

Nichols
Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
There's two sides to

everything...even good fortune!
Saturday we went to Kilgore to the Oil Museum. It is one of the nicest small museums I've ever been to, offering a number of different ways to learn about an unusual time in history.

When I think about "oil booms" I think of prosperity, fortunes, wildcatters and how dangerous working on old-time oil rigs was. The terms "Black Gold" and "Texas Tea" come to mind. I remember the stories of Talco, back when folks were living in tents and shacks and when things were wild and wooly in Kilgore and the law there would chain miscreants to a wire strung between trees because the jail was full. Saturday revealed something about old-time oil booms I had never given a thought to.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the museum is a collection of recordings of actual people who recall the days during the depression when the discovery of oil changed Kilgore forever.

These voices include those who drilled, owned land, ran businesses or simply lived in Kilgore during those hectic, amazing times.

The one I listened to was the granddaughter of landowners who had oil discovered on their property.

She related what life was like for a child in Kilgore, a safe, sleepy town of only about 800.

"I had a pony, and I could go anywhere I wanted" she recalled.

She related how she and friends could have picnics, go visit one another, ride to grandparent's homes and generally have the run of the town. Everyone knew everyone else.

Then, one morning her mother told her that she couldn't leave the house that day, for any reason. She couldn't imagine why! Later that same day her grandfather came to tell her that her beloved pony had been hit and killed by an oil truck.

Within 24 hours Kilgore went from 800 people to 8000 and frantic activity changed a child's universe!

Suddenly her freedom was gone. Of course she and her friends couldn't wander around anymore.....there were traffic jams and dangerous equipment everywhere. The quiet fields they had played in were covered with derricks, drilling rigs, tents and supply stores. Most of the people flooding into the area were good people devastated by the depression...but some weren't, so caution had to be ingrained into children who never thought not to trust someone before.

Can you imagine waking up in your town or city and finding it increased by the ratio Kilgore was? There would have to be chaos.

A short recording of an elderly woman recalling what changes occurred in her life in the 1930s reminded me of something I suppose we all know deep in our hearts. Even prosperity, money, expansion and modernization comes with a price to pay.

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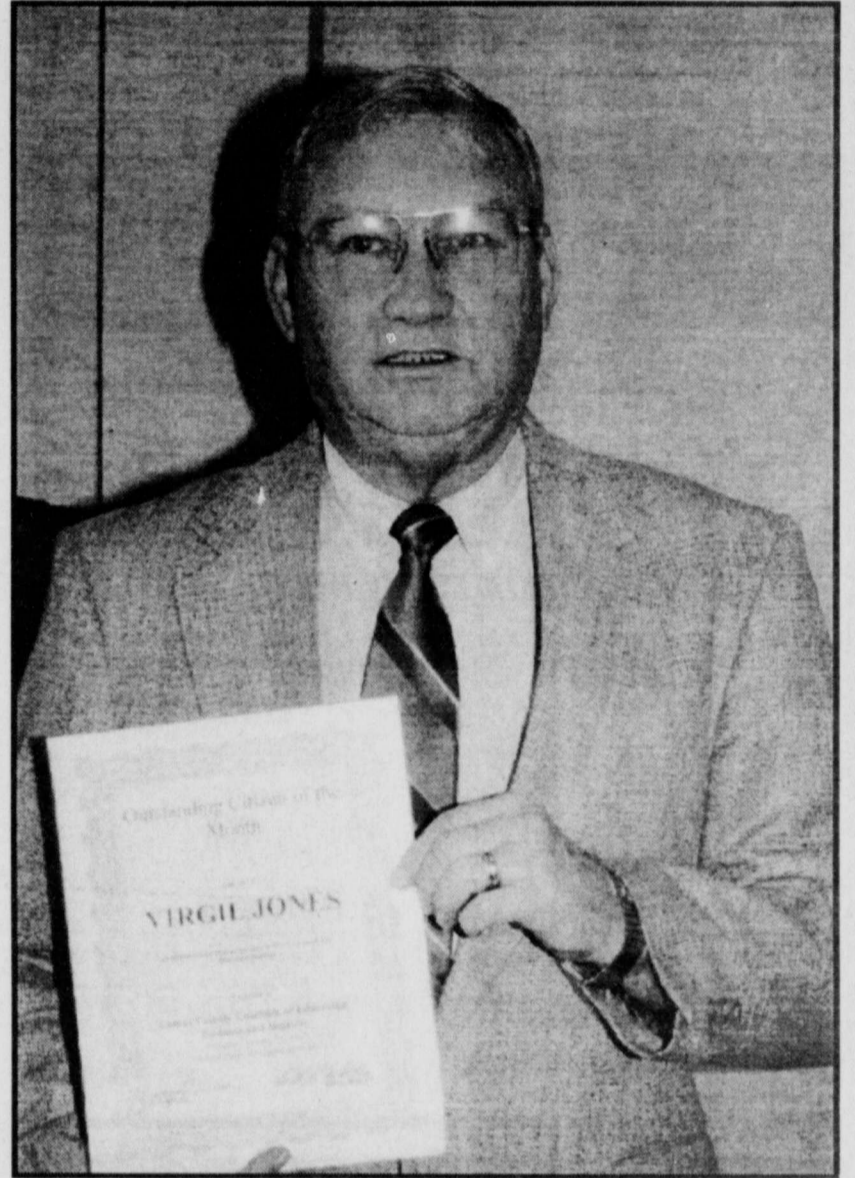
Thursday, March 6, 1997

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Local Severe Weather Awareness Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, severe weather awareness week is March 2-8, 1997, and WHEREAS, while many areas of Texas were spared major tornado and severe weather damage in 1996, others were less fortunate. The vivid memories of storms in communities like Dallas, Mertz and Big Spring and of the flooding in the hill country remain fresh in the minds of most Texans, and WHEREAS, each year brings the potential for violent weather—tornadoes, flooding and flash flooding, lightning, hail and thunderstorms to our area; annually large portions of the State including the Deport community, can be devastated by flooding and tornadoes, and WHEREAS, no part of Texas is immune to the vagaries of severe weather, and WHEREAS, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and the Insurance Information Institute urge that all citizens and visitors to the Deport community become aware of the need to plan and prepare for severe weather, and WHEREAS, preparedness information is available from libraries, weather service offices, volunteer relief organizations, and state and local emergency management offices; and the state and the Deport community offer help in learning about and preparing for severe weather emergencies, and WHEREAS, Governor George W. Bush has declared the week of March 2-8, 1997, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas, Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deport City Council joins Governor Bush in declaring the week of March 2-8, 1997 as Severe Weather Awareness Week and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deport City Council urges all citizens to participate in severe weather preparedness activities available through the City of Deport and Fire Department including attention to watch and warning instructions and their meanings, and the use of severe weather awareness literature for all ages and needs.
IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, We, the undersigned, hereby affix our signature this 4th day of March, 1997.
Charles Foster, Mayor
Sharon Francis, City Secretary



Virgil Jones,
"Outstanding Citizen of the Month"

Virgil Jones is named "Citizen of the Month"

Virgil Jones was presented a plaque as Outstanding Citizen of the Month in appreciation for his service on the Prairiland School Board of Trustees. The plaque was presented by the Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business & Industry, during School Board Appreciation Month.

Jones came to Deport in 1992 as Branch President of the Deport bank. Prior to that time, he had spent seventeen years as Executive Vice-President and Director at Farmers and Merchants National Bank in West, Texas.

He attended Abilene Christian College and is a graduate of the Southwest School of Banking. Virgil, wife Helen, and daughter Kenlea, a senior at Prairiland, live in Deport. He has two older children, Anissa and Lance, still living in the Lubbock area.

Virgil is very active in the Prairiland district. Some of his activities include: Branch President of the Guaranty Bank of Deport; member of the Texas-New Mexico Consumer Advisory/Information Group; member of the St. Joseph Hospital and Clinic Advisory Board; Lamar County Junior Achievement Consultant 1995-96; leads singing at the Blossom Church of Christ; Sunday School

teacher at Blossom Church of Christ for teenager class; served on the School Board for the past three years; active in the Prairiland Booster Club which supports all organizations of the school; volunteers to announce all Prairiland home football games; he and his bank staff participate every year in the stew cooking contest at Prairiland Stock Show; they have won this contest the last three years; always gives financial support to the Lamar County Livestock Show; he and his wife, Helen drove band van hauling band equipment; led the bank to sponsor parent newsletter for Blossom elementary campus; implemented "School Bucks" program for Prairiland schools. This program gave the schools "coupons" that could be used to purchase equipment for the classrooms; led in community financial plan to purchase new sound system for high school gym.

Virgil's focus as a community member and a School Board Trustee has been to provide young people a place and an opportunity to become happy, successful, productive adults. He has a driving compassion to make the community, the school and the world a better place.



LIFT OFF!—Seventh Grade students watch as this rocket takes off (note it's nearly out of the right of the photo) from a safe distance. The science students built kit or hand made rockets of a variety of sizes and styles and Monday saw them fly. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



READY? Brad Hunt readies his rocket for flight Monday as the Deport Junior High 6th, 7th and 8th grade held "Rocket Day" under the direction of science teacher Dickenson. Some students built kits, others used home-made materials such as paper towel roll centers, plastic Easter eggs for nose cones and even a two liter soft drink bottle! Some of the rockets really soared, others roared and some....well, just fizzled on a short flight. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Deport Baseball Assn. to hold business meeting

The Deport Baseball Association is holding a Business Meeting this Thursday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lonesome Dove Cafe. All coaches are need to attend.

If there is anyone else that has not signed up for baseball or softball or pony league, please come and do so.

Project Graduation set for Prairiland

A Hamburger Supper has been set to raise funds for Project Graduation for the senior class at Prairiland.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the Prairiland School Cafeteria at 5:00. Cost will be a \$4.00 donation for adults and

\$2.50 for children. This include hamburger, chips, drink and dessert.

Following the supper, a show with area talent being highlighted will begin at 6:30 with a cake and pie auction to be held shortly after. Door prizes will also be awarded and a concession stand will also be available.

Truck stolen in Deport

Deport Farm Supply has experienced a rash of thefts and burglaries, including the loss of a 1978 Chevrolet 3/4 ton flat bed truck, store employees report.

The truck was stolen on Monday, February 24th. Another truck was burglarized on Saturday, March 1st. Lamar County Sheriff's Department is investigating the matter.

People 'n Things

Anyone with photographs of Deport from the turn of the century into the 1950s and 60s should contact Tom Webb at 784-3222 after 5:00 p.m. He would like to make copies and would return all photos unharmed.

Reminder for Deport Baseball Association coaches and parents....there will be a clean up day March 22 starting at 7:00 am.

Please come help get the new field ready.

Deport Ball Assn. holding hamburger supper and auction

Don't forget the Deport Baseball Association is holding their annual Hamburger Supper and Auction March 21, 1997.

It will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Deport Elementary/Junior High Cafeteria.

MPrices will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for children. The meal will feature hamburgers, chips, desserts and all the "fixins".

Anyone wanting to donate anything for the auction would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone with questions can call Chad Barnes at 652-4909 or Mendy Nichols at 652-5002.

Educational instruction to be given

Janie Bonham, Adult Education Instructor at Paris Junior College, encourages anyone interested in GED certificates, reading skills or any other areas of educational instruction to be in the office of the Deport Housing Authority each Monday night at 6

p.m. The office is located at the corner of Third and Beville Streets in Deport.

Instructors are open to anyone interested. For information contact Ms. Bonham at Paris Junior College, 784-9424.

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**Have A
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Weekend**

**Detroit 1st Baptist holding
Men & Boy's Bible Study weekly**

The First Baptist Church of Detroit is beginning Men and Boys Bible Study on Tuesdays, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center.

The event is strictly "come as you are" whether in work clothes, boots and jeans, or a suit. Anyone in the area is invited.

There will be fellowship afterwards and coffee and other refreshments will be served.

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Like everyone else, I collect recipes and most of them I know I will never use. But, I still collect them. I have them in my recipe boxes and stuffed in drawers and boxes. Someday when I don't have anything else to do, I will sort them and put them in their proper places. I also collect recipe books. My most recent acquisition came from my daughter Amy for my birthday. It is entitled "Best of the Bakeoff" from the Pillsbury Company. Each year they sponsor a bakeoff with contestants from all around the country.

This book contains recipes from every category of cooking. From everyday dinners, special occasion desserts and super fantastic bread

recipes. Of course, my favorites are desserts.

The 1996 winner was a man! A single-parent, who with the help of his son, developed his \$1,000,000-winning recipe for Macadamia Fudge Torte.

I did not include this recipe, but I did find some very interesting ones. They are the infamous Tunnel of Fudge Cake. Apricot Coconut Cream Pie. Melba Streusel Pie and Spicy Apple Twists. The only catch is that you must have a lot of time. These recipes are not quick and easy. They do take time. But try them out sometimes and we will see you in the kitchen!

March 6, 1997

Tunnel of Fudge Cake
1-3/4 cups sugar
1-3/4 cups margarine or butter
6 eggs
2 cups powdered sugar
2-1/4 cups flour
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
2 cups chopped walnuts-optional
Glaze:
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
4-6 teaspoons milk
Heat oven to 350 degrees and grease and flour 12 cup Bundt pan. In a large bowl, combine sugar and margarine; beat until light and fluffy. Eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually add 2 cups powdered sugar; blend well. By hand stir in flour and remaining cake ingredients until well blended. Spoon batter into greased and floured pan; spread evenly. Bake for 58 to 62 minutes. Cool and invert on plate. Cool completely. In small bowl, combine all glaze ingredients, adding enough milk for desired drizzling consistency. Spoon over top.

Apricot Coconut Cream Pie
1 refrigerated pie crust
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1 cup apricot nectar
2 cans apricot halves
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-3/4 cups milk
4 egg yolks-beaten
1 tablespoon butter margarine
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup coconut-toasted
TOPPING:
1 cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
2-3 tablespoons apricot preserves
1/2 cup coconut
Heat oven to 450 degrees. Prepare pie crust according to package directions for one-crust baked shell using 9-inch pie pan. Bake at 450 degrees for 9-11 minutes or until light golden brown. In small bowl sprinkle gelatin over 1/4 cup of the apricot nectar; let stand to soften. Set aside. In another bowl, cut 1 can of the apricot halves into small pieces. Set aside. In blender container or food processor with metal blade; combine remaining 3/4 cup nectar and remaining apricots. Blend until smooth. In medium saucepan combine 1/2 cup sugar, cornstarch and salt; mix well. Stir in milk and apricot mixture. Mixture will look curdled. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and boils; stirring constantly. Boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Blend in small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks. Gradually stir in yolk mixture into hot mixture in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until mixture comes to boil and stir constantly. Cook 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in margarine, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and soft-

Melba Streusel Pie
1 refrigerated pie crust
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup margarine
FILLING:
1/3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 package frozen peaches
1 package frozen raspberries-thawed
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Prepare pie crust according to directions. Heat oven to 375 degrees. In small bowl combine flour, brown sugar and mix well. With fork cut in margarine until mixture is crumbly. In large bowl, combine sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon. Mix well. Pour into crust lined pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until filling is partially set in center. Sprinkle evenly with topping mixture. Cover edge of crust with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning for an additional 12-15 minutes.

Spicy Apple Twists
2 large baking apples
1-1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
4-6 tablespoons cold water
1 tablespoon margarine-softened
TOPPING:
1/4 cup margarine-melted
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup water
Heat oven to 425. Cut each apple into 8 wedges. In medium bowl, blend flour and salt. Using pastry blender cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle flour mixture with water a tablespoon at a time, mixing lightly with fork until dough is just moist enough to hold together. Shape dough into ball. On floured surface, roll dough lightly from center to edge with 1 tablespoon softened margarine. Fold two sides to center. Roll to 16x10 rectangle. Cut crosswise into sixteen 10-inch strips. Wrap 1 strip around each apple wedge. Place 1/2 inch apart in ungreased 13x9 pan. Brush each wrapped apple wedge with melted margarine and in a small bowl blend sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over wrapped apples. Bake at 425 for 20 minutes. Pour water into pan. Bake an additional 12-17 minutes or until golden brown. Spoon sauce in pan over twists and serve warm.

Obituaries



**Mrs. Ida Barnard
dies February 28**

Mrs. Ida Barnard, age 80 of Bogata died Friday, February 28 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 3 in Bogata Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Bill Pirtle and the Rev. David Trawick officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barnard was born April 6, 1916 in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, the daughter of Joe and Ozie Potter Childers. She married Hubert Mack (Pete) Barnard on May 31, 1934 in Clarksville. He preceded her in death June 8, 1981. She was also preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Barnard in July, 1970.

Survivors include a son, Don Barnard of Bogata; three daughters, Hazel Lamb of Sunnyvale, Geraldine Ogg of Bogata and Wanda Wilson of Clifton; a brother, Jim Childers of Streetman; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; an aunt, Ethel Gibson of Ft. Towson, OK.

Bearers were David Horn, Ed Johnson, Buddy Calloway, Shaun Tulley, Glenn Babb and Jake Potter.

**Judd Ferguson Lee
dies in Arlington**

Judd Ferguson Lee, 86, a home-maker, died February 24 at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Arlington, where she had resided for the past four years. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-eight years, Hubert O. Lee, exactly 10 years earlier. She was buried in a private family service Tuesday, February 25 at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Mrs. Lee is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kitty and Truman Bryce of Arlington and her daughter, Karen Lee Johnson of Abilene; five grandchildren and their spouses, Mickey and Ellen Bryce of Tempe, Arizona, Lee Ann Allison, Colin and Kim Bryce and Dawn Johnson, Allison and Cody Evilizer of Arlington and Laura, Rebecca and Michael Bryce of Tempe, Arizona and a brother, M.A. Ferguson of Winnsboro.

Mrs. Lee was a member of First United Methodist Church of Arlington where she and Mr. Lee had been active members of the Builders Sunday School Class. She also served as President of the United Methodist Women and was honored as Mother of the Year in 1968.

Judd Lee was born April 17, 1910, to Milton and Kitty Ferguson in Ballinger, Texas. She grew up and graduated from High School in Bogata before marrying Hubert Lee on December 25, 1928. They moved to Dallas in 1935. However, they returned regularly to visit family and friends. After Mr. Lee's death in 1987 Mrs. Lee continued to look forward to homecoming activities each year and when she could no longer travel, she enjoyed hearing hometown news from her niece, Vicki Hinson-Smith, a former resident now living in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Since moving to Heritage Oaks she was active on the Residents Council and was a beloved member of the Hospitality Committee, each day greeting all who entered from her spot near the front door.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Building fund, 313 N. Center Street, Arlington, TX 76011.

**Warren M. Anderson
dies February 4**

Warren M. Anderson, age 71 of Baytown died Tuesday, February 4 in a Baytown hospital. He was born November 12, 1925 in Paris and had lived in Baytown since 1948.

He was a member of the Catholic faith, and a former member of the Elk's Lodge and the Knights of Columbus. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a longtime car dealer in the Baytown area, and he owned Southern Motor Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Lucille Anderson; a sister, LaVergne Bray; and grandson, John Thomas Anderson. He is survived by his wife, Park Anderson of Baytown; a son and daughter-in-law, John M. and Jeanie Anderson of Baytown; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kathy Wood of Austin; daughters and son-in-law, Cynthia and Bruce Rollman of Austin and Betsy Anderson of Baytown; twin brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Carlene Anderson; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday at Navarre Chapel with the Rev. D.C. Mangum and the Rev. Tommy Clements officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of remembrances, memorials may be made to Sterling Municipal Library or the charity of the donor's choice.

**Mrs. Wretha Watkins
dies February 28**

Mrs. Wretha Watkins, age 85, formerly of Bogata, died Friday, February 28 in Methodist Hospital, Dallas.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 3 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Bob Posey and the Rev. Doug Wedan officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Watkins was born September 30, 1911 in Locksburg, AR, the daughter of Archie and Ada Corbell Carroll. She married John H. Watkins October 21, 1927 near Bogata. He died January 28, 1980. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata and attended Marsh Lane Baptist Church of Dallas the last two years, having been a member there previously for many years. She was retired from Kroehler Furniture Company.

Surviving are a daughter and her husband, Virginia and Milton Alexander of Dallas; a son-in-law, Ray Kiker of Sunset Beach, NC; one sister, Thelma Howell of Tucson, AZ; three grandchildren; five great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Arleen Kiker in 1974.

**Robert Lee Powers
dies February 28**

Robert Lee Powers, age 78 of Amarillo, died Friday, February 28. Services were held Monday, March 3 in Amarillo.

He was born August 22, 1918 in Minter to Roy and Jessie Floyd Powers. He lived in Minter and Cunningham, graduating from Cunningham High School and moved to Amarillo in 1941. He retired from the automotive repair business.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; a son, Bobby of Amarillo; a daughter, Melody Leak of Saginaw; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his father, Roy and stepmother, Nettie Lois Powers of Minter; a brother, Talma of Amarillo; two sisters, Ruby Hoover of Denison and Christeen Kelley of Reno. He was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, Margie Skidmore.

**Mattie Jones
dies February 21**

Graveside services for Mattie Winnie Jones, age 88 were held at Pierce Brothers Crestlawn Mortuary in Riverside, CA following her death on Friday, February 21 at Cypress Gardens Convalescent Hospital in Riverside.

Mrs. Jones, who was born in Rosboro, AR, lived in Riverside for 35 years. She was a nurse's aide for 25 years for several employers before retirement.

Surviving are two daughters, Aleva McNabb of Mira Loma and Minnie McDowra of Riverside; three sons, Loyd of Dolan Springs, AZ, Floyd of Riverside and George of Hardy, AR; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Fannie Lamb of Deport, Lorena Brooks of Mossport, MS, and Lynn Johnson of Tallahassee, FL; and a brother, Luis Windell of Lakeville, MS.

**Christopher Baker
dies March 1**

Christopher Leon Baker, age 35 of Detroit died Saturday, March 1 as the result of a one-vehicle accident.

Services were held Tuesday, March 4 at Zion's Travelers Baptist Church in Clarksville.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to those who have been so wonderful to our family after fire destroyed our home. We can never thank you enough for all the acts of kindness, clothes, personal items and household items given to us.

May God bless you all.
Doug and Mayra Clark, Jesi, Kelsey and Luke

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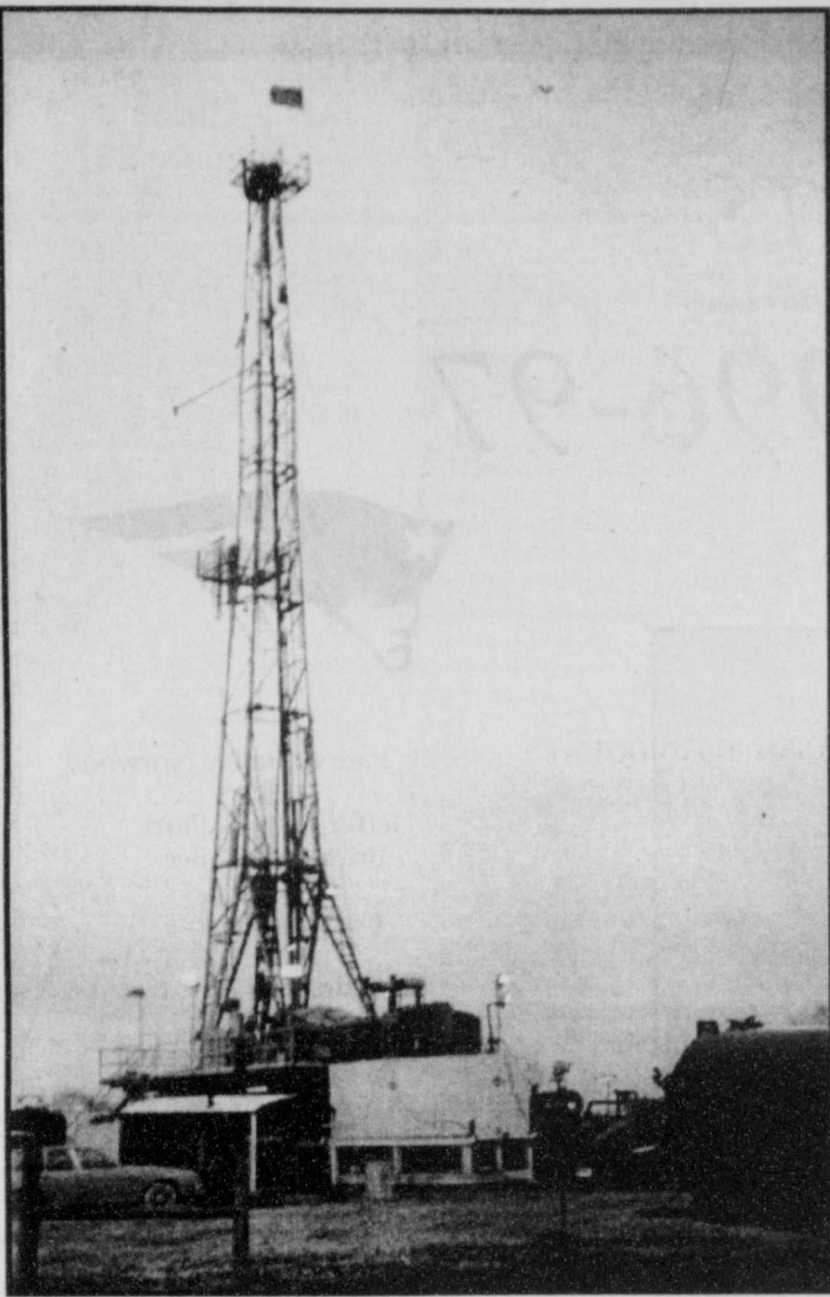
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ANOTHER WELL-this oil well is being drilled on McDowra land near Pattonville by a Tyler drilling company. Drilling started February 23rd. They planning on drilling to between five and six thousand feet in hopes of hitting "black gold". (Staff Photo)

Pattonville News
By Rita Cox
652-3661

Buster and Louise Crossland and Louise' sister, Reba Hoffman of New Castle, Delaware and granddaughter Kreei Baryn and their sister Barney Malone of New Boston, Wanda Eads of Fort Worth, and Betty Sulak of Arlington all went to Nash Saturday to visit Bobby Chapman, Louise's brother. Also on Thursday, Louise' nephew, Mike Walk of Whitewright visited.

Visiting Saturday night with Raymond and Wilma Crossland were Joan, Steve, and Callie Richardson of Mt. Vernon. Raymond's sister Delois and Don Harrison of Telephone visited.

Mickey Keener visited Tuesday

with Bill and Ruby Blevins.

Visiting Earline Wilson this week were Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Blount and Chase; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Slayden and Summer; Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham, Mrs. Henrietta Watts; Martha Porterfield; Mrs. Alice Erans and Mr. S.C. Short;

Bernice Bell's sons Ricky and Josh of Dallas and Susan and son Cody visited.

Visiting with Wayne and Sandra Couch over the weekend to celebrate Kim Helm's birthday were Vicki, Ronnie, Matt and Dylan Ballard from Paris; Paul Kim, Hannah and Madison Helms from Roxton; and Rev. and Mrs. George Griffin from Bowie.

Prairiland High School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

A Honor Roll
Cliff Adams, Jill Anderson, Kortnie Barrentine, Rachel Birch, Lee Bland, Jasper Clarkson, Nikalus Clarkson, Lisa Corso, Steven Flatt, Brenda Gibson, Fair Shea Gifford, Sarah Halenkamp, Stacy Harrison, Meagan Hatfield, Randi Hunt, Dorothy Hurst, Wendy Hutchings, Chris Malone, Ben Miller, Brad Osborne, Christy Patterson, Michael Richardson, Brea Sessums, Josh Smith, Shannon Smith, Anna Thompson, Claudia Trammell.

B Honor Roll
Dustin Allen, Tera Anderson, Heather Anthony, Roy Arrasmith, Christina Ballard, Quaylon Battle, Jamie Beaty, Jennifer Beaty, Lori Benedict, Elizabeth Benton, Angie Bounds, Kay Bowling, Jason Bramlett, Shawn Brown, Nathan Byrd, Christy Campsey, Matt Cavender, Wm. Cecil, Valarie Chapman, Carrie Couch, Aimee Crites, Beth Crites, Jer-

emy Cunningham, Jeremy Day, Lori Deverell, Teneka Dickerson, Misti Eason, David Ford, Bryan Goodson, Duncan Gordon, Stacy Greener, Daniel Hancock, Shawn Harrison, Kendra Hicks, Joel Hudson, Rachel Hunt, Cari Irwin, Kadonna Jackson, Todd James, Chad Johnston, Kenlea Jones, Kevin Kelley, Cary Langston, Kristin Lawrence, Jeffrey Lee, Steven Lemmen, Jessica Lewis, Kristi Love, Tony Love, Doug Loven, Johnny Milam, Brian Mitchell, Yuichiro Omori, Drew Owen, Brandi Patterson, Kristina Patterson, Ryan Clarkson, Shanna Pegg, Cody Phillips, Ashley Rhodes, Lucas Roddy, Whitney Rodgers, Robert Sawyer, Susan Singleton, Michael Spray, Tommy Spray, Buck Sutton, Suzie Sutton, Amy Talley, Becky Talley, Elizabeth Tapia, Heath Thomas, Shane Tolison, Corey Townsend, Justin Trammell, Erik Whitley, Darron Williams, Sherrie Wolf, Matt Wright, Candace Yaross.

Honor rolls announced from A&M

Texas A&M University-Commerce announced its President's Honor Roll and Deans' List for the 1996 Fall Semester.

The students, who have been named to the honor roll, are listed below according to hometowns:

Bagwell, TX: Meko Marie Miller, Bagwell, Deans' List.

Blossom, TX: L. Deborah F. Godwin, Tammy Wynette Smith, President's Honor Roll; Rhonda Kay Burchinal and Lee Ann Vickers, Deans' List.

Bogata, TX: Marty Wayne Gray,

Patricia L. Lozoya, President's Honor Roll; Charles Bradley Branch and Linda J. Miles and William Andrew Speir, Deans' List.

Detroit, TX: Stephanie Joy Gow, Barbara Kay Shaw, President's Honor Roll; Lessa N. Mankins, Brandon Wade Simmons, Deans' List.

Pattonville, TX: Amie Michelle Osborne, President's Honor Roll; Melanie Jane Moore, Deans' List.

Talco, TX: Kellie Sheree Sims, President's Honor Roll; Vicky J. McCarty, Deans' List.

17-AA Girl's Basketball Selection Made

The 1996-97 17-AA All-district Girl's Basketball selections were named this week. Several from this area were named to this honor.

Most Valuable Player was #22-senior post Tarshonda Ferguson from Chisum. **Offensive Player of the Year** was #24-senior guard Jessica Douglas of Lone Oak.

Co-Defensive Players of the Year are #11 Brea Sessums-senior guard from Prairiland and #33 Shalada Allen-junior post from Chisum.

Newcomer of the Year is #22 Morgan Hohenberger-freshman guard from Cooper.

Coach of the Year is Heather Lane of Cooper.

First Team All-District-#21 Hillary Almon-junior post-Cooper. #12 Candi Nabors-senior guard-Chisum. #10 Brandie Upchurch-junior guard of Prairiland. #14 April Clem-junior guard, Lone Oak. #12

Kristi Hines-junior guard, Rivercrest.

Second Team All-District-#14 Brandi Baggett-senior post Cooper. #12 Tamara Williams-junior post Cooper. #12 Erin Bowis-senior guard Honey Grove. #20 Melody Smith-junior guard Lone Oak. #32 Laine Evans-junior guard Como Pickton. #15 Clara Bohannon-junior guard Alba-Golden.

Honorable Mention All-District-#23 Brooke Zachery-junior guard Cooper. #5 Tiesha Wady-sophomore guard Cooper. #40 Holly Coker-sophomore post Lone Oak. #20 Katha Crawford-junior post Prairiland. Meagan Hatfield-sophomore guard Prairiland. #14 Cari Irwin-junior post Prairiland. #20 Jana Weatherall-senior guard Rivercrest. #21 Jessica Odom-junior guard Honey Grove. #24 Denise Bohannon-senior post Alba-Golden. #12 Shannon West-senior post Como-Pickton.

CRP to hold meeting

Discussing procedures, rules and regulations of the 15th Conservation Reserve Program that is being held from March 3-28 is the topic of the meeting to be held Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom located on the second floor of the Red River County Courthouse.

The CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish approved cover on eligible cropland. The program encourages participants to plant long-term resource conserving covers to improve soil, water and wildlife resources. Costs to establish the necessary approved practices will be shared at a rate of not more than 50% by the Federal government.

The durations of the contracts are between 10 and 15 years. Further information regarding this, as well as any other programs, may be obtained by contacting the Red River County FSA-USDA located at 313 N. Locust St., Clarksville, TX 75426, 903-427-2288.

Lamar County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, February 25, 1997: 7 arrest, transport, telephone harrassment, 2 abandoned vehicles, auto theft, cruelty to animals, medical assist, theft, possession of marijuana in school, special assignment, assist, welfare concern, emergency message, traffic hazard, 9ll violation, prowler and 179 inmates.

Wednesday, February 26, 1997: disturbance, theft, stranded motorist, 6 arrests, 2 loose livestock, civil matter, civil standby, possible stolen vehicle, 9ll hangup, 2 assist, 1 prowler.

Thursday, February 27, 1997: 2 transport, assist, 2 alarms, 7 arrests, burglary of building, 3 loose livestock, order of protective custody, 9ll violation, family disturbance, juvenile disturbance, property damage, assault, suspicious person, minor accident with 175 inmates.

Saturday, March 1, 1997: Loose livestock, theft, reckless driving, missing livestock, animal complaint, property damage, public intoxication, 3 assault, structure fire, intoxicated driver, 9ll violation, disturbance, civil matter, criminal mischief, welfare concern with 174 inmates.

Sunday, March 2, 1997: 3 arrest, criminal mischief, dog bite, open door, disturbance, juvenile disturbance, fire alarm, attempt to locate, dispute, transport, property damage with 176 inmates.

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Cunningham News

By Carol Jean Williams & Lou Hatfield
652-6792

Carol and Jennifer Dorsey ate lunch with Lucy Fowler Sunday, Margaret and Talma Fowler visited with Lucy Sunday evening.

Lillian King and Billie Ford went to Gilmer for a women's conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Joyce Yazell and Haley brought Andrew Bazhew to Billie and Leonard Ford's Friday for the week end Billie and Leonard took him home Sunday. Ryan Kindlespent the night Saturday night with Billie and Leonard.

Velma Cox of Cunningham visited Dora Hester in Paris Monday evening.

Ollie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie of Jowntown spent Thursday night with Rachel and Norman Sain in Paris. Larry and Virginia Bell visited with Norman and Rachel Sunday afternoon.

Talma and Susie Norwood spent the week at Bob Sandlin Lake. They spent one day in Canton. It rained but they had a nice trip.

A combination birthday party and welcome home party was held Saturday at the home of John and Claudia Whitney.

Jeremy and Travis Hunter and

Debbie Curin celebrated birthdays. Welcome Home for Shane and Vickie Curin who recently moved back here from Colorado Springs, CO. Present were: honorees, Courtney Curin of Powderly, April Bailey of Powderly, Bill, Belinda and Elaine Vickey of Sulpher Springs, Darrell Lynn, Bryan and Katherine Johnson of Sulpher Springs. There were many gifts and everyone had a good time.

The community extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Power for the loss of Robert Lee.

Deedee Watson and daughters Katy and Kenzi went to Yukon, OK to visit family.

Jeff, Cindy, Zack, Garret and Taylor Kennedy and Heath, Misty, and Latner Kennedy ate lunch with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.

Canard and Deloris Norwood of Katie visited with Almer and Alma Norwood Saturday night.

Last week Roy and Skeeter Davis went to the horse races in Hot Springs Arkansas. Tuesday evening after school Crystal, Lacy, Roy and Jessi Davis visited with Roy and Skeeter. Saturday Skeeter took Crystal Lacy, Leslie Davis and Melinda Thompson

shopping. Debbie Allen and Billie Grimes were married Saturday in the United Pentecost Church of Paris.

Marie Watson's guests for dinner Sunday were Brad and Bruce Watson, Vickie Davis, Brenda Watson, Dillion Gibson and Brooklyn Legate.

Guest preacher for Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham Sunday was Bro Scott Stenson from Canada.

John Walker of Paris visited with Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood Sunday.

Larry and Pam O'Neal, Johnny and Fran Patterson and daughters ate lunch with Pete and L'Wanda McKnight.

Pine Tree High School of Longview attended a drill team competition in Greenville Saturday. Dean Ogden's granddaughter was in the competition. Dean Ogden and her mother Lorette Pynes attended.

Jonathan Arnold spent the week end with Charles and Jean Williams. Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove ate lunch with Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove.

Bro. Scott Stinson had dinner and stayed the night.

James W. Ross graduates course at Sheppard AFB

Air Force Airman James W. Ross has graduated from the aerospace ground equipment mechanic apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, TX

Students were taught inspection, maintenance and repair of aircraft ground equipment. Included in the training were pertinent administrative tasks and safety procedures.

Ross is the son of Joyce Whitney of 610 Ash St., Blossom. He is a 1992 graduate of Prairiland High School.

Pre-season tournament for Dixie Youth teams

A pre-season tournament for any regular season, Dixie Youth team 12 and under will be held at Woodall Field in Paris on April 11 and 12.

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The ultimate goal, responsible citizens

The following article is from *The "Leaguer" magazine, a UIL educational magazine which is received by area schools. It is written by Dr. Bill Farney, UIL Director and Editor. Dr. L.C. Stout, superintendent at Prairiland ISD thought it was an excellent article, and thought he might want to reprint it. The title of the article is "Years from now, success will be measured not in terms of records or scores, but in whether students became responsible citizens".*

The school year is more than half over and it seems appropriate to take a few moments to thank all the people who make UIL experiences so positive and beneficial for students. Too often, we take for granted the efforts of teachers, coaches, counselors and school administrators.

These individuals labor-often without recognition-to assure educational experiences for countless numbers of student competitors. Some are well paid. Some are not. Some are long on experience. Others are just beginning. But all are to be commended for "going the extra mile" for the students, offering quality competition and enduring obstacles of insufficient budgets and some community lethargy.

Every year a number of good educators are reassigned or dismissed because their teams did not win, or win enough. Coaches fall out of favor for adhering to strict codes of conduct and physical standards for their players. Society and parents want a winner, but often do not want their youngsters to abide by training rules. Indeed, now, more than ever, there is a public-mentality that believes rules should be followed most of the time, but there should be room for exceptions.

At least ten schools are implementing drug testing programs this year. Local boards of education are addressing growing problems of substance abuse. One of the attempted solutions is to test those students most visible, the athletes. Already complaints are coming forth protesting these new programs. Why test only athletes? Why not the band? And if

all students in activities are being checked, why not test all students? Predictions of future lawsuits over drug testing could be accurate.

Most objective observers see this testing trend as another way to address problems that beset modern youth. Why shouldn't they be at risk? Many of their adult role models are more than tainted. Modern students hear all the discourse on individual rights and projections of deviant personalities from professional athletics and entertainers.

Fortunately, schools offer numerous opportunity for students to learn good personal habits and fundamentals of responsibility. These valuable lessons are not often noted, but are the real achievements of caring teachers, sponsors and coaches.

Years from now few people will remember the team record or scores of games. These achievements will live vividly in those who remember their excitement and magic moments of youth.

Consider the comments of one of our former state academic champions, Christa Green of Fairfield High School. "My eight of UIL academic competition, especially my four years of high school competition, proved to be an invaluable experience for me. I channeled my energy into the worthwhile pursuit of academic excellence that culminated in two Top 6 placings at the State Meet.

"UIL has given me lifelong direction by helping me greatly narrow my career goals. It has also allowed me to make many friends and develop quick thinking skills that will always benefit me."

If all coaches-athletic, academic and fine arts-can help their students come to similar conclusions, then we'll have done our job.

What is lasting and important is the kind of person that matures from educational competition. If the quality of future citizenry depends on today's educational leaders, we have much to look forward to with hope. To those teachers of today there will be much to look backward to with pride.

Have A Nice Weekend

Sign-up for softball is
March 18

Registration for YWCA Girls Fast Pitch Softball will be extended until try outs on March 18 for girls age 9 and under and March 20 for girls 18 and under. Girls age 5-187 are eligible to play.

In order to make registering girls easier for parents who work, the

YWCA will host two sign-up nights and be open until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3 and Friday, March 7 to accept registration. Registrations will also be accepted at the YWCA during business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Deport Housing Authority News

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They received word that family in Arkansas were safe after the storms.
Melba Ladd attended a training session for the Housing Authority in Nacogdoches last Wednesday.
The housing authority welcomes Dorothy Lynn as a new neighbor.
We would still like to have someone to write these housing authority locals. Many people really enjoy reading them.



Have A Nice Weekend

Red River Valley League meeting held March 3

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League met on Monday, March 3 at Clarksville.
President, Mike Screws called the meeting to order and passed out minutes from the district Dixie League meeting held in Mt. Vernon. Randy Hollis of Talco was asked to give a report from the meeting. Rule changes were reported and it was stressed that players names should be put on the rosters exactly as they are on their birth certificates. Changes in Umpire certifications were discussed. Mr. Screws will order the number of test needed to certify umpires for this year and a date and place will be set up for those taking the test to do so as a group. The test will cost \$15 each. Rule books for the 1997 season were passed out to each town represented. Mr. Screws asked if anyone had any rule that they would like to see changed. The request for changes of rules must go into Dixie League by May 1.
David Duley of Detroit asked that league members be aware of the scholarship program offered by Dixie

League to Senior girls. All towns were urged to apply for their girls of this age. There is a possibility of receiving a \$1500 scholarship for any girl who has played Dixie League softball for two or more years. Scholarships are not given by athletic ability only.
The closing ceremony for the girls teams will be held at Deport this year. The Red River Valley League will hold the District tournament for the Angles (9-10 year old girls) division. Towns interested in hosting the tournament are; Talco-Bogata, Detroit and Deport. District Director, Johnny Rutledge will make the decision as to which town will host the tournament.
The floor was opened for nominations for the coming seasons officers. Mike Screws, David Duley and John Carlisle were nominated for President. Mike Screws was elected. Elected Vice President was Debbie Roraback of Clarksville, Secretary-Nancy Brown of Talco, Treasurer-Connie Giles of Bogata and Advisors-David Duley of Detroit and Ted

Garrison of Avery.
All towns reported their sign up's complete and official rosters were handed out to be completed and returned at the next meeting. Rule options for the Red River Valley League were discussed and agreed upon. In the Darlings division; there will be no circle draw around the pitching mound, there will be no half way hash marks or ten foot lines draw on the field. All players on a roster may be on the field if the coach chooses. All players will bat weather playing field or not. Players will not be put on base when hit by a pitch unless they make an attempt to avoid being hit. All games will have a one hour and one half time limit. President, Mike Screws encouraged everyone to read their rule book before the next meeting in order to discuss more options. Play will begin the third week in April. A meeting was set for March 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Clarksville to turn in rosters and set the schedule for the coming season. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**THE ADVENTURES OF
MUSTANG CREEK FARM**

by Leslie Morton Copeland
It started out as a regular day at Mustang Creek Farm. Rodney the Rooster was up with the sun, sounding the alarm for all to rise and shine. Pepper, head of farm security, began his morning rounds, and the funny bunny crew already had things hopping. Then, it happened! Muffin the cat yowled to the top of her lungs. As Pepper came running, Muffin had already begun to panic-she could not find her kitten Boo! Soon, the entire farm was abuzz with the news... What happened to Boo? Muffin reported to Pepper that the kitten's breakfast scraps had not been touched, and his nap basket did not look slept in. She also assured security that the kitten was tucked in before nine the evening before.

The search was on... after all, how could a tiny kitten protect himself in the wild? All sorts of horrible things began to run through the mind of Muffin and she began to pace. Meanwhile, all the other animals of Mustang Creek gathered for an emergency meeting. Farm officials took their places in front of the crowd. Marilyn the owl was wise and always stayed calm during an emergency. After all, she was the leader of the local volunteer fire department, and assured Muffin that Boo would be found healthy and happy. Nanalee

the newt and Thomas the toad reacted quickly and began distributing emergency news flyers regarding the kitten including date last seen, description, and reference numbers. The entire farm was on edge because nothing like this had ever happened at Mustang Creek, and the possibility of an intruder was likely. Playmates of Boo began to cry and mothers began to fret. Marilyn, with the assistance of Betty the butterfly, began with an aerial search as Pepper sniffed out the path of the kitten. Matt, the mustang was also called in to help secure the farm perimeter. In flight, Marilyn noticed something and perched on a pecan branch. She had spotted Boo nestled in the arms of the tree... and he was fast asleep! "This is a hoot!" said Marilyn as she conducted the official rescue without hesitation and Pepper began questioning. It just so happened that Boo had been playing an early game of hide and seek with the puppies and had scampered up a tree to hide. As the lab brothers ran to breakfast, Boo tired of waiting and laid down for a nap. Following the rescue, Marilyn gave strict words of advice to children and their parents regarding communication. "Just think mama," said the kitten, "I didn't even get to jump out and yell...Boo!" The entire farm roared with laughter as all was well once again at Mustang Creek Farm.



BEVERLY HARGRAVES-Social Studies Specialist from Region VIII Service Center in Mt. Pleasant, presented a program to all the area elementary schools this last week. She gave a presentation on black Americans in celebration of Black History Month. The classes also sang spiritual songs. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

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Depart Nursing Home News

By JaLynda Mitchell



Freddy Burden taught Bible Study Class. We played a game of Bean Bag wil Johnnie Warren winning 1st, Nina Hale and Floyd Sparks tied for 2nd, Ima Griffen and Jewel Smith tied for 3rd.

Wednesday we enjoyed the penny toss game wehre the pennies love to bounce and slide no matter how you toss them.

Jewel Smith and Terry McDowra tied for 1st, Pete Zak took 2nd and Frankie ARchibald hung on for 3rd. The Baptist Women came and pampered the ladies with manicures. The men watched a movie about Babe Ruth inthe lobby. Faith Baptist Church came and had services with several of the residents.

Thursday we reminisced about heavy rains and floods from years ago. Then we talked about high water and floods in our area this past week. Johnnie McLemore remembered how downtown used to flood and people had to get around in boats.

Dewey Ward pressed through the bad weather and played his guitar and sang for us. Terry McDowra joined him and even did a few songs himself.

Friday Sam Campbell made it through the downpour of rain we were still having to share spiritual growth with us in Bible Study. Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff came and shared one of their inspirational.

Bill and Gloria Gaither tapes were hosted by the Speers.

Sunday David Ham prepared the message for Sunday Service while Rab, Tim and Tina Skidmore provided the music and songs.

Monday we played dominoes and bingo. Our volunteers that helped were Billie and Sarah Mazy, Nanie Bell Ham and Nell Wolf.

We would like to welcome Norma Williams to Depart Nursing Home.

We would like to wish Mary Mathews a speedy recovery. She is in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Don O'Dea's visitors were Cecil and Margaret Allen, Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, and Gene Thielman.

Visitors of David Geer were Margaret and Cecil Allen, Alice Bumgarner, Alfred and Clyde Fan-

gio and William Geer.

Patsy Ward visited Edith Franklin. Visiting Jewel Smith were Larry and Shirley Haskell.

Alfonzo Grant and Betty Smith, Letrus and Lawanda Cherry, Dale Smith, Donald Ray and Dynetta Smith.

Fay Woodard was visited by mr. and Mrs. Dewey Woodard and Alice Bumgarner.

Pat and Travis Talley visited Betty Gardner.

Henry Jacks was visited by W.A., Mary Ellen and Sally Jacks.

Cherl O'Brian visited her mother, Rose Simpson.

Visitors of Terry McDowra were Cherry Walker, Kenneth McDowra and Sue Salter.

Genevieve Humphrey was visited by Pam Humphrey.

Visiting Linnie Bailey were Terry and Andrea Flippen of Mineola, Alice Bumgarner, Peggy Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saunders and Hunter, Pat Bailey and Bobby Bailey.

James and Sarah Wilsons' children Larry and Jackie Wilson visited them.

Visitors of Sara Gilmer were Joyce and Weldon Smith and Dewey and Marline Thomas.

Mary and Laura Sawyer visited Billie Sawyer.

Brodie Bell's visitors were Tina and Tim Skidmore, Reecie Kelsey and Martha Glover.

Cecil Allen visited Marshall Dunigan, Ivaleta Edwards, Gilbert Marshall, and Marietta Parsons.

Bonnie Johnson was visited by Jim and Sharon Johnson.

Visiting Floy Sparks were Peggy Parsons, Cecil Allen and Nina Sparks.

Terry Johnson's visitors were Cecil Allen, Dorothy Holt and Joyce Wilson.

Shorty Ballard visited Melvina Dinwiddie.

Visitors of Nina Hale and Clarence Ham were Nanie Bell Ham, Nell Shull and Wanda Bradley.

Lovetta McMurray was visited by Shorty Ballard and Tony Corso.

Visiting Jo Wrenn were Reba Muncel, Bocky Norman, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson, Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff and Pam Campbell.

Grace Griffin's visitors were Alice



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DEPORT LOCALS
By Barbara Crawford
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Sue Carrell of Norman, Ok. is visiting her parents Raymond & Aubrey Hignight.

Darrin & Monica Gifford, Trent, Chandler Paige & Madelaine Rebecca of The Colony spent the weekend with John & Shirley Gifford, also visiting were Cliff & Dee Dee Gifford, Cegie & Callie of Paris.

Visiting Linnie Bailey on Saturday were her granddaughter Sherry & Mike Saunders and great-grandson Hunter Soap of Longview, Pat Bailey of Reno and Ruby Dee Blevins of Pattonville, they also visited Alice Bumgarner.

Alice Bumgarner and daughter Alice Ruth Gravatt of Reno visited her sister-in-law Pauline Parker of Lake Cypress on Monday.

Donny and Dawne Darden, Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to Kilgore Saturday to the Kilgore Oil Museum. They also learned about the art deco buildings downtown and the "world's richest acre". They came back through Pittsburg, toured the Rural Living Museum there, ate at Warrick's and learned about the Ezekiel Airship.

The trip is part of a fact findinh project for day trips in and around this area.

Visitors Saturday of Alice Bumgarner were Mike and Sherry Saunders and grandson Hunter Soap, and Ruby Blevins and Linnie Bailey.

Bumgarner, Wynell Gilbreath and Shorty Ballard and Linine Bailey.

Visitors of Johnnie Waren were Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell, Slydney and Skylar Ragan, Kenneth Harold Allen, Evelyn Roach, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Bocky Norman, Lucy Fowler, Donald and Phillis Crawford and Bill Page.

Linnie Bailey, Alice Bumgarner, Nancy Murphy and Carlos Ladd visited Russell Grant.

Raymond and Edith Crawford's visitors were Barbara Crawford, Virginia Rhodes, Alice Bumgarner, Donald and Phillis Crawford, Short Ballard and Russell Crawford.

Visiting Betty Middleton were Steve, Dina, Chris, Brent and Amanda Middleton, Nanie Bell Ham, David, Angie, Marcus and Allison Wolf, Nell and George Wolf, Cindy and Bert Filkins, Jaylan and Danbri Mitchell, Skylar and Sydney Ragan and Lyn Wolf.

Weldon and Joyce Smith visited Milow Hume.

Dorothy Wardlow visited her sister, Delila Little.

Dean Boulware's visitors were Jodie, Juanita, and Mike Boulware.

Visitors of Mamie Fletcher were Liila, Bren, Kara, and Hali Screws and Becky Proctor.

E.T. Moore's son, Jerry visited him. Peter Jak was visited by Dennis and Betty Zak.

Rose Holcomb visited Ruby Crawford.

Visiting George Kelley were Shorty and Debbie Patterson, Sue Osbell and Mary Lou Colson.

Jimmy Middleton's visitors were Steve, Dina, Brent and Amanda Middleton and Nell Wolf.

We would like to wish Happy Birthdays to Lora Hulsey, Johnnie Warren, Edith Crawford, Dean Boulware, Jane Rhoades, Ludie Hill, Nina Hale, Robin Frazier, Dynetta Smith, Raymond Griffen, Melanie Griffin, Marilyn Crawford, Tom Tatum, Lyn Wolf, Pat Wesley, Roy Castlebury, Jeff Ince and Jimmy Middleton.

Visiting Billie & Marlin Foster were Mildred & Wayland Ward of Mt. Pleasant and Ida Mae & Deryl Norwood of Cunningham.

T. J. & Kay Hill of Paris visited Mervin & Colleen Slaton Monday night.

Sam Speir of Greenville had lunch on Thursday with his mother Willie Mae Speir.

Judy Screws & Tana of Bogata visited Mr. & Mrs. Muri Roach on Saturday.

Mike Screws & Hali visited Donald & Judy Screws on Sunday.

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Deport Housing Authority News

Ruth Whittle took Faye Elmore to lunch at Doris Elmore's. They were joined by Pam, McKee, Jemilyn and Jerrika.

They received word that family in Arkansas were safe after the storms.

Melba Ladd attended a training session for the Housing Authority in Nacogdoches last Wednesday.

The housing authority welcomes Dorothy Lynn as a new neighbor.

We would still like to have someone to write these housing authority locals. Many people really enjoy reading them.



Red River Valley League meeting held March 3

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League met on Monday, March 3 at Clarksville.

President, Mike Screws called the meeting to order and passed out minutes from the district Dixie League meeting held in Mt. Vernon. Randy Hollis of Talco was asked to give a report from the meeting. Rule changes were reported and it was stressed that players names should be put on the rosters exactly as they are on their birth certificates. Changes in Empire certifications were discussed. Mr. Screws will order the number of test needed to certify umpires for this year and a date and place will be set up for those taking the test to do so as a group. The test will cost \$15 each. Rule books for the 1997 season were passed out to each town represented. Mr. Screws asked if anyone had any rule that they would like to see changed. The request for changes of rules must go into Dixie League by May 1.

David Duley of Detroit asked that league members be aware of the scholarship program offered by Dixie

League to Senior girls. All towns were urged to apply for their girls of this age. There is a possibility of receiving a \$1500 scholarship for any girl who has played Dixie League softball for two or more years. Scholarships are not given by athletic ability only.

The closing ceremony for the girls teams will be held at Deport this year. The Red River Valley League will hold the District tournament for the Angles (9-10 year old girls) division. Towns interested in hosting the tournament are: Talco-Bogata, Detroit and Deport. District Director, Johnny Rutledge will make the decision as to which town will host the tournament.

The floor was opened for nominations for the coming seasons officers. Mike Screws, David Duley and John Carlisle were nominated for President. Mike Screws was elected. Elected Vice President was Debbie Roraback of Clarksville, Secretary Nancy Brown of Talco, Treasurer Connie Giles of Bogata and Advisors-David Duley of Detroit and Ted

Garrison of Avery.

All towns reported their sign up's complete and official rosters were handed out to be completed and returned at the next meeting. Rule options for the Red River Valley League were discussed and agreed upon. In the Darlings division; there will be no circle draw around the pitching mound, there will be no half way hash marks or ten foot lines draw on the field. All players on a roster may be on the field if the coach chooses. All players will bat weather playing field or not. Players will not be put on base when hit by a pitch unless they make an attempt to avoid being hit. All games will have a one hour and one half time limit. President, Mike Screws encouraged everyone to read their rule book before the next meeting in order to discuss more options. Play will begin the third week in April. A meeting was set for March 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Clarksville to turn in rosters and set the schedule for the coming season. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THE ADVENTURES OF MUSTANG CREEK FARM

by Leslie Morton Copeland

It started out as a regular day at Mustang Creek Farm. Rodney the Rooster was up with the sun, sounding the alarm for all to rise and shine. Pepper, head of farm security, began his morning rounds, and the funny bunny crew already had things hopping. Then, it happened! Muffin the cat yowled to the top of her lungs. As Pepper came running, Muffin had already begun to panic-she could not find her kitten Boo! Soon, the entire farm was abuzz with the news... What happened to Boo? Muffin reported to Pepper that the kitten's breakfast scraps had not been touched, and his nap basket did not look slept in. She also assured security that the kitten was tucked in before nine the evening before.

The search was on... after all, how could a tiny kitten protect himself in the wild? All sorts of horrible things began to run through the mind of Muffin and she began to pace. Meanwhile, all the other animals of Mustang Creek gathered for an emergency meeting. Farm officials took their places in front of the crowd. Marilyn the owl was wise and always stayed calm during an emergency. After all, she was the leader of the local volunteer fire department, and assured Muffin that Boo would be found healthy and happy. Nanalee

the newt and Thomas the toad reacted quickly and began distributing emergency news flyers regarding the kitten including date last seen, description, and reference numbers. The entire farm was on edge because nothing like this had ever happened at Mustang Creek, and the possibility of an intruder was likely. Playmates of Boo began to cry and mothers began to fret. Marilyn, with the assistance of Betty the butterfly, began with an aerial search as Pepper sniffed out the path of the kitten. Matt, the mustang was also called in to help secure the farm perimeter. In flight, Marilyn noticed something and perched on a pecan branch. She had spotted Boo nestled in the arms of the tree... and he was fast asleep! "This is a hoot!" said Marilyn as she conducted the official rescue without hesitation and Pepper began questioning. It just so happened that Boo had been playing an early game of hide and seek with the puppies and had scampered up a tree to hide. As the lab brothers ran to breakfast, Boo tired of waiting and laid down for a nap. Following the rescue, Marilyn gave strict words of advice to children and their parents regarding communication. "Just think mama," said the kitten, "I didn't even get to jump out and yell...Boo!" The entire farm roared with laughter as all was well once again at Mustang Creek Farm.



BEVERLY HARGRAVES-Social Studies Specialist from Region VIII Service Center in Mt. Pleasant, presented a program to all the area elementary schools this last week. She gave a presentation on black Americans in celebration of Black History Month. The classes also sang spiritual songs. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

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Surprise Party to honor Dan Tatum

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It is for all family and friends who are welcome to come and go or stay for the entire time.

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PRAIRIE LAND ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL SELECTIONS for 1996-97 released this week are from left-senior Justin Taylor (honorable mention), senior Todd James (1st team), senior Cory May (unanimous second team), junior David Ford (honorable mention), senior Jeremy Day (1st team) and Co-Coach of the Year Charlie Martin.

RR Genealogical Society to meet

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society, Monday evening, March 10 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for this month will be Jean Pomplin of Mt. Vernon, Texas an author, publisher and literary agent. She is also an experienced researcher. She will share her hard

earned lessons in the program which she titled, "Exploring the Historical Theatre of Your Mind and How to Get It From There to Paper." She will have copies of several books for sale, written by her as well as those she has published for others.

All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

Daniel named new area engineer

Glenn Daniel, currently the area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation's Fannin and Delta counties, has taken on the added responsibilities of managing highway construction in Lamar and Red River counties.

Daniel, who has been with TxDOT for 15 years, replaces Steve Ekstrom as Lamar and Red River county area

Milton News
By Mattylu Upchurch

Edna Lee and Patsy Merritt of Pattonville spent Friday and Saturday with their sister, Caludell Powell of Queen City.

Chris and Traci Chipman, Connor and Riley spent Saturday in Dallas shopping.

Billie Goheen of Arlington and granddaughter Devin Newman of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.

Nathan Yoder spent Tuesday night with his grandmother, Edna Talley.

Having dinner with Allen Dale and Stacy Huddleston Sunday were Donny and Laura Wright, Matthew and Lindsey and Mildred Wright, all of Deport. They celebrated Donny's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chipman and sons had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Burnett of Cunningham on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woodard and Tim Parks had lunch with James and Dorothy Holt on Sunday.

Sheldon and Ann Lee and Silas and Juanita Taylor of Minter went to the Paris Community Theatre in Paris on Thursday night.

George and Nell Wolf had their family for dinner Sunday to celebrate their daughter, Cindy Filkins' birthday.

Bill and Mattylu Upchurch visited Katherine Green of Deport on Thursday.

Eran and Mary Yoder and Shasta attended the Prairiland basketball game in Mineola Tuesday night.

Joyce Wilson of Craig visited Dorothy Holt on Monday.



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UMW ladies meet

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The meeting was called to order by the president, Melba Ladd offered prayer. Eleven membes answered roll, Ruth Cheatham, Debbie Campbell, Juavance Carpenter, Martha Glover, Marianne Ladd, Melba Ladd, Margaret Parks, Lucille Pickering, Evelyn Roach, Nell Shull and Juanita Sparks.

A donation to the Deport Easter Egg Hunt was voted as well as a donation to Rev. and Mrs. Sam Campbell, to assist with their expenses in current mission work for the church family.

Ruth Cheatham presented the third chapter from the study book "The Way of the Cross". This chapter entitled "Going to Golgotha, The Journey of Jesus" as described in the book of Mark.

The next meeting will be March 17 with Nell Shull as hostess. Program leader will be Margaret Parks.

The meeting adjourned with the Mizpah.

Salad, quiche, fresh fruit and cake were served during the time of fellowship.



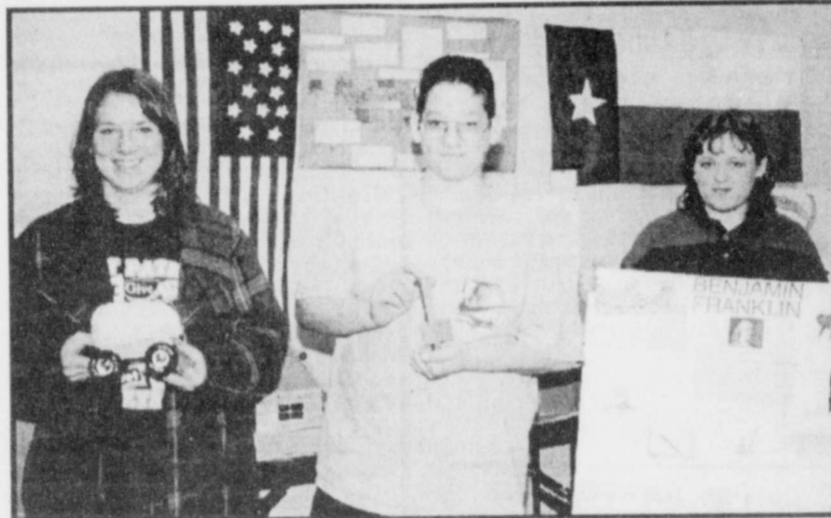
MORE PROJECTS-Juanita Davis' History students of American and Texas History have prepared a wide variety of projects. From left are: Renee Moreland, with her Boston Tea Party project, Jennifer Torres, who made the American Flag on the wall, Sue Barnes with her Liberty Bell and Stan Cox with his Indian and fort. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



FLUSHING HYDRANTS-City water and sewer superintendent Herman LaRue sends water everywhere as the city of Deport flushed fire hydrants throughout town. The flushing helps clean water lines and makes sure that all fire hydrants are operational. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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HISTORY PROJECTS-Malynda Thompson, Cy Guthrie and Toni Clarkson display some of the History Projects 7th and 8th graders at Deport Junior High have done for Mrs. Juanita Davis' History classes. A covered wagon, a golden railroad spike and a display about Ben Franklin are their particular projects. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION-Mr. Dickenson explains last minute details to Hollie Allen as she prepares to fly her rocket Monday at Deport Junior High School. Rocket day was a huge success as rockets from simple to sophisticated soared into the sky. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Living history & reenactment to be held at Sam Bell Maxey House

The living history demonstration and reenactment will be held Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 812 S. Church Street in Paris. Reenactors from the 9th Texas Infantry, the 19th Texas Infantry, the 1st Choctaw/Chickasaw Dismounted Rifles from southeast Oklahoma and others will be sharing stories of the Confederate soldiers and their families. Tents, cooking equipment and techniques, weapon care and use, and military tactic drills will be demonstrated throughout the day. Donations of \$1.00 per person will be accepted for participating in the event. The donations allow Maxey House to bring additional educational programs to the visitors.

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ICE CREAM Blue Bell 1/2 Gallon \$2.99	SPLIT CHICKEN BREAST Country Store 4 Lb. Bag \$4.99	TEA BAGS Lipton Family Size 24 Count \$1.79
JUMBO FRANKS Decker 12oz. Pkg. 69¢	PIZZA Totino's 12oz. Pepperoni & Combination \$1.19	SUGAR Imperial 4 Lb. Bag \$1.39
CHEESE Wisconsin American-Lb. \$1.69	TOMATO SOUP Campbell's 10oz. Can 2/\$1	CORN Del Monte Cream Style 15oz. Can 2/99¢
TISSUE Nice & Soft 4 Roll Pk. 69¢	VEGETABLE OIL Parade 48oz. Bottle \$1.50	DONUTS Mrs. Bairds Family Pack 27 Count \$1.99
DR. PEPPER DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter - Each 89¢	MAHATMA RICE 16oz. 2/\$1	SKINNER SPAGHETTI 12oz. 69¢
		Frito Lay SNACK CRACKERS 5/\$1

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March 10th

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