

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
No, Ann, you shouldn't eat the dog's food!

At a recent party Ann Lee, who lives with her husband Sheldon at Milton, told this story to us. She made me promise not to print it...but after I begged that it was "just too good to pass up" she graciously consented.

You see, Ann and Sheldon are related to Morris and Mary Lawler, also of Milton. The Lawler's "dog sit" for Ruth Skaggs' dog Pepper.

Pepper is a poodle, and is getting along in years. He sometimes is a little finicky about eating his food.

One day, when Ann came in the Lawler's door they exclaimed "Oh Pepper, here comes Ann. If you don't eat your food she's going to eat it all up for you!"

Ann fell right into the little act, going to the food bowl and making "Yum, Yum, I'm going to eat this good food alllllll up" noises.

Pepper promptly set to his dinner with a will and sure enough, polished off his plate!

From then on it was a sort of family joke. Any time Ann entered the Lawler's home Pepper ran to make sure that his food dish was good and empty. Any time he was feeling a little off his feed Ann could be called upon to threaten to consume his doggy dinner and he would eat it rather than let this woman take his food.

His awareness of Ann's threat to his food extends to his home in Deport, too. Ruth swore to Ann that he wouldn't eat one day when he was at home.

Ruth walked to the window and said "Pepper, you'd better eat, here comes Ann and she'll eat your food!". Ruth claims he rushed to his food bowl and gobbled down his meal!

Ann claims most folks look at her a little funny when she tells this story. "I guess it's all over everywhere that Ann Lee eats dog food" she laughs.

That's all well and good as long as it lasts. What I want to ask Ann is, "on the day Pepper doesn't clean his plate when you merely threaten, are you prepared to actually take a bite to prove to him you actually will eat his food". That's going to be one tough decision to make!

GTE offers initiatives

GTE officials remind eligible mathematics and science teachers that the application deadline for the company's Growth Initiatives for Teachers grant program is January 7, 1997. GIFT provides teachers with grants for professional development and an educational school enrichment project that integrates mathematics and science in an innovative way.

Each GIFT grant totals \$12,000 and is shared by a team of one math and one science teacher. Of this amount, \$2,500 is awarded to each teacher for his or her professional development. In addition, each school receives \$7,000 to fund an enrichment project. A key feature of GIFT is the integration of mathematics and science in a school's curriculum through a school enrichment project.

To apply for the GIFT grant, one science and one math teacher (grades 7 through 12, grades 6 only if in a middle or junior high school) from the same school apply as a team. Together, they submit a detailed school enrichment proposal which links science and math in an innovative way, including a discussion of the need for the project, as well as its content and a budget. Each teacher submits his or her own plan for professional development.

To receive a GIFT application booklet or for more information on the program, contact Sherry Kimbell, public affairs manager at 972-413-7363. Completed applications must be postmarked by January 17, 1997. Grant recipients will be notified in mid-April.

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Consumer alert!! Watch 809 area codes!

According to the Texas Press Bulletin, consumers are advised to watch for any business that uses a phone number with the area code 809. The number is in the Caribbean and in each case, the owners of the number receive a large kickback from foreign telephone companies.

Many consumers are finding messages on their answering machines asking that they return a call to an 809 number. When the number is dialed, the caller receives either a lengthy prerecorded message or a conversation with a person who pretends to

speak in broken English in order to extend the length of the call.

While some people are promised that they have won valuable prizes, the typical story left on an answering machine has to do with information about a family member who has fallen ill or been arrested.

This type of call is difficult to prosecute since it is foreign and the consumer willingly makes each call. The caller's only recourse is to contact the foreign phone company who will likely deny any wrongdoing.

John Denison nominated for award

John Denison, drafting instructor at Paris Junior College, has been nominated by the faculty for the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award that recognizes teaching excellence in Texas colleges and universities.

Denison's nomination will be entered in competition with other nominees across the state. When the final selection is made in May, 10 individuals will be selected to receive the "Piper Professor" award, which carries with it a \$2,500 stipend.

Denison said he was surprised and delighted to be chosen by his faculty peers as the nominee for the Piper Award.

"I appreciate my fellow faculty members recognizing me," he said.

"PJC has many outstanding instructors who are deserving of this award. I am pleased they saw fit to nominate me."

Denison has been a member of the faculty at PJC for 25 years, coming to Paris after spending a year at Jasper High School.

A native of Deport, Denison attended Paris Junior College before transferring to East Texas State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his masters degree at Texas A & M University in College Station.

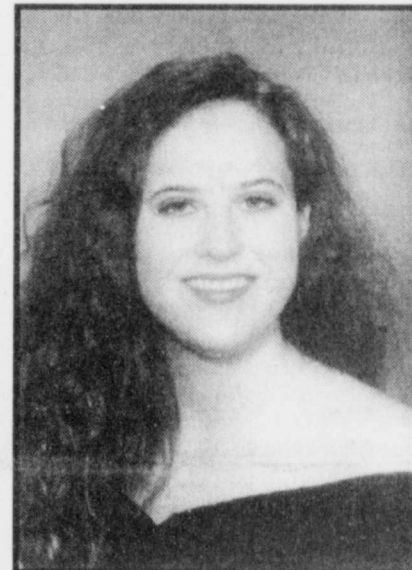
Denison, his wife, Larann and son, Dru, reside in Rosalie. Larann is a teacher at Rivercrest High School where Dru is a senior.



CHRISTMAS MEAL- a number of people shared Christmas Dinner together Christmas Day as volunteers worked together to provide a meal for themselves and others in the community of Deport who might have been alone otherwise. This is the second year for the event, and it was a big success. (Staff Photo by Gilbert Arriaga)



DELIVERY GIRLS! Melissa Arriaga and Cristina Murphy were all dolled up for the Holidays Christmas Day, as was this vintage Mercedes. The two delivered twelve Christmas Dinners to those who were unable to attend the "Christmas From The Heart" meal served at the Lonesome Dove by volunteers. (Staff Photo by Gilbert Arriaga)



AMANDA BABB of Blossom was recently named to the Women's Basketball Coach's Association (WBCA) Academic Top-25 Team Honor Roll, recognizing the nation's highest NAIA (Division I and II) team grade point averages for the 1995-96 season. (Staff Photo)

Austin College Basketball Team honored

The 1995-96 Austin College Women's Basketball Team has been selected to the inaugural Women's Basketball Coach's Association (WBCA) Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll. They recognized the nation's highest NAIA (Division's I and II) team grade point average for the 1995-96 season.

A member of the Lady Roo's team from Blossom was Amanda Babb, who was a 1995 Prairiland Honor Graduate.

Amanda is a sophomore at Austin College this year and due to a knee

injury has been allowed to be an assistant coach to Coach Ed Garza in volleyball and cross country. The cross country team came away with the first ever American Southwest Conference Women's Cross Country Team title and the first ASC women's team title won by an Austin College squad. They edged out second place University of the Ozarks, 46-37 at the conference championship meet held at the Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas on October 26, 1996.

New Year's Wishes

As a new year unfolds, we wish for you
Success, good times, good health,
Plus love, faith and contentment,
Enlightenment and wealth.

May all your dreams come true this year,
And may troubled times be few.
We couldn't wish for all of this
For nicer folks than you!

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SANTA handed out gifts to residents of the Deport Nursing Home recently during the Birthday-Christmas Party held for them. The party was sponsored by the local churches. (Staff Photo)



SANTA and the Kiwanis Club brought a little bit of Christmas to the Deport Nursing Home residents during the holidays. (Staff Photo)

Registration for spring semester is January 8-9

Registration for the spring semester at Paris Junior College is January 8-9 in the Mike Rheudasil Learning Center.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 5:30 each day.

Students whose names begin with R through U will register from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Students with names beginning with V through Z will register from 10:30 to noon. Students with names beginning with N and Q will register from noon until 3:30 and the last names beginning with L and M will register from 3:30 to 5:30.

On January 9, students with names

beginning with H through K will begin at 8:00. From 10:30 until noon, students whose names begin with E through G can register. Students whose last names begin with C through D can register from noon to 3:30 and A through B will conclude scheduled registration from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Late registration for both day and nighttime students will be Monday and Tuesday, January 13-14 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. First day of classes for the fall semester is Monday, January 13.

For information, call 784-9425.

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COOK OF THE WEEK is Sis Case of Talco. She enjoys cooking and visiting with friends and family. She has three grandchildren and loves spoiling them. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

Our cook this week is from the Talco area and is an excellent cook and loves to talk and visit with friends and family. She is Sis Case and is married to Buster Case.

The couple have two children. Judy Stevens and Bruce Case and Bruce is married to Tammie. Sis and Buster have three grandchildren, Laura Stevens, Ryan and Rachel Case. Mrs. Case is active in her church

Card Of Thanks

I want to thank my family and friends for their visits, calls, cards and prayers during my heart surgery and recovery.

Margie Garrett

Card Of Thanks

We would like to extend a very special **Thank You** to everyone for all your prayers, thoughts, flowers, donations to the cemetery and acts of kindness during our mother's illness and recent home going.

A special thanks to Life Tabernacle Church for support, Brother Joe Merrill for his words of comfort and Wood funeral Home for their special care. To all our friends and family for their phone calls and cards

The children and grandchildren of Mary Magdalene Scoggins

in Talco and dotes on her grandchildren, who really keep her busy.

Her recipes include a Marvelous Banana Cake with Banana-Nut Frosting. A delicious sounding Cider-Baked Ham, Candied Sweet Potatoes and Easy Baked Beans.

We hope you enjoy this week's recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Lizzie Lee Wright dies December 22

Lizzie Lee Wright, age 103 of Deport died Sunday, December 22 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Wood Funeral Home conducted graveside services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 24 at Highland Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Campbell officiating.

Mrs. Wright was born March 23, 1893 in Deport to Albert and Eleanor Grant Fagan. She married Charles Reese Wright in 1911. He died in 1952. She was also preceded in death by a son, Capt. Wayne F. Wright, USAF, in 1986. She was a member of the Deport United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Weldon Wright of Monroe, LA; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

January 2, 1997
Sis Case - Talco

Marvelous Banana Cake
1 cup butter of margarine-softened
3 cups sugar
2 cups mashed banana
4 eggs-beaten
4 cups sifted all purpose flour
2 teaspoon soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons bourbon
1 cup chopped pecans

Combine butter and sugar in large bowl; cream until light. Add bananas; mix until smooth. Stir in beaten eggs. Sift together flour and soda. Add to banana mixture alternately with buttermilk, mixing well. Stir in vanilla, bourbon and nuts. Pour batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely on wire racks. Spread frosting between layers and on top of cake.

Banana-Nut Frosting
1/2 cup mashed banana
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/3 cup butter or margarine-softened
1 (16 ounce) package plus 3 cups powdered sugar
3 tablespoons mild
1 cup firmly packed coconut-toasted
2/3 cup finely chopped pecans
3 drops yellow food coloring (optional)

Combine bananas and lemon juice; set aside. Beat butter until creamy in a large bowl. Add sugar, bananas and milk; beat until fluffy. Additional milk may be added if needed in order to obtain proper consistency. Stir in coconut and chopped pecans. Add food coloring, if desired. Yield enough frosting for one 9-inch layer cake.

Cider-Baked Country Ham
1 (15-20 pound) country ham
1 (46 ounce) bottle apple cider
whole cloves
spiced crab apples (optional)
fresh parsley (optional)

Place ham in a very large container; cover with cold water and soak overnight. Scrub ham thoroughly with a stiff brush. Drain. Place ham, skin down in roaster. Coat exposed portion generously with brown sugar. Pour cider into roaster; cover and bake at 350 degrees for 4 hours; basting every 20-30 minutes. Carefully remove ham from cider; remove skin; place ham fat side up on a cutting board. Score fat in a diamond design and stud with cloves. Drain off half of cider. Return ham to roaster; fat side up; coat top generously with brown sugar. Continue baking, uncovered for 1 hour basting frequently with remaining cider. Garnish with crabapples and parsley, if desired. Yield 30 servings.

NOTE: a larger or smaller ham may be used. Bake 20 minutes per pound and uncover during the last hour of baking, after fat is scored and studded with cloves. Also, if you prefer, leave the glaze off, but use the apple cider.

Candied Sweet Potatoes
1 cup light Karo syrup
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons margarine
12 medium sweet potatoes

In small saucepan, bring corn syrup, brown sugar and margarine to boil over medium heat. Reduce and simmer 5 minutes. Pour 1/2 cup of syrup into 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Arrange potatoes in syrup. Top with remaining syrup. Bake at 350 degrees basting often for 20 minutes ore until done.

Easy Baked Beans
4 small cans pork and beans
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 medium onion-chopped
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1/2 pound bacon

Fry bacon until crisp. Set aside. Add chopped onion to bacon drippings and cook until tender. Add remaining ingredients and spoon into a lightly greased 10x6x2 inch baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Lloyd Gauntt dies December 27

Lloyd Gauntt, age 85 of Talco died Friday, December 27 at Trinity Mother Francis.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on December 30 at the First Baptist Church of Talco with the Rev. Perry Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery.

Mr. Gauntt was born November 4, 1911 in Omaha, the son of Sim and Emma Towler Gauntt. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva Lee Gauntt and a brother, Boyd Gauntt. He was a retired contract pumper.

Surviving are daughters, Thelma Puhura of Globe, AZ and Carolyn Gauntt-Westerman of Talco; grandchildren, Heather Edge of Talco, Emma Catherine Carpenter of Daingerfield, Samuel Ross of Omaha, Beverly Dutton of Globe, AZ and Donna Puhura of Arizona; and seven great-grandchildren.

James Wilburn Nichols dies December 20

James Wilburn Nichols, age 69 of Pattonville died Friday, December 20 at his home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22 at Wood Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Rev. L.C. Stout officiating.

Burial followed in Highland Cemetery by Wood Funeral Homes of Deport.

Mr. Nichols was born August 9, 1927 in Red River County, the son of Murphy Columbus and Martha Ember Jane Caldwell. He married Nancy Sue Pettit Barnes on January 14, 1984. He was a retired heavy equipment operator.

Surviving is his wife; one brother, William (Oscar) Nichols of Battle Creek, MI; one sister, Mary Elrod of Bogata; three stepsons, Anthony and Michael Barnes of Pattonville and Nathan Barnes of Ft. Worth. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, William Luther, Ortha, Marvin, John Melton and Marshal Nichols; and a sister, Martha Mae Elrod.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Rosie May Kirk dies December 27

Rosie May Kirk, age 98 of Bogata Healthcare Center, died Friday, December 27 in Titus County Memorial Hospital, Mt. Pleasant.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Gladewater Cemetery in Titus County with the Rev. Michael Thompson officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kirk was born November 28, 1898 in Carrol County, GA, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Janie Elizabeth McWhorter Willson. She married John William Kirk on March 25, 1947 in Royce City. He died October 16, 1964.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Dean Brownlee, Raymond Brownlee, Roy Tex Lilly, all of Titus County, Johnny Lewis Willson of Australia, Opal Fay Hall of Houston, Cewilla Duffee of Ft. Worth, Barbara Willson of Titus County and Vernell Hitchcock of Boyd.

Zona L. Bailey dies December 21

Zona L. Bailey, age 84 of Paris died Saturday, December 21 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 24 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Sid Young officiating. Burial followed in East Post Oak Cemetery.

Mrs. Bailey was born December 11, 1912 in Mena, AR to Jim and Fannie Castleberry Ford. She married Lafayette (Pete) Bailey on December 20, 1930. She was a sales clerk at Palace Drug Store #2 for a number of years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Gaylon and Wanda Bailey; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; four step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruby Crawford of Paris.

Bearers were James Crawford, Jimmy Ford, Johnny Crawford, Stephen Newton, Mike Newton, Craig Bailey and Cary Bailey. Honorary bearers were B.J. Crawford and Albert Boren.

Gilbert Allen Huddleston dies December 24

Gilbert Allen Huddleston, age 77 of Bogata died Tuesday, December 24 in St. Joseph Hospital in Paris.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 26 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Huddleston was born August 25, 1919 in Dimple, the son of Will and Mattie Walker Huddleston. He married the former Bonnie Ruth Williams on June 12, 1942 in Clarks-ville. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Deport American Legion Post and the Parks Elks Lodge. He was a retired operator and owner of heavy equipment.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Ruth Huddleston of Bogata; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Huddleston, Berney and Jamie Huddleston, Rex and Sherry Huddleston, all of Bogata; six grandsons and two granddaughters-in-law, Allen and Stacy Huddleston of Deport, Randy and Liberty Huddleston, Clayton and Cortney Huddleston, Chase and Jared Huddleston and one great-granddaughter, Charity Huddleston, all of Bogata, three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and Loyce Huddleston of Bogata, David and Deva Huddleston of Kemp and Bob and Betty Huddleston of Irving; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by a sister, L.E. Freeman of San Diego, CA.

ReBecca P. Austin dies December 28

ReBecca Pittman Austin, age 85 of Mt. Pleasant died Saturday, December 28 at her residence.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. December 30 at Bates-Cooper-Weems-Robison Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Clint Davis officiating. Burial followed in Nevill's Chapel Cemetery.

She was born October 21, 1911 in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Charlie and Dona Blalock, who preceded her in death. She was married to Wm. M. Austin for 66 years, who survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas for 36 years.

Survivors other than her husband include a daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Earl Heitman of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Stanley and Cindy Heitman of Colleyville and Steven and Kim Heitman of Southlake; brothers Rayford Pittman of Mt. Pleasant and Carl Winfred Pittman of Billings, OK; and sisters, Verbeth Wyatt, Charlene Black, Thelma Westerman and Frankie Brown, all of Mt. Pleasant.

Winifred Fagan Hudson Dies December 28

Winifred Fagan Hudson of Park Hill, Oklahoma passed away December 28 in Kansas City, Kansas. Services will be under the direction of Bill Merritt Funeral Home in Oklahoma City. Visitation will be Thursday night at the funeral home from 7 until 8 p.m. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 3 in the chapel of the funeral home with burial in Oklahoma City.

Winifred Fagan Hudson was born June 4, 1919 at Deport, Lamar County, Texas the son of Ona Winifred and Odille Fagan Hudson. He married LaVerne Goode on March 8, 1943 in Bonham, Fannin County, Texas.

His survivors include his wife, LaVerne, of Park Hill, Oklahoma, one daughter, Linda Lawson of Overland Park, Kansas, one son, Phillip Hudson of Scottsdale, Arizona, two grandsons of Scottsdale Arizona, one brother, Virgil E. Hudson of Blossom and two sisters, Mary E. Colflesh and Betty J. King of Bogata.

Sandra S. Edwards Dies at Age 56

Sandra S. Edwards, age 56 of Paris died Sunday, December 29, 1996 at her home.

Gene Roden's Sons, Directors of Funerals conducted graveside services Tuesday, December 31 at Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Deverle Archer officiating.

Mrs. Edwards was born July 12, 1940, in Paris to Guy Doris and Mary Buford Shelton. She married William Travis Edwards, Aug. 31, 62. She was a member of the Pentecostal church and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Stephanie Wesley of Deport and Leslie Clifton of Paris; two granddaughters, Leslie Nicole Clifton of Arthur City and April Michelle Wesley of Deport; David Shelton of Pattonville; two nieces, Ann Long of McKinney and Marilyn Green of Port Aransas; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, George and Norene Melton of Paris. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Honorary bearers will be Leslie Towers, Carl Wesley, Calvin Day and Larry Freeman.

Ronald Mankins dies December 19

Ronald Mankins, age 59, former of Bogata, died Thursday, December 19 at his residence in Lewisville.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22 in the First Baptist Church in Bogata with the Rev. Walter Buckahan and the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Mankins was born February 28, 1937 in Cuthand, the son of Leste Otis (Coot) and Lamora Annie Minshew Mankins. He married the former Gayle Huddleston on November 1, 1958 in Bogata. She died February 10, 1991. He was also preceded in death by his twin brother, Donald Mankins on November 30, 1995 and a sister, Pansy Williams on March 23, 1981. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bogata and retired from Texas-New Mexico Power Company in 1992 after 31 years of service. He was currently working part time at the Old Town Meat Market in Lewisville.

He is survived by his two daughters, Annette Hudson and Andrea McKenzie, both of Lewisville; two brothers, Morris Mankins of Alvarado and Dolan Mankins of Bogata; five grandchildren; his mother and father-in-law, Ed and Loyce Huddleston of Bogata.

Pallbearers were Dickie Grant, Ne Grant, Richard Farha, Bobby Pack and Kenneth Jeffery and Duane Bryson.

Robbie Jean Skidmore dies December 28

Robbie Jean Skidmore, age 64 Paris died Saturday, December 28 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Graveside rites were held at Shady Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Moore and Dr. L.C. Stout officiating. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Skidmore was born August 17, 1932 in Lamar County, a daughter of Elmer D. and Mary A. Parkers Pomroy. She was a graduate of East Lamar schools and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Clardy. She worked for Philips Lighting for more than 27 years before her retirement.

She married Fred Skidmore on August 10, 1951 in Paris.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Stephanie Skidmore of Clardy; a daughter and son-in-law, Karon and Gary Smith of Vidor; Ciro Peralta, whom she raised as a son; a grandson, Justin Smith of Vidor; a granddaughter, Shannon Draper of Clardy; a mother, Mary Pomroy Stone; Clardy; two brothers and the spouses, J.C. and Barbara Pomroy and Bobby and Judy Pomroy, all of Clardy; two sisters, Barbara Allen and her husband Rex of Blossom and Neva Dillard of Duncanville.

Pallbearers were Rufus Merritt, James Kennedy, Johnny Hatcher, Chet Downs, Bobby Winters and Harold Eatherly. Honorary bearers were Carl Hatcher, James Jackson, Troy Cutbirth, Lewis Clement, Meredith Harper and Kenneth Thomas.

Carl W. Bivens dies December 20

Carl W. Bivens, age 91 of Paris, died Friday, December 20 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 23, 1905 in Atlas, a son of John and Mattie Bivens, and married Lou M. Williams on June 1, 1929.

He was a member of the Southside Baptist Church and retired from Babcock and Wilcox's boiler division.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 23 in Gene Roden's Sons Chapel with the Rev. M.G. Ralston officiating, assisted by Dr. Mike Lawson. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery, Deport.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Jeanette Bivens of Paris; three granddaughters and their husbands, Regina and Burrell Dean Kincaid of Deport, Teri and Bobby Jimmerson of Paris and Lisa Bivens of Paris; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one great-grandchild and 11 brothers, of which he was the oldest.

Bearers were Alfred Fangio, Steve Helms, Bobby Kincaid, Weldon Foster, Hershel Blankenship, John Draper, Sammy Bivens and James McGinnis.

Card Of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and generosity of gifts and donations after the loss of our home to the fire. It is appreciated more than words can say.

Bruce and Linda
Derek and Colton Hemmingsen

Season's Greetings (and some seasonal ideas to start '97 right)

As the year draws to a close, we want to thank you for the opportunity to provide you with dependable electric service. We also want to offer a few suggested resolutions to get the new year off to a good start.

1. Resolve to take a few simple steps that can reduce energy waste. If you have a fireplace, that's a good place to begin.

When the fireplace is not in use, keep the damper tightly closed to prevent warm air from escaping. You also can manage the amount of energy you use by keeping your thermostat set no higher than 68 degrees in the winter and no lower than 78 degrees in the summer.

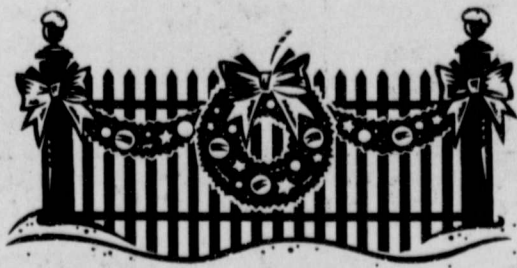
2. Resolve to use good safety sense around power lines. If you're doing outdoor projects around the house - taking down holiday lights for instance - make sure your ladder doesn't come in contact with power lines. And if you have children, make sure

they know to never touch power lines with anything.

3. Resolve to simplify your life. One way might just be our automated bank drafting program.

4. Resolve to make your community even better. A little volunteer effort can go a long way - and our Customer Connection matching contribution program can help your community efforts go even further.

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Beshirs-Moreland exchange marriage vows



Mrs. Brock Andrew Beshirs, the former Brenda Ann Moreland

Brenda Ann Moreland and Brock Andrew Beshirs were married Saturday, December 7 at two o'clock at Bethel Baptist Church in Clardy, L.C. Stout officiated the former ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moreland of Taylortown, the granddaughter of Mrs. Jimmie Moreland Pitcock of Sumner and the late Jim Moreland, Clarence Metzinger of Wichita Falls and the late Rita Metzinger. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Cora Gordon of Paris. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beshirs of Arthur City, the grandson of Mrs. Nettie Beshirs of Yarnaby, OK and the late R.E. Beshirs, Bill Dawes of Chicota and the late Mrs. Vina Dawes.

The bride's A-line style gown was made of white peau de soie. The sheer netting sleeves and bodice yolk were accented with peau de soie cuffs and wedding band collar. Tiny covered buttons adorned the front. The fingertip length veil worn by the bride was held by a satin headband embellished with crossed pearls.

She carried a bouquet of cascading white roses accented with satin ribbons and babies breath.

Ms. Gina Moreland was the maid of honor, bridesmaids were Ms. Renee Moreland and Ms. Candace Beshirs. The bridesmaid's tea length princess fitted gowns with petal sleeves were made of cranberry crepe.

Paul Beshirs served as best man to the groom. Groomsmen were Mark Crane and Jeremy Smallwood.

Candlelighters were Jason Presley of Edmond, Ok and Ms. Elizabeth Trout of Rockwall. Both are cousins of the bride.

Wedding music was performed by Ms. Jerry Dale Bankhead, pianist.

Ms. Amy White, flutist and Jonathon Newman, soloist.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

The bride's parents hosted a reception in the fellowship hall. The bride's cake was made by Ms. Kay Peek. The groom's cakes were made by Mary Ann Moreland. The hostesses were Ms. Amy White, Ms. Amanda Gordon, and Ms. Kay Ford, Mrs. Debbie Downs, Mrs. Audrey Gordon and Mrs. Debbie Moreland.

Several parties and showers were given previous to the wedding. A wedding seed bag party was held October 25 where seed bags were made by family of the bride for the weddings of Ms. Moreland and cousin, Mrs. Rebecca Presley Bailey of Edmond, OK. A miscellaneous shower was given November 2 in Powderly by Mrs. Miriam Smallwood, aunt of the groom. Guests brought favorite recipes and Christmas ornaments for the couple's first Christmas tree. On November 7, Mrs. Dorothy Holland, Ms. Melody Holland and Mrs. Benette Russell hosted a shower at Taylortown attended by friends and family in the community. On November 24, Mrs. Debbie Downs hosted a wedding shower at her home in Marvin attended by friends from the church and family members. On December 1 a bridesmaid's supper was held at the home of the bride. The groom's parents honored the couple with a rehearsal dinner on December 6 at the church.

Following the wedding and honeymoon, the couple will reside in Paris.

Grant Family Descendants Hold Reunion

The Christmas Holidays became an historic occasion for the descendants of the late Joe and Mollie Grant. It was the first time that all had been together.

Ruth Grant Murrell of Deport hosted her son James Grant Murrell, his daughter Laura Kay LaFrance and her husband Roland from the Houston area.

Virginia Grant Kirkland had her daughters Kay Kirkland Gage and her husband Joe as well as their son Joe Grant Gage and his wife Allison, all from Diboll. Kay & Joe's other son Phillip Kirk Gage and his wife Jennifer came from Peyton, Colorado. From Paris was Virginia's other daughter Marijo and husband Sonny Daughtery and her daughters Kelly & Shelby.

Sara Ruth Grant Helleny, daughter of the late Phillip & Mary Grant, and her husband Edward had their son Joel Edward Helleny from New York City for the holidays.

The time was spent reminiscing, taking pictures, getting reacquainted and of course eating great food.

Joe Grant was a banking fixture in Deport for many years and he and "Miss" Mollie were pillars of the First Methodist Church for their 53 years of wedded life. "Miss" Mollie's father was Sam Phillips, a carpenter. He, along with Frank Bell, father of Stanley, Corry, Roger, Rankin, Russie, Jack and Norma, built the old Methodist Church which burned a number of years ago.

Varner family holds Christmas reunion

Children of the late Marvin and Faye Varner had their early Christmas reunion on December 6-7-8.

Friday night at the home of Velma Westbrook of Deport; Saturday at the American Legion Hall for Christmas dinner, chicken and dressing and all the trimmings. The children were surprised with a visit from Santa. Sunday dinner at the home of Ricky and Linda Thomas of Blossom.

Attending were Thelma Varner Pope, Vernon and Judy Carter of Paris, Christy, Michelle and Kimberly Seward of Arlington, Velma Varner Westbrook of Deport, David Brooks and Brandi of Reno, Bill and Judy Varner of Choctaw, OK, Donna Shaw and Savanna of Dallas, Derryl and Jean Varner, Mallery and Austin of Choctaw, OK, J.E. and Mary Varner Cross, Alex, Derrek of Graham, Marcus Mathisan of Jacksboro, Carl Cross of Mineral Wells, Eddie

and Ellen Cross and Brian of Omaha, NE, Waide and Eunice Varner Herd, Morgan and Deata Herd and Casey, Toney and Ercia Tipton, Amber and Hunter, Justin and Marlena Herd and John of Sanger, Kenneth and Janette Varner Burks of Deport, Brad Burks, Meagan and Derrek of Paris, Rainey and Shirley Varner, Christopher and Amanda Dechant of Floydada, Bobby

and Sabrina Emert, Eric and Joshua of Jenks, OK, Larry and Patricia Varner and Heath of Powderly, Ricky and Linda Varner Thomas and Heath of Blossom, Jason Thomas and friend Christy of Arlington. Special guests were L.C. and Jo Donaldson of Powderly, Juanita Upchurch of Houston, Sam Upchurch of Amarillo. Also stopping by for a visit were Elton and Nelta Fortenberry, Ruth Fortenberry of Hereford, Fred and Jane Swint of Fulbright.

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Foster Family Christmas Dinner Held Dec. 22

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Those attending were, Charles & Maxine Foster, Marlin & Billie Foster of Deport, Ida Mae & Darold Norwood of Cunningham, Morris & Ginger Foster, Jill & Alison of Bogata, Carolyn & Willard Brown of Hugo,

Ok., Geraldine Patterson of Dallas, Richard & Darlyne Nix and Melissa Lindsey, Derek & Greg Nix all of Rockwall, Burke, Raymond & Daniel Lyons of Perrin, Tx., Ann, Kenda & Kyle Foster, Mattie Bramlett, Daniel Foster, Joey Foster, James & Virginia Foster, Boyd Blair, Del, Zack, & John Walker all of Paris.

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#10 BRANDIE UPCHURCH was high point both nights during the Lady Patriots Basketball Classic on December 27 and 28. The ladies defeated Mt. Vernon 64-53 on Friday night and Saltillo 62-36 on Saturday night. Upchurch hit for 19 and 20 respectively. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Lady Pats win at Patriot Classic

The Lady Patriots took the wins over the Lady Tigers from Mt. Vernon and the Lady Lions from Saltillo. They took the win over Mt. Vernon on Friday night 62-53. The "sweet revenge" game came Saturday night after the Lady Pats had seen two losses from the Saltillo ladies earlier in the season. They played one of their best games ever Saturday night, combining team play with defensive play and taking the win 62-36.

both nights with 20 for Friday night and 19 Saturday night. She was followed by Meagan Hatfield with 14 Friday and Brea Sessums on Saturday night with 12.

The ladies will resume play on Thursday night, January 2, against Cooper at home with both girls and boys JV and Varsity games beginning at 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday night, January 4, the 4 team travel to Rivercrest to play beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Prairiland	14	19	9	20-62
Mt. Vernon	10	12	12	19-53
Brandie Upchurch	6	7	8	19
Brea Sessums	3	5	6	12
Susan Singleton	2	0	0	4
Cari Irwin	4	3	4	11
Katha Crawford	2	2	3	6
Meagan Hatfield	2	2	4	6
Christy Patterson	2	0	0	4
Felicia Taylor	1	0	0	2

Prairiland	14	19	9	20-62
Saltillo	10	10	7	9-36
Brandie Upchurch	7	4	4	20
Brea Sessums	3	2	4	8
Cari Irwin	3	3	4	9
Katha Crawford	5	1	1	11
Meagan Hatfield	5	4	6	14

Patriots take consolation trophy

The Prairiland Patriots came up short in the Roxton Tournament, but did bring home the consolation trophy. Senior Todd James was the only Pat named to the all-tournament team.

On Thursday the team faced the Rivercrest JV and won with a large margin and then faced Detroit Thursday afternoon but lost to them. In Friday's action the Pats faced Fannindel and came out handily 72-

38. All Patriots had the opportunity to show their skills. James and Jeremy Day were tied for high with 13 each.

In Saturday's action, the boys faced North Hopkins and again came out on top 53-36 on Saturday morning and faced Cumby for the consolation trophy, winning once again. James had 16 along with Cary Langston and Day's 13 points each.

Prairiland	17	23	14	18-72
Fannindel	6	11	7	14-38
Cary Langston	1	2	2	5
Justin Taylor	4	0	0	9
Todd James	2	7	9	13
Jackie Davidson	1	2	2	4
Jeremy Day	6	1	2	13
Brandon Maroney	2	0	1	4
Drew Owens	2	2	2	6
David Ford	2	3	4	7

Prairiland	12	16	6	19-53
North Hopkins	8	6	11	11-36
Cary Langston	3	6	6	13
Justin Taylor	3	3	5	9
Todd James	3	7	7	16
Jeremy Day	5	3	6	13
David Ford	1	0	0	2

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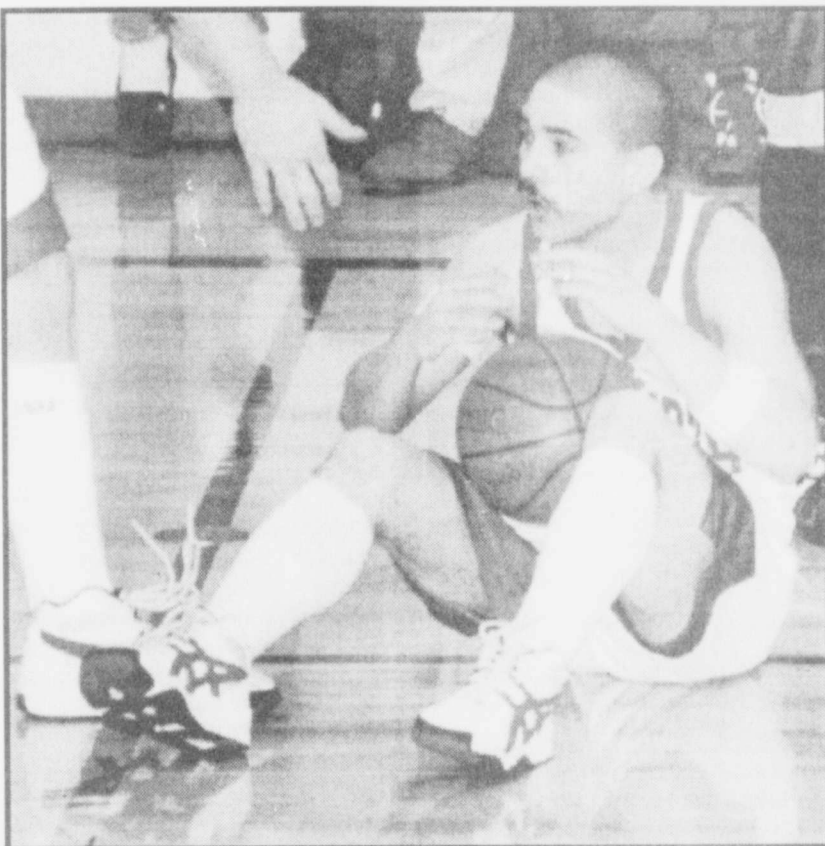
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PATRIOT CARY LANGSTON takes his position on the floor in tournament action last weekend in the Saltillo Cap Herman Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Pats took 1st place in the tourney. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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PATRIOT JEREMY DAY goes up against Detroit Eagle Daon Savage recently. The two teams saw action against each other over the weekend at the Roxton Basketball Tournament. Detroit won the game. David Ford watches the action. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



JEREMY DAY (blocking player) and Todd James reacts as the ball is deflected from him recently, while Cary Langston looks on. The Patriots took home the consolation trophy from the Roxton Invitational Basketball Tournament this past weekend. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Deport Nursing Home News

By Joni Kincaid

We would like to thank all the groups and individuals who donated their time and effort to make Christmas a very special holiday for our residents.

Visitor of Johnnie Warren were Jennifer Dorsey, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Carl and JaLynda Mitchell and Jaylan, Dakota and Danbri Mitchell, Carol Dorsey, Merl and Evelyn Coach, John & Phebe Allen, Inez and William Anderson.

Visiting Mary Mathews was Faye Burns and Bocky Norman.

Pat Hollje was visited by J.L. Bridges.

Ima Griffen was visited by Juanita Oats and Wanda Robertson.

Betty Roznasky, Juanita Oats and Wanda Robertson visited Frankie Archibald.

Bonnie Johnson was visited by Modene Lentz.

Pat Talley and Debbie Smith visited Betty Gardner.

Jewel Smith's visitors were Sue Goley, Larry Smith, Dale Smith, Don Smith, Darrell Smith, Larry and Shirley Haskell and Corey Haskell and Asmo and Annie L. Smith.

Fay Woodard was visited by Jessie Marie Woodard, Mike and Michael Woodard, Lynn & Camille Smith of Florida, Greg Bell of San Francisco, Kimerely McCline of Buffalo New York, Dewey Woodard, Lee Woodard, Paul Woodard and Patti Watts.

Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Keith & Peggy Parsons, Nina Parks, Nannie Ham, Mary Lee Johnson, T.D. Betterton, John Nash,

Judy Ellington, Jennifer Burris Tonya Parsons, Mark and Ty and Haley, Agnes Miller, Betty Glasgow, Euda Rainey, Brent Burden, Rhonda Morris, Whitney Turner, Kristi, Drew and Leah Boren visited Floy Sparks.

Sara Gilmer was visited by Marlene Thomas, Weldon & Joyce Smith, Dewey Thomas, Bob Bush, Cory Owens, Claude and Lorene, Bud, Sarena and Jill Owens, Don & Suzann Shovan.

J.A. Marshall visited Grace Griffen.

Cecil and Margaret Allen, Dotie and Alan Billman visited Gilbert Marshall.

Brodie Bell's visitors were Estelle Chesshire, Lyn Wolf, Ruth Murrell, Billie Grant, Ty Merritt Reciee Kelsey, Martha Glover, Jesse Crawford, Sam and Suzy Kelsey, Ruth Skaggs, Marilyn Glover, David Glover and Connie and Philip Dodd.

A The Hester's visitors were Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, Sandra Jones.

Barbara and Fred Biggerstaff, Barbara and Tamara visited Don O'Dea.

Rickey and Mary Ann Franklin, Inez and William visited Edith Franklin.

Lena Powell's visitors were Bill and Inez Weaver, Geneva Weaver, Sue and Shelbi, Jamie Martin, Sherrie Alums.

James and Sarah Wilson were visited by Larry and Jackie Wilson, Jena Graf, Phillip Gray.

Henry Jacks' guests were Sally Burkett, Mary Lambert, Jr. Groom, Deanne, Rick and Girls and Mary E. McKenzie.

Bettie Glasgow, Claudie McFadden, Mary Bell McFadden, Gerald and Bettie Glasgow visited Mrs. Glasgow.

John McLemore, Jr., Mack McLemore, Bettie Glasgow, Mack, Janice and Sara McLemore, Harrel McLemore visited Johnnie McLemore.

Earl Sain's visitors were Phyllis Phillips, Joe Sain and Carl Phillips.

Ina Ward, Stasha Hume, Weldon Hume and Paul Hume, Wanda Whitaker and Erbert Hume visited Milow Hume.

Russell Grant was visited by Red and Inez Weaver, Eva and Boyce Flenniken and Nancy Murphy.

Harold Norris' visitors were Lynn, David, Kris, Rebekah Crenshaw and Dorethea Riddle.

Mamie Fletcher's visitors were Jimmy Fletcher, Sheri Brooks, Nicholbi Grayson, Glenda Kay, Lauri Grayson, Glenda, Denny, Jimmy, and Lila.

Rev. Davis Laffle visited Katherine Luft.

Larry Teague was visited by Jim and Marie Wright.

Arnold Ribble was visited by Karen and Wayne Beard, Dee Bonham, Richard and Marie Ribble, Anita Gundersen.

Keith and Ammie McDowra, Brock and Justin visited Dorethea McDowra.

Jimmy and Betty Middleton's guests were Claudie McFadden, May Bell McFadden, Richard Winkler, David, Marcus and Alyson Wolf, Steve, Denna, Chris, Brent and Amanda Middleton.

School Menu

Prairiland C.I.S.D.
All Campus
School Lunch Menu
January 6-10
Monday

Breakfast:

Cereal, raisin toast
Juice, milk

Lunch:

Corn dogs with mustard
Potato wedges
Orange halves
Iced peanut butter bars
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:

Sausage, biscuits, gravy
Juice, milk

Lunch:

Baked chicken
Mashed potatoes, gravy
Carrots
White bread
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:

Cereal, fruit, raisin toast
Juice, milk

Lunch:

Vegetable beef soup
Toasted cheese sandwiches
Cracker
Cinnamon rolls
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:

Pancakes with syrup, sausage
Juice, milk

Lunch:

Spaghetti and meat sauce
Garden salad
Garlic bread sticks
Banana cake
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:

Biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash
browns

Lunch:

Juice, milk
Ground beef pizza
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Cinnamon muffin
Milk

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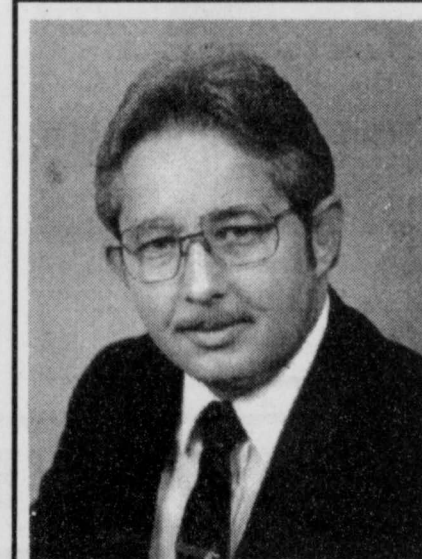
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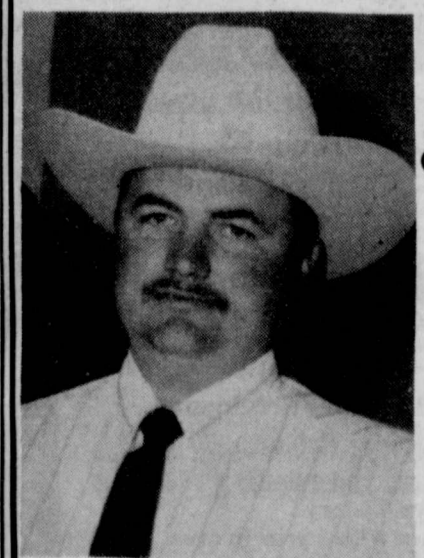
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Commissioner Precinct 1



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Sheriff Lamar County



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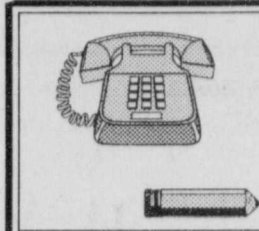
Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.
Latricia Miller
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Wishing you a New Year of Peace and Happiness.
Marvin Ann Patterson
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Reunion held for Brooks family

Gathering at the home of Tony and Yvonne Brooks Pryor for an early Christmas dinner were Bill and Ruby Brooks Blanchett and Barbara of Irving, Arthur and Norma Brooks of Terrell, Don and Gaile Brooks of Balch Springs, Bobby and Patsy Brooks and Stephanie of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Danney Pryor and children of Dallas, Tony and Yvonne Brooks Pryor of Pleasant Grove and Velma Westbrook of Deport.



Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Sue and Weldon Burgess of Dallas spent last weekend with Betty Rodgers, Monte and Shelley Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport visited Christmas Eve and opened presents.

Lonny Tribble of Tigertown, grandfather of Shelley Rodgers, died Monday. Services were held Wednesday at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home on Paris.

Kay Osburn of Hillsboro spent the weekend with her mother, Jimmie King. Christmas Eve night there were 34 friends and relatives for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Osburn and girls of Midlothian visited Monday. Karen Baker and Larry Parker spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Murray of Dallas. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burleson and Jeff of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Little of Mesquite. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Turman, Mandy and Jenny of Allen.

Worth Baker celebrated his 89th birthday Saturday at Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata. Those helping him celebrate were his daughter, Karen Baker, Larry Parker of

Detroit, Linda Miller of Hugo, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Little and Cole Murdock of Mesquite and other residents of the center.

The Crumps attended the funerals of two family members recently. His sister's grandson, Justin Remmers of Wills Point and a few days later, the funeral of Marla's cousin, Anne Duncan of Terrell.

The Crumps visited Mary and A.T. Coker of Kaufman, had Christmas dinner on December 22 with three of their sons, Don and Vickie Crump, Tommy Crump of Frankston, Charles Crump of Dallas, their granddaughter, Heather and Shannon Lynch and Victoria of Beaumont. They were at the home of Marla's parents, J.T. and Lois Lane of Alvarado on Christmas day.

On December 29, the Crumps hosted Christmas dinner and a party for their two other sons, Terry and Deana Halbert, Abby, Micah, Shawna and her son, Matthew Blake, all of Paris, J.D. and K'Tina Crump and their children, Ty, Chey and Bailey of Cuthand and Leon and Fannie Lamb of Deport.

Kay & Joy Read of College Station, Shana K. Read of Austin, Kevin & Terri Read of Tyler, Ken & Kristi Read, Kenneth & Teresa of Wray, Colo. spent the holidays with Kenneth & Ida Lou Read.

Estelle Cheshire spent the holidays with JoAnn Haney and Sherri Norwood of Wake Village and Nick Norwood & family of Phoenix, Ariz.

Alice Bumgarner & daughter Alice Ruth Gravatt of Reno spent the weekend in Dallas visiting Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wagner and Pauline Parker of Cypress Lake.

Deloris & Carnard Norwood of Katy, Tx. visited her mother Frances Franklin.

Ruth Cheatham attended the graduation of her grandson Kurt Berry from Texas Wesleyan in Ft. Worth on Friday. She spent the holidays with Peggy & Durwood Wims & family and Janie & A. B. Berry & family all of Grand Prairie.

Mary Parks and her brother Red Johnson spent the holidays with George & Roberta Parks & Mark of Irving and their sisters Cora Braly & Ruby D. Wright of Euleus.

Visiting Mervin & Colleen Slaton during the holidays were Jimmy & Donna Blount, Nick & Jeff of Temple, David Slaton, Lannie & baby of Killeen, Amber & Deryl Hunter & Katelyn of Commerce, Kathy & Johnny Holt, Renea & Chris of Milton, Shane Wells & Amy Grissom of Paris and Kathryn Anderson of Post Oak.

Colleen & Mervin Slaton, Mr. & Mrs. Benny Freeman of Paris, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Freeman of Hazelhurst, Miss. Toni Spencer and Kari Newton of Paris had supper Thursday night with Kathryn Anderson & Gayle Anderson of Post Oak.

Claud Burks was honored on his 94th Birthday on Tuesday night before Christmas. Attending were Cindy Burks, Vicki Williams, Kenneth & Janette Burks, Meagan & Derrick Burks, Grady & Kathryn Wright & Brad Hunt. Those having Christmas dinner were Murl Burks, Dennis & Billie Hicks, Brad Burks, Meagan & Derrick, Cindy Burks, Vicki Williams and Grady & Kathryn Wright. Mr. & Mrs. Nip Whitley visited in the afternoon.

John Paul Short came home for Christmas with his family from Arlington.

Alan and Chelsea Short celebrated Christmas day with his parents Jim and Susan Short at their home.

Mindy and Jeff Nichols, Amanda and Scotty celebrated Christmas on Christmas day with Jim and Susan Short.

Deport Locals

By Barbara Crawford
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Visiting Grady & Kathryn Wright Saturday night were Mike & Sharon Wright. Kent & Ann Wright, Brandon & Blaine, Kyle & Lisa Wright & Kandi, Katie Mullins & Michael Spray.

Sue Carrell of Norman, Ok. is visiting her parents Raymond & Aubrey Hight.

Prentice & Jo Crawford & grandson Christopher of Benbrook visited Thursday to Saturday with Raymond & Edith Crawford.

Dwayne & Virginia Rhodes, Mike & Sonya Rhodes & Jordan had an early holiday dinner in Lewisville with Mark & April Rhodes and Rick & Coetta Rhodes, Ronda & Ryan of Euleus.

Darrin & Monica Gifford, Chandler Paige & Trent of The Colony, Cliff & Dee Dee Gifford, Cegie & Callie of Paris had Christmas with John & Shirley Gifford.

Lori & Rodney Parvin & Ashley of Keller, Christie & Greg Noone, Patrick & Christopher of Saginaw spent the weekend with Russell & Pat Crawford. They had their family dinner on Sunday, others attending were Sue & Bob Hancock of Denton, Kay & Dan Zackary, Eunice Ervin, Betty Andrews and Rusty Crawford.

Lucille Couch Pickering had her family Christmas dinner Sunday, attending were Wayne & Sandra Couch, Eva & Boyce Flenniken, Blake, Kristin & Morgan Flenniken, Ronnie, Vicki & Dylan Ballard all of Paris, Bryan, Regina, Justin, Jason & Hanly Flenniken of Greenville, Carl & Amy Yarbrough, Amanda & Zackary Ramin of Nacodoches, and Paul, Kim & Madison Helms of Roxton.

Visiting Carlos & Melba Ladd during the holidays were Lynne, Burt & Daniel Moses from Zephyrhills, Florida, Gerri Moses & Carol Gullledge, Kathryn Guyon of Lake Village, Ark. Rae & Don R. Guyon. Joining the family for dinner at the Gazebo #1 of the Housing Authority were Jeanie Burns, Beth & Betty Andrews & Elizabeth & Chris Brunson, Lynne Andrews of Stephenville, Marianne & Joe Ladd, Robert & Michael Ladd of Nashville, Tenn. Also Karen, David, Justin & Lauren Moses of Hoover, Alabama.

Visitors of Bocky Norman during the holidays were Sammy, Abby, Phil, Amy and Tristin Strickland, Dana, Terri, Amanda and Stephen Norman and Merrie Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Norman of Edmond, Okl and Mrs. Jim Utely of Peach Tree City, Georgia.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Norman, Amanda and Stephen were Doris Howland, Clarksville, Jim and Ann Williams, Garland and Bocky Norman. Stephen and Amanda spent several days with their grandmothers, Bocky and Doris.

Having Christmas meal on December 22 at the home of Buddy and Sue Malone were: Ethylene Fowler, Ann Mason, Allen Mason, Brandy Anderson, Jonathan Fowler and Hannah, Libby McIver, all of Maud.

Dimple Moore and Gay, Kerry and Patricia Moore and Kerryanna, Robin Moore, Shane Colley of Hooks; Brad and Melanie Caver of Texarkana; Sarah Broderick, Gerald Broderick and friend Pauline and her two children of Denison; Tony Malone of Mt. Pleasant; Charles and Scarlett Harvey, Angie Sepulveda of Pattonville; Tommy, Peggy Malone and Micah and Pete Fernandez of Paris.

Gordon & Clovis Alsobrook had Christmas dinner at their home, attending were Forrest, Wendy, Tonya & Tanya Cave, Randy & Gloria Gresham, Lacey & Melody, Charles Reavis, Terry Bell, Herman LaRue, Danny, Janice & Curt Phillips and Earl & Nancy Gresham.

Earl & Nancy Gresham met at his sister's, Millie Kyle for Christmas dinner, attending were Travis & Alline Cagle of Texarkana, Keith, Michale, Miranda & Terease Smith, Brenda Milam & friend Earl Dean, Roger, Carolyn, Jennifer, Kristie & Stephanie Ausmus, Michelle Milam & Johnny Ray, Johnny Wayne Milam & friend, Michael & Sandra Tull, Brandi Anderson & friend Melodie, Robert Kyle and Jonathan.

Jack, Glenda, Marlena & Jordan Ballard and Vivian Ballard of Saginaw had Christmas dinner with Joe & Lynda Ballard. They had 28 for dinner Christmas Eve.

Sam Upchurch of Amarillo was here for the Varner family reunion and visited with Shorty Ballard.

Juanita Upchurch visited her family in Clarksville and Shorty Ballard. Dorothy Scott, Dennis Lee of Paris, Doug Loven, Johnny & Chance Whitney visited the Walker Devlins during Christmas holidays.

Ledford Kelly, Katie & Sarah of Georgetown spent Christmas with the Walker Devlins.

David & Helen Taylor, Gene & Charlene Fetter spent Monday with the Devlins of Minter. And Raymond & Anne Gaylord of Baytown and Velma Cox visited on Friday.

Kathy & Amy Mayfield of Kaufman were recent visitors of Travis & Pat Talley & family during the holidays.

Enjoying Christmas Even dinner in the home of Travis & Pat Talley were Mary & Bob Johnson, Barbara Hollman, Jase Short, Debbie Smith and Tuffy Talley.

Debbie Smith & Jase Short were visitors of Kathy & Amy Mayfield of Kaufman over the weekend. While there they also visited Melvin & Virginia Kincaid.

Visitors of Artie Westbrook were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Westbrook of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Westbrook and son, David of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Westbrook of Deport. They spent Friday afternoon with her.

Christmas guests of Gene and Jo Cavender Don, Sandra and Rachael Spray of Arlington; Larry, Sheila and Samantha Lindsey of Arlington; Randy, Vicky, Colby and Austin Cooper of Mt. Pleasant; Loyd Cavender of Fulbright; John and Yvonne Gentry of Paris.

Visiting with Thomas and NanaLee Nichols and exchanging gifts were Nancy and Christina Murphy.

Sam and Margie Rice had lunch with Thomas and NanaLee Nichols on Monday, Dec. 23.

Having Christmas Eve dinner at the home of Thomas and NanaLee Nichols were: Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, Jeff Jeffus, Benji and Sharon Gooding, Jason, Christy and Chase Dickson. Unable to attend because of a cold was Hugh Jeffus Sr.

Having Christmas Day lunch with the Thomas Nichols' were: Mady Nichols, Paul and Betty Nichols, Becky Ham, Aaron and Marion Nichols, Craig Nichols and fiance Lydia, Mike and Emily Nichols and Zachary, Connie Young, Mary Mantooth, Christopher and Angel, Chris, Christy and Tori Nicholson.

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Owners of livestock and pets along the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek in northern East Texas are bracing themselves for one of the biggest black fly emergencies in years.

Eric Lum, Bowie County Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, expects the emergence to begin anytime from about Christmas Day to New Years Day.

Lum regularly does larval counts of both streams and their flood plains during fall and winter months. With sample counts exceeding 1,000 larvae per foot, Lum expects the infestation to be at least as bad as those in 1979 and 1992. During these years, young calves and small pets died from black fly bites. Many horses injured themselves in attempts to escape thousands of flying, biting gnats.

The buffalo gnats primarily attack cattle and horses. Animal deaths caused by buffalo gnat attacks are rare, though newborn calves are at high risk, as are adult horses. Wildlife experts believe whitetail deer and other wild animals also suffer attacks.

The buffalo gnat requires cool, moving water for its larvae to develop and emerge as flying insects. By the time the flying insect emerges, the chances of controlling it are past. The most effective means of putting a kink in the insect's life processes is to treat the water where the larvae

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Lum and other extension agents are recommending livestock owners move their cattle and horses away from the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek if possible. The heaviest population will be in a five to ten mile band on both sides of the rivers from a few miles below the Wright-Patman Dam to the Red River.

Pets should be kept indoors during daylight hours. Horses can be protected in some measure by keeping them in darkened stalls during the day.

Other control measures date back to before the turn of the century. Livestock producers then and now burn hay and wood piles. As with mosquitoes, the resulting smoke will discourage black flies.

In January and February, volunteers have another chance to treat the river. It is during these months that they expect another hatch of the insect to progress to the larvae stage. Whether they can treat then will again depend on the weather.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Appleby of Waco spent the past week with their daughter and husband, Susan and Phillip Roach.

Jennifer Taylor spent Sunday night with her grandfather, Buddy Taylor of Cunningham.

Mabel Pearson of Marshall spent the Christmas holiday with her sister and husband, Elizabeth and Holland Bell.

Ray and Charlie Turner spent the Christmas holiday with their son and family, Chuck and Beth Turner, Jeremy, Chase and Kyle of Houston.

Ann Ford of Paris had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch Saturday night.

Bill and Edna Talley attended the Talley Christmas get together Sunday, December 22 at the home of Ruth Ann Norwood.

Our sympathy to the Huddleston family on the death of Gilbert Huddleston of Bogata.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chipman, Conner and Riley had their Christmas with their parents, Ed and Sandra Burnett of Cunningham and Joe and Tracy Smith and Blake of Blossom on Monday night.

John Manley Temple spent Friday

through Sunday in Plano with his family for their after-Christmas gathering.

Barbara Maurischat and son Michael Wirta of San Antonio spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harvey and daughters, Amanda and Elisa of Plano and Jana of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Walker of Beaumont had lunch with Ann and Sheldon Lee Christmas Eve.

Allen Dale and Stacy Huddleston enjoyed their visits with friends and family at different times and places during the holidays.

George and Nell Wolf had their children, grandchildren and her sister, Betty Middleton, over Christmas Eve for dinner and gift opening.

Chris and Traci Chipman and sons visited Sam and Sharon Speir of Greenville on Wednesday.

Spending the holidays with Kenneth Harold and Ruth Ann Allen were Brad Allen of Denton, Kim Allen of San Antonio, Kenda and Michael Blackburn of Sylvan, Mamie Kennedy of Bogata Nursing Home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy of

Ladonia, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy and Kyle of Cuthand and Sherrel Schfel, Tammy and Brad of San Antonio.

Having Christmas dinner with Leslie and Paula Taylor and family were John and Michelle Faucett and Randy and Nancy Crawford, Luran and Megan.

Jerry and Ronda Burns and Blaze spent Christmas day visiting their parents. They had dinner with his mother, Minnie Burns of Bogata, then went to her parents, Gaston and Roberta Puckett of Bogata where all the family was present.

Ruby Lee of Houston spent the holidays with her parents, Frank and Edna Lee and attended her mother, Edna, who underwent surgery December 19. We wish Edna a full and speedy recovery.

Bob and Buena Marshall had Christmas day dinner with their grandson and family, Grady and Sherri Pettit and Whitney of Burleson.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch over the holidays were Jim and Cynthia Upchurch, Aaron and Benjamin of Durango, CO, Billie Goheen of Arlington, Leah and Russell Schroeder and Jeff of Carrollton, Bobbie and Ed Hill, Elizabeth and Andrew of Little Rock, AR, Nick Maudsley of Benbrook and Katherine Green of Deport.

Having Christmas dinner with Phillip and Susan Roach were Mr. and Mrs. Payne Appleby of Waco and Beth and Cory Spray of Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Norman, Amanda and Steve had Christmas dinner with his mother, Bocky Norman of Deport.

Chris and Traci Chipman had a Christmas get together Wednesday night with the Whitneys in Minter.

Trey Lee of Dallas spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day with his parents, Ann and Sheldon Lee.

For Christmas Eve dinner with James and Dorothy Holt were Barbara Maurischat, Michael Wirta, Kay Woodard, Tim Parks, Dale and Haley Williams.

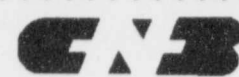
Family and friends were at the home of Chris and Traci Chipman Sunday to celebrate the second birthday of Conner Chipman.

Stacy Huddleston had lunch with her grandmother, Mildred Wright of Deport on Monday.

Having Christmas dinner with Holland and Elizabeth Bell were Harvey and Jean Bell of Cypress Springs and Mabel Pearson of Marshall.

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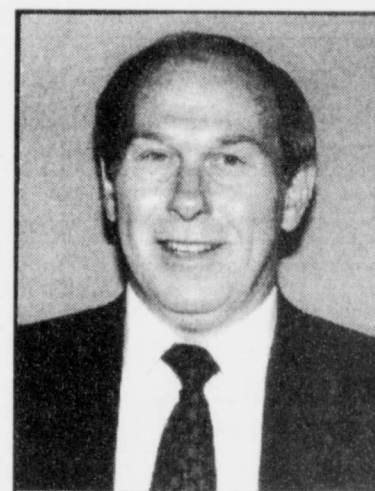
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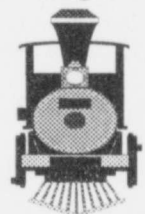
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Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch



All the children and families of Frank and Edna Lee were at the Lee home for Christmas day dinner. Spending Christmas day with Bill and Edna Talley were Darrell Farris of Greenville, Eddie Farris of Tulsa, OK and Mary and Eran Yoder and Shasta.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Payne Appleby and Mr. and Mrs. Cory Spray spent Saturday in McKinney visiting Janet and Butch Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chipman, Riley and Conner had their Christmas family get together Thursday night with

his parents, Bill and Ruth Chipman of Minter. Paula and Leslie Taylor visited Randy and Nancy Crawford of Paris on Christmas Eve. Stacy and Allen Dale Huddleston went to church with her parents, Laura and Donny Wright of Deport on Sunday.

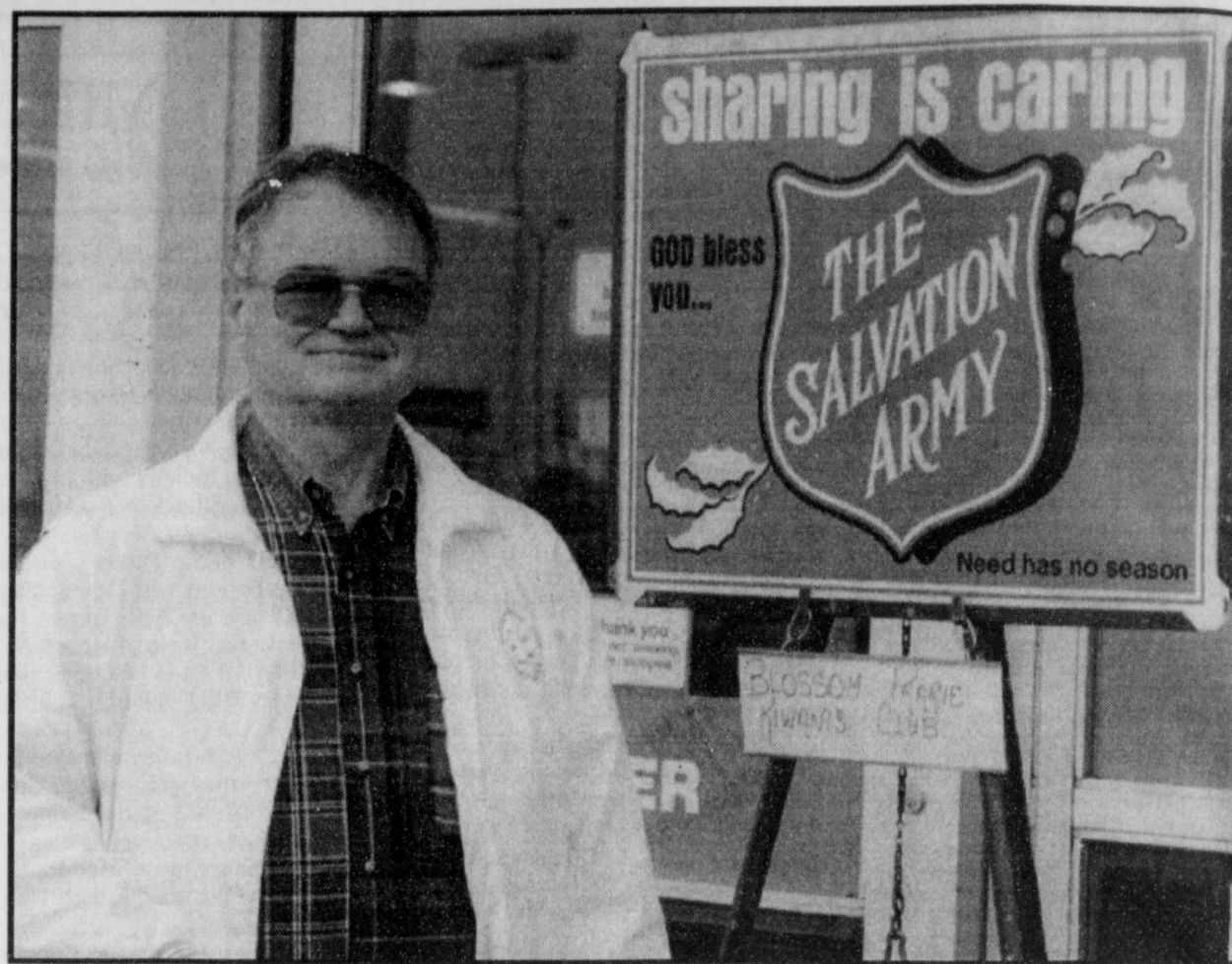
Helen Temple and Hattie Hobbs went to Rowlett Monday to visit Hattie's son and family, David and Michelle Hobbs and Jason. Monday night they went to Waco to spend Christmas Eve with Michelle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Arrial. Bob and Buena Marshall's children had their family Christmas together Sunday at the home of John Keith and Susan Pettit and family in DeSoto. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pettit of Irving, Grady and Sherri Pettit and Whitney of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Marshall, Christie and Ron Jr. of Seagoville and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Marshall, Jessica and Jennifer of Lewisville.

Spending Christmas day with James and Dorothy Holt were Barbara Maurischat, Michael Wirta, Kay and Billy Woodard, Tim Parks, Dale and Haley Williams, Johnny and Kathy Holt, Christopher and Renea and Terry Johnson.

Charity Huddleston of Paris spent Sunday night with her aunt, Stacy Huddleston and they enjoyed a movie Monday.

Eran and Mary Yoder visited his mother in Paris on Christmas day.

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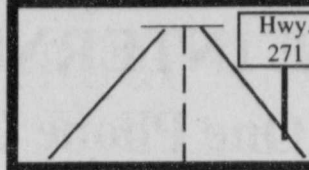
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Pattonville News

Bob and Judy Ellington, Rusty and Ronnie of Huntsville, Cortney Blackman of Trinity, Kellie Wars of Groveton, Randy Ellington and Jennifer Burris of Houston spent the weekend before Christmas with Keith and Peggy Parsons. Wes Winters and Tiffany Cook of Huntsville, Kip and Danielle Winters and Morgan of Plano, Ralph and Lois Kennett of Cooper, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Elois and Mike Sparks, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah and Floy Sparks were Saturday visitors for the Sparks' family Christmas dinner and tree. Everyone missed Ina and Nina Sparks not being able to attend. Ina was transferred from McCuiston to Baylor in Dallas that day. Ina had angioplasty on Monday. They arrived home on Tuesday afternoon and Ina is feeling fine. Mike and Elois Sparks accompanied them to Dallas.

Greg and Connie Parsons and Alisen of Whitehouse arrived Christmas Eve to spend Christmas with the Parsons. Mark and Tonya Parsons, Ty and Haley, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah joined them on Christmas Eve night for their family Christmas tree.

Christmas day visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons were Greg and Connie Parsons and Alisen, Ralph and Lois Kennett of Cooper, Floy Sparks, Nina Sparks, Elois and Mike Sparks. They helped Floy celebrate her 84th birthday.

Keith and Peggy Parsons, Greg and Connie Parsons and Alisen visited Luther and Marcy Stewart at Hopewell on Christmas night. Other visitors were Irene Parsons, Lynn and Shelley Nowell of Paris, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Randy and Pam Duke, Brett and Sarah of Hurst, Angie Campbell, Jessica and Dillon of Richardson.

Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty spent Friday and Saturday nights with the Parsons. John Nash of Paris, Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah joined them for the shooting of fireworks on Saturday night.

Floy Sparks, Leah Boren, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty, Keith and Peggy Parsons had lunch Sunday in Cooper in the home of Ralph and Lois Kennett. Their son, Richard Kennett and their granddaughter, Elizabeth, were visiting from Lima, NY.

Deport Housing Authority News



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Maud Webb had Christmas dinner for her family in the gazebo. Those present were Barney Webb, Andy, Janet, Danielle and A.J. Syrus, all of Cunningham, Barbara Ward of Bogata, Robert, Lisa, Allen and Larry Johnson of Pattonville, Kenny, Fair Shea and Trey Gifford and Brandon Moore of Deport, Kenneth and Phyllis Gifford of Deport. They enjoyed beef stew and cornbread.

Wendell and Donna Allen of Paris visited Maud Webb last Sunday.

Maud Webb had breakfast guests Monday morning. They were Lisa Johnson, Larry Johnson, Kenneth and Phyllis Gifford and Hunter Bratcher. They enjoyed homemade biscuits and all the trimmings.

The monthly birthday and bingo was held December 18. It was Thelma Shelby's birthday and she drew for the Christmas quilt to be given away. Kenny and Donna Gifford were the winners. Those present were Betty

Andrews, Eunice Ervin, Kay Zackary, Willie Mae Speir, Lucille Morgan, Mae Storm, Thelma Shelby, Ruth Murrell, Eunice Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Juanita Primm, Maud Webb, Lisa Johnson, Mildred Wright, Katherine Green and Beulah Shipp.

Frances Franklin attended a pre-Christmas dinner on December 22 with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Canard Norwood of Cunningham. Also attending were Ricky, Pam and Hailey Norwood of Cunningham, Teresa and Kelti Mowery, Greg, Marcie Thompskins and Gregory of Bay City, John and Judy Reingans of Garland, Jack Rheingans, Cindy, Kristen Hunt, Ashley Warren and Allen Butcher of Dallas, Mindy, Kolby and Lacy Cole, Alme and Almie and Pat Norwood visited in the afternoon.

Frances Franklin, Teresa and Kelti Mowery, Greg, Marcie and Gregory of Bay City spent Christmas eve with Deloris and Canard.

Thelma Shelby's visitors the weekend before Christmas were her daughters, Mrs. James Anderson of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huntington of Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. James Daugherty and Andrew of Cooper, Aaron Shelby Daugherty of Potts-

boro, Amy Daugherty of A&M University of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Tucker of Arthur City and Lancaster, Ruby Tucker of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey of Garland.

Thelma spent the Christmas Holidays with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huntington and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Daugherty of Cooper, Amy Daugherty of A&M University at Commerce and Aaron Shelby Daugherty of Pottsboro.

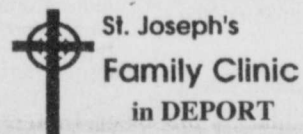
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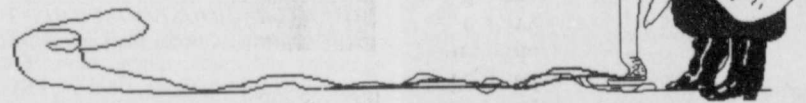
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Grady Carpenter dies December 18
Grady Carpenter, age 84 of Arlington, formerly of the Deport area, died Wednesday, December 18 at an Arlington hospital.

Funeral services were conducted December 21 in Monroe Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Vaughn officiating. Burial followed in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Mr. Carpenter was born July 29, 1912 near Deport. He was the son of J.A. (Lon) Carpenter and Drucilla Parks Carpenter. He married Onita Hughes on July 3, 1940. She preceded him in death in 1985. He was a World War II veteran and a retired truck driver. He and his family resided in Arlington for the past 38 years.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, David Lee and Kim Carpenter and grandchildren David and Alicia, all of Arlington; brothers, Virgil Carpenter of Brookston and James Carpenter of Deport; and several nieces and nephews.

AT&T is concerned in possible delay

The Texas Public Utility Commission recently announced its final order outlining prices, terms and conditions under which AT&T could connect with Southwestern Bell's network in Texas to provide local phone service. The PUC ordered a discount to AT&T of 21.6 percent off Southwestern Bell's retail rates, but may have left some areas of the interconnection agreement unresolved. The text of the order is not yet available.

According to Rian Wren, AT&T vice president-local services in the Southwest, "The PUC's decision regarding the resale rate is balanced. It

is in line with decisions being made around the nation. For that, we commended the PUC for following the intent of Congress when it passed legislation earlier this year to give consumers the benefits of competition, choice, competitive pricing and more services.

We are disappointed that Southwestern Bell, at this late date, is seeking to drag out the process even longer in an attempt to delay competition from AT&T. Southwestern Bell may turn out to be the grinch that stole Christmas from consumers who want a choice in where they get local phone service."



DEVIN PEEK'S Go Kart won third place in the miscellaneous division of the Deport Christmas Parade at the first of December. He was inadvertently left out of the editions with parade pictures until now. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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