



NICHOLS' WORTH

By: Nanalee Nichols

At the end of February, I will have worked full time at these papers for nine years. December was Thomas and mine's fourth year to own them. I wrote for them four years before I began working full time.

That makes thirteen years of writing feature articles, columns, taking pictures, covering sports, fires and wrecks.

It's a long time. It has added up to a lot of memories.

Some of them stirred through my head yesterday evening. Probably the most embarrassing was when I went to Bogata to do a feature on an elderly woman and ended up at the wrong house...same last name, wrong people! I was wandering around their house, asking detailed questions about things! Finally they asked "Who do you think you are? I think you must have the wrong house."

There was the time I went to a dairy to do a feature article and ended up in manure up to my knees.

The night it was 10 degrees and the wind howling thirty miles an hour at a house fire was nice, too, until I stepped into a ditch of water and soaked my feet. By the time I reached home, my feet were blue.

Many of the memories aren't so funny or pleasant. Wrecks and deaths blur into a long train. Crying people watching their worldly goods go up in flames are always disturbing.

But for the most part, they are good.

How many pairs of jeans have been ruined by barbed wire, how many pairs of shoes (I will never learn to wear boots, I don't suppose).

Jars of honey, dried peaches, home made cakes, cookies and other presents have accompanied visits to folks for feature articles.

Kids running up years later to say "remember when you took my picture doing so and so" make things nice.

Lying in a ditch watching a skilled bomb squad dismantle an explosive device was an educational experience.

So was seeing an oil well drilled.

There have been so many educational, interesting, amusing and enlightening events over those thirteen years.

It makes looking forward to the next thirteen years brighter and easier!

Coffee, Help Makes Man Hunt Easier

As usual, small town helpfulness came through last week, as the all-night search in bitter cold kept law enforcement officers busy looking for the two who held up the Community National Bank in Detroit last Friday night.

Carl Boren of the Blossom Superette, for example, heard cold, weary deputies calling on their radios for some place where they could get a cup of coffee. Carl opened his store, and kept it open most of the night, providing coffee and sandwiches to anyone involved in the hunt, and charging them nothing.

Members of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Blossom also opened their doors to provide food and warming drinks to bone-cold searchers. They continued to provide refreshments until the manhunt was over around noon on Saturday.

Actions such as these must make life a little easier for law enforcement officials, who always need to know that they are appreciated.

Those who took action to provide coffee and food deserve appreciation too! Thanks are in order.

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CNB-Detroit Robbed, Suspects Caught

By Nanalee Nichols

One of the largest manhunts in the area's history netted two bank robbery suspects after the Community National Bank of Detroit was held up Friday evening.

Two men entered the bank lobby shortly before 6 p.m. Friday, one positioning himself by the front door with a sawed-off shotgun, while the other threatened tellers with a 9 mm pistol.

Shirley Anderson and Susan Yarbrough, the tellers on duty, handed over \$14,507 and the pair then fled in a 1968 red and white Chevrolet pickup truck, according to Lamar County Sheriff Jim Parker.

Apparently, the two had planned on abandoning the pickup on County Line Road walking back to U.S. Highway 82, where they would pick up a motorcycle they had hidden in the

area and make their escape.

This plan failed to work when a Texas Department of Public Safety officer appeared on the County Line Road before they could reach the motorcycle, forcing them to flee on foot.

The officer was acting on information provided by Hugh Jeffus, president of the Community National Bank. Jeffus had first gotten the license number of the pickup and then followed the vehicle at a safe distance. He spotted brake lights near the intersection of County Line Road and U.S. Highway 82, and passed the information on to law enforcement officials, who took prompt action.

The shotgun and pistol were discovered in a ditch near the abandoned pickup truck, Sheriff Parker stated.

Law enforcement officials from Red River, Lamar and Titus Counties, Texas Rangers, Department of Public Safety officers, Paris City Policeman and Lamar County Game Wardens all began an all night search of the entire area.

Dogs from the Oklahoma State Department of Corrections were brought in and began tracking.

About 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, Gerald Mack Payne, age 47, of California was captured in a barn east of Blossom. The bloodhounds picked up the trail near County Line Road, according to the dog's handler, David Turner.

One dog was separated from the rest and kept returning to the barn. A search of the structure revealed Payne, who was taken into custody at that time.

Just before noon on Saturday, the second suspect, identified as Gilbert George Adams, age 39, of Aspen, Colorado, was captured, also near Blossom.

He was spotted by Mike Connot, an eighteen-year old Blossom man, in the door of a cabin. Connot didn't stop upon spying the man, but continued on down the road and located a deputy to relay the information.

The dogs had been chasing Adams, and were going in circles near the suspect.

Deputies, officials and Paris policemen surrounded the area, and Adams was brought out shortly afterwards. Authorities said he was carrying the money taken in the robbery.

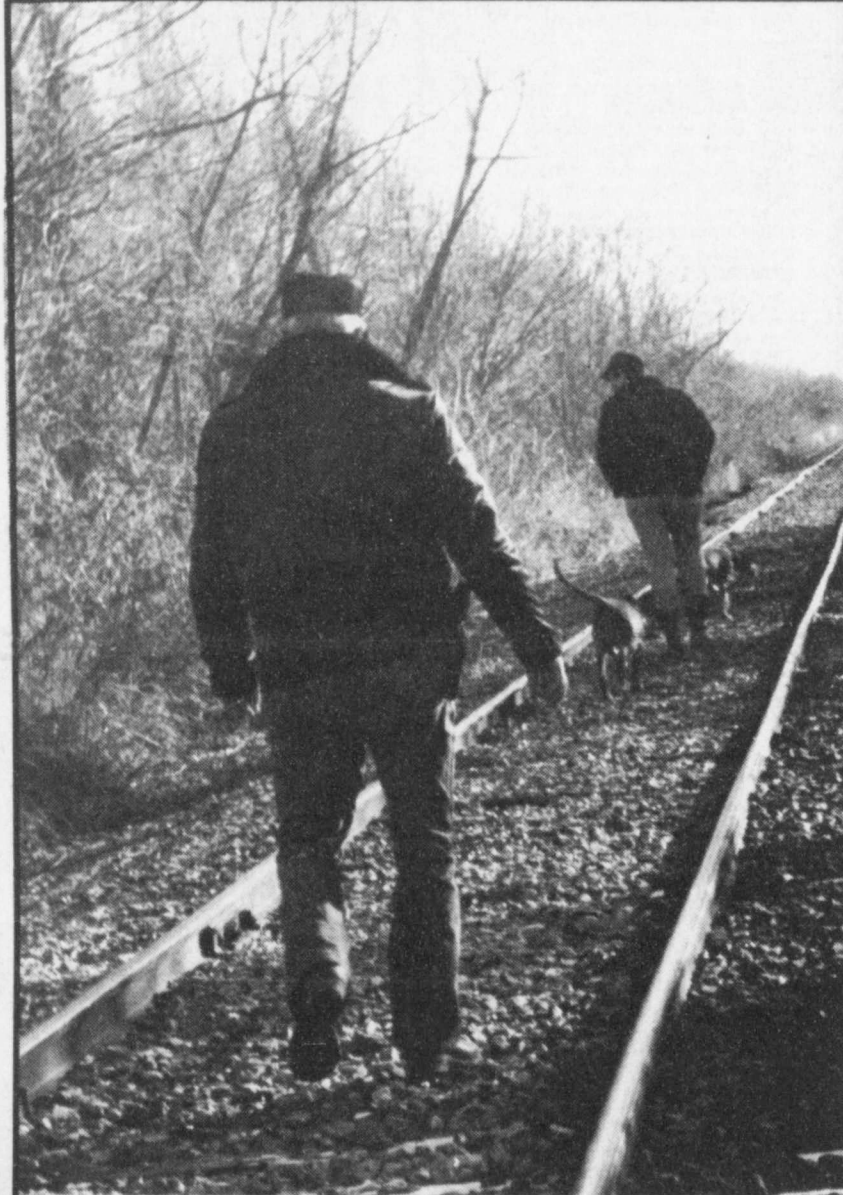
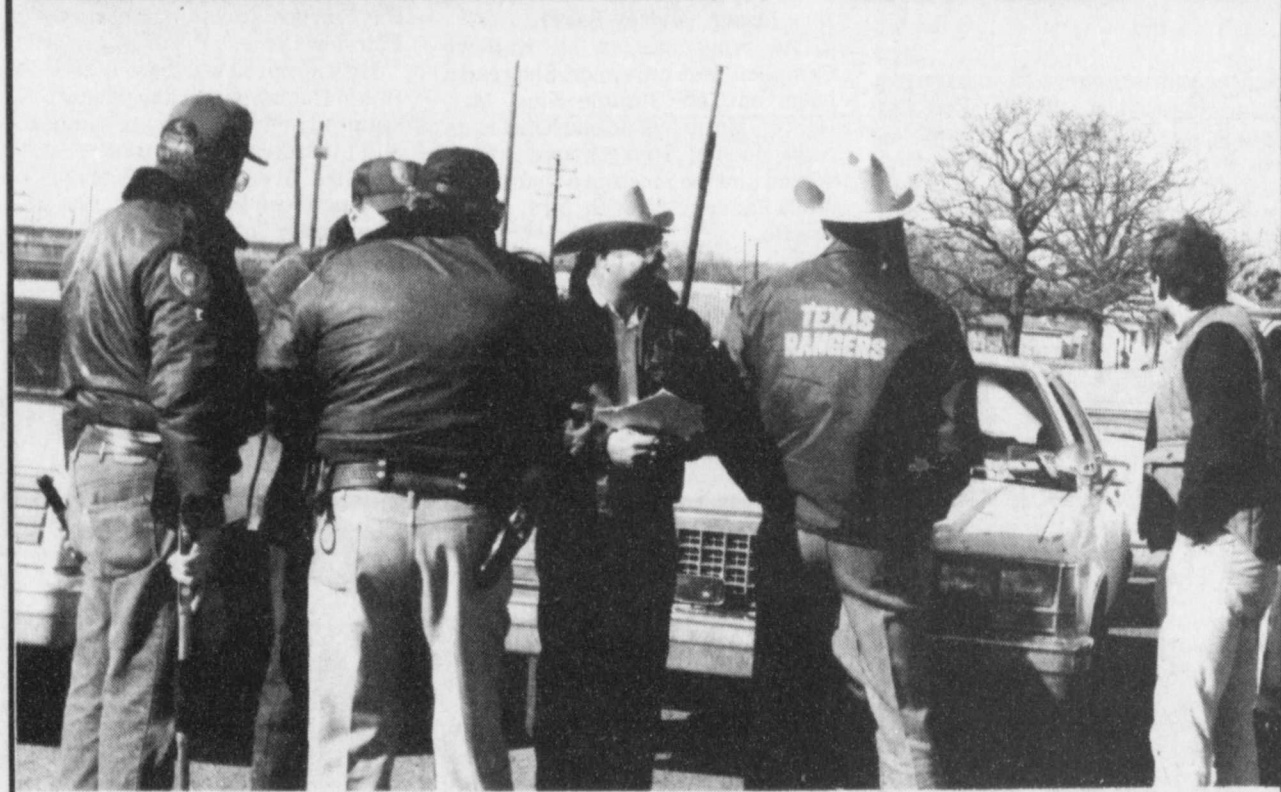
Sheriff Jim Parker's office said Tuesday morning that both men had made statements. They confessed to

the bank robbery, the robbery of Short's Piggly Wiggly store in Paris on January 3, the theft of a van from the Evangel Church of God on the same date, and the burglary of the William Dorries residence near Blossom.

Officials report that the property stolen in that burglary has been recovered.

Apparently, the two had been living "on the road" for some time, and had been looking for a bank to rob.

Both have been charged with aggravated robbery. Lamar County Judge Robert Burns set bond for each man at \$100,000.00 and the two will be transferred to Red River County Jail, since the bank robbery occurred in that county.



TRAILING-Bloodhounds from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections were set on a boot track trail as a massive manhunt last Friday night searched for the two men who held up the Community Na-

tional Bank in Detroit earlier that evening. The pair were apprehended, and the money recovered from the robbery by noon on Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Deport Council Accepts City Marshall Resignation

The Deport City Council accepted C.G. Nobles' resignation as City Marshall Monday night at their regular meeting.

Duane Glover was re-appointed to a two-year term as Fire Chief.

Don Denison was reappointed to the position of Fire Marshall.

The council decided to purchase a certificate of deposition from the waterworks account for 90 days.

The motion was made and passed to pay the expenses for Mayor Foster to travel to Washington, January 31, to work on obtaining grants for the City.

Motion was made and passed to accept contracts on the Administration part of Block Grant on Dewey, Hayes and Depot Streets.

Hayter Engineering was awarded contracts for these streets.

McClanahan and Holmes was hired to conduct the city audit.

There was a complaint concerning chickens and dogs on Monroe Street.

A called election was set for April 4. Minutes were approved as read, financial report approved as presented and the bills were paid, as well as Ark-Tex Council of Government dues.

Prairiland Board Extends Contracts

The Prairiland School Board met in regular session Monday night, approving bills, accepting financial statements and tending to other business.

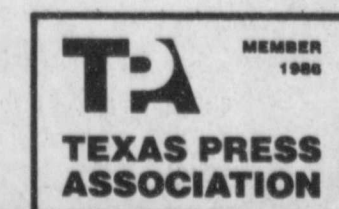
The board reviewed and approved the annual progress report of the school system.

They also adopted policies providing discipline management which resulted in the school being able to dismiss a student from school for six days instead of three.

The school budget was amended. A \$3,500 increase in the book budget resulted because of buying extra library books; \$2,100 in driver's education salaries and a miscellaneous items increase gave a

total increase of \$6,023 added to the budget.

Superintendent Leslie Taylor's contract was extended, giving him a three-year contract. Dr. Richard Nash and B.M. Ballard's contracts were extended, giving them two-year contracts and the contracts on Joyce Allen, Jerry Nell Stout and Patsy Norrell were also extended.



COMMAND POST-The unused truck stop at Blossom served as a command post as officers from Red River County, Lamar County, Titus County, Texas Rangers, Paris Police, Department of

Public Safety and even the Red River and Lamar County Game Wardens banded together in a long, cold all-night search for the gunmen who held up Community National Bank in Detroit on Fri-

day evening. Efforts paid off, as the pair were taken into custody and the money recovered. \$14,507 was taken in the robbery. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Ward-Thomas Tradition Held

The American Legion Hall in Deport was the site of a traditional celebration held Saturday, January 10, and hosted by Mrs. Therb (Hettie) Thomas and children.

The tradition began in 1931, honoring the birthdays of Gus and Lillian Ward (deceased), parents of Hettie Thomas, Therb Thomas and his mother, Mattie Thomas (deceased). Following tradition, there were 17 birthdays honored at this time, with dinner and visiting enjoyed by 71 descendants representing five generations of the Thomas and Ward families since the first celebration was held in 1931.

The honor of having celebrated the most birthdays was Therb Thomas with a whopping 77 years.

Those attending were: Frank and Edith Ward of Garland; Dessie Buster of Mt. Vernon; J.C., Carrol and Russ Ward of Jowntown; Joyce Green Leaky; Joan Cary of Clarksville; Loyce Brodie of New Caney; Ricky, Linda, Jason, Brandon and Heath Thomas of Blossom; Brenda Hutchison and Cade Skidmore of Novice; Ava Nell Epps of Deport;

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Deport Presbyterian Women Meet

Presbyterian Women of the Deport Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon, January 12, in the home of Edith and Ara Fuller.

Mrs. Farris Read, president, opened the meeting with the Mission Yearbook of Prayer. She discussed the work being done in El Salvador where there is a population of five million people with a literacy rate of 62%. This country has been in a civil war for six years, and the United States has sent them one billion dollars since 1981. A special prayer was offered for this mission work.

During the business meeting, Mrs. John Moore, treasurer, reported the pledge for the fourth quarter of 1986 had been paid with a balance left in the treasury.

The group voted to change the meeting time from 7 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Special meetings will probably be

held in the evening. Miss Edith Fuller gave the devotion of the Least Coin, telling of the many projects helped by this offering since it was started 25 years ago. This offering was collected and dedicated with prayer by Miss Fuller.

Mrs. Reba Temple introduced the Bible Study for the new year "Remember and Go Forth". This will be a study of the covenant between God and human beings. She discussed the first chapter which deals with the question "What is God's Covenant with the Community of Faith?"

Each member took part in the discussion of their earliest memories of hearing about God and their interpretation of what a covenant means.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

The hostesses served refreshments during the social hour.



Elliott-Jaynes Announce Engagement

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE Elliott announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laura Jayne, to Ricky Don Jaynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jaynes of Blossom. The couple will be married at the Oak Cliff Assembly of God Church in Dallas on March 14, 1987. Jaynes is a 1980 graduate of Prairiland High School, and a 1984 graduate of Oral

Roberts University, and a 1986 graduate of the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service and is employed by David Clayton and Sons Funeral Home in Duncanville. The prospective bride is a 1980 graduate of Duncanville High School, attended Cedar Valley College and is a certified Texas Master Florist, employed by Flowers by Sandra in Duncanville.

Billy Blevins Receives Food And Fiber Award

Billy Blevins was awarded the Food and Fiber Award in December of 1986.

Blevins received the award, presented by the Lamar County Program Building Committee and the Paris Kiwanis Club. Laurie Mallicote received the Lamar County Farm Homemaker of the Year award at the same time.

Blevins is from Pattonville, and has spent all of his life in the community. He comes from one of the pioneer farming families in the community and has spent most of his life fighting boll weevils as he was a big cotton producer 20 years ago. His principal crops now are wheat and milo and he also runs a commercial beef cow operation.

He has devoted much of his life to serving other farmers as he served on the county ASC Committee for a

number of years and is presently serving his second term on the county FHA Committee. He is a big supporter of Extension and SCS programs in the county and though he and his wife have no children, he is a big supporter of all youth activities at Prairiland ISD. Last year he was awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer award by Prairiland FFA. He and his wife, Ruby, are members of the Pattonville Baptist Church.

The Food and Fiber Producer Award is presented annually to a producer who has been successful as a producer, has contributed to a more progressive community through community service and has promoted the food and fiber industry. The selection is made by a committee of professional agriculturalist who have contact with all the producers in the

county. Billy Blevins certainly has contributed to his community, county and agriculture during his life as a producer.

Baileys Celebrate 59th Anniversary

Marshall and Lennie Bailey celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on January 7. The couple were married on January 7, 1928 by Justice of the Peace J.L. Shanklin, at the Lamar County Courthouse.

They had three boys, Boyd Bailey of Houston, Robert Bailey, who died August 14, 1964, and Pat Bailey of Reno.

The couple celebrated the occasion with Pat and Debra Bailey at the Fish Fry in Paris.

BIRTHS

Curtis and Theda Mantooth had a 9 lb. 2 oz. daughter born January 13. Angel Lynn is the name they chose. Grandparents are Curtis and Mary Mantooth, Johnny and Nora Watkins.

GIFT R.W. Murphy sends The Deport Times to his mother, Mrs. Georgia Murphy for her birthday.

Deport Class Officers Named

Class officers for the sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes at Deport school were recently elected.

Eighth grade class officers are: president, Greg Vickers; vice-president, Donald Spears; secretary, Tina McMikel; treasurer, Richard Perry; and reporter, Cecil Anderson.

Officers for the seventh grade are: president, Shane Morton; vice-

president, James Wood; secretary, Debbie Watson; treasurer, Wesley Rhoades; and reporter, Angie Bratton.

Sixth grade class officers are: president, Phillip Strickland; vice-president, Crystal Ericsson; secretary, Lorie Elrod; treasurer, Shonda Anderson; and reporter, Clifton Bazhaw.





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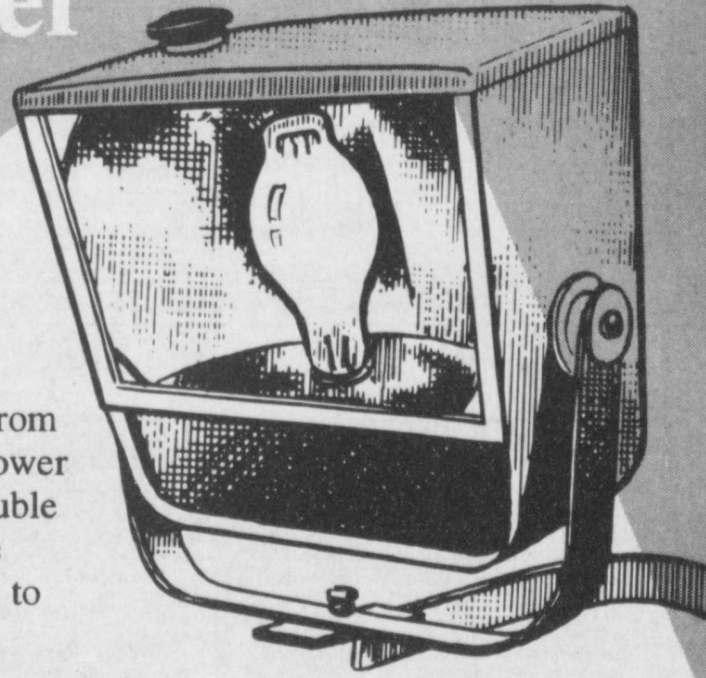
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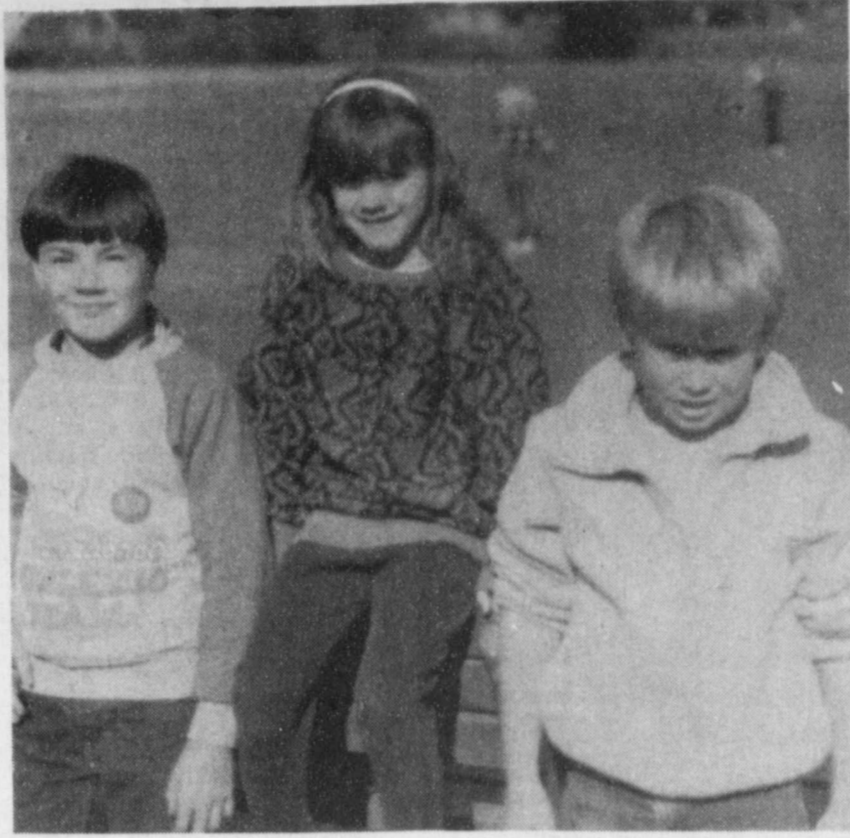




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4-H Does Well At Food Show

Eight county 4-H'ers competed at the District 4-H Food Show in Mt. Pleasant on January 10. The members were all North Lamar and Red Oak 4-H'ers. The members that competed and the results are as follows:

Brian Weatherford, blue ribbon in Junior Main Dish Division; Teresa Bayer, red ribbon in Junior Fruits and Vegetables; Summer Sikes, red ribbon in Junior Breads and Cereals; and Michelle Anderson, white ribbon in Junior Desserts.

In the senior division, the county participants were: Jonathan Bayer, white ribbon in Main Dish; Jamie Irwin, blue ribbon in Breads and Cereals; Katie Williams, red ribbon in Snacks and Desserts and Elisa Proctor, blue ribbon and also State Food Show Alternate in the Fruits and Vegetables Division.

Having had the privilege to go along with this group to the show, I can assure you the competition was tough and all these 4-H'ers did a super job for our county.

The Cass County 4-H Livestock Club is sponsoring a Junior Show this Saturday, January 17 in Atlanta. The show will be held in the Cass County Cattleman's Expo Building and entries must be in place by 8 a.m. on the 17th and the show will start at 10 a.m.

There will be classes for bulls, heifers and steers and there must be at least six head of a breed for a separate class. By the way, fees are \$7.00 per head at the show. Belt buckles will be given for Junior and Senior Showmanship winners. Ages of breeding cattle will be determined as of January 17, 1987.

Washing facilities will be available and cattle will be shown indoors.

A Cattle Hoof Trimming has been set for Monday, January 19 at the county fairbarn. I do realize that this is a holiday for some folks and not for others. We have tried to allow for this in arranging the event. If you have beef or dairy cattle, then they need a hoof trimming. Some need it very badly, some need it worse than that.

The trimming will start at 1 p.m. that afternoon and last until it's over. If you have cattle that need to be trimmed but you will not be arriving until later in the afternoon, please call me before Monday and let me know. This way I can hold Mr. Cross up for

a while. If we do not hear from you and you have not shown up before he is through, there is a good chance you will miss him.

The cost will still be \$10 per head.

Andy Anderson has asked me to relay the message that there will be a 4-H Beef Project Group meeting at 6 p.m. the 19th. This is after the hoof trimming. See you then.

By the time you read this there should be a new supply of 4-H Discount Cards waiting for you in my office. The cards have been remodeled and are still just \$1.00 each.

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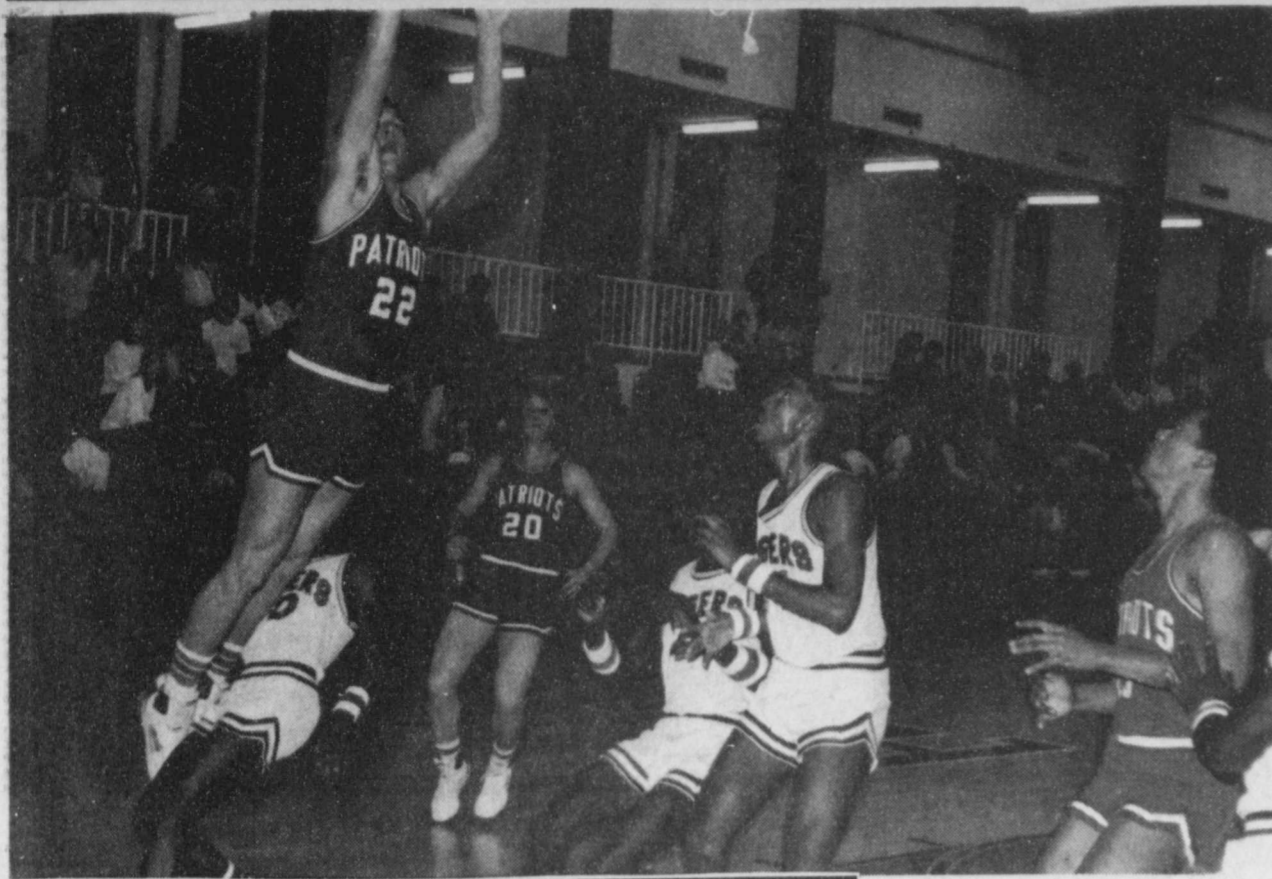
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Deport

JOSEPH WHELCHER puts everything into a two point score, as the Prairiland Patriots continued their basketball season last week. The Patriots dropped their last two games. (Staff Photo by Eric Foster)

Deport Housing Authority News

By Lelia Westbrook and Mary Westbrook

Our sympathy is extended to Ms. Kate Harmening on the death of her step-son, O.P. Harmening of Leesville. He had been injured in a tractor accident several months ago.

Mrs. Judy Wilder of Dallas visited her father, Roy Wright, on the weekend. He accompanied her home for a few days visit.

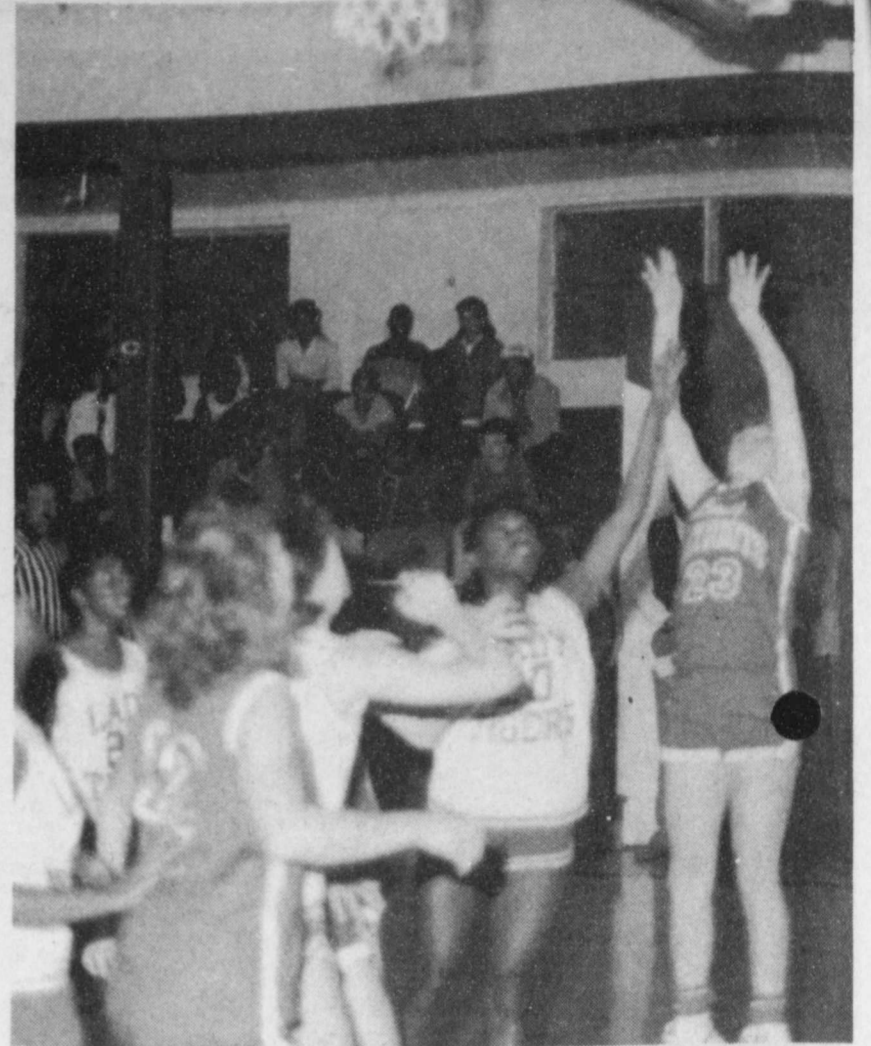
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Westbrook of Floydada visited his mother, Lelia Westbrook, Sunday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Tonya Harris and daughter Lacey of Chickasha, OK spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Kate Harmening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Westbrook of Floydada and Lelia Westbrook visited Mr. and Mrs. Ned Westbrook of DeKalb Monday night for a fish fry.

Clyde Kyle and family of Paris visited his mother, Myna Kyle Sunday night.

Mrs. Imogene Wilson of Paris visited Paul and Dortha Westbrook Sunday night in the home of Lelia Westbrook.



LEANNE ANDERSON shoots for two against the Lady Tigers as the

Prairiland girls upped their record with a win last Friday night. (Staff Photo by Eric Foster)

Pats Drop Two, Fems Take One

By Eric Foster

The Lady Patriots demolished the Clarksville Tigerettes last Tuesday, 62-25.

The girls started the game slowly, and at the end of the first quarter they led by only one, 7-6.

In the second period, the girls blew out the Tigerettes by outscoring them 26 points to only six. The half ended with the girls having a very comfortable lead and the score 33-12.

The Tigerettes were able to close the gap by only seven points but were unable to get a good jump on the Patriot fems.

In the final period, the girls again outscored the Tigerettes by a very good margin of 19 points to six points. The game ended with the fems getting another victorious moment.

The Prairiland Patriots, while sitting idle Tuesday night, traveled to Terrell where they were beaten by the Tigers 65-51.

The boys came out in the first period and stuck with the Tigers, despite their speed, 13-13.

In the second period, the boys were

unable to keep up with the Tigers, but only trailed by eight, 33-25.

The speed of the Tigers spread the margin between them and the Patriots by sixteen in the third period.

In the fourth period, the boys were able to keep up with the Tigers and outscore them by two, in spite of great play, they were unable to break the deficit.

The Lady Patriots went against the Mt. Vernon Tigerettes last Friday and were barely beaten, 56-51.

The girls played very well in the first half. In the first period, the girls led the Tigerettes by three.

In the second period, the girls continued to pull away and they led at the half 24-16.

The Tigerettes came out in the third period and outscored the fems 24 points to 12. In spite of this, the girls only trailed by four, 40-36.

In the final period, the girls were unable to catch back up.

Saturday night, the Patriots played the Paris Wildcats and gave them a run for their money. However, the boys were not able to stop the

Wildcats for all four quarters and lost 59-42.

The boys, in the first period, played a very good game and were ahead by one, 9-8.

In the second period, the Pats played very good ball as they stayed patient and kept from committing the usual mistakes. With 1:55 left, the Patriots led by one as Steven Johnson put in two free throws. Despite this, in the final minute, the Wildcats scored three more baskets to go up by five 26-21 at the half.

Joseph Whelchel was the offense in the third period, as he scored all of the ten points. The Wildcats pulled further away from the Pats, 40-31.

In the fourth quarter, the Wildcat offensive attack got rolling and pull-

ed away from the Patriots.

Both teams play at Pittsburg on Friday night at 6:30.

Stats for this week are as follows, with points, rebounds and steals; Karen Burdine, 14-7-3; Amy Scudder, 8-4-2; Jana Pomroy, 18-6-7; Mendy Norwood, 4-3-2; Jenissa Baker, 32-13-10; Melissa LaRue, 9-6-3; Stephanie Upton, 0-1-1; Erin Morgan, 10-8-2; LeAnne Anderson 16-15-3; Sheila Speir, 6-1-0.

Stats for the boys games are, by points, rebounds and steals; Robbie Fults, 16-5-4; Joseph Whelchel, 34-20-2; Ricky Minter, 6-4-1; David Jackson, 6-4-2; Lloyd Whelchel, 6-5-1; Jack Kindle, 2-6-3; Glen Dobbs, 4-3-0; Steven Johnson, 7-5-3; Craig Ladd, 10-3-1.

Pattonville News

By Ann Wright

Lucille Nash and Helen Northam visited Jesse and Frances Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crossland visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Clark of Bonham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Slaton visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crossland Monday.

Annette Crossland of Reno spent Saturday night and Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crossland.

Jo Barham of Sulphur Springs, Nelda Allen of Blossom had lunch with Mrs. Curtis Hoover Friday.

Grace Fendley of Blossom spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Curtis Hoover.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bryant and Ruby this week were Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Ballard of Clardy, Edna Towers of Shady Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson.

LaFawn Barham, Reagan and Wayne of Paris took Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bryant and Ruby shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Craig and Lucinda of Bogata had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Craig Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Keener and daughter of Lonview spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blevins.

Gerald Cobb of Paris was the speaker at the Pattonville Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Chappell of Lufkin and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoover visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chappell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Chappell of Lufkin and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chappell visited Delbert Chappell and family of Denison over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Chappell of Lufkin and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoover had a luncheon Monday in the home of Mrs. Harvey Fletcher of Paris. All six of the Finch sisters were together for the day.



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Clardy News

By Mrs. Virgie Ballard
Rex Allen of Blossom, who was in Baylor Hospital last week for tests and observation, returned home Thursday and did not have to have major surgery. His wife, Barbara and his mother, Mrs. Don Allen attended him and they all spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Allen, and returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Stone visited his niece, Fay Brown in St. Joseph's hospital in Paris Friday, she had major throat surgery for cancer Wednesday but seems to be doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skidmore visited L.T. Clement, Mrs. Maudie McKinney and several others in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris Saturday.

Mrs. Ruby Hudson of Jennings spent last Monday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Ingram of Paris. A.G. and Doris Ballard enjoyed lunch in Paris last Wednesday.

Friends were saddened last week by the death of Travis Faircloth of Dallas. He had been ill with cancer for some time. He owned a ranch in Clardy. Everyone extends heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mrs. Zada Dun and Mrs. Lois Ballard were Paris business visitors last Wednesday.

Ruby Hudson of Jennings and Doris Ballard of Clardy spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Virgie Ballard.

Todd Davis of Denton left for his home Friday after the holidays.

Norris Ballard and Amy were in Dallas Friday for the funeral of Travis Faircloth.

L.T. Clement who has been ill for some time suffered a stroke during the weekend and is quite ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. We pray that he will be better soon.

Lewis and Louise Clement spent part of last week with her sister, the Adrin Crows of Winnsboro.

Norris Ballard and Amy enjoyed supper in Paris Thursday.

Saturday was Mrs. Virgie Ballard's 79th birthday. She got many gifts and calls from Dawson, Tony from Ft. Smith, AR, sister Ettie Graham from Arlington, Delbert from Quitman,

Mike from Gladewater, Kelli Ballard, Doris Ballard of Clardy, Nelda Harrell of Jennings, Nita Anderson of Clardy, Mary Jane Taylor of Paris, Ophelia Anderson of Paris, Mamie McMellon of Clardy. Many cards were received and helped make her birthday happy.

The family of the late Elzie and Bettie Williams had their reunion recently at the Clardy Community Center with a large crowd present and all had a good time. Charles and Lydia Williams of Vidor spent the weekend with his sister, Lewis and Louise Clement.

Mrs. Virgie Ballard visited L.T. Clement in St. Joseph's Hospital Saturday. His daughter, Charlotte of Wolfe City, was attending him. He was doing well.

Friends were sorry to hear of the death of R.V. Free of Paris.

L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout spent Saturday in Longview.

Mrs. Lillian Eudy is back home after an extended visit with relatives in California.

Kay Hancock and children visited their aunt, Maud Hancock in Paris Saturday. She is doing well after falling and breaking a hip recently.

Era Rader visited the Carl Westbrook of Biardstown during the weekend.

Dawson Ballard of Powderly visited his mother, Mrs. Virgie Ballard, on her birthday Saturday afternoon.

Woodrow and Kathleen Bennett of Paris visited their cousin, Mrs. Virgie Ballard, Sunday afternoon.

JV Boys Trample Terrell

By Eric Foster

The Junior Varsity Patriots ran over the Terrell Tigers last Friday, 57-42.

The Patriots played a very good game, which they didn't trail for the entirety. The boys came out and opened up a five point lead in the first period, 14-9.

In the second period, the boys were able to continue to pull away from the Tigers as the half ended with the score 34-21.

The third period was very even, as both teams were able to score ten points.

In the final period, the Patriots were able to outscore the Tigers, despite the boys playing with only four people for four minutes.

The JV stats are: Martin Babb, 12 pts.; Jason Baker, 11 pts.; Jamie Borden, 4 pts.; Randy Huddleston, 12 pts.; Kevin Mowery, 10 pts.; Clint Rencan, 4 pts.; and Wade Sparks, 4 pts.

JV Better Records

By Eric Foster

The Junior Varsity Lady Patriots downed the Mt. Vernon Tigerettes last Friday, 42-32.

The girls never trailed in the contest. The first half ended with the girls on top by seven, 21-14.

In the second half, the girls continued to pull away from the Tigerettes.

The Pats were led by Toni Dockray, who turned in an impressive game, with 16 points.

This is how the rest of the team fared for the game: Traci Smith, 5 pts.; Melissa Tucker, 5 pts.; Sheila Withers, 5 pts.; Dana Bradford, 4 pts.; Tracy Ford, 3 pts.; and Lisa Icenhower, 2 pts.

Freshmen Lose In 3rd Overtime

By Eric Foster

The Freshman Patriots suffered a triple overtime loss last Friday night, 59-56 versus the Terrell Tigers.

The boys started out very well against the Tigers. The boys kept momentum in the first half, which ended with Prairiland on top by six, 22-16.

In the third period, the boys were still able to keep their six point lead. The period ended 35-29.

In the final period, the boys kept the lead until with :49 left the Tigers were able to catch up because the boys, with lack of substitutes, were exhausted. The period ended in a 47-47 tie.

In the first overtime period, the Patriots pulled to a four point lead. The Tigers, however, pulled to within two with :41 left in the period. At the buzzer, the Tigers were able to tie the game up again, 51-51.

The Patriots fell behind in the second overtime by three. With 1:32 left, the Patriots pulled to within one point. Then with :49 left, Giovanni Scarano was fouled and made one point to tie up the game and send it into the third overtime.

In the third and final overtime, the Patriots were unable to hit another basket.

Soloman Graduating From TSTI

Kevin Solomon will graduate from T.S.T.I. in Waco on February 24. He is the son of Doyle and Margie Solomon of Dallas and the grandson of Maggie Solomon and the late Travis Solomon of Wake Village, formerly of Deport and Mr. and Mrs. George Kehres of Waco. He graduated from Lake Highland High School in 1982.

Solomon is a commercial art and advertising student.

T.S.T.I. is the only state supported vocational technical school in Texas and is a part of a four campus network with additional facilities programs located in Amarillo, Harlingen and Sweetwater.

More than 50 instructional programs are offered at the Waco campus, ranging from automotive mechanics to commercial art and advertising and laser electro-optics technology.

Pvt. Whitley Completes Training

Pvt. Lowell A. Whitley, son of Lowell W. Whitley of Blossom and Patricia S. Cochran of Paris, has completed one station unit training at the U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, GA.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrol-

ing, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

He is a 1986 graduate of Prairiland High School.



SHOTGUN SKILLS-Three Blossom boys, Scotty Fields, Clint Kelly and Thomas Wheelchel are taking part in the Lamar County 4-H Shooting Sports group, as is Scott Curley of Deport. Three of the youngsters were on hand last Thursday night to learn more from their instructor, R.B. Curley, before class began. (Staff Photo)

Burglary This Weeks Crime

Sometime between 8 p.m. on July 23 and 7 a.m. on July 24, a burglary occurred at Powell Lawnmower Center at 2865 N.E. Loop 286 in Paris.

Entering through the rear of the building, the thieves took an assortment of tools, chain saws, a cash register, radios, water hose and a Casio calculator.

September 18, 1986 about 11 p.m., a fire was noted in the Red River Bottoms near Chicota in northern Lamar County.

Constable Verl Sims investigated and discovered a barn containing some 50 tons of alfalfa hay belonging to Leo Parsons was burning. Some equipment, near the fire scene also belonging to Mr. Parsons, was discovered to have had the tires slashed leading investigators to consider the fire as also being intentional. Total damage to equipment, hay and barn is reported to be some fifteen thousand dollars.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 this week for information leading to the arrest and indictment of persons responsible for these crimes. Callers do not have to give their name. Crime Stoppers will also pay for information on other felony crimes.

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Blossom Housing Happenings

By Lossie Vickers and Aileen Herron

Dorothy Wilson is visiting her sister, Louella Bailey in Arlington for a few weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vickers from Detroit and April Vickers visited Lossie Vickers Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reves and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Ginger, Jennifer and Chris Stone, Mary Smart visited Georgia Clark

Saturday.

Pat York and daughter Melony from Mesquite visited their aunt, Mrs. Virgie Jarnigan, also Mr. and Mrs. George Peppy visited her over the weekend.

Isabell Holmes Schlit visited Ruby Smith Wednesday and they went shopping in Paris.

Tomy Woodard visited Carl Westmorland Monday night.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Beulah Floyd of Paris, who died

Saturday. She was a sister to Carl and Clarence Westmorland and Lilly Scott.

Aileen Herron and Lossie Vickers visited Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnston Sunday. Chad, Aileen, Peggy and Lossie played 42. Peggy and Lossie were winners.

Ione Woodard visited the Cherry St. Nursing Home Saturday.

Mrs. Cecil Carter is suffering from cold and flu, but is able to be up.

Morene Bradley with Inez Luttrell and Margaret Whitley and Ashley went shopping in Paris Tuesday.

Leona McDowell spent the weekend in Paris with her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Carroll.

Polly Burman visited Mabel Parker Saturday. Mabel Parker spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Shores. Jamie Jackson spent Tuesday night with his grandmother, Mabel Parker.

Sylvia May and Larry and Clay Minton visited Ruby Dickerson Friday.

Mrs. Rhoda Lee had her granddaughter with her Saturday night. her grandson, Mark Bates and family spent Sunday with her.



ACCIDENT-This wreck occurred on slick pavement on Hwy. 271 last Thursday night in Deport. Sammy

Woodall was the driver of the Lincoln Continental, which skidded out of control and struck the

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East Post Oak News

By Mrs. Howard Crawford

Everyone really got scared over the Detroit bank robbery Friday evening and were relieved when the robbers were caught by the Paris policeman. The Connot boy and the hound dogs helped to find them in an old house and hidden under the hay. They found all the money that was stolen.

Mrs. Ray Outland, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crawford attended a birthday dinner Saturday at Mt. Pleasant for Ralph Crawford.

Mrs. Howard Crawford attended a birthday dinner Sunday in Clarksville of her sister, Mrs. Berniece Crawford. All her children were present.

Everyone is enjoying the pretty weather even if it is cold and hoping the ground will dry up before more rain comes again.

Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Cagle took dinner with their daughter, Kathy and Lorri Sunday in Paris.

Mrs. Bonnie Flatt visited her sister, Mrs. Viola Cooksie in Dallas last week.

Mrs. Fred Ramsey visited Mrs. Howard Crawford Friday afternoon. Our 42 Club will meet here Tuesday evening at the Community Center. Anyone is welcome to come visit us anytime.

Varied Continuing Education Courses At PJC

Varied continuing education courses on parenting, driving, business subjects, vocabulary, speed reading and computer are among those scheduled at Paris Junior College during January.

Although no college credit is given for the classes, continuing education units are awarded for successful completion of most courses. Fees and reservations are required in advance of the starting date and social security numbers are used for registration.

Course on Aging will begin Jan. 15 as part of the curricula for the Texas Basic Certificate in Gerontology. The course will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for three Thursdays beginning Jan. 15, fee is \$35.

Stress Management will include orientation from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 and individual sessions for the following five weeks. Participants will learn to use biofeedback equipment to reduce stress and fee is \$25.

A Fishing Clinic with tips for successful fishing and rod building will begin January 19 and continue from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays for six weeks. Fee is \$25.

Telephone Seminar: Entitled "The Telephone and Your Business" will be Wednesday, January 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fee is \$5.

Cabinet Making will begin January 22, with classes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays for 12 weeks and the fee

will be \$85. Participants will learn to build furniture items using small power tools.

Beginning Typing will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. starting January 26. The fee will be \$75 for 15 lessons. Books will be furnished.

Computer, Level II is for persons who have taken the level I course or those who have some computer experience. The Apple computer with disk drive system will be used. Classes are from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning Jan. 29, fee is \$50. The course is approved for advanced academic credit for teachers.

Active Parenting begins January 26 and continues for five Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. The course will provide techniques for achieving growth in the family relationship. Fee is \$15.

Bridge Class will start Jan. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 consecutive Mondays. The fee will be \$35. Intermediate classes will start Jan. 17 and be taught on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. for eight weeks. Fee is \$30. Classes for advanced players will be Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting Jan. 29 and continue for four weeks. Fee will be \$20.

Bookkeeping: Basic bookkeeping and office procedures will begin Jan. 27 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for six weeks. Students

will learn about business transactions, basic accounting records, payroll computations, and the 10-key adding machine. Fee will be \$55.

Vocabulary Development will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 27. Fee for six lessons will be \$15.

Sign Language will be taught on Tuesdays from 6 to 9:15 p.m. beginning Jan. 27 and continuing for five weeks. LaQuinta Long will teach the beginner class in American Sign Language, fingerspelling as taught by the Texas Schools for the Deaf. Fee for the course is \$35 and the cost of the book is \$6.00.

Friday 42 Club meets

The Friday 42 Club met Friday, January 9 with Mrs. Curtis Hoover as hostess.

There was one guest, Mrs. Ethel Epps present. Lela Carrell and Thelma Shelby tied for high score and Ethel Epps for guest.

A salad and dessert plate was served for refreshments. The next meeting will be Friday, January 23 with Mrs. Jimmy King as hostess.

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Blossom Locals

By Mrs. Marvin Bruce
 Huie Proffitt and Eddie Knight from the Senior Citizen Center played in the Domino Tournament at the Roxton Center Wednesday, January 8. They won the trophy and we are proud of them.
 We are still having lunch three days a week and a lot of senior citizens are participating now, but we would be happy to have more join us and you are sixty or over, come join us for a

nice time and good lunches.
 Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kincaid of the old Dimple community of Red River County, visited the Hot Lunch Program Friday then they and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett drove over to Greenville on business. They came back to the Catfish King in Paris for dinner. Mrs. Garrett said they all enjoyed the day.
 Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Steele and their daughter, Mrs. Ann Jackson and

sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Reginal Crawford and Mrs. Ethel Jackson Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett visited Mrs. Clara Gable Saturday.
 Emma Sharp of Detroit visited Monica Thompson over the weekend. I think everyone around here is breathing a lot easier now that our law enforcement officers did such a good job in catching the men who robbed the Community National Bank in Detroit. Thanks men for a job well done.
 Mr. and Mrs. Presley Eddins spent the night Saturday in Bagwell.
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bruce visited friends in Ft. Towson, OK Sunday.
 Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. L.N. Beulah Floyd of Paris. Two of her brothers and one sister live in Blossom.
 Mrs. Flo McCormack spent Thursday through Saturday with Mrs. Ruby Ray.



DESTROYED-The home of Jerry and Cherrie Gillie of Sylvan was totally destroyed by fire last

Wednesday night. Jerry and daughter, LaNiece, managed to escape the burning house, but no

possessions were saved. Cause of the fire is undetermined. (Staff Photo)

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Milton News

By Lillian Upchurch
 Tony Malone and son Matt of Paris spent Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Harvey. Mrs. Leah Todd and son Jeffrey of Euless are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.
 Mrs. Mamie Kennedy of Bogata had lunch Sunday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harold Allen.
 John W. Harvey of Greenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lawler on Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Lambert of Ector and Mrs. Tilitha Gay of Longview visited Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Upchurch on Tuesday. H.R.'s mother, Mrs. Viola Upchurch, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lambert home for a visit.
 Mrs. Gail Smith and daughter of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bybee of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Leftwich and children of Forney visited over the weekend with Mrs. Dixie Walker. They all visited Dixie at the Deport Nursing Home.

Deport Locals

By Lelia Westbrook
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haney of Wake Village spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cheshire.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Westbrook visited recently with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody and family in Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cole in Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hammond of Ft. Worth. John and Phebe Allen have returned after vacationing in Jamaica.
 Helen and Richard Nance had visitors over the weekend, friends from Washington state.
 Ruth Ann Wear of Paris visited her grandmother, Mrs. W.N. Talley, over the weekend.



BREAKFAST-The Deport Kiwanis Club met for breakfast

and to make plans and attend to business Saturday morning. The

group meets at Granny Mc's Cafe every week. (Staff Photo)

Deport Nursing Home News

Frank Norwood of Porter and Paul and Mary Beth from Austin visited John and Brodie Bell.
 Mrs. Ester Cunningham of Roxton visited Lizzie Lee Wright.
 Rev. Jim Spikes and Ruth Cheatham from Deport visited Johnnie Warren.
 Robert Holub of Paris taught Bible Study on Sunday.
 Lucille Fowler and granddaughter,

Jennifer Dorsey, of Cunningham visited Mrs. John Warren.
 Lucille Nash of Paris visited Mrs. Mary Mathews and Clarence Williams.
 Mary Lou Heditt and Lucille Daugherty of Paris visited Mrs. Jeffrie Box.
 Mrs. Pauline Rodgers visited from Detroit. She taught Bible Study on Monday.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

- Deport School Menu**
 Jan. 19-23, 1987
- Monday
 - Beef roast and gravy
 - Blackeyed peas
 - Candied sweet potatoes
 - Honey and butter
 - Hot rolls
 - Milk
 - Tuesday
 - Pinto beans with ground meat
 - Spinach
 - Carrots
 - May 7 Day cookies
 - Cornbread
 - Milk
 - Wednesday
 - Barbeque chicken
 - Green beans
 - Corn
 - Cookies
 - Bread
 - Milk
 - Thursday
 - Soup, vegetable beef or chicken noodle
 - Pimento and cheese sandwiches
 - Milk
 - Friday
 - Taco salad
 - Salad
 - Cheese
 - Chips
 - Fruit
 - Bread
 - Milk

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

Speed Reading Course At PJC

A speed reading course is scheduled to begin Tuesday, January 27 at Paris Junior College. Classes will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays for six weeks, said June Jones, director of continuing education for the college.
 The course is designed to increase reading speed and comprehension for business persons, students and others interested in covering more material. Fee will be \$25.
 Daisy Redding, instructor, has 17 years of teaching experience in public schools including 15 years in Paris Independent School District. She attended PJC and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from East Texas State University. For the past year, she has been employed in Learning Skills at PJC.
 Reservations for the course should be made by mailing the fee, payable to PJC, with name, address and social security number to the Continuing Education Office, Paris Junior College, Paris, TX or going by the office.



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 -Thurs-Fri-Sat.
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<p>POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag</p>  <p>\$1.19</p>	<p>BBQ SAUCE Kraft 18oz. Bottle</p>  <p>\$1.09</p>	<p>MIRACLE WHIP Kraft Salad Dressing 32oz. Jar</p>  <p>\$1.69</p>	<p>HOMINY Bush Golden 16oz. Can</p>  <p>4/\$1</p>	<p>HOMINY White Hominy</p>  <p>4/\$1</p>
<p>TOWELS Hi-Dri Paper</p>  <p>59¢</p>	<p>BREAD Ideal Soft Mix</p>  <p>69¢</p>	<p>BISCUITS Parade</p>  <p>5/\$1</p>	<p>BREAD Mrs. Bairds Sta Fresh</p>  <p>69¢</p>	<p>BAKED BEANS Bushs 16oz. Can</p>  <p>2/98¢</p>
<p>DR. PEPPER 2 Liter</p>  <p>\$1.09</p>	<p>COKE 2 Liter</p>  <p>\$1.09</p>	<p>GREEN BEANS Del Monte Cut 16oz. Can</p>  <p>2/79¢</p>	<p>CATSUP Del Monte 32oz. Bottle</p>  <p>\$1.29</p>	<p>MACARONI & CHEESE Kraft-Dinner</p>  <p>2/89¢</p>