

By Nanalee Nichols You can't just trust a machine, it doesn't know it is embarrassing you! **Texas Press Association's** membership bulletin had an article by Garret Ray of Colorado State University recently titled "17 reasons not to trust the spell checker". I've added a few things of our own to them. They are funny, but also very instructive. One doesn't need to depend on a machine totally for checking spelling, because the machine can't tell when a properly spelled word is the WRONG word!

An example..."The photo shows the mayor and her foal standing in the mist."

How about "She was charged with carless driving" or "For dessert I had an orange mouse, a light, creamy concoction".

How about improperly organized sentences or modifiers? My favorite "The teacher and her students created a huge banner for the newcomer who hung in the entry way".

How about "if you are an elementary or middle-aged child and have always dreamed of being a cheerleader, now is your chance". NOT included in the article, but one we collected years ago is "will whoever brought food when Mr. John Doe died in the pink flowered bowl, please pick it up. Now that one first says that the poor man died in a flowered bowl...and then goes on to say they want folks to come pick up the food! We know that isn't what they meant, but it is what it says!

Another recent article done by a nearby daily is "Pct. 2

Constable Cleve Johnson responded to a report of cows out on SW17 and transported one to the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center." It was suggested it had mad cow dis-



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FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION- DEPORT Fire Marshal Thomas Nichols, and Assistant Fire Marshal Marilyn Glover presented a fire prevention program to Cub Scout group 19 A of Deport. Scout leaders Jason and Tracy Alcorn arranged for the program to be a part of scout training. The Fire Department officials demonstrated how to extinguish a grease fire, and how to leave a burning building.



Papers on sale now

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December 1st is the beginning of the annual paper sale. The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale through December 31st at \$2 off their regular price.

That makes the already inexpensive papers even better value.

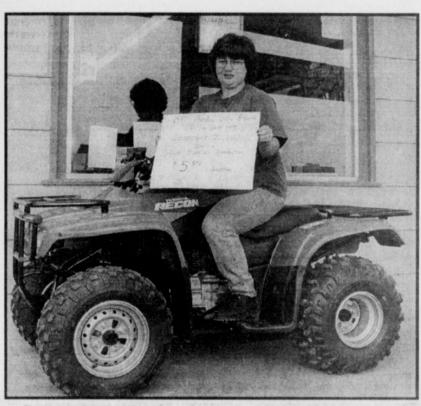
They make a great Christmas gift, to parents and grandparents with kids in school, to the elderly who want to keep up with what is going on in the immediate world around them, and, of course, to yourself.

At less than 29 cents a week, locally, or 34 cents a week elsewhere it is a tremendous value.

See the full page ad elsewhere in this publication for complete information and a handy ordering blank.

Blossom Charter subscribers are entitled to an additional \$1 off their paper.

All gift subscriptions will be published in the paper during the big Christmas edition.



WOULD YOU LIKE IT ?-Melody Bailey shows Honda 250 4-Wheeler will belong to a lucky ticket holder December 21st. The Deport Ball League is offering tickets for \$5 which will entitle the ticket holder to go into a drawing for the machine. The child selling the most tickets on the 4-wheeler will win a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. All funds raised will go to help the ball league make their annual payment, according to Randy Boren of the league. (Staff Photo)

at the Detroit Community Center.

For information and reservations please call 903-674-5305.

There will arts and crafts for sale.

I had one in last week's column, the spell check didn't notice a thing wrong. But, I said "The wheelchair won't fit between the heart and the couch". It should have been "hearth".

Then there are the headlines. The article mentioned several, including "Typhoon rips through cemetery; Hundreds dead", "Kids make nutritious snacks" (do you bake or fry them?), "Local high School Dropouts cut in half", "Robber holds up Albert's Hosiery".

But my all-time favorite from this article simple reads "Child's stool great for use in garden".

I think I'll close on that note!

Santa letters needed

The time is getting near and everyone knows that Santa needs your child's letter in plenty of time to fill their order. Please have all Santa letters in by Friday, December 5, 1997.

Deport Jr. High Basketball November and December

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family, friends and fellowship.

As we celebrate this year, let us take a moment to consider how much we truly do have to be thankful for. Set aside money matters, and think of the joy of family, friends, community and country, and give thanks for all we do have.

Three officers elected at Guaranty Bank

Art Scharlach, President and CEO of Guaranty Bank announced the election of three officers following the November Board of Directors meeting.

Kim Ragsdale was elected to Administrative Officer and Stephanie Baker elected to Banking Officer, both of Guaranty Bank-Mt. Pleasant and Melissa merchant was elected to Administrative Officer at Guaranty Bank-Talco.

Kim Ragsdale joined Guaranty Bank in April, 1992 in the Bookkeeping Department. She transferred to the Loan Floor as a loan secretary in May, 1993, where she currently assists Mike Rhea.

She is a graduate of North Garland

Kim Ragsdale

High School and Richland Community College with an Associates Degree in Arts and Science. She has continued her education by taking bank related courses at Northeast Texas Community College. She is a member of Chapel Hill Booster Club and volunteers at the Cypress Basin Hospice Thrift Shop.

She and her husband, Greg, have two children, Conner and Allison. They attend St. Williams Episcopal Church.

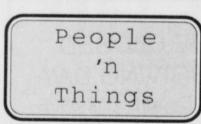
Stephanie Baker joined Guaranty Bank in October, 1995 in the Bookkeeping Department. She transferred to the Accounting Department in March, 1996 as an Accounting Assistant and in November, 1996 be-

came a Credit Analyst. She is a graduate of Northeast

Texas Community /College with an Associates Degree in Accounting, She also holds a Bachelor's Degree from University of Texas-Tyler in Accounting.

Melissa Merchant joined Guaranty Bank-Talco in April, 1994 as a loan secretary. She currently assists Virgil Jones.

She is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and has taken banking related courses at Northeast Texas Community College to further her education. She and her husband, Jerry, resid in Bogata and have one child, Cortney. The Merchants attend the United Methodist Church in Bogata.



Everyone is invited.

Door prizes will be given away.

Booth spaces will be \$10 and \$15.

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The Girls Dixie League will hold a District meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997 at 2:30 pm at the Barnstormer Restaurant in Mt. Vernon. Representatives from each town within the Red River Valley League as well as from Mt. Vernon, Mt. Pleasant, Winnsboro and Sulphur Springs need to be present to receive new rules set at the State meeting this year. For more information contact Johnny Rutledge, District Director at 572-5465.

Michael P. Hooge receives promotion

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael P. Hooge, son of Jack M. and Julia A. Hooge of Rt. 1, Blossom, Tx., recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida.

Hooge was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1996 graduate of Prairiland High School of Pattonville, Tx., joined the Marine Corps in November 1996.

Area students listed in Who's Who

Fall Bazaar set for

Saturday in Detroit

Operation Facelift will hold their annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 29th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The 1998 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the names of 33 students from Paris Junior College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual director have included the names of the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

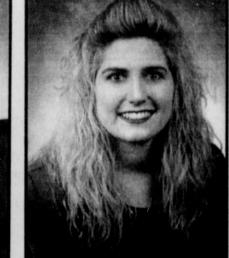
The PJC nominees join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Area students listed are; Kenneth Lee Dority-Bagwell, Denise Y. Ramola-Blossom, David C. Adams-Bogata, Heather E. Luman- Deport, Tara D. Gifford and Christina A. Murphy-Detroit and Coye L. Barber-Pattonville.

Michael Morelli enters U.S. Army

Army Pvt. Michael A. Morelli II has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, he will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, and first aid. He will develop basic combat skills, and experience using various weapons available to the infantry soldier. Morelli

s wife, Keren, is the daughter of Elwin S. Campbell of Deport.



Stephanie Baker



Melissa Merchant



First of all, we would like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Our cook's this week are members of Lamar County 4-H. They recently completed their 1997 4-H County Food Show and several of them will go on to the district level to compete there. From district, the senior winners compete at state level in June.

Texas 4-H offers many opportunites for young people. Lamar County is very active in the 4-H program in both the rural and urban communities. 4-H does not necessarily mean livestock any more. More kidsa re getting involved in other areas also. Along with the food show, there is also Consumer Decision Making, Dress Revue and many, many other different areas.

Food show contestants must select a recipe that is nutritious, has good eye appeal and tastes good. They present the dish before a panel of judges for appearance and taste. The 4-H-er needs to be knowledgable about the ingredients, preparation and nutrients in the dish along with their personal appearance.

Our first cook is Renee' Moreland She is a freshman at Prairiland and lives in Taylortown. Renee' is a cheer-

leader and very active with her church. She is the daughter of Doug and Mary Ann Moreland. She has been a 4-Her since she was 9 years old. Renee's recipe is Winter Wonderland Salad and competed in the Senior Fruits and Vegetable divison.

Amy Bryan is a senior at Prairiland and active in the band there serving as drum major. She is the daughter of Glen and Angie Bryan of Blossom. Amy chose Pizza Chicken Italiano for her dish this year, competing in the Senior Main Dish category

Brittney Hart is a 6th grader on the Blossom campus and belongs to the Blossom Prairie 4-H Club. She is the daughter of David and Jill Hart and plays Little Dribbler's basketball. Her dish this year is Fresh Hot Sauce. Brittney won first place in Junior Nutritious Snacks.

Miles Bradford submitted his Famous Gumbo this year. He is a 7th grader and the son of Barbara Campsey of Blossom.

These 4-H-ers did a great job this year and will advance on to the district level.

We hope you enjoy these recipes and will see you in the kitchen!

Winter Wonderland Salad Renee' Moreland

November 27, 1997

1997 Lamar County 4-H Food

Show Winners

red Delicious apple-chopped Golden Delicious apple-chopped Granny Smith apple-chopped I-1/2 teaspoon lemon juice 1/4 cup chopped celery 1/4 cup Texas pecans-chopped 1/2 cup seedless grapes-cut in half 1/2 cup fat-free whipped dessert topping 1/4 cup white salad dressing

In a 4-quart bowl, toss apples in lemon uice. Stir in celery, nuts and grapes. For dressing, fold white salad dressing into dessert topping. Spread dressing over the top of apple mixture. Cover and chill for 2-24 hours. To serve, fold in dressing into fruit mixture. Pour into 2-quart serving bowl. 6-8 servings.

Pizza Chicken Italiano Amy Bryan 2 whole chicken breasts-split, boned and skinned 1-15 ounce can tomatoes 1-1/2 teaspooons oregano l teaspoon chopped parsley /2 teaspoon onion powder 1-21/2 ounce can sliced olives-drained 4 slices Mozzarella cheese Place chicken in 2-quart baking dish. Combine tomato sauce, oregano, parsley, garlic salt and onion powder. Pour over chicken, cover, bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Top with olives and Mozzarella cheese and continue to bake, incovered for 10 minutes. Serves 4.

Fresh Hot Sauce Brittney Hart I can 14.5 ounce whole peeled tomatoes I small white onion l medium fresh jalapeno 2 tablespoon garlic salt Blend in all ingredients in blender or

pulse to liquify. Garnish with sprigs o parsley. Serve with fresh tortilla chips. Makes 6 servings. Miles' Famous Gumbo

Miles Bradford

2 pounds boneless chicken breast pound package sausage pound okra pound broccoli pound cauliflower tablespoon salt 1-15 ounce can tomato sauce I cup water l tablespoon basil 1 bay leaf tablespoon cayenne pepper I tablespoon Louisiana Hot Sauce I tablespoon minced garlic 1/4 cup vegetable oil



(Staff Photo)

COOK'S OF THE WEEK for this week are members of the Lamar County 4-H Food Group. They have recently completed the 1997 County Food Show. These four members were first place winners in thier divisions and have earned the right to participate in the district Food Show and have the opportunity to advance on to the state level. Pictured left to right is Brittney Hart, Amy Bryan, Renee' Moreland and Miles Bradford.



mas Party will be held at the center Monday night, December 1 at 6:30

p.m. Come and bring a gift and covered

dish Everyone is welcome to join the fun and fellowship.

\$200,000.00 in interest, in her first 4 year term.

Donna was born in this county, and her roots are deep. She was born Donna Kay Skaggs, daughter of former State Representative A.G. Skaggs, who died in 1952, and Frances Lee Skaggs, who still resides in Clarksville. (Frances Dearborn) Donna is married to Harold Griffin. Some people know her as Donna Towne-Griffin. They have two daughters, Tracy Townes and Leigh Annis Jeans; a son-in-law, Shannon Jeans; and two granddaughters; Bridget and Lauren Jeans.

She attended public schools in Fulbright, Bogata and Clarksville, graduating from Clarksville High School in 1961. Following graduation she attended the Texas Eastern School of Nursing at Tyler and Tyler Junior College. She is currently associated with Red River Real Estate as a real estate salesman. She is also a published author of her autobiographical account of her ordeal with, and recovery from silicone poisoning which is receiving international recognition.

In closing Donna said, " I ask the voters of Red River County to care about what is going on and being

Obituaries

A.J. Nailling dies November 23

A.J. Nailling, age 72 of Manchester, died Sunday, November 23 at his residence.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 25 at Leesville Baptist Church wiht the Rev. Jimmy Ellis officiating. Burial followed in Manchester Cemetery.

Mr. Nailling was born September 3, 1925 in Manchester, a son of J.O. and Hattie Whittle Nailling. He was a farmer and a member of the Leesville Baptist Church.

Surviving are brothers, Tom Nailling of Mesquite, Otie Nailling of Paris, Jimmie Nailling of Manchester and Louis Nailling of Manchester; and a sister, Sallie Frances Fullerton of Clark, WY.

Bearers were Paul Nailling, Brad Nailling, Leon Nailling, Britton Lee, Bill Robinett and Tim Gallender.

Card of Thanks

Thank you, family and friends, for all the things you have done for me since I've been home and while I was in the hospital.

The flowers, gifts, cards, calls, food and visits mean so much to me. I love and appreciate each of you.

Thelma Warren

Card of Thanks

The family of E.H. McCoin would like to thank all of our many friends and familyi who were so thoughtful and supportive during our time of loss

For those who visited, called and sent food, cards, flowers and donations to the Richard McCoin Memorial Scholarship Fund, we express our heartfelt thanks.

Thank you to St. Joseph Hospital and staff and Dr. E. Sidney White and staff for all their love, care and sup-

We especially thank Brother Willie Johnson and the Detroit community and churches for their love and support. God blessed us with you all.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Douglas Cruise sincerely thanks each of you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you also for the prayers, flowers and food. A special thanks to Coy Coker, Justin Strawn and Wood Funeral Home

Birth

Byrl T. Landers dies November 13

Byrl T. Landers, age 68 of Decatur, were held at the Catholic Church of the Assumption in Decatur. Father Joe Scanlin was to preside, with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

He died November 13 in Decatur Born March 29, 1929 in Deport, he was a retired airplane mechanic. He served in the Army and was a member of the Catholic Church of the Assumption in Decatur. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Sons of Confederacy and the VFW.

He married Mary Lou Olbrich on July 17, 1947.

He was preceded in death by brothers Jerry Landers and Kenneth Cotten.

Survivors include his wife, Lou Landers of Decatur; two sons, Leslie C. Landers of Burnet and Brady Landers of Decatur; two daughters, Leda Read of Paradise and Brenda D. Barnett of Decatur; brothers, Ron Landers of Saudi Arabia and Lee Landers of Kenner, LA, and Edgar Cotten; sisters, Dorothy Anderson of Paris, Daena Stafford of Grand Prairie and Jo and June Cotten; and six grandchildren.

Bearers were the Knights of Columbus members.

Jerry Guess Whitten dies November 22

Jerry Guess Whitten, age 60 of Ft. Worth, died Saturday, November 22 at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 25 at Biggers Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Woodland Cemeterv

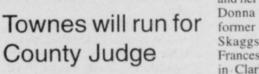
Mr. Whitten was born January 4, 1937 in Bogata. He was a retired hardware sales and distributor. He had lived in the Ft. Worth area since 1980

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jane Little Whitten of Ft. Worth; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Dean and Linda Whitten of New Carlisle, OH; daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Norbert Gromelski and Jackie and Michael Stevens, both of Ft. Worth; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Blair of Longview; brothers, John Whitten of Ft. Worth and Randy Whitten of Conway, AR; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Linda Pearl Hodges dies November 21

Linda Pearl Hodges, age 50 of Bogata, formerly of Mesquite, died Friday, November 21 in St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center, Paris.

Services were held Monday, November 24, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. in the



Former Red River County Auditor Donna Townes, Route 4, Clarksville, has announced her candidacy for the office of County Judge, Red River County, in the March 10 Democratic Primary voting.

Donna Kay Townes

In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Townes said, "I believe power of a position must be tempered with compassion, just as justice must be tempered with mercy. People in the seat of power sometimes lose sight of that fact. I believe my life experience will help me always be acutely aware of that truth."

Donna Townes'is the 55 year old former Red River County Auditor. She has served the people of Red River County a total of 12 1/2 years as County Auditor, County Treasurer and administrative assistant in the Adult Probation Department.

"I have left each position I held in e county in a better state than I

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found it. I will do the same with the position of Red River County Judge," Mrs. Townes continued. Donna was responsible for automating and upgrading the county's financial system and through her efforts as Investment Officer earned an unprecedented

accomplished in our county. Take a long, hard look and vote for me, Donna Townes, as your next Red River County Judge. I have the experience and the ability to handle the job.

Red River County Roots

This week's query are from Julie Blake, Blanche Tompkins and Gary Arlin Roberts.

Julia Blake, 4023 Curley Oaks, Houston 77053 is searching for the parents of Jerry B. (Buster) Blake. Jerry was born 1876, somewhere in East Texas and died in 1908 in Titus County. Mother was Fannie Franks born on November, 1896, Titus County. They had two sons, Abbie Milton and Luke Blake. Abbie born 31 March 1902 and died in 1957 and buried in Bogata. He married Josie Clytia Wallace on April 8, 1923 in Weaver, Texas, They lived in Bogata. A.M. worked in Talco and they had two sons William Ray and Edsll Eugene. Edsll Eugene died 1979, he graduated from Bogata High School in 1949. I would like any information anyone can give me and am willing to share what I have.

Blanche Tomkins, 360 West 20th Street in San Bernardino, California 92405 is trying to find when and where Jane Merrick Perry died. Listed in 1850 census in Marshall Co, Ms. with husband Jeremiah. He died in Hunt Co. by 28 Feb 1853. She is not mentioned in will. She died between 1850 and 1853 where? Three of her orphaned children, Amy, Luerana and Artemisia came

to California before 1865 how did they come and with whom? Need Jane's mothers name. Father was Griffith Merrick who died in Lamar Co. on 5th of August, 1857

Gary Arlin Roberts 3546 Pr. 2562, Royce City, Texas 75189. He is searching for information on Turner Warren Roberts. He was born on 23 November 1863 in Mississippi. He married Sarah Chitty in 1880-85 in Lauderdale Co., Miss. He adopted her son William Tilden Roberts, other were Monroe, Truman, Jesia, Susan and Morias all born in Mississippi. He farmed in Red River/Lamar Co.'s He died on 6 May 1930 in Detroit, Red River Co. and is buried in Post Oak Cemetery. William (Till) Tilden Roberts married Ollie May (Jones) Pate 7 December 1926 in Paris Lamar County. They have 2 children, Syble Allene Roberts born 29 August 1927 and Daniel Arlin Roberts born 20 December 1928, William T. Roberts died 25 October 1945 ub Talare Co., Ca.

If you have a query you would like placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

Web Tracks By Dave Seber

What do you think of laptop computers instead of textbooks for Texas' 3.7 million public-school students? Just such a plan to lease about 4 million PCs on a three-year basis is to be presented to the state legislature in January of 1998. The legislature has already broadened the definition of "textbook" in the state education code to include electronic devices. Exact costs are yet to be determined and could be about the same as textbooks cost now. The Internet would be the source for delivering curriculum updates, interactive classes, etc. Texas could be the first state in the nation to provide laptops to all students as replacements for textbooks. If approved, the plan would require about three years to acquire computers, revamp curriculum and retrain teachers. WWWeb Tracks by Dave Seber

William Thomas Brown was born November 12, 1997 at 2:39 p.m.. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Bill and Brandy Brown of Bogata. Grandparents are Willie D. and Pam Brown and Tom and Loydene DeBerry of Bogata and Thomas Aldridge of Houston. Great grandparents are Louise Dean and the late Willie Brown, the late Dorthy and Thomas Lowery, Juanita Fisher and Delion Aldridge, Billy and Geraldine Ogg, the late Jackie Watson and Thomas and Ann DeBerry all of Bogata.

Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating, assisted by T.R. "Bud" Upchurch.

Mrs. Hodges was born November 12, 1947 in Deport, the daughter of Robert Neal and Beulah Pearl Harvey Fleming. Mrs. Hodges was a retired bookkeeper, president of the Bogata Book Club, co-chairman of "Christmas from the Heart" and a member of the Bogata Church of Christ.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Lynn Hodges of Garlandd; and her mother, Beulah Fleming of Bogata.

In lieu of flowers, she had requested that donations be made to the Bogata Cemetery, the American Lung Association, or the Boles Home.

St. Joseph's Prime Time to sponsor "Essence of Christmas"

mas" downtown shopping expedition, sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center's PrimeTime seniors program, will be held on December 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the downtown Plaza.

special discounts from participating businesses as well as giveaways, door prizes and refreshments.

Entertainment is also planned during the day. Aerofit Fitness an application. Center's Swinging Seniors will perform at 10:15 a.m.; the Chisum High School Choir will sing at 11:00 a.m. and at 11:45 a.m. the Paris High School Blue Flame Jazz Band will perform. Afternoon programs include a 12:15 p.m. appearance by the No Name Band; a 1:00 p.m. performance by the

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The second "Essence of Christ- North Lamar Danceline and a 1:30 p.m. performance by the Paris High School Blazettes.

PrimeTime memberships are free and open to those 55 and above. Members enjoy a variety of activities, including monthly luncheons, game Prime Time members will receive days and group travel opportunities. Those wishing to become members of Prime Time may do so during the December 4 activities or by calling 737-3672 for additional information and



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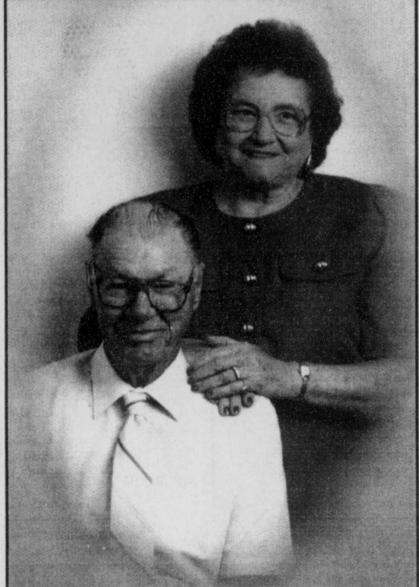
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Thursday, November 27, 1997



DPS has openings for trainees

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hignight. He has been retired 10 years due to bad Melva Shugart of Grand Prairie and a

son, Steve Hignight of Sherman; five grandchildren, Shelly Foster, Brian Shugart, Steve Hignight, Jr., Michael Hignight and the late Scott Shugart; two great-grandchildren, Colton Fos-

The Hignights have a daughter,



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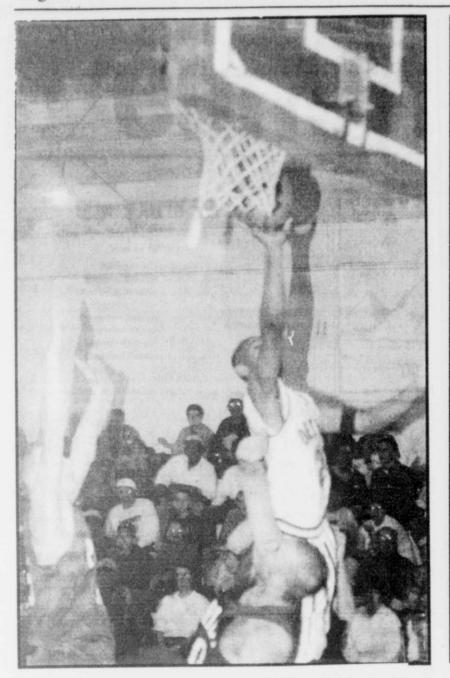




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PATRIOTS Trey Gifford (left) and David Ford (right) try out their defensive skills on Eagle Cedric Patt during Friday night's loss to Detroit. The Pats suffered their second loss of the season 51-98.

Patriots get caged by Eagles 51-98

By Liz Irwin

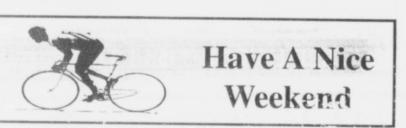
campus Friday night, November 21, the Patriots fought hard to keep their heads above water, but failed against the stronger Detroit team.

The Pats never gave up and kept up the pace through the first half, hitting 13 to Detroit's 18 and Detroit outscored them in the second half 28-18. The halftime advantage was 43-70 Detroit.

Daniel Sepulveda was high with 14, Ben Miller 8 and Jackie Davidson

In a packed gym on the Detroit 7 with one three-pointer. Eric Whitley hit for 5 one of these being a three and Trey Gifford also hit for 5. David Ford was 4 and Lucas Roddy 3. Ryan Cope, Chris Hudson and Aaron Williams all went for 2.

The Pats hit 20 of 30 free shots with 23 fouls being called on them. They will travel to Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, December 2 and play in the Detroit tournament on December 4-6





(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

LADY PATRIOT Brandie Upchurch goes at it with Detroit's Veronica Stature as they both struggle for the ball. Upchurch scored a game high 25 points in Friday night's basketball opener. The ladies defeated the Lady Eagles 58-49. They travel to Chapel Hill in Tuesday's competition.

Brandie Upchurch hits 25 against Detroit By Liz Irwin

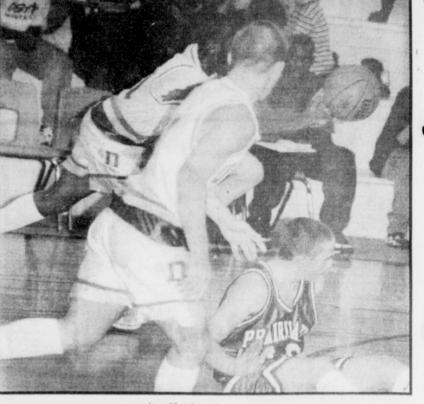
Brandie Upchurch started her senior basketball year with a 25 point game against the Lady Eagles from Detroit. Two of these were threepointers with the Lady Patriots winning the game 58-49 with their season opener.

The first quarter saw the ladies hit 14 to Detroit's 6 and 13 to Detroit's 10 in the second. Fouls were called regularly as the two teams combined for 49 and shot 60 free shots. Cari Irwin left the game in the second with foul trouble to return in the fourth and draw her final 5th, all on 6 foot four inch Shanthony Lewis of Detroit. Two of Detroit's players also earned the bench rights in the

fourth. Third quarter-the ladies again scored 13 to Detroit's 12 and finished the fourth with 18 to the Lady

Eagle's 21 Junior Meagan Hatfield hit for 10. Irwin hit for 9 along with juniors Christy Patterson and Susan Singleton. Kim Gibson added her part to the defensive part of the game.

The ladies will travel to Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, November 25 and will be idle until December 2nd where they will go up against Chapel Hill there and participate in the annual Detroit tournament on December 4-6.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

JV PATRIOT Brad Barrentine is shown here as he is run over(literally) by the Eagle players from Detroit. Brad went down not once but three times by the opposition with no calls from the referees being made.



THE DEPORT Junior High girls team lost to Saltillo Nov. 17 after playing a hard game. (Staff Photo by Larry Salter)

Good Luck Teams!

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

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Blossom travels to Commerce for play By Deb Dawson

On Wednesday, November 19, the Blossom first and second grade classes traveled to Commerce to watch a play put on by the college



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Paul Landers Sims Norment **Bob** Norment Edmond Castleberry drama team. They play entitled "Rapunze; and the Frog Prince", was well worth the trip. The children and adults alike enjoyed the cackling, prince, crazy witch, the beautiful innocent princess, the handsome prince, the witless King and the adorable barking henchman, Leroy.

The c hildren's loyalties were split as the witch chased the prince through the auditorium, some hollering "run". while others shouted "get him, he's over there"! They were all in agreement at the end of the play when the ugly witch, after discovering she could not have the Prince, began chasing the King all over his King-

dom. We all wanted the Witch to catch him and one child even attempted to help her!

Next, they traveled to a park in Sulphur Springs and ate their lunch. This was well worth the drive. The park was beautiful! It had plenty of huge trees and picnic tables surrounding the park. The playground is made like a castle, with plenty to keep children busy. There were steps to climb, towers, forts, swings, nets to climb, slides, slides, monkey bars, gymnastics rings, a wooden tictac-toe game, stationary vehicles to drive and even musical pipes to play! It was a very relaxing time for the teachers as the students were on their best behavior. Everyone enjoyed theirselves immensely and look forward to going again next year!

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Thursday, November 27, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Pennington

Wilson-Pennington exchange vows

son, Houston were united in marriage at Oaks Presbyterian Church by John Hirling, pastor, officiating at the double-ring ceremony.

Craig is the son of Bill and Joyce Pennington, youngest grandson of the late Pat and Sammie McGill of Deport and the A.F. Penningtons of Hainesville. Angela is the daughter of George and Pat Thomas and the granddaughter of Mrs. Fern Cox and the late Mr. Cox.

Christy Wueller was maid of honor and Doug Pennington was best man. One of the groomsmen escorted Mrs. Cox down the aisle, Craig escorted Angela's mother and Doug escorted his and Craig's mother. The ladies were escorted out by the ministers participating in the ceremony.

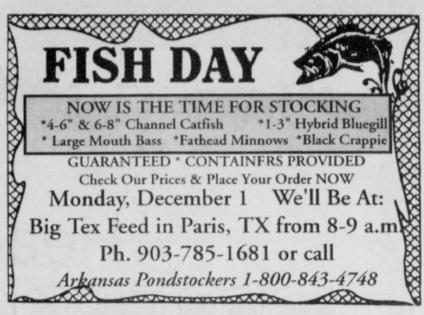
Angela was escorted down the aisle by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

A reception was held following the ceremony. The bride's four-tiered cake was dorned with fresh flowers.

Deport JH Pats lose to Saltillo Monday

Craig Pennington and Angela Wil- The groom's cake was chocolate with their initials in darker chocolate. The meal was catered by Hickory Hollow Barbeque and their favorite D.J. provided music for dancing. After a honeymoon in Ruidoso, NM and stopping back by the Huletts in Lubbock, the couple returned to their jobs and classes. They reside in the Garden Oaks area, Houston.

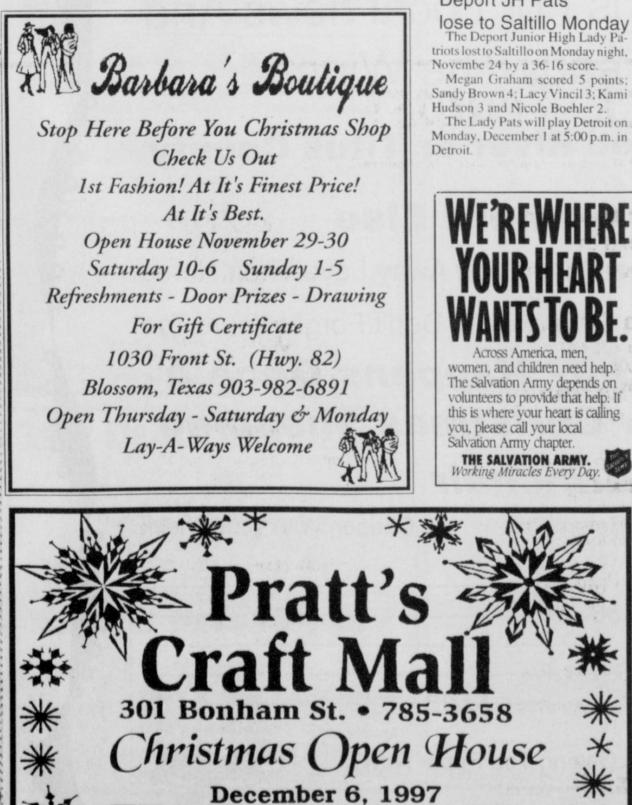
Craig's out of town relatives attending were Gaylon, Maxine and Kyle McGill; Johnny, Claudia, Brent, Jennifer and friend and Marcie McGill; Kenny, Amron, Brian and friend and Brad McGill, Daingerfield; Larry McGill, Garland; daughter Toshla and Todd Guthrie and Kylie, Carrollton; David and Darlene, Stacey and fiancee, Travis Rowe, Mesquite; Sheila, Samantha and Madison Lindsey, Sandra and Rachel Spray, Arlington. Many relatives of Angela's from Arkansas attended and both had ex-teachers, doctors, co-workers and special friends in attendance.





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Sugg family holds Thanksgiving dinner

Sunday, November 23, the family Tammy Elrod, Dustin, Heath and of Eunice Sugg had Thanksgiving dinner at the Gazebo #1. Attending were Mr. and Mrs.

Freddy Cook, Kevin and Nikki, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Crain and Jacy,

Have you seen an Angel?

An angel tree will be placed at eligibility and the gifts are equally Clarksville Wal-Mart store so you distributed. may adopt an angel from the tree and leave yoru unwrapped gift(s) at the customer service desk or drop it off at the Clarksville Fire Department.

Each angel has been screened for

Christmas memories are due December 8

Christmas "memories" will again be included in this year's Christmas edition of the papers.

They must be turned in to the Deport office no later than Monday, December 8 to be included in this edition

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Thelma Krawczyk of Irving, Pegy Scruggs of Carrollton and Norma Nunley of Aubrey visited Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lawler and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch Saturday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee have returned home from a two week trip to Pennsylvania where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Eric Stoley and grandchildren, Kara and Sam. Enroute to Pennsylvania they toured Asheville, NC and spent two days with friends, Muriel and Andy Briner in Hickory, NC and enjoyed sightseeing in Blowing Rock and Boone. They also spent two days in Frederick, Maryland visiting lonetime friends, Mary and Dick Miller. They particularly enjoyed the fall foliage in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina.

Susie Roach visited friends in Tyler Saturday and met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Payne Appleby of Waco there.

George Wolf is in St. Joseph Hospital. We hope he will be feeling

better soon. Trey Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with his parents, Ann and Sheldon

Lee Chris and Traci Chipman, Riley and Connor and Ruth and Bill Chipman of Minter and Noah

Chipman of Novice spent Sunday in Plano shopping.

and Pam Farris of Cumby.

with James and Dorothy Holt.

and Nita Bowling visited Tony Ellis

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THE DEPORT JUNIOR High Boys won by 18 points against Saltillo last week in basketball action. (Staff Photo by Larry Salter)

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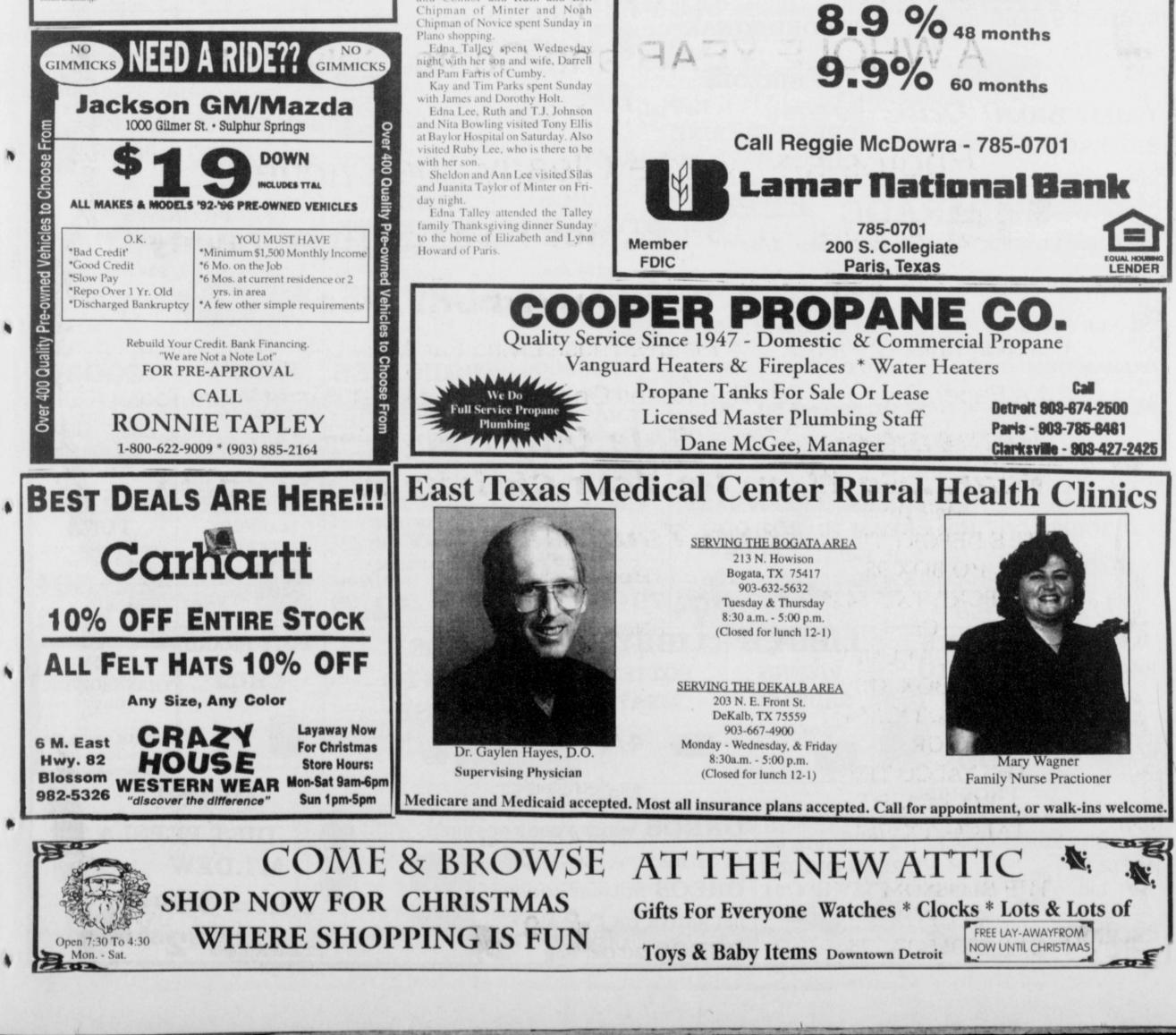
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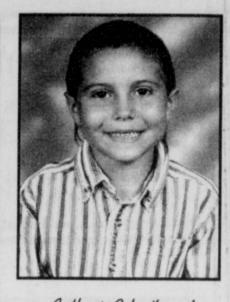
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Thursday, November 27, 1997







Anthonie Cole Hagood Anthonie Hagood

celebrates 8th birthday

Anthonie Cole Hagood celebrated his eighth birthday Saturday with a party.

Those attending were Jimmy Lan-gley, Christy and Michael Davis, Denise, Ethan and Taylor Wilson, Jason Thomas, Earl, Tanya, Monica and Maycee Hagood, Chris Dennis, Tammy Currier and Trey of Pattonville.

Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream and he received many nice gifts.

DEPORT LOCALS CALL YOUR NEWS TO Jammie Currier or call 652-4205

Joyce Roth visited Mavis Sowards Wednesday.

Mavis Sowards visited Carrie Bennett Wednesday.

Christine Skaggs of Mt. Pleasant visited Boots Shipp Wednesday. Susan Sholtz, N.P. at Deport Clinic,

took blood pressure checks int he gazebo of the Deport Housing Authority Wednesday.

Denise Wilson, Tammy Currier and Tanya Hagood had dinner with their children at Deport School on

Wednesday.

Patti Robinson celebrated her birthday last Thursday with a party. Attending were Sammy and Amy Strickland, Tracy Robinson and Shane Irvin, Joan and Jimmy Langley and Pat and R.D. of Paris.

(Staff Photo)

BLOSSOM RESIDENT Irene Bryant (seated, left) received special Certificates of Appreciation at the recent Red River Valley Girl Scout Council Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in Cooper, Texas.

Bryant recognized for contributions

Cooper and a welcome by Reed. An

Organizational Review Report pre-

sented by Dr. Melissa Stansell, Board

President, highlighted the success of

the Council's membership in almost

exactly representing the ethnicity of

presented its slate of candidates, who

were elected by acclamation. Offic-

ers elected are President, Dr. Melissa

Stansell, Paris; First Vice President,

Ed Echols, Sulphur Springs; Second

Vice President, Barbara McGee,

Antlers; and Treasurer, Chuck

Daigone Garner, Honey Grove; Connie Caldwell, Omaha; Nolan Gra-

ham, Bonham; Contessa Dickson,

Virginia Reed, Paris; Sherry Moree,

Paris; Lisa Johnson, Paris; Gene.

Roden, Paris; Dr. Max Weinberg,

Newly elected Nominating Com-

mittee members are Frankie Jarrell,

Cooper; Darla Shawhart, Hugo; Con-

nie Caldwell, Omaha; and Sherry

Paris and Sharon Young, Hugo.

Clarksville; Cynthia Jarrell, Cooper.

Members-at-Large elected were

The Nominating Committee then-

the Council's jurisdiction.

Superville, Paris.

Maxwell, Paris.

Blossom resident Irene Bryant was tation of Colors by Troop 157 from recognized for her contributions to the Blossom Girl Scout program when the Red River Valley Girl Scout Council held its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Saturday, November 15, at the First United methodist Church in Cooper. The Red River Valley Council covers Camp, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus counties in texas and Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties in Oklahoma.

Bryant received a Certificate of Appreciation for her work as Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee and on the Finance Committee. In addition, a special Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the outgoing Board of Directors member fro her years of service on the Board. Virginia Reed, Board Member-at-Large said, "We would not be able to conduct the business of the council without the many individuals who volunteer to serve on committees and task groups appointed by the Board. These volunteers work very hard, and we appreciate all they do"

The evening opened with Presen-



The East Post Oak Baptist Church pacemaker put in last week and is enjoyed their Energy Sunday with a doing fine. Bro. Permenter was adgood lunch at noon. THose receiving mitted Saturday to Mt. Pleasant Hosprizes for their best dishes were Anpital with pneumonia but was disgie Wilson and Phylis Vaughn who missed Sunday.



Sammy and Suzy Kelsy visited

Jerry Don and Joanie Kincaid had

Alice Bumgarner's guests for lunch

Saturday were Rodger and Rebecca

Newsome of Dallas, also attending

were Ruby Blevins and Linnie Bailey.

garner Monday.

Tidings.

Alice Gravatt visited Alice Bum-

Dawne Darden visited Nanalee

Nichols while she was recuperating

from surgery last week. Mary

Christy Dickson also visited

Nanalee and took her to Tinsel and

Mantooth visited the next day.

L.C. Ballard this weekend and

brought him candy and pecan pie.

dinner with Burl Kincaid Sunday.

Blossom Jr. High Basketball

November and December

Dec. 4-6 NHopkins Tourney AGB

All games begin at 4:30 except the

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Dec. 15

5:00 Saltillo game

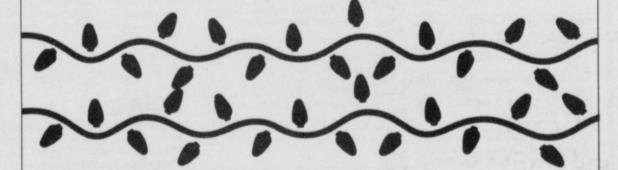
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tied for first prizes and Glenda Davis and Yvonne McNabb tied for second prizes.

Toney Ellis was doing good but took a back set Saturday when his good lung collapsed. He remains in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Leon Tuck fell Saturday and is real weak and has trouble getting around.

Viola Cooksey and granddaughte Darlene and family in Garland visited Mrs. Cooksey's sister Bonnie Flatt over the weekend and attended church with her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Bates went to eat in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday afternoon and also visited Bro. and Mrs Calvin Permenter awhile. She had a

We wish Charlotte Mills a Happy Birthday on December 1st!

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ebb MCoin on 410 Highway who passed away on November 14 and was buried here in the Post Oak Cemetery on Monday, November 17 by Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Johnie Lee attended church at Midway Sunday night.

Bro. E. R. Reynolds and Alvis Bates attended church Sunday night at the Bogata Mission.

A gift subscription is being sent to Charlotte Mills of Paris from Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee of East Post Oak.

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From Our Family To Yours

May your table be graced with good friends, good food, good fortune -- all the trimmings for a memorable Thanksgiving holiday. We know we'll be thinking of you as we count our blessings, and recall with gratitude all the moments we've spent serving our fine neighbors and friends this past year. Thanks!

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