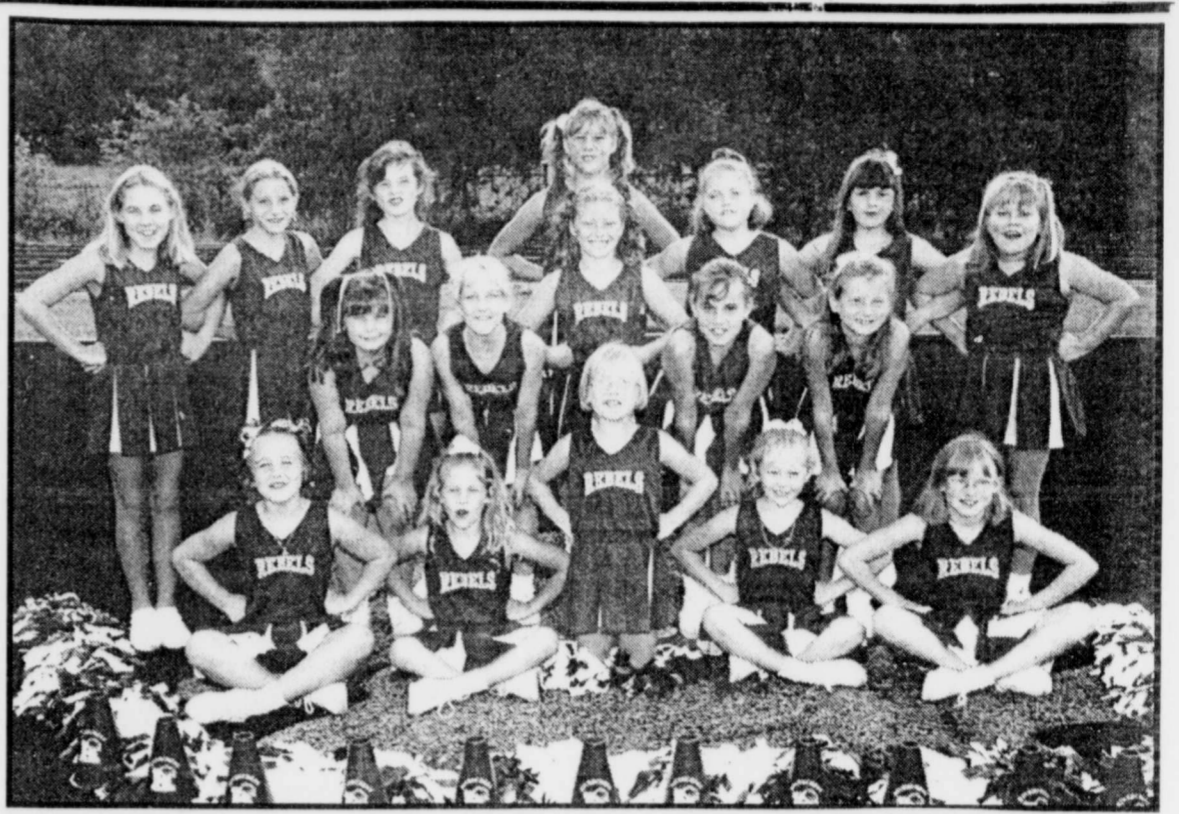
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REBEL PEP SQUAD-The Rivercrest Junior High students have formed a Pep Squad to help the cheerleaders out at home games. The girls are pictured with the Rebel Junior High Cheerleaders and sponsor, Becky Carlisle. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



PEE WEE FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS-for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade Rebels are; (back from the left) Kelsey Franks, Brandi Via, Haley Steen, Jessica Jessee, Lacey Bryan, Kelsie Thompson and Darian Smith; (middle from the left) Taylor Stafford, Taylor Landreth, Alison Mauldin, Ashley Stinson and Amber Via and (front from the left) Camen Calvin, Kacie Branch, Amber Whitney, Haley Strunc and Jerica White. Serving as team moms for the group are Lori Franks, Donna Jessee, Judy Sloan and Chasity Francis. Team sponsor is Sandra Mauldin.



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE-Rivercrest Rebel Pee Wee Football Cheerleaders are; (back from the left) Tara Raulston, Katelyn Van Deaver, Kalya Birchfield (top) Niki Lewis, Jillian Sloan, Lauren Mauldin and Emily McCuller; (middle from the left) Billy Ray Reeves, Renee Asagaba, Jessica Bassett and Tara Ussery and (front from the left) April Mankins and Kayla Whitney and (center) Kaimbri White. Not pictured is Emily Rector. Serving as team moms are Chasity Francis, Judy Sloan, Donna Jessee and Lori Franks. Team sponsor is Sandra Mauldin.

Lady Rebels compete well at Regionals

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Cross Country team traveled to the Region III class 2A Cross Country Championships this past

weekend. Of 20 teams the Lady Rebs finished 15th with a score of 343. Chisum's Lady Mustangs from our district just surpassed

the Lady Rebels with a 341 score.

Lady Rebel places and times were as follows: Charla Hines-27th-14:28; Stephanie Williams-54th-15:16; Erica Williams-79th-16:13; Danielle Easterling-87th-16:27; Jill Shirley-96th-16:43; Rachel Case-98th-16:52 and Tina Carder-111th-17:39.

Coach Debbie Williams was very proud of this year's team and the effort they made at each meet.



CAUGHT IN THE BACKFIELD-Brandon Davis and Heath Hinton combined to stop this Hughes Springs Mustang in Friday's game at RHS which was a trick for the Rebel team. Hughes Springs speed worked on the Rebels throughout the game helping to give them a 51-14 win over the Rebels. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Scrimmage games Nov. 10

On Saturday, November 10, 2001 the Lady Rebels will play a scrimmage game at 10:00 a.m.

In the afternoon the Rebels will play a scrimmage game at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and preview this year's teams.



Good Luck Teams!

The following businesses extend the best of luck to area school sports teams this year!



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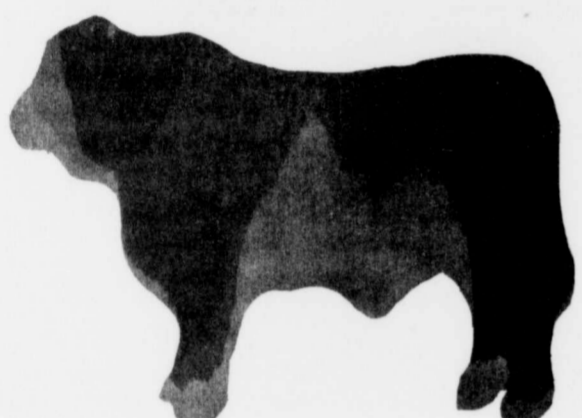
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6 POINT-Ty Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Brown of Talco, bagged this six point buck Sunday morning on a private lease. This is the second year for Ty to fill his tag with this year's kill being larger than last year's. Ty is a fifth grade student at Rivercrest Elementary. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Randy Joe Corbell to speak at conference

The Texas Association of Alternative Education announced recently that Randy Joe Corbell, administrator and senior instructor of the REACH Diploma Program at Tyler Junior College, will be presenting "Curricula Assessment: Learning by Testing", at the TAAE 2002 Conference at Houston in February.

Mr. Corbell's innovative ideas in the subject have sparked statewide renovations toward developing alternative education curricula. His lecture will examine writing skills used to assess

student's knowledge in a subject area while effectively continuing the learning process.

The REACH Diploma Program serves students who are at risk of dropping out of high school or may otherwise not receive their diploma. REACH, now in its seventh year, is sponsored through contracts by Tyler Junior College and Whitehouse and Bullard Independent School Districts.

Randy Joe is a Rivercrest High School graduate and the son of Tommy and Glenda Corbell of Bogata.



Randy Joe Corbell

Rivercrest PIPS practice Nov. 11

The Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress) are ready to begin their new season its time to practice for performances.

The group will meet Sunday, November 11 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Rivercrest gym to start another year.

Sponsors remind members, the gym floor has been refinished and members must bring clean shoes in order to participate. For more information contact Lori Franks at 903-379-9430.

Music Festival set for Nov. 9-11

The NE Texas Americana Music Festival, a non-profit organization benefiting Winnboro, Texas, will host a three day festival November 9-10-11, 2001 in Winnboro at the City Park. There will be RV and tent camping facilities for the three day event.

There will be some top name entertainers on hand including Janie Fricke, Gene Watson and Dan Seals and many many more outstanding bands and singers with music ranging from gospel to country. The event is being produced by Richard Foster and Randy Lindsey.

Among the featured bands and singers will be Next To Kin, Bogata's own Wendall Davis' band. Wendall invites everyone to come and enjoy the music from each performer at the event.

To purchase tickets or reserve RV or camping space visit www.americanmusicfest.com or call 903-342-0263, toll free-866-342-0263.

 Every effort must be made in childhood to teach the young to use their own minds. For one thing is sure: If they don't make up their own minds, someone will do it for them.

—Eleanor Roosevelt



RIVERCREST JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS-for the 2001-2002 year are; (back from the left) Crystal, Horvton, Whitney and Baillie Spencer; (middle from the left) Lauren Beers, Alex Wright, Kirby Needham and Cortney Merchant and (front) Mandy Crawford. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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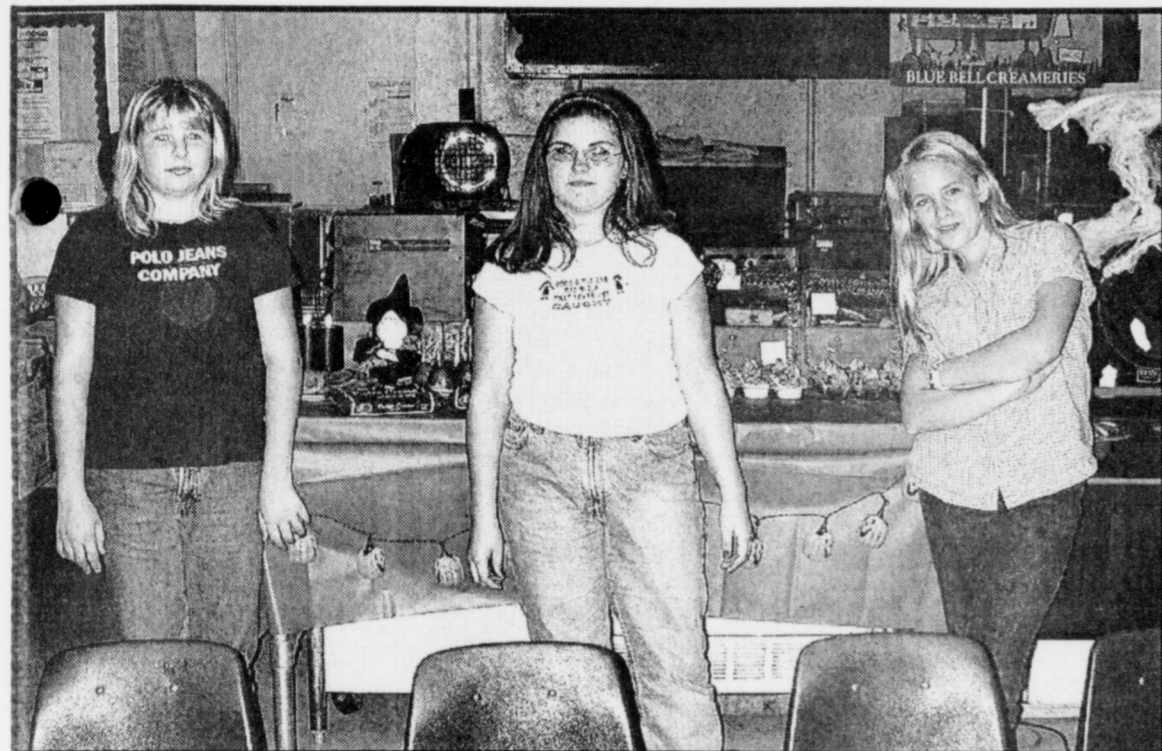
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THE SERVING LINE-was busy at the Rivercrest PTO Dinner held October 21, 2001. The fund-raiser was to help the group purchase more playground equipment. Around 400 people were served and approximately \$1,500 was raised. Everyone who helped, donated and attended are appreciated. Serving from the left are; Linda Brown, Chasity Francis, Stephanie Wright, Lori Franks and Sandra Stockton.



PLENTY OF SNACKS-and refreshments were served at the Rivercrest Junior High Student Council Dance held Saturday night at the Talco School cafeteria. These young ladies were busy looking at all the decorations and refreshments before the dancing started. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Rivercrest Schools
Menus
Nov. 12-16**

MONDAY
Breakfast
Donuts
assorted cereals
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Pizza
corn
salad
fruit
milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast
Blueberry muffins
assorted cereals
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
BBQ franks
mashed potatoes
pork & beans
bread
milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast
assorted cereals
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken & dressing w/gravy
mashed potatoes
green beans
fruit salad
bread
milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast
pancakes w/syrup
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn chip pie
beans
salad
fruit
milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast
Assorted cereals
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Hamburgers
burger salad
beans
chips
ice cream
milk

**Easley's to
host open house**

Craig, Tiffany and Callie Easley will host an "Open House" at their new home in Talco November 17, 2001 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a bar-b-que lunch. The couple invite all their family and friends to join them and see their new home located just off CR 1910 (old Greenhill Rd. south of Meadows Curve) this side of White Oak River. The couple request that your attendance be your only gift.

**Historical marker to be
dedicated November 17**

The public is invited to attend the dedication of the Texas Historical Marker honoring Dallas Police officer J.D. Tippit, a native of Red River County, who was slain in the line of duty on November 22, 1963, while on alert for the assassin of President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated earlier on the same day in Dallas. The ceremony will be held Saturday, November 17 at 3 p.m.

Speaker will be Dale K. Myers, who is a 25 year veteran of radio and television. He is a recognized expert on the JFK assassination and is an author, producer, director and historian.

Location of the historical marker is State Highway 37, six miles southwest of Clarksville near the location of Officer Tippit's boyhood home.

**Tuli Association
Field Day Nov. 8**

The North American Tuli Association will sponsor a "Field Day" November 8, 2001 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Shelby Tuli Ranch in DeKalb, Texas.

Special guests speaker will be Susan Combs, Commissioner of Agriculture and featured speakers will be Dr. R.D. Randal and Dr. J.W. Holloway of the Texas A & M Agriculture Research Center.

Lunch will be provided, Tuli burgers, and cattle will be on display. Everyone interested in the Tuli breed of cattle are invited to come out and learn more about them. The Shelby Tuli Ranch is located 8 miles west of DeKalb, Tx. on FM 1701. Signs will be posted to help visitors find the way. For more information contact: Tony Shumake-903-278-3833; Ray Record-979-255-4111; Ken Dickson-214-505-1403 or Jay Garrett-512-626-0208.

Basketball season begins

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels and Rebels have begun and will begin their 2001/2002 basketball season. The Lady Rebels JV and Varsity started off tough on Tuesday, Nov. 6 traveling to Cooper for scrimmage play.

On November 13 the Lady Rebels will host Saltillo in the old gym beginning at 6:00 p.m.

On November 15, the Junior High Rebels will host Hughes

Springs in the old gym at Rivercrest beginning at 5:00 p.m. for their first game of the season, while the Lady Rebel Junior High will travel to Hughes Springs for their first game of the season.

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Happy November Birthday to: Craig Ingram, Cody Wolfe, Jimmy Via, Aly Anschutz and Jimmie Sue Simmons.

Jaden Brown of Paris visited with his grandparents, Eddie and Nancy Brown and aunt, uncle and cousin, Kim, Paul and Quinton Anderson Friday night while his parents, Jack and Jennifer Brown and Aunt Stormy Cox attended the Mt. Pleasant Tiger football game. On Sunday Jack, Jennifer and Jaden and Kim, Paul and Quinton had lunch and watched the Dallas Cowboy game with Eddie and Nancy. Sunday afternoon Nancy attended the wedding of Tommy Newman and Gina Easley at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club.

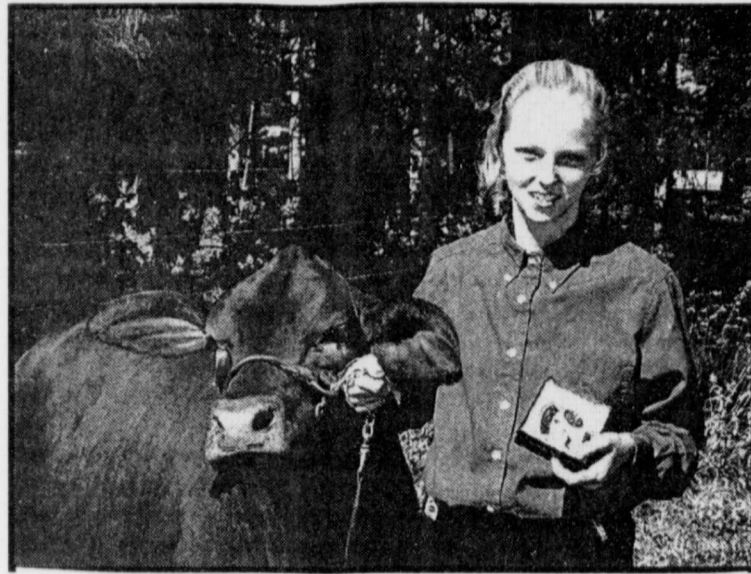
Happy November Anniversary to: Jerry and Rhonda Brown and

Carol and Bob White. Karen Jones, Evelyn Bowman and Guylene Hall enjoyed the Canton Trade Days Thursday.

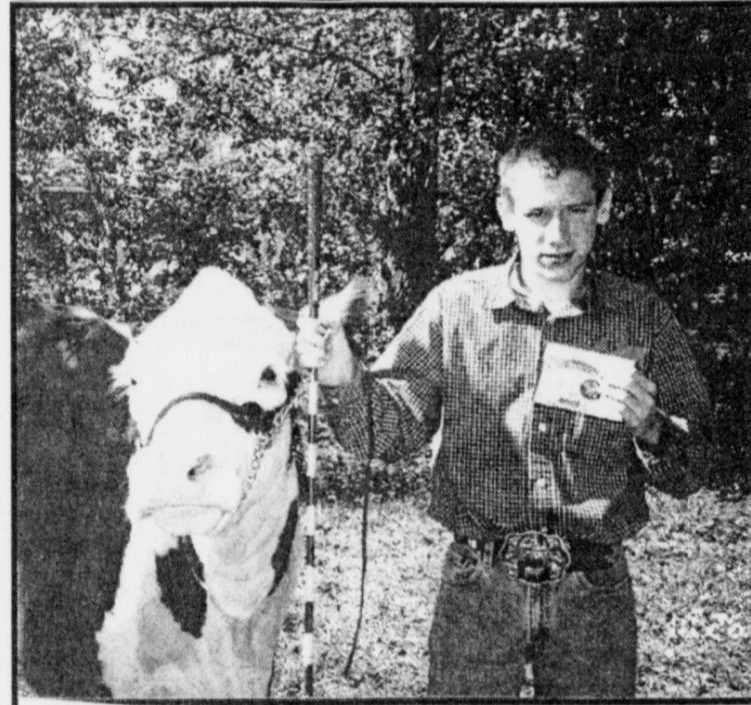
Paul and Kim Anderson enjoyed vacation time last week. On Thursday they, son Quinton and Ruby Anderson enjoyed shopping in Sulphur Springs. Friday they, Quinton, Anthony Hearn and Julie Kosharek shopped in Texarkana and Saturday they, Quinton, Anthony and Julie attended the Canton Trade Days.

Joy Easley attended the wedding of her niece, Gina Easley to Tommy Newman at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club Sunday afternoon.

Eddie Brown and Johnny Mears visited with Danny Cook Monday afternoon.



LILLIAN BAIRD-daughter of Ricky and Ferby Baird of Cuthand showed her Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Beefmaster heifer at the Sweet Potato Festival in Alba-Golden October 27, 2001. Lillian received a belt buckle and a plaque. She also showed at Van on November 3 and placed 4th with both her heifers. Lillian shows under Red River County 4-H.



JEFFREY ABERNATHY-son of Buddy and Cindy Abernathy of Bogata showed his Grand Champion Polled Hereford heifer at the Sweet Potato Festival in Alba-Golden October 7, 2001. He won a belt buckle and showmanship and received a plaque. On November 3, Jeffrey showed at Van and won Reserve Champion with his heifer and received another plaque. Jeffrey is a sophomore at Rivercrest High School and shows under the Rivercrest FFA.



IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT-Debbie English and Robin Smith were in the spirit of Halloween Wednesday at G & S Food Mart in Bogata. The two donned black and orange, the Halloween colors, to greet customers for the day leaving them with a smile as they left the store. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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for just a \$59 down payment then take delivery.* "It's that simple," said Mr. Blount. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Blount added.

Gober Merrell Auto Group will be fully staffed with sales and finance professionals to provide customers prompt, qual-

ity service and the bank's best finance terms possible. Mr. Blount said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so its possible we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

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"The opportunity Texas bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Saturday at Gober Merrell Auto Group. With qualified credit, every bank repo and other used vehicle is available for a \$59 down payment then take delivery.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Blount.

After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to 1-800-JOE-MACK. Gober Merrell Auto Group is located at 1230 S. Broadway in Sulphur Springs.

Council releases agenda

The Bogata City Council, that will meet Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center has released the agenda. Items to be discussed are as follows:

Hearing Joe Grizzle concerning unloading truck on Main Street; ordinance to prohibit keeping dangerous wild animals in the City of Bogata or to adopt a registration program for certain dangerous wild animals as required by the State of Texas; replacement for Jack Crane on the Red River Appraisal Board of Directors; increasing and/or requiring additional water meter deposit to cover final bill; engaging AMSC to collect old water bills; consideration

of three eligible individuals for possible appointments to Red River Appraisal Review board; resolution to adopt Section 504 grievance procedures and to designate mayor as Section 504 coordinator to receive and investigate complaints alleging discrimination by reason of disability; ordinance to allow City's former Texas Municipal Retirement System members to buy back credit in TMRS; approve/disapprove the quote from INSCO to relocate the flowmeter at the sewer plant at a cost of \$8,000; action concerning the condition of park restrooms.

In executive session, adoption of a controlled substance and alcohol abuse policy.

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LHRC needs your help

The Lennox Health Resource Center is in need of your help. The program has begun its "winter needs" drive for the elderly citizens of Red River County. The following items are needed and all donations will be distributed to Red River County senior citizens:

Men's work coats, gloves, socks, Ladies sweaters (button front), scarfs, gloves, blankets, candles, flash lights with batteries, laundry soap, bath soap, shampoo, powder, canned goods, non-perishable items and Ensure. Cash donations will also be accepted. All donations if used should be cleaned prior to donating.

Please help the grandparents and great grandparents of Red River County have a healthy, warm winter. Your donation will be appreciated. For more information contact Laurie Pryor at 903-428-8500.

4-H council meets

The Red river County 4-H Council met October 23 with Aimee Sandifeer calling the meeting to order.

Lillian Baird led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Micah Upchurch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lynn Golden presented the financial report. Kristi Smith won first place with her record book entered in Wildlife and Fisheries. She has been awarded the opportunity to

participate in National 4-H congress in Atlanta on November 23-27. The Winter Needs Drive will begin November 1 at the Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville.

Cuthand and Midway 4-H presented Club Reports.

The next quarterly meeting will be January 8, 2002. For information on how you can become involved in 4-H, call 427-3967.

Bogata Lions Club meet Nov. 1

The Bogata Lions Club met on November 1, 2001 with 20 members present. The pledge was led by past President, Danny Efaw and the meal was blessed by Lion Raymond Franklin. Lions Barbara and Bill White prepared the delicious meal.

Lion member and Bogata Postmaster, Danny Efaw brought a short program on the Postal Ser-

vice role with the current anthrax situation.

Lion members will be picking up their adopted section of the highway on November 17, 2001. Anyone wishing to help and enjoy the fellowship is encouraged to call Lion President, David Rozell for more details. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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November 8

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will meet at Rivercrest beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend.

November 9

Plan to get your lunch at the Talco Historical Museum bar-b-que beginning at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Talco Post Office. The group will also have a bake sale with lots of goodies to choose from.

November 9

"Parent Night" will be held at Rebel stadium prior to the final football game of the season at 7:00 p.m. at "The Swamp". The Rebels will host Chisum beginning at 7:30 p.m. Parents are urged to arrive early and the community is urged to come out and support the team.

November 14

Rivercrest schools will observe Grandparents Day on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. All parents, grandparents and guardians are invited to come and share lunch with their students. For lunch times check with your students teacher.

November 15

Plan to get your flu and pneumonia shots at the Rivercrest Shot Clinic on November 15, 2001 at Rivercrest Elementary School. The shot will be \$5.00 each for flu vaccine and \$10.00 each for pneumonia vaccine. The clinic will be held from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m. through 2:30 p.m. For more information contact the school at 903-632-5412.

November 17

Plan to attend a benefit supper in honor of Kenneth Sheffield beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Cut-hand United Methodist Church.

Bogata Locals

By Nancy Brown
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Robert Max Mauldin, formerly of Bogata, now lives with his daughter, Maxine in Rowlett, Texas will be celebrating his 105th birthday on November 14, 2001. Mr. Mauldin was born November 14, 1896 in Cuthand, Texas. Happy 105th, Mr. Mauldin!!

Visiting during the weekend with Dixie Stringfellow were Vicki Tabb, Kenneth York, Danny Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Michael Tabb and Felina White.

Buddy Rogers and Ania Rust had dinner with Leon and Molee Huddleston Saturday.

Happy November Birthday to: Stacy Brooks Chappell, Darrin Higgins, Brandon Williams, Mel-

issa Merchant, Margaret Davis, Dalton Joplin, Dustin Gentry, Terrie Stringfellow Perez, Mark Stringfellow, John White, Billy Stringfellow, W.R. Stringfellow and Ellen Stringfellow.

Happy November Anniversaries to: Jerry and Gerlyn Gray.

Mary Ellen Kain and Molee Huddleston spent the day in Texarkana shopping Monday.

Ray York of Abilene visited during the weekend with his dad, Ken York. Also visiting recently with Ken were M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd and Jackie Lynne Knight.

Visiting Zelma Mauldin and Phyllis Duffer Tuesday were Mike and Jill Hatfield and new arrival, Maddie of Garland.

"Health Alert"

to be held November 14, 2001

A "Health Alert" will be held November 14, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Red River Healthcare located at the junction of Hwy. 271 and Hwy. 37 in Bogata, Tx.

The program will be presented by Red River Healthcare and Lennox Health Resource Center and will be free to all adult citizens of Red River County regardless of age, sex or income.

Lamar Electric members sign up for board of directors

Lamar County Electric Cooperative Association will hold it's Annual membership meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Love Civic Center in Paris.

Districts Numbers 2, 3 and 4 will be open this year.

According to Bill Ross three people have so far qualified and filed to be on the ballot for the position of Board Directors.

They are: District 2 Allen Jumper. District 3, J.W. Smith; District 4, Billy Bratton.


Health Screening set at Red River Health Care

Red River Health Care and Lennox Health Resource Center will have a Health Screening on Wednesday, November 14 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be at Red River Health Care on Hwy. 271 east & hwy. 37 South in Bogata.



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RR County Community Resource Association to meet Successful migrant education programs honored

The Red River County Community Resource Association will meet on November 8, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Lennox Health Resource Center located at 114 North Walnut St. in Clarksville, Tx.

The guest speaker will be Darlena Shimpock, D.A.R.E. Officer. The group will also begin the "winter needs" drive for the senior citizens of Red River County.

These meetings are for all area agencies and organizations who cover Red River County and have an interest in the health and well being of county residents. There are no membership fees. The purpose of the Red River County Resource Association is to enhance the knowledge of each agency so that clients may be better served. For more information call: Laurie Pryor at 903-428-8500.

Rivercrest ISD has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating its migrant students.

TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected Rivercrest as a winner of the 2001-2002 Award given to school campuses and school districts that achieved academic success with their migrant students. Statewide, 121 school districts and 583 campuses are receiving this recognition.

The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses that strive to meet the unique needs of migrant children and their families and that help migrant students to meet high academic standards. There are approximately 126,000 migrant children in Texas.

Recipients of the Exceptional Campus Award will be presented with a plaque at the 2001 Texas Migrant Education Conference during a special luncheon in their honor. Recipients in all other categories will be recognized in the awards luncheon program. The 2001 Texas Migrant Education Conference will take place at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, Texas, on November 7-9, 2001.

In order to receive the district award, school districts had to at-

tain a migrant student passing rate of at least 80% in each subject area (reading, writing and math) in Spring 2001 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), and have a migrant student dropout rate of 5.5% or less. The 121 district winners were divided into four categories based on number of migrant students enrolled.

Campus winners were ranked within the four categories of Exceptional, Excelling, Promising and Acknowledged bases upon migrant student performance on the TAAS and migrant student dropout rate. Statewide, 48 campuses were distinguished as exceptional, 175 campuses as excellent, 188 campuses as Promising and 172 campuses as Acknowledged.

Each year the Migrant State Conference Planning Committee discusses and selects the criteria for district and campus awards. The committee includes state, regional and district migrant educators.

Rivercrest ISD received a Certificate of Commendation for attaining at least an 80% migrant student passing rate on TAAS and attaining a dropout rate of 5.5% or less in the category of 5 to 99 migrant students.

Red River Healthcare

Visitors with Red River Healthcare residents recently were:

Resident Gladys Tucker-Nelda Maynard, Erica Tucker and Ashlen and Clifton Tucker.

Resident Stasha Hume-Weldon Hume and Paul Hume.

Resident Francis Stevens-Dorothy Jones and Christelle Cato.

Resident Nina Hudson-Dorothy Jones.

Resident Vivian Fail-Mary Ann Clancy, Barney Tate, Ronnie and Marilyn Presley.

Resident Kathryn Presley- Jim Presley, Pat Smith, Mary Ann Clancy, Lynn and Ann Fail, Ronnie and Marilyn Presley.

Resident Eleanor Foxworthy-Betty Foxworthy.

Resident Carl Burns-Billie Lewis, Shirley Smith, Gail McKinney and Bob Guess.

Resident Billie Hancock-Sandra Benson, Gail McKinney, Shirley Smith, Jay Hancock, Alicia Gibson, Randy Hancock, Bob Guess and Billie Lewis.

Resident Geraldine Ogg-Loydene DeBerry and Brandy Brown.

Resident Willie Mae Topping-Merle Hughes and Esther Tillman, Kay and Misti Silman, James D., Andy Watts, Carrine Alford, Lu-

cille Pettit, Norris Phipps, Alan, Jason and Debbie, Marice, Mandy and Carmen.

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Resident Kathryn Claypool-Wilma Weddle.

Resident Vernona Young-Erica McDonald.

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Resident Lucille Morgan-Lois McRae.

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Alexander Graham Bell

USDA has funding for families

The USDA Rural Development through its Rural Housing Service, provides loans to low and very low income rural families for the purchase or construction of modest, energy efficient homes. In addition, they work with lenders throughout the state to provide guaranteed loans and leveraged financing to low and moderate income families so that loans can be made available with no down payment requirement and minimal out of pocket expenses for closing cost.

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of some grant funds for applicants over 62 years of age.

The Mt. Pleasant headquarters of Rural Development serves ten counties in northeast Texas. Staff specialists are available to meet with local community groups, non-profits, lenders and Realtors, and government entities to discuss funding opportunities in USDA Rural Development's mission area.

For more information about the programs offered you may call Jacki Brown at the Mt. Pleasant Local Service Center at 903-572-9891 ext. 4, 1809 Ferguson Road, Suite E, Mt. Pleasant, Tx. USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity lender, Provider and Employer.



Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051



Show Your Pride

and Dick King had lunch with Harvey, Judy and Jimmie King. Friday night, Daune, Bobby, Harvey, Judy and Jimmie went to Sandy Creek for dinner.

Saturday, Dick King came and helped Harvey work on Jimmie's porch. Saturday night, Duane and Bobby, Jimmie and Judy, Dick, Jayne, Jeff King and friend Kyre, Kutchie, Traivs King and Ashley Morgan ate at the Elks Lodge.

Word was received of the death of former resident, Louise Thompson Gilbert of Mesquite. She

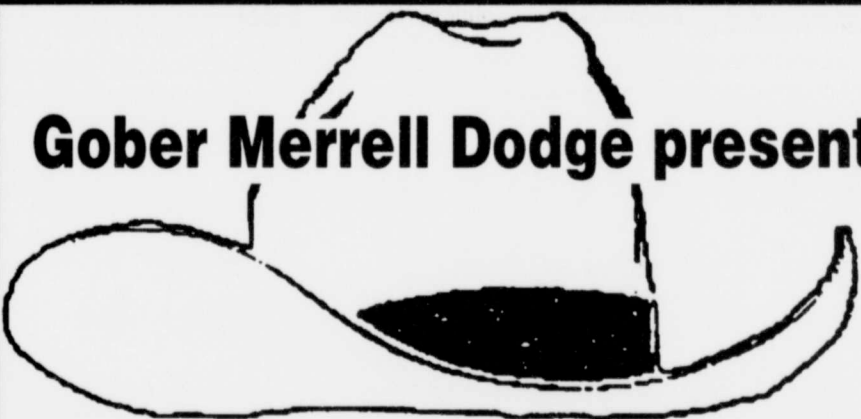
was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Thompson.

Lanna VanDeaver of Trinity visited during the weekend with her parents, Clovis and Katy VanDeaver. Clovis is a patient in a Paris hospital with pneumonia, hoping to be dismissed soon.

Our condolences to the Red Weaver family. His burial was Sunday in Highland Cemetery in Deport.

Karen Baker of Paris and friend Linda of Hugo, OK visited Betty Rodgers Saturday evening.

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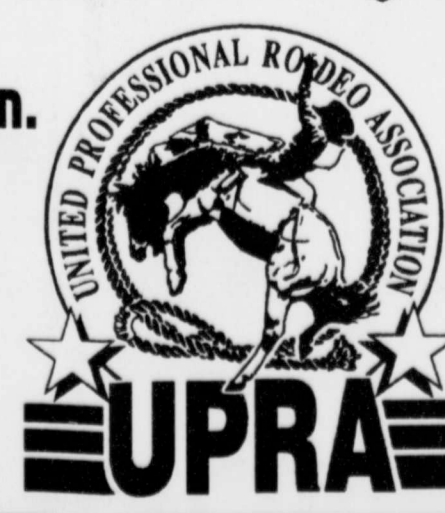


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Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

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All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sam Barnard and his twin sister, Sally Bernard Baldwin. The two celebrated their 80th year November 2, 2001. They are the children of the late George and Maggie Barnard and the grandchildren of the late Sam and Sally Harper of Talco and William and Frances Barnard of Deport.

People N' Things

Upcoming Events

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual "Christmas Parade of Homes" on December 6, 2001. Tickets will be \$20.00 and will include a candle-light meal and the tour. Call Donnie Lewis-632-5387 or Mary Lou Daniels-632-9948 for more information.

December 8

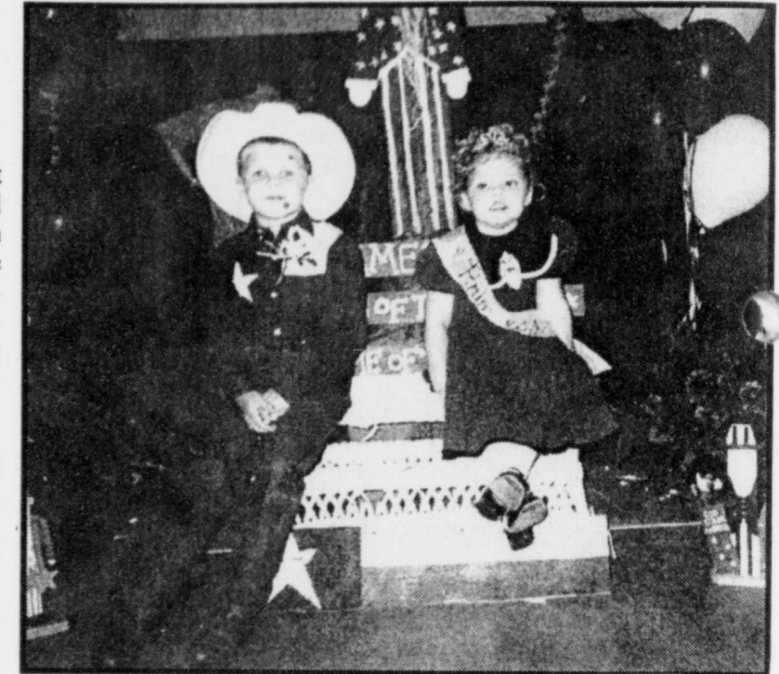
The Talco Baseball/Softball Inc. will sponsor the 2nd Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on December 8, 2001. Tickets will be \$20.00 and will include refreshments at each home and the tour. Homes to be visited will be announced at a later date. Call Marta Rhoades-379-5861 or 379-3491, Nancy Brown-379-4445 or 632-5322 or Patsy Smith-379-2970 for more information.

December 12

The annual Bogata Christmas Parade will be held December 12 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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The annual Talco Christmas Parade will be held December 13 beginning at 4:00 p.m.



Michael Ross Murphy and Katy Bridges

Detroit Kindergarten Queen and King

Katy Bridges and Michael Ross Murphy were chosen the Queen and King of their Kindergarten class at the Detroit School Harvest Festival held October 27, 2001.

Katy is the daughter of LeAnna Bridges of Detroit. She is the granddaughter of Richard and Kathy Watson of Detroit.

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What Is A Patriot? *Veteran's Day*

November 11 is Veteran's Day. The Stars and Stripes will wave from buildings and in front yards, definitely including mine. It seems to me a good time to think about our ideas of patriotism.

In my opinion, there's a lot more to patriotism than showing the flag, repeating the pledge of allegiance, honoring our heroes, and enjoying parades and holiday fireworks. These are worthy things to do, and we are expressing our patriotism when we do them. Let us proudly wave Old Glory, but without forgetting that for some of us "flag waving" may be an empty gesture.

Patriots, like other worthy people, are finally being judged by what they *do*, not just what they say. Here are some of the things that appeal to me as examples of patriotism in action.

Patriots demonstrate their loyalty to the American constitution by obeying the law, even when they disagree with it or find it burdensome. They answer any call to the colors, pay their taxes without cheating, and respect the rights of other citizens, whether they like them or not. (I promise that some day I'll become patriotic enough never to hurry through yellow lights at intersections!)

Patriots do their civic duties, even those duties that are not required by law and are sometimes regarded as mere privileges. We are *privileged* to take part in the political process that is our constitution at work, and in my book we are not being truly patriotic if we fail to do so. Not to vote in local, state and national elections is legal, but not very patriotic. I think real patriots register to vote, even when doing so exposes them to the risk that they will be called upon to support--patriotically--the American system of justice by serving on juries.

Patriots remember that "the government" is made up of citizens like ourselves, led by people we voted into office and can vote out. Our democracy is one of the attractions that has led millions of people to come here and take part in making ours the most powerful and imitated nation on earth. They remember that, for all its faults, our government is widely regarded as the best that has yet been tried, and that our constitution allows us to make it ever better.

Patriots are aware that, despite ups and downs and the warts that clearly remain, our system of government has never been more honest or more democratic than in the present generation. In a democratic society like ours, we can regret particular changes, but in my opinion we demonstrate our ignorance of history if we claim that it was better overall in "the good old days."

Patriots know that it is our government which has created and enforced the freedoms our heroes have risked and sometimes given their lives to preserve. It is our government whose laws and regulations, however much they cramp our style, have preserved the free enterprise system that has made us the richest society in history.

Patriots realize that while "the market" has given us more and better goods and services than anyone else has enjoyed, it does not provide education, health services and protection of the environment, nor assure basic human rights for us all, including the weakest and least provident of us.

And patriots keep in mind that to trash our government or to demonize those who differ from us and disagree with us is not patriotic behavior. If I am to call myself a patriot, I must accept the possibility that those who lack the good sense to agree with me today may in the end prove right. I must accept the fact that all of us are patriots who try to make our nation--our economy and our government--even better.

---John M. Howison

When I read this story on "What Is A Patriot" I didn't know who wrote it. but, after reading it, there just wasn't a better thing to use on our cover of this very special edition. When I came to the author's name, I was not surprised to find it was our good friend, John M. Howison. Howison is a Purple Heart Winner (he may kill me when he reads this), a World War II Veteran who was shot down, taken prisoner by the Germans, and subsequently has gone on to achieve many interesting and successful things in his life.

Interestingly, while working on the Veterans Edition we received an e-mail from him, from Bratislava, Slovak Republic. He and his family were re-visiting the site where he was shot down and taken prisoner. We haven't had a chance to hear about it since his return, but are looking forward to it!
Nanalee Nichols, Publisher



Dorothy Smith Rogers recalls days in Navy and since

By Nanalee Nichols

Dorothy Louise Smith was nineteen when she enlisted in the U.S. Navy Waves on November 12 of 1943. When asked why she did so she replies with a determined, dedicated gleam in her eye "because I really, really wanted to serve my country". She continues "the service was really good for me. In fact, I think everyone should be in the service. Not during war time necessarily, but for the discipline."

Dorothy is the only female member of the Deport American Legion Post, and is the District One Head of the Finance Committee.

Just out of high school she took some nurses training, but it was many years later before she completed that training.

Although she went into cooks and bakers school and boot camp, when she came out of boot camp they put her in ships service in Washington D.C.

"The boys would come back from overseas, they were so homesick, and often just sick", Dorothy says.

"They would break your hearts, those missing arms or legs. They all wanted ice cream, they were just starved for it" she recalls. She also recalls that for those boys if they wanted four dips of ice cream, four dips was what they got.

"We were in charge of ice cream, candy, cigarettes, planning

dances and all kinds of things" she remembers.

Dorothy says that when she left the service in November of 1945 she would have remained if she hadn't been so homesick.

She was born in Post, Texas, and admits Washington D.C. was a big change for a country girl!

She was in Times Square on VE day, on leave, and says it was the most exciting day of her life.

"Policemen would grab us up and hug us, because we were in the service" she says, "it was just amazing".

She says there was no problem being a woman in the service back then. She recalls one officer that wasn't very gung ho about us girls, but everyone else was great.

Right after she enlisted Bill Stamps was at the base and taught people to sight read music. Her first Christmas she was part of a choir singing carols, as thousands sang along with the tears streaming down their faces.

"We never went out on dates alone, it was always a double or triple date" Dorothy smiles. "There were three of us that finished boot together. Two of us could be sent to Hawaii or all three of us to Washington, so we all went to D.C."

In Washington they would often see the First Lady.

"Mrs. Roosevelt would look at you and smile and it was just so warm, so special. Every morning

that we saw her she would tell us 'good morning girls' and we would dip our heads" Dorothy remembers.

She remembers that she was apprehensive about Washington D.C. being bombed, because there really wasn't anywhere to go.

Dorothy married Jack Rogers December 6th in 1946, and they moved into this area in 1953.

She had a beauty shop in Blossom for 17 years, then finished nursing school.

"Nursing was the best thing I ever did, the most rewarding" she says.

Dorothy still works, and volunteers, and credits staying busy with helping her through the loss of her husband.

On Saturday she can be found at the Bonham VA hospital.

She sits with hospice patients, holding their hands, talking with them and generally being there for them.

"I love them and they love me" she smiles. "I don't think I would have been so readily accepted if I hadn't been a veteran, though".

Dorothy Louise Smith Rogers is a busy, attractive woman, who takes great pride in her service to her country...as she should. Looking into her smiling, good natured and empathic face, it's easy to see why a young veteran would see her as an angel with ice cream...or a dying veteran today would see her as an angel of companionship.

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kay (1946)

By Jack Dodd

This is a true short story about a Red River County boy in Philadelphia just after WWII.

The heavy cruiser, the USS Minneapolis, was my home for nearly two years in 1944 and 1945. The USS Minneapolis was in every major Pacific campaign during WWII, thank goodness the majority of them before I came aboard. We had just left the Philippines and were on the way to the China Sea when the USS Indianapolis, our sister ship, was sunk. Only two hundred and seventy-five men survived out of over 1,100 on board. She had delivered the two atom bombs that were exploded over two Japanese cities. A few days after the sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the bombs, the war ended. We were in the China Sea by that time.

After the surrender we went up the China coast accepting the Japanese surrenders. After about three months of mine sweeping we loaded 1,100 Marines of the 1st Division aboard our ship and headed for the States. Many of these Marines had not been home for three years or so, they were what we called "Asiatic." During this sixteen day trip home these Marines held competitions to see how many sailors each Marine could whip up on. Marines were everywhere. Sooner or later you got knocked around, most of the time for nothing. So for sixteen days from China to California the contest was on.

After a weekend in California and a trip to Texarkana to see my family we went through the Panama Canal and up the East Coast to Philadelphia. We were to decommission and mothball our ship. The Minnie was not too old, commissioned in 1932. After we mothballed the Minnie a bunch of us went over to the San Francisco, also a heavy cruiser. So here I was in Philadelphia for about six months until discharge. There were lots of night liberties and only \$52. a month. That is how I got to Philly and why.

My mother came from Avery, Texas went to North Texas Normal School in Denton and came to

Rosalie to teach school. Immediately she met Henry Dodd, the forty year old bachelor with a mother, a brother and eight sisters with him acting as head of household. Mother had grown up with a young man in Avery named Billy Williams. Mr. Williams sang in the Methodist choir and developed into a great singer for the big band era. After working with bands in California and New York, he settled with Sammy Kay and his orchestra. Mother told me during the Christmas Holidays that if I ever saw Sammy Kay to go see Billy Williams. Well, sure enough in Philadelphia they would have a movie then the band and then some acts would perform, then another movie and so on. I remember seeing Bo Jangles Robinson there on stage dancing, was he ever good. I noticed on liberty that Sammy Kay was playing the Astor. It took all I could muster up to go to the stage door and ask for Mr. Billy Williams. The guard at the door says, "Come in sailor," but Mr. Williams was not there yet since it was about thirty minutes until show time for the band. Mr. Kay saw me standing around and asked if I played gin. I said sure but not for money. Mr. Kay and I had about a twenty minute gin game.

Playing gin with Mr. Kay was fun, but I noticed something about the men as they came in. They all had on T-shirts, then they put on shirt cuffs, just the cuffs and then a bib with a bow tie. Then when they put on their coats they looked fully dressed up. Country boy learning new tricks. Now I had never met Mr. Williams so I did not know him from the others. Finally Mr. Kay said to get Billy down here, he has a visitor. This very nice looking man from Avery came up. I introduced myself and told him I was the oldest son of Birt and Henry Dodd of Rosalie. He stuck out his hand and said, "I've visited there at your farm twice." After pleasantries about my parents he told me to stick around and we would go eat together after the show.

I was going to listen to the band from backstage but Mr. Kay came over and told me to sit out front

and hold my hand up when he asked for volunteers to lead the orchestra. He also told me the left hand was for the orchestra to play loud. The right hand was for the beat of the band. Mr. Kay told me to hold the left hand high because the audience likes loud music and move the right hand fast for a fast beat. Sure enough about halfway through the band playing and Mr. Williams singing, Mr. Kay asked for volunteers to lead the band. Three service men were chosen, including me. I did as Mr. Kay had instructed me. After the three of us led the band, Mr. Kay held his hand over each one's head for the audiences' choice. I won the prize, a \$25. was bond-wonder what ever happened to that bond! After the band finished performing, I went to the backstage area to meet Mr. Williams. We went across the street and ate in a bar that served Italian sausage. That night in 1946 I saw my first pizza. Mr. Williams was easy to talk to, and after about an hour he had to go back. Just a few short minutes with a fellow Red River County friend of the family, but what an experience for a sailor that was ready to go home to see what the future held. Like someone once told me, if I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself.

When we retired here in 1988, I met an old timer from Avery, and I asked about Billy Williams. She said sure she knows him, and the last time she heard he was in nursing home in Marshall. Thank you, Mr. Williams. I have tried to be a friend to a young person in my day for your kindness toward me that evening in Philadelphia.

Sometimes I think some of us want to go back to those paradise days. Those days just after WWII and have a soda at the Devaney or Red Peyton Drugstore. We don't want to hear today about drugs, communism, Washington D.C. interns, etc. However, the soda fountain is long gone. Paradise wasn't self sufficient after all, and I believe the attitude and belief that it ever was is part of the reason it's gone. God Bless.



NAVY WAVE-Dorothy Smith Rogers stands atop the Empire State Building in New York City back during a leave she took while stationed in Washington D.C.



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From OKC to Blossom in a P-40

The following occurrence was related to me by my brother, John Robert Rodgers, some years after the war and is a part of his account of his experiences during WWII. John Robert is the son of the late Madge Carter Rodgers of Blossom and is a brother to Joe Rodgers of Blossom. He was in a replacement training unit at Will Rogers Field near Oklahoma City and was getting familiarization training in a P-40 "War Hawk" fighter aircraft. His story is as follows:

"At Will Rogers, our local flying area extended for two hundred miles around the airfield. Paris was two hundred and five miles away and I was determined to fly down there one day. That day was not long in coming. Several days later I reported to the flight line and found that I was scheduled for a familiarization flight; that is, no specific mission to accomplish, just fly the airplane and get to know it better. I taxied out to the end of the runway and began the run-up procedure. On the mag-neto check, there was an excessive RPM drop so I had no choice but to return to the flight line and write up the aircraft for the

discrepancy. After a wait of several hours while the spark plugs were changed, my P-40 was again released as being fit for flight.

After take-off, I headed south and about 45 minutes later arrived over Paris. After circling the town several times, I then flew to Blossom where I proceeded to buzz the place with all the enthusiasm in me. My pattern began at Uncle Robert's house (Robert Hill, who lived at the north end of N. Center St.) on the north edge of town, down the road, across the tracks, dodging the water tower and then a pull-up over Aunt Louise's house (Louise Clark, then postmaster at Blossom) on the south side of town. The pull-up was an abrupt steep climb with a wingover at the apex and reverse direction back to Uncle Robert's house. This was repeated four to five times, each time at tree top level. On finishing, I made a beeline back to Will Rogers Field and never even hinted of my escapade to anyone. I got the reaction to my stunt in the next mail. I think that Jane (Jane Rodgers Lyday, sister to John Robert) was down to Blossom at the time and she and Rachel Clark (Rachel Clark

Braswell) witnessed the whole thing. It seemed that about half the town was mad as h--- and the other half thought it was a good show. Luckily for me, those who were mad never guessed who it was and those who did guess liked the show and kept quiet about it. Cox Field at Reno was under construction at the time and sent some Army personnel house-to-house trying to find someone who may have noted my aircraft number. I sweated it out for the next two or three weeks." Note: Inserts in parenthesis are mine and are used to identify local residents of Blossom at that time. JNR

John Robert subsequently shipped out to the North African campaign and was shot down while making strafing runs on truck columns in a P-51 "Mustang". He was able to bail out of his airplane in a German prisoner of war camp. He later told me that one of the Germans who captured him at rifle point said "For you, the war is over", and it was. After John Robert's release from prison camp, he remained on active duty and retired from the Air force.

Joe N. Rodgers, Blossom, TX

Military service is all in the family

James Edward Latimer was drafted toward the end of World War II and served in the United States Army from December 1944 through November 1946. He was born the son of Hiram Alexander and Addie Lee Chandler Latimer on January 24, 1923 in the Mosley community, which has since been "gone with the wind" between Fulbright and Detroit.

During his tour of duty in the Army, James traveled to Ft. Meade, Maryland, Seattle, Washington and Tokyo, Japan. He served as honor guard to General Douglas MacArthur while in Tokyo. At the end of World War II, James was chosen to march in the ticker tape parade in New York

City in August 1945.

James is not the only one in his family to come to the aid of his country. His grandfather, Josiah Marion Chandler, served in the Civil War with the Rebel forces before moving to Texas. James' great-great-grandfather and Joel Chandler, his great-great-grandfather, both served in the American Revolution. George Nolan Chandler, James' cousin, served in World War II and died on the Rhine River Bridge in Germany and is buried in Holland with other American soldiers. James' uncles, Jess Andrew Chandler and John Franklin Chandler, also served in the military.



James Edward Latimer

I'm coming home to you..

My father, Chris Beaton, served in the Army Air Corps during WWI from 1942-46. He was 17 years old from the rural community of Hancock, Arkansas, and left behind a bride of a few months, his father, stepmother and two young sisters.

He trained in Wichita Falls, TX and then served mostly in the Pacific Theater.

Dad rarely speaks of his experience, but when he does, it is always something positive. He tells about a good friend he made, a Navajo Indian, Scotty Begay, from New Mexico. Dad said Scotty was a really fearless boxer.

One time we were discussing really good meals we'd eaten and my Dad said the best meal he ever had eaten was corn beef and cabbage. He'd been out in the Solomon Islands on reconnoiter for over a month living on K-ra-

tions and when they returned to base camp, the meal served was corn beef and cabbage.

My brother and I would look in a closet where mom kept Daddy's uniform and it would prompt us to ask questions. My brother was small, probably seven or eight, and he asked him if he'd ever killed anyone. Daddy didn't answer. The question was never asked again.

My most poignant memory was when mom told me she learned Daddy was coming home. She was walking to the store that her father-in-law, my poppy, owned. As she got closer, he was walking toward her waving a letter. My Dad had landed in California and had sent her a telegram. When she opened it, it simply said, "I'm coming home to you."

Submitted by Jane Strawn



A Soldier's Story

For the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filed with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my God, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right, "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. The following is his request: Please, would you send this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

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All over the world and back home to Bogata...

Robert Lemanuel Lewis was born January 10, 1937, the oldest son of Leroy Lemanuel and Jackie Barton Lewis, in the small community of McCrury in Red river County. He joined the United States Air Force in August of 1955 after graduating Bogata high School and served through August of 1959. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and then started a tour of the world while he served his country.

Private Lewis spent time in Greenville, South Carolina; Rhine Maine, Germany; Athens, Greece; Tuley, Greenland; Christchurch, New Zealand; the South Pole and various other countries. He picked up a couple of pieces of meteorites when he was on the frozen continent of Antarctica. He even had two Friday the 13ths when he crossed the International Date Line. While in Greece, he toured the ruins of the Parthenon and the Acropolis to mention a few. He also visited the courthouse of Athens, Greece where he saw Greek flags flying in the breeze. (This is

an inside family joke.) Private Lewis also got to spend time with his Uncle Mutt and Aunt Midge Cooper while in Germany.

Robert would have re-enlisted in the Air Force and made a career in the military if it weren't the matter of a car accident that broke his back in three places and his neck in one. He is now retired from the GTE telephone company and lives in Bogata with his wife, Jan. He can be found most days mowing yards, doing a little electrical work, doing odd jobs and "honey dew jobs" to pass the time. He also takes care of the family cars and homes. When all that is finished, you might just catch him fishing or hunting. During basketball season, you will find him at the Lady Rebel basketball games on grandpa duty where he enjoys watching his granddaughter, Britany, play ball and cheer.

Robert, your wife, daughter and granddaughter, would like to salute you on Veterans Day. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and we love you very much.



Robert Lemanuel Lewis



Rogers meets fellow Veteran in store

James B. Rogers of Deport reports that he had an interesting experience recently.

While in a Paris store a man wearing a "cap with lots of gold braid" bumped in to him.

Rogers asked the eighty-three year old where he got all that braid and he said "I was a Marine officer and a Corsair pilot in World War II".

In astonishment Rogers said "Well, I trained you guys in safety back then...showed you how to survive if you were shot down!".

At that point the man grabbed him and hugged him and said "I never been happier to meet anyone in my life!".

The man had fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam before retiring.



They also serve who sit and wait

Papa Lowry, The Transporter

This was an English assignment done recently by Jordan Ballard, son of Jack Ballard. It is written about his grandfather, James Lowry of Blossom, and represents what he thinks his granddad might have been thinking during his service to his country.

Captain Griggs stepped out onto the platform of the USS Zeilan, an attack transport APA3 and looked up at the dark sky beginning to turn pink with the dawn. In the distance was the beach of Tarawa, a small island in the South Pacific. He took a deep breath and yelled, "Seaman Lowry! Front and center!"

My grandfather, Seaman First Class James W. Lowry, a 22-year old Navy man with dark brown hair and piercing brown eyes that seemed to blend with the dark tanned skin from his days on the sea, ran up the flight of stairs of the lower deck. Standing six feet, two inches tall, he stood at attention with a slightly curious look on his face and said with a slow,

Texas accent, "Seaman Lowry reporting for duty, sir!"

"Seaman Lowry, you are assigned to deploy the first U-2 boat and transport the first platoon of Marines to the island. Those Japs have dug in on that island, and we must retrieve the land," Captain Griggs barked.

"Sir, yes sir, we will depart immediately!" Seaman Lowry scurried and prepared to load the carrier. Sadly, he thought of all the brave young men that he was carrying to the shore. Many of these young men, he knew, would give their lives that day for freedom.

Six tedious hours later, the end of the shore was in sight. Before the first Marine hit the ground, the bullets began flying through the air, barely missing the servicemen. As the men jumped from the boat, their cries of pain and anguish ran out as bullets struck

their bodies.

As Seaman Lowry pulled away, risking his own life to transport those young men, he began thinking about them. In the few short hours he had with them, he felt a connection between himself and them. Yes, they were fighting on the same side, but these young men were full of patriotism, fighting in a war with both of them not knowing if they would live to see the next day. With a sad look on his face, he bowed his head and began to pray...

Forty years later, Papa Lowry's name was given to me as a symbol of my mother's love and admiration for this man. He was a man of deep religious beliefs, strong family bonds and undying patriotism. I am happy for the seven short years I had to get to know him, and I am proud to have his name.

One word describes it, scared!!

December 7, 1941. Where were you, me, I heard about Pearl Harbor about 11 a.m. on December 7 in Detroit. I ran all the way home to the northwest side of Detroit to tell my family. We had no phone, no electricity, no water.

December 8, at school, we were assembled in the library where there was a radio. President Roosevelt began to speak and in his speech, asked Congress to declare war upon Japan and all of the Axis powers, Germany, Italy, etc.

These dates will always be remembered as well September 11, 2001. Tragedies such as this bring these United States together. Now this is another war that we must win.

I entered the Army Air Corps February 4, 1942 at Lubbock. That day we were loaded on a bus for Ft. Sill, OK. We arrived at 1 a.m., promptly were lined up and given shots. We were issued bedding and assigned to a barracks. At about 5 a.m. the lights came on and someone was yelling, "Get up!" at the top of his lungs. This scared the daylight out of me and I believe that was a word that stayed with me, scared. We fell out and were led to the mess hall. Up to this point I had never been introduced to SOS, very enlightening, I can assure you. Being scared. I and a few others rushed our breakfast and ran back to the barracks. We were promptly put on latrine duty, this latrine was the bathroom for about 60-70 people. To make this short, we cleaned that place until 10 a.m. We were told to fall out and line up. There was a Pfc. who smoked Prince

Albert in charge of us. I still was scared this guy was undoubtedly the meanest human I had ever encountered. We were led to the hospital for more shots, led to supply for uniforms, none of which fit, we did not complain, scared. At 12 we were led to the mess hall for lunch, beef stew, mashed potatoes, English peas/carrots mixed, plus dessert. We were informed to clean our trays or face the Mess Sergeant and go on KP. I had never eaten carrots, much less English peas but I did, believe me I was as scared of that Mess Sergeant as I was the Pfc. Oh, yes, I can see him, short, dumpy, mean person with stripes on his sleeve, still scared.

By 1 p.m., soon to be known as 1300, we were in these non-fitting uniforms in our barracks making our beds up. I still am convinced that my wife should make our bed in such a manner that a quarter would bounce on it. If that Pfc. could get a finger hold on my blanket, I remade the bed. This process was repeated at least a dozen times, still scared. By supertime, we were again led (marched) to the mess hall, same routine, same mean Mess Sergeant, watching to make sure you ate everything on your plate. Led back to barracks, given a short break, at around 7 p.m. (1900), we were told to shower, bathe and be prepared for lights out at 9 p.m. (2100). We were worn out to say the least so bed was a wonderful idea, about 3 a.m. the lights came on and this fellow with the huge lungs (and stripes) was bellowing fall out, fall out, breakfast in 20 minutes. We were fed breakfast,

SOS again! Ordered to strip our beds, turn the bedding in to supply, get our bags and all out in front of the barracks. These bags were 2 ducking type laundry bags, a bus, Greyhound I believe, came up, we loaded our bags, were put on the bus by the mean Pfc. He was probably as glad to get rid of us as we were to get rid of him. Our trip back to Lubbock was quiet and restful. The last quiet and rest we'd have for the next six weeks. Arriving at Lubbock Army Air Base, we were met by our drill Sgt. Now this fellow put that Pfc. to shame. Loud, mean and just plain ornery had to have everything his way and I'll tell you I was still scared and I tried to do everything his way.

I also was scared of him, I again re-learned how to make a 45° corner on my bed. Inspections were anytime, our captain decided we were not exactly in line. I still remember his name, Capt. Rose, on our first standby inspection he asked me how old I was, I answered 18. The 1st Sgt. about blew my head off when he belted "Say Sir to the Capt". Scared is the word. Capt. Rose asked me how old I was every time he saw me.

These are things that are funny now and I laugh about them but truthfully I was scared. Where but the United States can a boy be taken out of the cotton patch, put in his country's uniform and taught how to work on airplanes, develop a career, travel at his employer's expense to nine different countries, including a trip through the Panama Canal, truly amazing!

By John N. (Pete) Richey

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AWARD-Betty Rodgers (right) accepts an award in memory of her brother, Archie Grayson Roberts, who died in 1945 during World War II. He is buried in Okinawa. The award was presented by Deport American Legion commander Gilbert Arriaga. The award honors his memory and is signed by President George W. Bush. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

FROM WAR TO R.O.T.C.

In 1941, I went from school principal to Army private. In 1945 as a high point man, I left in October and came home as a Captain, Air Corps, with a promotion to Major in the mail.

In 1951, when I was vocational director of Lamar Business College in Paris, I was suddenly recalled, against my will, to active duty with the Air Force and sent to Korea. I was with the 49th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, but I had been taken off flying due to a physical. From Korea, I was sent to the Philippines where I was asked to start a leadership school. I did, and Col. Berryhill asked me to sign an application to teach Air Force ROTC at Texas A&M.

I signed that I would stay with

the Air Force, so when I came back to the states, I was sent to Research & Development and then in February, 1964, was sent to Texas A&M to teach AF ROTC.

It was a good assignment. One of the first things I did, knowing I'd be there for maybe four years, I bought a house and enjoyed being with my family. I knocked off 45 more graduate hours credit and received my Masters Degree from A&M and began work on my Doctorate. I taught AF ROTC each day as a Major, U.S. Air Force.

You do not have to be an officer to be involved with ROTC. Sergeants can sign up for ROTC duty.

Henry Lee Somerville

Jean and I spent several days getting ready and packed for our annual reunion trip. We loaded the van Tuesday, August 28 and left about 10:00 a.m. headed for Oklahoma City and the 376th Reunion 2001. We spent several evenings reviewing the roster book and the Memory Book so that we would be able to put the correct names with the right faces, knowing all the time that we wouldn't remember.

We stopped along the way for tourist information and goodies in the gift shops. We traveled 144 which is a toll road, we had prepared ourselves with change for the three or four stops. We stopped for lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Lawton and enjoyed a good meal that a large glass of cold buttermilk would have went well with.

We arrived in Oklahoma City at 4:30 p.m. after navigational problems (taking a wrong turn off 144) we made it to our hotel near 6:00 p.m. The reunion was held in the Waterford Marriott Hotel where we had a very nice suite that Jean managed to get, somehow, for the same price as the people in our group were paying for single rooms? The reunion was to start on Thursday officially, but we were to meet friends on Wednesday for early visiting, but they didn't make it until Thursday so we helped the president of our organization and his wife set things up.

Officers are elected for two year terms. The president died before the 200 reunion and the First Vice President took over. Three weeks before the 2001 reunion, he died and again the First Vice President took over with only two week's notice. Now, I understand, before the nominating committee will consider anyone for the office of President, they have to sign a notarized statement saying that they will live at least two more years. The new President and his wife did a remarkable job with the short notice they had. Two of the deceased presidents' children and their spouses were of tremendous help also. And, those of us who had not helped much in the past, pitched in this year.

Following Thursday morning breakfast, some of us loaded on two buses and went to Guthrie,

OK., the original capital of Oklahoma. While touring there we saw beautiful historical old homes, buildings and such. We visited the cemetery where a guy named Elmer McCurdy was buried. He had robbed a train in 1911 that was supposed to be carrying a large government payroll. However, he stopped the wrong train and got only \$40 and two bottles of whiskey. The story goes, he was so despondent that he rode a few miles and got drunk and a posse caught up and shot him. He was embalmed with arsenic and set in a room from which he was stolen. He was used in a sideshow for a number of years and then in 1977 he was discovered in a movie studio in California. After being identified he was returned to Guthrie and buried. McCurdy is buried next to another notorious Oklahoma outlaw, Bill Doolin. We enjoyed lunch at a very old restaurant named, "Granny Had One" and then returned to Oklahoma City.

Thursday night we enjoyed dinner at the hotel with friends. We invited a gentleman from the Dominican Republic to join us and it turned out he had been a member of our outfit and had lost touch with us. Someone had told him of the reunion and he decided to attend. His finding us was accidental and we enjoyed visiting with him.

Friday after breakfast we boarded buses and toured Oklahoma City visiting the stockyards, Bricktown, the canal and ballpark (a smaller version of Texas Rangers Ballpark) which has statues of Johnny Bench and Roger Maris in front. A good lunch of barbecue at The County Line was enjoyed and we boarded the buses for the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, formerly the Cowboy Hall of Fame. From there we visited the Capitol Building which they are in the process of adding a dome to and hope to be finished by Oklahoma's 100th birthday as a state in 2007.

Friday evening Jean and I hosted our annual reunion room party. Twenty-one attended including the only other living member of my crew and his wife, plus the brother of the only member of our crew who was killed over-

seas. Our Squadron Commander and his wife, several young people, whose fathers flew with us, our bombardier's son and Paul Farnell, a man who flew with us and had just found out about our organization. A friend of his, Marvin, knowing Paul could not afford to attend contacted the VFW, his church and a local Wal-Mart Store and they sponsored his trip.

Larry, the artist at our party, had painted a picture of the B-24D flying and presented it to our organization at our reunion last year in Seattle. Since it is very large, with Larry's agreement, it has been hung near the restored B-24 "Strawberry Bitch" at the Wright-Patterson Museum in Dayton, Ohio. Larry is making copy that can be rolled up and carried to each reunion.

Saturday morning Jean and I stayed at the hotel to help register guest. In the afternoon our relative began to arrive including our son, Lynn and his wife, Nancy. My sister-in-law, Helen Wilkinson and her daughter, Glenda McCormack, nephew, Paul Wilkinson wife, Sue and daughter, Heather also came. In the evening we attended the USO show. Paul wore a replica of the WWII officer's uniform he had made which attracted a lot of attention.

On Sunday more family joined us and we had lunch at the Bourbon Street Restaurant on the canal. In the afternoon pictures were taken for the Memory Book and in the evening we had our dinner dance where we enjoyed a special table reserved for our family. Paul who flew 160 mission over Vietnam in a B-52 wore his Mess Dress uniform and again was our main attraction.

Monday morning we loaded up and then attended the Memorial breakfast which is always very emotional. After the Color Guard had retired the Colors we said our good-byes promising to be in Omaha next year. It began to rain as we got to Anson. We had lunch there and drove on to the farm where I was happy to see 3 inches in my rain gauge.

Having relatives attend our reunion made it special for us and we look forward to next year.

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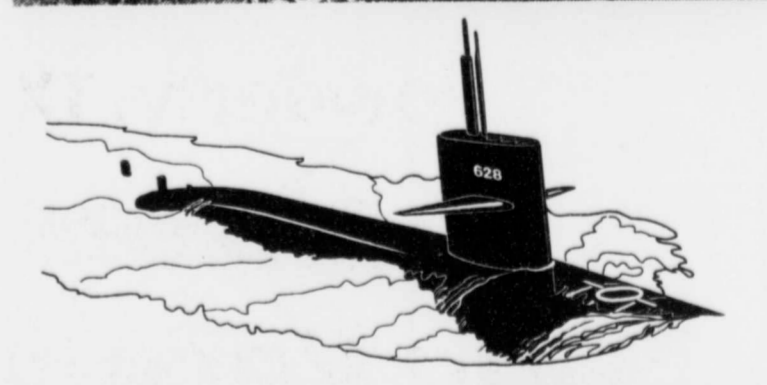
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A Father's Concern

By Dr. David F. Russell

On Sunday, Veterans Day, we do well to reflect on the war that has been set before us and on those who serve.

What follows is a story from a dear friend. His son is a soldier, who has been deployed in the war on terrorism. The words are especially poignant, because they speak for thousands of mothers and fathers and husbands and wives who are today anxiously waiting for word from their loved ones.

It both ends and begins with a phone call.

"Hey Dad...Just go the word that we're moving out, pronto. Like we talked before, it'll be a while before I can call again. I love you, don't worry about me. Put Mom on for a sec, will you?"

It's the end of the waiting for military orders. The end of hope that they don't come. The end of uncertainty about deployment. He's going.

The end is bad, but the beginning is worse. It's the beginning of long months of silence. Long nights of worry. Watch the news. Search the Internet. Wait for the phone to ring...but it doesn't.

He might be in Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan or a dozen other countries I didn't know existed before September 11. I knew it might happen. After all, this is what he was trained for. He's a soldier. I know he's proud to do his duty. And I'm proud of him.

I hug my wife and tell her he's going to be okay, but we need something more to cling to. Lord give him strength. Lord protect him. Still, I have to focus. I have to keep on living, despite the hollow numbness in the pit of my stomach.

My boy's gone to war. I've been there, but I've never been here. I've been the one to go to war, but not the one left behind...to wait...to worry...to wonder. I didn't want this for him.

Only yesterday he was a little kid pleading for me to go outside and play ball. Today he's a man doing his duty, defending his nation.

He's special to me, but really

no different from thousands of others. Your sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, friends and neighbors. They're all doing their duty, leaving their homes, leaving their families to fight an enemy who wears no uniform, swears allegiance to no country, and recognizes no rules of war.

America's troops may be gone for weeks, even months or years. Some may never come home, yet all will be with their family.

Not blood relatives, not mom and dad, but with other young men and women with whom they serve in the military uniform of our country. Come what may, none will fail those with whom they serve.

They are today's Private Ryans and Band of Brothers. Their platoons and air wings and ships companies are their families, their brothers and sisters.

Each has pledged his life and entrusted his safety to the other. All have forged a sacred bond that will last a lifetime, a bond none can understand, except those who share it.

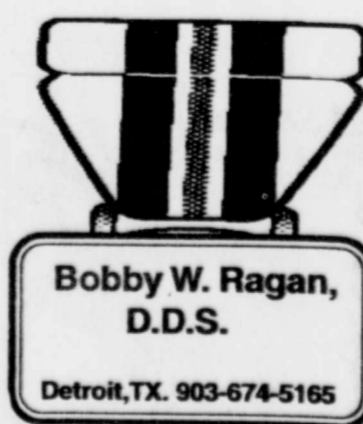
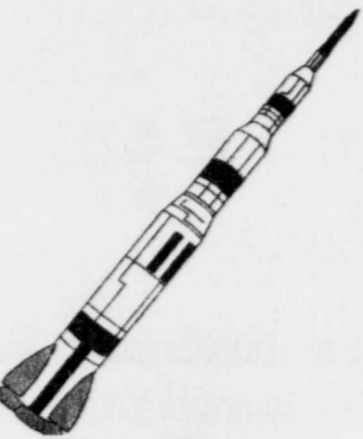
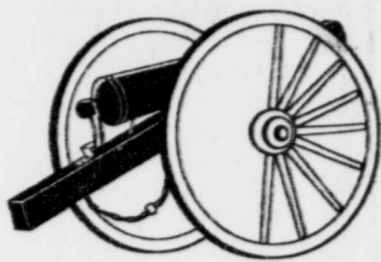
We are praying as a family, because, in a very real sense, every soldier, sailor, marine, airman and coast guardsman, is a part of our family, the American Legion family, and we love them all and were proud of them.

No words are sufficient to describe our national sense of resolve or our collective feeling of concern for those young ones who have gone into harm's way on our behalf. Instead let us pray to the God of us all that we gain victory and rejoice in the safe return of our family.

Nonetheless, let us also pray that His will be done and that He give us the strength to bear it, be it sorrow or rejoicing.

God has blessed America with much bounty and many fine men and women through the years who have risked their lives, and given them, to preserve our liberty and our way of life.

So today let this be our prayer, as in ages past, God Bless America.



Letters home.....

The following two letters concerning the Civil War were preserved in a family Bible owned by the family of Abby Hoyce Vickers. The Vickers boys mentioned in the letters were sons of Eli and Susannah Storey Vickers. Eli Marion Vickers, the writer of the letters and Henry Preston Vickers along with Eli, Susannah and other family members are buried in the Minter Cemetery in Lamar County Texas. The Westbrook boy was a cousin (son of Nancy Vickers Westbrook). At the beginning of the Civil War, they lived near the Brazos River, at Comanche Peak, Texas. The boys enlisted in the Cavalry and were first shipped to Hope, Arkansas and then to Arkansas Post on the Arkansas River. Union forces under General Sherman besieged and destroyed the post. They were taken prisoner and transported via Chicago, Baltimore and finally south to City Point near Richmond, Virginia area where they were exchanged for Union prisoners. D. P. (David Patten) Vickers was named for Susannah's mother (Mary Martha Patten).

After the exchange, Henry Preston Vickers fought in the battle of Chickamauga where he was wounded in the right arm by a minnie ball. Transported to Atlanta, Georgia, his arm was amputated and he was discharged as unfit for further service. After the war was over, the family moved to Lamar County Texas near Minter. Henry drove a freight wagon between Jefferson, Texas and Minter for a few years until his death by a lightning strike during a thunderstorm.

The letters were in fair shape after having survived nearly 140 years but the ink was very faded in some areas making interpretation of some of the wording impossible. The spelling and grammar of the letter was not altered in this interpretation.

—Submitted by Robert W. Fodge, a great-grandson of Henry Preston Vickers

Letter from Eli Marion Vickers to family, Sept., 1862

Wednesday Sept. 17 1862

Hope, AR
Dear Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters,
It is my pleasure once more to take my pin in hand to drop you a few lines by the hand of Mr. Samuel Johnson. He landed here on Sunday last and informed us that you were all well when he left Johnson, which I was proud to hear, but today I learn from Tom Arington who left there 4 days later, that Henry was very sick but have good hopes that the report is not true.

We are all three in fine health at this time and sincerely hope these lines may find you all in the enjoyment of the same blessing. The health of the company improves but slowly. There has been no deaths in the Com. since we came to this camp. Jack Wheeler, one of our mess mates, is very sick at this time. John McPherson is very

sick also. The rest of the neighbors boys are well. We are all in fine spirits at this time and doing very well. We have so much ????? good

News in camps that I fear they can't all be true. You will probably hear the news before this comes to home. If not, Mr. Johnson can give you the news better than I can by letter.

Were getting to be a considerable Army here and still coming in. Several boys from Cherokee among John Ray's son James, Marion McElroy, Henry Jay and Joel Woodall and several others too tedious to mention, they are all well we had sent by Henry for some clothing and in a letter which sent by Mr. Bell we sent for some additional ones to ??? at ??? had sent by Henry for I will here say that ??? Henry be sick and your chance had to send them you need not put yourself to any great trouble to send any clothing for I think our chance better to get clothing now than it has bine. Not withstanding, send the clothes if you can they will be very acceptable.

Besides we would rather wear clothes that were made at home. The word house is so sacred with us that any thing coming from home? Is almost worshipped. I hope the time is not far distant when we will be permitted to return home in peace. I will bring my letter to a close by assigning my ????

Your affectionate son,
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Letter from Eli Marion Vickers to family April, 1863?

Petersburg, VA, April 28th 1863?

Most affectionate Father

Mother,

I this day avail myself of the opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you no that I am yet in the land of the living and to let you no that I am well at this time and I hope and pray that these few lines may find you all well and doing well. But also it pains me to have to inform you of the death of my beloved brother, D. P. Vickers. He departed this life the 25th of this inst. He taken the Irieopla? In the face about the first of April a day or two he left Chicago and was right poorly all the way here. After we landed here he got better for a few days but he taken cold and taken a back set. He went to one hospital and taken the pneumonia and died there.

I have no doubt but what you have heard the particulars of our fight at the Post for there has been several men made their escape since we were captured. I will not try to give you all the particulars. We were all taken prisoners, the 11th of Jan. there was not a man hurt in our company nor but two or three in our Regiment. Our whole force was only about four thousand against about sixty thousand. They acknowledge we killed

and wounded as many of them as they taken of us but there has been a great many of our men died since we was taken. We have had the small pox among us ever since we was taken so

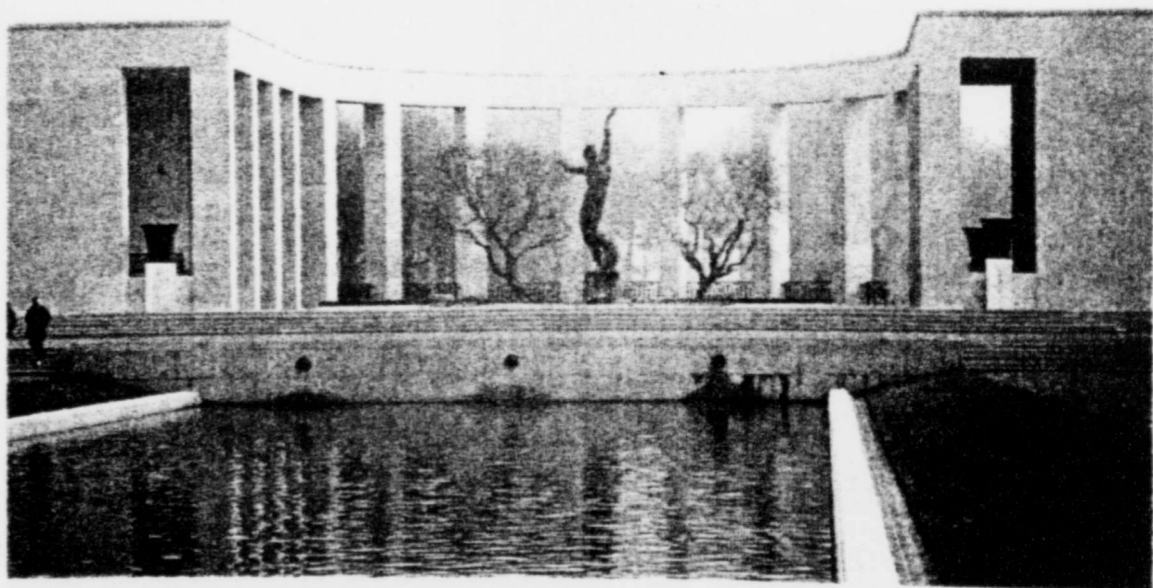
After we were taken, the Yankees put us on the boats to carry us to ??Alton, Ill. They crowded us on the boats so thick on the boat that we could not find room to ly down. They put four Regiment of us on one boat. We was on the river seventeen days. We went from Alton to Chicago on the cars. We got to Chicago on the 28 of June. We seen a pretty ruff time until we got to Chicago. After we got there we were treated as well as could be expected. They left us there until the 2nd day of April when we started for ??????. We went from Chicago to Baltimore on the cars. From Baltimore we camped the Chesapeake Bay ??? to The mouth of the Jas River and up James River to City Point about 15 miles from the place. We landed there the 10th of the instand.

Henry Vickers was left at Baltimore with the small pox. He was sent to the Small Pox Hospital. have not heard from him since we left him. I don't think that the small pox will hurt him much. He was not very bad when we left him. Our officers was sent to Camp Chase near Columbus Ohio. They have not come yet and I am a fear that want come soon. We have been here the rise of three weeks and there is no prospect of us leaving here soon. They have been talking of ???ing us ever since we have been here. I would be glad if they would pay us ???.

We are needing some money owing? bad? So turning ??? We don't no whether we will be sent back on that side of the River or not. Some think that we will and some think that we will be kept on this side. I would like for us to be sent back on that side myself. We have lost ten men in our company. I will give you the name of those that you are acquainted with; William Nolan, Henry Manly, David Barnett, William Cot???, and A B Ledbetter L. L. Ward died with the small pox; Robert Peek also died of the small pox; Thompson Conerly? taken the oath of allegiance. Tell Billups Father and Mother that he is as fat as a pig. he has been in good health all the time. I would have written to you sooner but I have been waiting for a chance to send it across by hand so it was doubtful whether it would go by mail or not. There is a man here that will start to morrow or next day. I shall send this across by him. if I could see you I could tell a heap more than I can write. I would be glad to hear from you all but you need not write until you hear from me again. I will write again the first chance so I will bring my remarks to a close. Give my respects to all who inquire after me so no name.

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E. M. Vicker to Father & Mother



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The struggle continues for government of the people, by the people, for the people

By Jack Dodd

Just a few years ago, we were engaged in potentially disastrous and difficult wars—World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm to name a few. Let us not forget the thousands of our armed servicemen who remain in the Southwest area as a rear guard and are chasting the terrorists.

We remember the many men and women on Veteran's Day who did join our military forces or who were called up as reservists or were drafted into a war effort and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. It is these brave dead who gave the last measure of devotion for our country.

Perhaps no one has been able to represent what we read here this day than the man I consider to be the greatest President this nation has ever been privileged to have—Abraham Lincoln. Let's travel back in time to a field in Pennsylvania. The year is 1863. The place, Gettysburg. Today it is a series of quiet rolling hills full of markings and memories.

But then it was a battlefield more horrible than we can imagine.

During the first days of that month, 51,000 people were killed, wounded or missing in what would prove to be the decisive battle to keep our Union together.

Anguished cries of the mourned and dying made a wailing chorus as the patients were hurried to ill provided operating tables. Wagons and carts were filled to overflowing with the amputated arms and legs, wheeled off to a deep trench, dumped and buried. Preachers quoted the 23rd Psalm over and over as fast as their lips could say it while brave soldiers breathed their last breath.

23rd PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The aftermath of a battlefield is always grim but this one was one of the worst. A national cemetery was proposed. A conservation service was planned. The date was set for November 19. The commission invited none other than the silver-tongued Edward Everett, to deliver the dedication address. Known for his cultured words, patriotic fervor and public appeal, the orator, a former Congressman and Governor of Massachusetts, was a natural for this historic occasion.

Predictable he accepted. In October President Lincoln announced his intentions to at-

tend the ceremonies. This startled the commissioners who had not expected President Lincoln to leave the Capitol in wartime. Now, how could he not be asked to speak? They were unanimous in realizing how much better an orator Everett was than President Lincoln. Out of courtesy, they wrote the President on November 2, asking him to deliver "a few appropriate remarks". Certainly President Lincoln knew the invitation was an afterthought, but it mattered little. With such little time for preparation before the day of dedication, President Lincoln worried over his words. He confided to a friend that his talk was not going smoothly, finally he forced himself to be satisfied with his "ill prepared speech".

President Lincoln arrived at Gettysburg the day before the ceremonies in time to attend a large dinner that evening. With Edward Everett across the room surrounded by numerous admirers, the President must have felt all the more uneasy. He excused himself from the after dinner activities to return to his room and work a bit more on his remarks. President Lincoln extinguished the lights in his room and struggled to sleep. The next morning President Lincoln copied his address on two small pages and tucked them into a coat pocket, put on his stovepipe hat, tugged white gloves over his hands and joined the procession of dignitaries.

He could hardly bear the sight as they passed the fields where scraps of men's lives lay—a boot, a broken rifle, a canteen, a torn picture of a child. President Lincoln had tears running down into his beard. Shortly after, the chaplain of the Senate gave the invocation and Everett was introduced. At the age of 69, the grand old gentleman was in fine form after a slow start. Everett was dramatic, even eloquent. The President stood in fascination. Finally, one hour and fifty-seven minutes later, the great orator took his seat as the crowd roared it's approval.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, President Lincoln was introduced. As he stood to his feet, he turned to Secretary Seward and muttered "they won't like it".

Slipping on his steel spectacles, he held the two pages in his right hand and grabbed the loop of his coat with his left. He never moved or made any gesture with his hands. His voice, high pitched, almost squeaky, carried over the crowd like a brass bugle. He was serious and sad at the beginning—but a few sentences into his speech, his face came alive. He almost broke down twice but caught himself and was strong and clear. People listened on tiptoes.

Suddenly, he was finished. No more than two minutes after he had begun, he stopped. His talk had been so prayer-like, it would almost be inappropriate to applaud. As President Lincoln sat down, someone in the crowd said "Is that all?". The President answered

"Yes, that's all".

Over 138 years have passed since that historic event. Can anyone recall one line of Everett's two hour marathon address? Read, please, with your heart for just two minutes to one of the greatest speeches of all time.

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS: Fourtyseven and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. This world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Since then there have been too many other Gettysburgs in our nation's history. Our brave warriors have answered the call on every occasion. Belleau Wood, the Argonne, Bataan, Corrigidor, Wake Island, Sicily, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Berlin, Okinawa, the Pusan Perimeter, the Chosin Reservoir, Inchon, Chu Lai, DaNang, Khesahn, Hue, Saigon, Gernada, Panama, Beruit, Bosnia, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Pakistan & Somalia.

Every time the call went out brave and loyal Americans responded, sometimes with the ultimate sacrifice. It is to their splendid memories and dedication that we who read this for these few minutes pledge our lives that they, indeed, shall not have died in vain. That their government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

God Bless Our United States!
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☆☆☆ Abraham Lincoln ☆☆☆

20 years, 10 days later, Master Sergeant

As a 17-year old country boy from Pattonville, I enlisted in the United States Air Force on May 21, 1954. Actually, I was talked into enlisting by another Pattonville boy, Harold Smith. He was also going to enlist but decided at the last minute to stay at home. If only I had known...

I was assigned to Lackland AFB in San Antonio for basic training and almost immediately I wished I was back in Pattonville with Harold! I was so homesick I had never been any farther than Dallas. But after I was there for a few weeks, my late brother, James Day and his wife, Vivian, took my parents, Herman and Della Day to visit me. Then later my brother, Hammond and his wife, Betty took them to San Antonio again. I was so happy to see someone from home.

My first duty assignment was Chanute AFB, IL where I was enrolled in the Aircraft Electrical Repair School. While there I also received my high school diploma through the GED program and received a special promotion for being an honor graduate of the electrical course. At the age of 20, I was the youngest airman in the electrical field to be promoted to the rank of NCO.

During my service career, I received numerous awards for technical design and monetary savings, the highest being the Fifth Air Force Chief of Staff Safety Award for design and building a fire warning and overheat tester for the F-4 aircraft. This tester was adopted for use Air Force wide. During this same period of time, I was selected for the Pacific Air Force Honor Roll for specialty job knowledge.

Other duty assignments included Webb AFB, Texas; Johnson AB, Japan; Perrin AFB, Texas; Misawa AFB, Japan; Little Rock AFB, Arkansas and finally retirement at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Twenty years and ten days later when I retired as a Master Sergeant and Aircraft Electrical superintendent, I was glad that I had overcome the homesickness. I retired on May 31, 1974 and returned to the Sherman area. I still call Lamar County home and visit often.
Jerry Day.

Record of a brother lost in war

Donald was born November 11, 1918 in Bogata, the son of Dr. Harley D. And Florence Grant Roach. An older friend called him "Whistle Britches" when he was just a small child. The nickname was shortened to "Whis". "Whis" played football in Bogata High School and three seasons at Paris Junior College. While there his nickname was changed to "Whizz". An Aviation Club was organized at PJC. Donald joined and was the first to make the cross country solo flight. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was sworn in as an Air Cadet May 20, 1941. He was commissioned as an Ensign and awarded his wings March 26, 1942. Donald reported for duty at Seattle, Washington on April 18, 1942 and was in service at Dutch Harbor, Alaska from July until November 15, 1942. He then returned to duty in Seattle and sailed from the United States on Dec. 9, 1942, for duty in the South Pacific Combat Zone. After serving the Pacific a short time, Donald received the Air Medal. The Citation read in part: "for meritorious achievement in aerial flights against the enemy while serving as the pilot of a fighter escort plane attached to a Marine aircraft group in the Solomon Islands area during the period from Feb. 3 to March 6, 1943. Ensign Roach participated in eight attack missions directed against enemy ground installations at Muda Point and Vila Plantation and in one fighter sweep against Muda Point. All of these attacks were carried out in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and on Feb. 4 he took part in an attack against a Japanese task force composed of twenty to thirty Zero type fighter planes. At this time the enemy planes were dispersed before they could impair the success of the

mission. On February 12, 1942 he was the pilot of one of seven fighters escorting a patrol plane on a rescue mission to Rob Roy Island, where the patrol plane remained on the water for fifty five minutes within easy striking distance of enemy positions. On April 1, 1943 Donald was promoted to Lieutenant, Junior Grade. The Gold Star was presented to him and part of the citation read "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Leader of a Fighter Division in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands from June 21 to July 17, 1943. Leading his four-plane fighter division on thirty-three combat missions. Lieutenant Junior Grade Roach during two of these engagements, attacked a group of Japanese aircraft and personally shot down a total of four twin-engine bombers. Donald also received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Part of the citation read: "leading his division to intercept and enemy bombing strike against our shipping, he pressed home his attack and destroyed two of the hostile bombers in the Solomon Island Area.

On July 26, 1943, Donald "Whis" was shot down over the water near Rendova Island, which is near New Guinea in the south Pacific. Mother received a War Department certificate announcing posthumous award of the Purple Heart to her son, Lt. (JG) Donald Roach, U.S. Naval Reserve, on the 26th of August, 1944, for military merit and for wounds received in action, resulting in his death. Our father, Dr. Harley D. Roach died the 7th of July 1942. "Whis" was stationed in Dutch Harbor, Alaska at the time and could not come home.

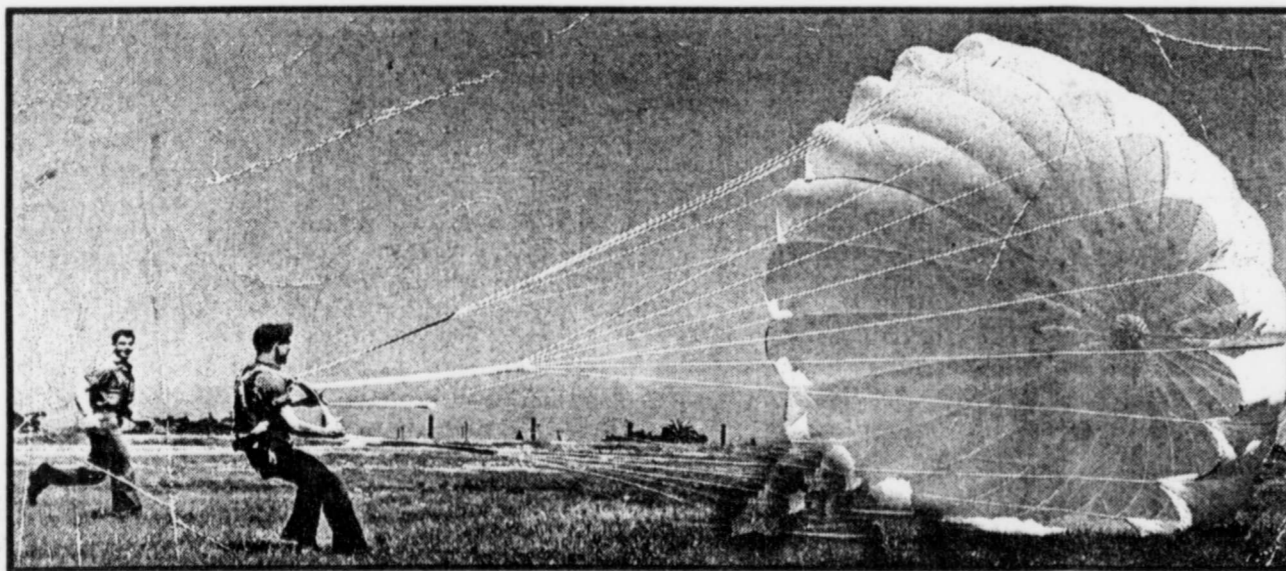
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Donald Roach, lost in the South Pacific

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WE FOUGHT WITH OUR FISTS

The rushing Reds were a mob of screaming demons. There was no

retreat. We had to fight or die

BY FRANK D. SELVIN
as told to
B. W. VON BLOCK



THINGS FOUL UP in combat. Sometimes, they're little things that would be insignificant and unimportant at any other time or in any other place. But, when the chips are down and the enemy is closing in, they become fantastically important things—matters of life and death. That's the way it was for me, and for my outfit—Item Company, 38th Infantry Regiment—on the night of July 13, 1953. A strand of field wire was severed—and we were clobbered! The Korean War was almost over, but neither we nor the Chinese knew it. Only 14 days later, the

Korean Armistice was to be signed, yet many men would die before the firing ceased. It was 2330 hours. We occupied positions not far from the scene of the peace talks—Panmunjom. My company was heavy with new, green men. We'd just received a shipment of replacements from the States. It's never easy to hold a position when most of your men have never been under fire before. In this case, it was going to be tough—damned tough! We were occupying a defensive line consisting mainly of open trenches. There were few bunkers,

or fighting holes with overhead cover. We were on a hill that jutted out from the main line of resistance so far, we really acted as an outpost! It was 2330. And the night was dark and moonless. The EE-8 field phone lying beside me in my CP trench jangled. "Flares—we count six." The call was from Lt. Robert E. Patterson, one of the Item Company Platoon Leaders. I grabbed my helmet and carbine and scrambled of the trench to take a look for myself. The

flares were still up. There were six of them—pale, sickly-yellow Chink flares. I stood on the lip of the trench for a few seconds. The flares hadn't even burned out when the thundering roar of the enemy guns split the night. It was as if a hundred hurtling freight trains had collided head on. I didn't need anyone to tell me what it meant. I dived back into my trench. The first salvoes of enemy artillery and mortar fire began to howl and squeal through the air. "Get me Battalion!" I yelled into the field phone.



The Chinese were a shadowy flood, pouring over the hills, and rushing at the gentle slopes, that led to our woefully held lines.

to inch his way along the cliffs to reach them. One misstep would mean a plunge down to the rock-studded gorges below.

For the same reason, we would not be able to withdraw—no matter what happened. There was only a narrow, winding trail leading back to our main line. The slope facing the enemy was gentle and easily negotiable—but at our backs there was nothing but the cliffs!

We would have to stand and fight—and perhaps die where we fought!

"They're coming within rifle range, Frank," Lt. Patterson reported by field phone. "Shall we open up?"

I gave the order to fire. The officers and the non-coms passed it on—and stood behind the green replacements to insure that their fire was being well placed. We had no ammunition to waste.

The long wait and suspense—the crouching and taking the pounding—were over. The killing began. Our men reacted instantly to the command to open fire. They triggered their weapons and sent sheets of lead sweeping down into. (Continued on page 50)



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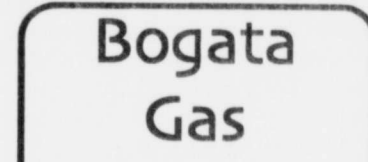
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