

By Nanalee Nichols Can't They See The Difference?

I don't generally go in for 'male bashing". I find it a rather stupid habit. But, there are a few things men do that I just cannot understand.

Take the matter of towels and kitchen towels.

I was talking with my friend the other day, and she was shaking her head over her husband's laundry putting up abilities. They have two bathrooms, one is totally done in cobalt blue and white, the other in bright vellow. But, when he put the towels up, guess what? There was an equal mix of yellow and blue towels in each bath.

"Wouldn't you think he would figure out that the blue towels go in the blue bath and the yellow in the yellow?" she asked.

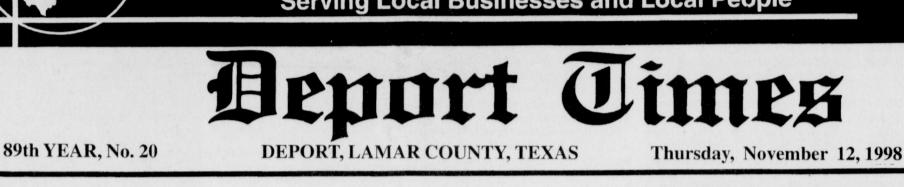
"No, I replied", and what's more, I'll guarantee if you say anything you'll be told that he was only trying to help, you should be glad he's willing to help, many men don't help, etc. "Yep" she grinned.

Now, I know it's nice of them to help. But since in both households both partners are working why does this exempt a man from helping...or give him and excuse for not doing it right?

My own husband, who has to be one of the finest men to walk the face of the earth, will still regularly put bathroom hand

towels in the kitchen towel drawer and kitchen towels in the bathroom cabinet.

When I try and point out the difference in colors and mention that there isn't a single bathroom towel with geese, raccoons, kittens or hearts on it, or that the bathroom towels are all in such and such colors he looks at me, grins and says "It's just too complicated".



# Deport City Council agrees to purchase grass/first responder truck

The Deport City Council met ployee, as was previously published worked really hard to try and get the Monday night and heard from several citizens about two projects.

Mike Williams and Randy Boren were on hand, and Williams made a presentation about a more cost effective way to move the water line that runs behind the First Baptist Church of Deport. The line needs to be moved so that the church can construct a recreation center.

A savings of \$1450 for the church and \$1450 for the city can be achieved by having approval to cut the water off for approximately two hours. The council voted to allow the

church to pursue the less expensive method if Hayter Engineering approved it.

It was also mentioned that cost of city employee uniforms will be \$858 for both employees, not per emin the paper.

Thomas Nichols presented a plea for assistance from the city in purchasing a new grass and first responder truck to replace the worn out 33 year old grass truck currently in use.

Nichols summarized that there are 15 active members, including two fully qualified paramedics, two pharmacist, and 13 with CPR training. He mentioned the large number of First Responder Medical calls, and that the fire department is working with the scouts, schools and day care centers to try and teach people to prevent fires.

He pointed out how much more other cities in this area are having to spend on fire equipment, and that the fire department's committee had

most basic, functional and inexpensive bids possible.

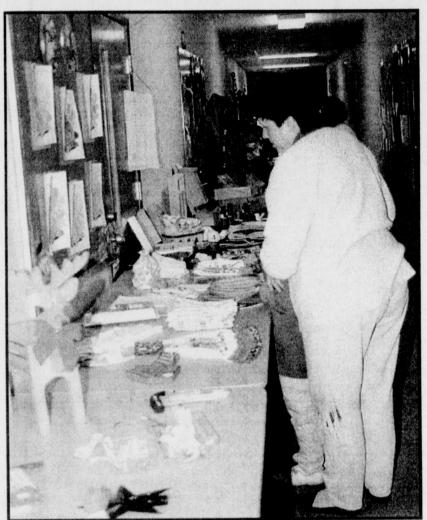
He then proceeded to outline a method by which the fire truck and be paid for using both the fire department's money and the city's .

Duane Glover also spoke in favor of the project, as did Chad Barnes.

The presentation was concluded with a plea for the city to "Look towards our future"

Councilmember Nancy Gresham made the motion to buy the grass and first responder truck, and Carlys Denison seconded it. It passed unanimously.

A brief discussion on employee raises was held, minutes and financial report was approved and the meeting adjourned.



Special Veteran's Keepsake Edition See Section B .....

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LOOKING THINGS OVER-Shopping for Christmas goodies and baked goods was the order of the day during the Deport Methodist bazaar and meal Saturday. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

# Deport Eastern Star to have annual turkey dinner

The Deport Easter Star will hold their annual Turkey Feast this Saturday, November 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meal will include turkey and dressing with all the trimmings

Cafeteria. Cost is Adults \$5, children 12 years and under \$2.50 There will be carry outs and deliv-

eries. To call before Saturday call 652-5256 and on Saturday call 652-3325.

It will be held at the Deport School



### Serving Local Businesses and Local People

Now, they aren't trying to get out of work, they aren't deliberately messing up. So why can't they tell the difference?

Obviously, because they just don't care. They just can't see why it is important.

But, in the spirit of "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus", WHY don't they care? Just one of those vast chasms between males and females, and it doesn't amount to a "hill of beans" but it is puzzling.

By the way, who knows how to put up towels correctly in **YOUR** household?

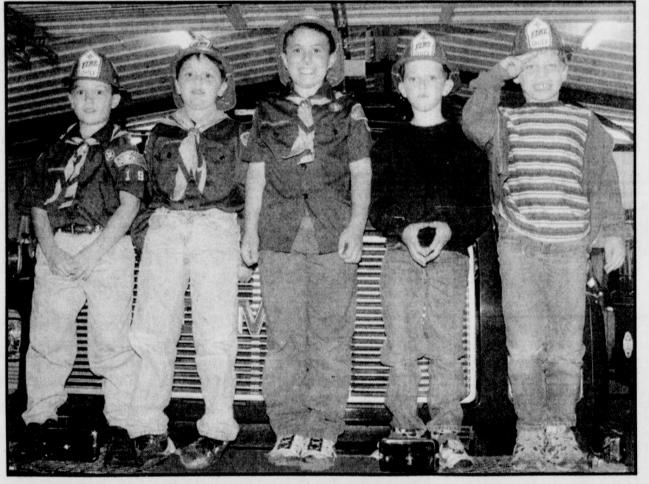
But, know what? I imagine that when our husband's get together they wonder why we CARE what towels go where. It probably seems rather unimportant to them!

## Blossom Lord's Acre Nov. 14

Lord's Acre to be held at the Blossom United Methodist Church on the corner of Faucett and Pine, will be held on Saturday, November 14, 1998. Craft and Country Store will open at 10:30 a.m. with dinner being served at 11:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$4.00.

The meal will include baked potato plus all the trimmings, drink and dessert. This event is being sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

PRESENTATION-Deport VFD Fire Marshal Thomas Nichols presented a plea from the department for the City of Deport to assist them in the purchase of a new grass/first responder truck. The council unamimously voted to approve sharing the cost of the new truck with the fire department. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



HAPPY SCOUTS-these members of the Deport Boy Scouts Pack 19 really enjoyed a fire prevention proram at the Deport Volunteer Fire Department last Tuesday night. After a program, they were given fire hats and stood on he front bumper of the pumper truck to have the picture made. From left are: Ty Figueroa, Jeremiah Howington, Trey Towers, Layton Norwood and Ethan Ham. (Staff Photo

## **Christmas Parade scheduled** for December 7 in Deport

The annual Deport Christmas Parade has been scheduled for Monday, December 7.

All interested participants need to meet at Grant Park on the west side of the city at 12:30 p.m. on that day.

People Things

Santa Letters Due!

December 8. Children wanting their

letters to be published need to have

Patriot Yearbooks for sale

on sale for the price of \$25. Contact

any of the three campuses for your

The 1999 Patriot Yearbook is now

them ready by then.

1999 issue!

Area schools are urged to get Santa letters ready for the papers by

#### Deport Times

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There will be four categories this

#### Saturday, November 14

The Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Deport Elementary School on the above date. Everyone is urged to attend this worthwhile fund raiser. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Time begins at 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

# Paper sale begins early this year, renew now!

Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on SALE! This is the first time that the sale has begun in the middle of November instead of the first of December, but more time is needed to handle the volume of new and renewed subscriptions

From the middle of November through the end of December, subscriptions are now \$2 off the regular price. That means that within Lamar, Titus or Red River Counties the paper is \$16 for a whole year, and \$19 anywhere else. That's two dollars off of the regular price and a real bargain when you consider the news, photos, cooking columns, sports and com-

We're starting early! The Blossom munity news you receive. It's a \$10 per year savings over buying it at the news rack.

Publisher Nanalee Nichols says "We have so many renewals and new subscriptions during December that we have chosen to begin the sale a little earlier this year. This gives our customers two weeks more to get their subscriptions taken care of, and gives us more time to see that they are put into the computer in a timely manner.

Please use the coupon on the full page ad in this week's paper to assure the best service possible.

No notices will be sent out at the first of December to those who renew in December, due to the volume .

### Charter and installation banquet to be held November 16

Deport Kiwanis Club will hold its charter and installation of officers banquet Monday night, November 16 at the Deport Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. All members of the Deport Club are urged to be present since the Governor for the Texas-Oklahoma District, Lisa McCoy Cessna of Jacksonville, TX; Immediate Past Governor, Andy Estrada of Houston and Lt. Governor for Division 32, Kenneth Short of Paris will be present. In addition to these distinguished guests will be

members of the Kiwanis Club of this area. Members are requested to bring their spouses and any other guests they may desire. Reservations should be made with Keith Yarbrough at 652-4309 or 652-2208.

Deport had a Kiwanis Club a few years ago, but from lack of support by its members it fell by the wayside. This new club is off and running, and if support for it is maintained by its members it should do well, and the community should reap the benefits from it.

Prairiland Lady Patriots won over Ore City to capture Area Tuesday night. School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. this Friday, so that fans can attend the game against Big Sandy at 6:00 p.m. at Wagstaff Gym at Tyler Junior College! Good Luck, Girls!

### Pesticide CEU class set

A Pesticide CEU class for private licenses or certificates which will expire soon will be held at the Prairiland Ag Department in Pattonville on Monday, November 23 at 6:15 p.m.

The course will include one integrated pest management and 4 general CEU's and is sponsored by the Prairiland FFA Chapter.

Course fee is \$10.00 for the 5 CEU class; and \$5.00 for the 5 CEU class with home study courses.

Register one week in advance. Class fees may be paid when the class meets

For information, call Frankie Norwood at 652-5681 or the Ag-Ed Group at 1-800-556-0536.

#### Friday, November 13 The monthly meeting will be held

at the Midway Community Center on Friday night, November 13. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.. The program will be 4-H show participants. Visitors are welcome.

year: cars, pickups, floats and miscellaneous with a first, second and third place award for each category. Judging will be held at 1 p.m. asnd the parade will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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# Country cooking By Liz Irwin http:/www.lstarnet.com/tpp

This week's cooks column is dedicated to all those brave souls that trekked through the woods on opening day of deer season on Saturday, November 7! As the alarm clocks Hid these brave hunters from their carly morning slumber (what else could get them out of bed at 4:00 a.m. unless it was an early morning foot-Hall game. . . and I don't think even the Cowboys would get up that early !!!) coffee pots perked, pickups revved up and all good wives just turned over and put the pillow over their ears!

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That's right. . . a young man's right into passage has got to be his first deer hunt of the season. They work for weeks in preparation for this first Saturday of November. Just the right color and configuration of camouflage, just the right gun, all spit-polished and ready to go, just the right boots for that crisp, cool fall morning, better add that rain jacket, just in case and head out for that perfect stand in the trees where you have been feeding those deer and keeping a close eye on the tracks and signs for just that big buck. . . you know today has got to be the day!

Well, when he is in your sights and your mouth starts to water for that first taste of fresh venison steak, here are some added recipes that you might like to try. All kidding aside, venison prepared just right is a delight to the taste buds and can be prepared in

Venison Roast with Cider Sauce 8 pound venison roast 16 whole cloves cup apple cider cup apple cider vinegar 3/4 cup molasses /4 cup water tablespoon Worchestershire sauce 2 bay leaves 2 teaspoons sale-divided 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour to 1-1/2 cups water

Remove any membrane surrounding roast. Place in large roasting pan;stud with cloves. Combine apple cider and next four ingredients; pour mixture over roast in pan. Add bay leaves to pan and sprinkle roast with I teaspoon salt. Bake at 350 degrees for about 2 hours or until meat thermometer registers 160 degrees. Baste with pan drippings occasionally. Remove roast to a serving platter, reserving drippings. Let roast stand for 10

many ways. These recipes show you just a few and we hope you got that big buck that you've been waiting for.

By the way, take youngster with you next time and teach them the basic facts of hunting and share your skills and wisdom on hunter safety with them. See you in the kitchen!

Venison Roast with Cider Sauce takes a little time to prepare and be sure to remove all extra membrane from the roast before cooking and keep basting to insure meat from getting too dry.

Mexican Breakfast Venison Sausage-now this has got to be good! Anytime this many spices is mixed together along with hot pepper for added taste, it can't be beat!

Mexican Breakfast Venison Tacitos are the perfect compliment for breakfast or any time for that matter. Serve with cheese, picante sauce and jalapeno peppers! Yummy!

Venison Chili is a must on a chilly afternoon in front of the TV watching your favorite football game. Can be on the mild side or a little hotter, depending on your taste or bravery!

Venison Jerky takes a little time in the oven but pays off in the long run-this will be a favorite with everyone!

Venison Swiss Steak-this recipe takes the favorite beef steak and uses venison in it's place. Wonderful flavor and taste!

#### Jack Ewing Garret dies at age 80

Mr. Jack Ewing Garrett, age 80 of Paris died Tuesday Nov. 10 in Deport Nursing Home.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Bob Bush officiating. Wood Funeral Home has charge of arrangements. The family will receive friends 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Garrett was born June 27, 1918 in Waxahachie, Texas the son of Ross and Florene Sims Garrett. He Married the former Jamie Howard Bain, April 4, 1942 in Lubbock. She died August 28,1998. He was retired feed and grain dealer and owned and operated Lubbock Feed, Seed and Grain for many years.

He is survived by his daughters, Gayle Reeder of Paris and Jackie Givens and her husband, Ronnie of Lake Buchannan, Texas, five grandchildren: Robyn House and her husband, Dr. Keith House of Paris; Kim Foos and her husband Gerry of Lubbock, Rusty Reeder of Paris and Kristi Wolfington and her husband David and Carla Givens all of Lake Buchanan, four great grandchildren, Rayn and Lane House of Paris, Ragan Foos of Lubbock and Riley Reeder of Dallas and a sister, Emma Ross Paxon and her husband Jim of Lubbock.

#### Bertha Ellen Boren dies at age 88

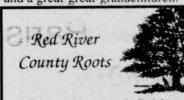
Bertha Ellen Boren, 88, of Blossom, died Tuesday, Nov. 10 1998 at Paris Nursing Home.

Services were set for Thursday, Nov. 12 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with burial in Knights of Honor Cemetery.

Mrs. Boren was born Sept. 5, 1910 in Marietta, Ok., a daughter of Harvey and Hattie Colston Bell. She married Charles Boren, Nov. 6, 1928 in Paris. Ms. Boren was a member of the

East Post Oak Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Carl and

Robbie Boren of Blossom; a daughter, LaVerta Westbrook of Deport; a sister, Ara Wheeler of Yukon, Ok.; a brother, Oscar Bell of Houston; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchildren.



This week's query is Bob Law, 116 Harding Place #B-5 Nashville,

learned of a Dinwiddle family Bible

and photograph album in an antique

#### Tanya Celeste Burnett dies November 6

Tanya Celeste Burnett, age 6, of Clarksville died Friday, November 6 as the result of an automobile accident.

Services were held Tuesday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Forrest Chapel Baptist Church in Garvin, OK with the Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial was in Forrest Hill Cemetery in Garvin. She was born July 10, 1992 in

Paris, the daughter of Ronnie and Stacy Cox Burnett. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are her parents; grandparents, Royce and Judy Harvey of Seagraves, Paul Cox of Broken Bow, OK, Owen Burnett of Negley and Peggy Monkhouse of Clarksville; sisters, Kacy Burnett of Clarksville; a half-sister, Malisa Burnett of Valliant, OK; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

#### Robert O. Fisher dies November 4

Robert O. Fisher was born November 26, 1918 in Fulbright. He passed away November 4, 1998. He worked for Dallas Transit as a cashier and retired after 35 years.

Mr. Fisher was preceded in death by his first wife, Maryhelon Fisher. He is survived by his wife; Verna Fisher, daughter; Kay Jessee and her husband, James, a son; Keith Fisher and his wife, Dona Bell, two granddaughters; Stephanie Mejia and Teresa Hayes, stepson; Jimmy Arie and wife, Linda of Bonham, two stepgrandchildren; Jeff Arie and Lori Watkins, and two great grandchildren; Colton Hayes and Travis Mejia. He was a member of the Keystone Masonic Lodge, as well as the Scottish Rite and the Hella Temple.

Funeral services were at 12:00 noon Saturday, November 7 at Sparkman-Crane Chapel with Reverend Jeff Bankhead officiating. Interment was in Restland Memorial Park

If desired memorials may be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, 2222 Welborn St. Dallas, Texas 75219.

#### Card Of Thanks

We are deeply grateful to those of you who, in any way, made the passing of our loved one easier. We want to thank especially Sam ampbell, Jim Benfer, Ida Lou Read, Martha Glover, the Wood Funeral Home, the Deport Nursing Home, those who sent flowers, provided food, sent cards, called and expressed sympathy in any way.

# Obituaries



**Floy Sparks** 

#### Floy Sparks dies November 4

Floy Sparks, age 85 of Deport, died Wednesday, November 4 in Deport Nursing Home. Services were held Friday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. in Deport United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sam Campbell and the Rev. Jim Benfer officiating. Burial was made in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sparks was born December 26, 1912 in Alabama, the daughter of Timmy Joe and Juanita Click Barnard. On August 1, 1936 she married Elmer Sparks in Paris. He preceded her in death on April 26, 1995. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Deport.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Keith Parsons of Pattonville and Judy and Bob Ellington of Huntsville; a sister Ruby Shreve of Las Vegas; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Frieda Winters; three sisters, Nannie B. Vanderbeck, Wilma Bolton and Gertha Player; and four brothers, T.J., Gordon, Robert and Garland Barnard.

Bearers were Greg Parsons, Doug Winters, Mark Parsons, Kip Winters, Wes Winters, Randy Ellington, Rusty Ellington and Ronnie Ellington. Honorary bearer was her granddaughter, Kristi Boren.

#### Card Of Thanks

The Detroit Booster Club would like to thank the fourth grade teachers and parents for their help in operating the concession stand on Friday evening, October 30. As always, your help is appreciated.

The Smith Family

#### Card Of Thanks

#### Dorotha C. Guest dies November 5

Dorotha C. Guest, 83, died Thursday, November 5 in a DeSoto Hospi-

She was a graduate of Deport High School and had lived in Lubbock since 1949 prior to moving to Duncanville. She was a Certified Dental assistant and a lifetime member of South Plains Dental Assistants Association. She had been a member of Calvary Baptist Church while in Lubbock and then became a member of Northside Baptist Church of Duncanville.

Surviving are a son, John L. Guest of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter F. DaNaune Bloodworth of Clifton; a sister, Jennie Watt of Texarkana, AR; a brother, James F. Hayes of Winnsboro; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

#### **Charlotte Mills** dies November 2

Charlotte Ruth Mills, age 47 of Paris, died Monday, November 2 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.

Services were held Thursday at East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. E.R. Reynolds officiating, assisted by Bro. J.T. **McNabb** 

Ms. Mills was a member of the Special Needs Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church in Paris and was a member of the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church for 26 years.

She is survived by uncles and aunts, Newman and Betty Low, Wilbourne and Geneva Lee of Post Oak and Sue Low of DeSoto; cousins, Terri Williams, Johnie Lee, Asa Low, Jr. of Dallas, Charles Low of Houston, Bruce Ramsey of Tyler and Patti Ross Risinger of Reno; and a special friend, Tammra Bean of Paris.

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Bearers were Jerry Williams, Jerald Williams, Johnie Lee, Bruce Ramsey, Don Vaughn and Alvis Bates. Honorary bearers were Asa Low, Jr., Charles Low and Dr. Jon Plummer.

#### **Richard Harp**

#### dies November 7

Richard Harp, age 63 of Bagwell died Saturday, November 7 in Baylor Hospital, Dallas.

Services were held Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial was in Blanton Creek Cemeterv

Mr. Harp was born April 11, 1935 to John and Mary Davis Harp. He had served on the 410 Water Board and Blanton Creek Cemetery Board and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was retired from the Red River Army Depot. Surviving are his wife, Joyce Smith Harp of Bagwell; a son, Richard Scott Harp of Detroit; a daughter, Carla Harp of Bagwell; and brothers, Roger Harp of Conroe, Bud Harp of Dallas; and a host of friends. Bearers were James Miller, Mike Murphy, Kenneth Hastings, John Earl Hawley, G.C. Black and Bill Barton.

November 12, 1998 Venison Recipes

l cup water

Venison Chili 3 pounds coarsely ground venison 1 medium onion-chopped fine 3 cloves garlic-crushed 3 tablespoons shortening 3 tablespoons chili powder 1-1/2 teaspoon salt l teaspoon ground cumin 1-10 ounce can tomatoes and green chilis 1-10 ounce can tomato juice 1-20 ounce can water 2 tablespoons Masa Harina

Place meat, onion and garlic in large

pan. Add shortening. Brown meat, stirring until onion is soft and mea loses its redness; drain. Add chili pow der, salt, cumin and tomatoes and green chilis to meat; simmer 3-4 minutes. Add tomato juice and water. Heat to boiling; then simmer for I hour. Combine masa harina and I cup water in bowl. Mix well. Add small amount of chili to masa mixture then mix. Pour

ninutes before slicing. Combine renaining salt, flour and l cup water. Cover ightly and shake vigorously. Bring pan drippings to a boil. Add flour mixture, stirring constantly. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is thickened. Add remaining 1/2 cup water for thinner consistency if desired. Remove and discard bay leaves. Serve with sliced roast. Yield 8-10 servings.

Mexican Breakfast Venison Sausage -1/2 pound venison-red meat only 3/4 pound pok fat or bacon 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar 2 garlic cloves-minced 3 tablespoons paprika -1/2 teaspoon kosher salt teaspoon chili powder 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin 1/2 teaspoon brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves Process venison and pork in food procesor or meat grinder until finely ground; place in large bowl. Add vinegar and remaining ingredients, mixing by hand until blended. Shape into 2-inch patties and place on a rack in a shallow pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 ninutes or until done. Yield 6-8 servings. Mexican Breakfast Venison Tacitos 10-8 inch flour tortillas pound Mexican Breakfast sausage 8 large eggs-lightly beaten 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce l cup shredded cheddar cheese jalapeno peppers

Wrap tortillas in foil and bake at 250 degrees for 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Brown sausage in heavy skillet, stirring until crumbly. Add eggs and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until set. Spoon 1/3 cup sausage mixture down center of each tortilla and roll up. Serve with hot sauce or picante sauce, cheese and peppers. Yields 4-5 servings.

mixture into chili and stir well. Cook until chili begins to thicken. Add water is needed during cooking. Stir frequently.

Venison Jerky

3 pounds venison 3/4 tablespoons salt I teaspoon onion powder l teaspoon garlic powder l teaspoon Accent 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1/3 cup Worchestershire sauce 1/4 cup soy sauce l teaspoon Liquid Smoke Semi-freeze and slice meat 1/4 inch thick. Mix remaining ingredients and marinate meat overnight. Drain and pat dry. Prepare racks in oven at approximately 200 degrees for approximately 12 hours. Can use dehydrator. Venison Swiss Steak

1-2 pound venison steak 1/4 cup flour 1/2 teaspoon salt I dash black pepper l dash cayenne pepper I dash cloves 2 tablespoons butter 3 onions-chopped 1-1/2 cups Burgundy wine 1/2 clove garlic-chopped 1-1/2 tablespoons Worchestershire sauce I small can mushrooms-drained Put steak on block and pound on both sides. Mix all dry ingredients and pound into steak a small amount at a time. Melt butter in large skillet or Dutch Oven. When moderately hot, brown steak on both sides. Add onions and

brown them. Add all other ingredients, except mushrooms. Cover until mixture comes to a boil. Then put in a 350 degree oven and bake for two to two and one half hours or until steak in very tender. Add mushrooms and bake 5 minute longer.

shop in Honey Grove. He learned later that the items were sold, but is hoping tha they were purchased by someone in Red River County, as the newspaper clippings were said to have been in the old Bible and Mr. Law is very interested in contacting the person who currently has the items as he would like very much to obtain copies of these items. Please contact Mr. Law If you would like to write Mr.

Law, please write him at the above address

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



Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

\* Get well wishes to Burl Moore and Mildred Eudy

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Go, bury they sorrow,

Go, bury it deeply,

Go, hide it with care.

Go, bury thy sorrow,

And tell God the rest

Let others be blest;

The world hath its share;

Go, give them the sunshine,

Thank you to Leslie Copeland and Matt Morton for letting us visit their The Family of Floy Sparks pumpkin patch. We really appreciate it!



## Deport Trade Day and Community Garage Sale November 28th 7am-3pm Sponsored by The Bucket Brigade, a fundraising subsidiary of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department Come and enjoy Beans & Cornbread, Stew or Chili

Flea Market downtown with Free vendor spaces On first come basis. More info: 652 6052

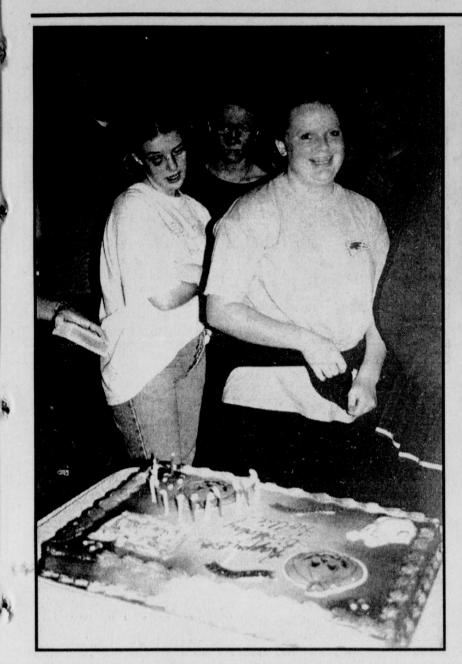
East Texas Medical Center-Clarksville is pleased to announce that we are in the process of refurbishing the Bogata Rural Health Clinic, and will be open 5 days each week. We are also inoreasing the medical staff which will be serving the Bogata Clinic, as Dr. R.R. Millikan has joined Mary Wagner, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, on the clinic staff. Gaylen Hayes, D.O. will continue in the roll of RHC Clinic Director.

#### **Bogata Rural Health Clinic** 213 N. Howison Bogata, TX 75417 903-632-5632 **Office Manager: Diana McGuire** Mary Wagner, FNP-C R.R. Millikan, MD Tuesday & Thursday Mon.-Wed. & Fri 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m

(Closed for lunch 12-1) Call for Appointments-Walk-ins Welcome

DeKalb Rural Health Clinic 203 N.E. Front St. DeKalb, TX 75559 903-667-4900 Office Manager: Aliesa Raulston Mary Wagner, FNP-C Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12-1) Call for Appointments-Walk-ins Welcome





HOLLIE ALLN, daughter of John and Phebe Allen of Deport, celebrated her 15th birthday Friday night after the football game at the Haunted Barn with workers and friends. Everyone enjoyed a decorated cake, pizza and soft drinks.

### Jennings Homecoming held

The 16th annual Jennings community homecoming was held Saturday, October 10 at the Clardy Community Center. Mary Lou Coe, Gene Womack and Van Barton served as co-chairman, registration began at 2 p.m. with visitation and picture taking afterwards.

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Mrs. Alva Stone was unable to attend but she sent her scrapbooks 1935-36, 1936-37 of Jennings School.

A special tribute was given by Katy Skidmore Allred in memory of former community residents, Susan Hatcher Deusenberry and Joyce Womack Barton, who died last year. A poem, "Mother", was read and appreciation was given.

Helen Cheatham Vandeaver compiled a narrative and did extensive research on her uncle Delbert Pearson's life and death which was shared by all. He was born and raised in the community and was killed in his line of duty.

The invocation was given by Floyd Gibson prior to a covered dish meal served to more than 36 present and former residents of the community.

Attending from out of 'own were Charles and Euphemia Jones and granddaugher Amber Rosenbalm of Longview, Shelby and Virginia Ingram Stevens of Ft. Worth, Bob and Aileen Gibson of Granbury, Gordon and Helen Cheatham Vandeaver of Deport and Troyal Barker of Blossom. Attending from Paris area were Bill and Mary Lou Skidmore Coe, Georgia and Wylene Poteet, Kenneth and Linda Thomas, Katy Skidmore Allred, Georgia Skidmore Getz, Gene Womack, Van Barton, Sara Nell Clem Smith, Tillman and Wanda Jones Archer, Bonnie Jones Frazier, Gerald and Doris Gibson Parks, David Ingram, Jimmy Collins, Carl and Jeniavee Hatcher, Fred Skidmore, Travis Skidmore and grandchildren, Britney and Cassie.



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Charlie and Bertha Boren observed their 70th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 6 at the the Paris Nursing Home. Charlie and Bertha (Bell) Boren were married on November 6, 1928 in Paris.

### Boren's celebrate 70th anniversary

Charlie and Bertha Boren observed their 70th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 6 at the the Paris Nursing Home. Charlie and Bertha (Bell) Boren were married on November 6, 1928 in Paris. They have lived in the Red Oak Community for 69 years. Family members attending were LaVerta Westbrook of Deport, Carl and Robbie Boren, Leslie, Jonathan and Jennifer Martin, Leasa, Jordan and Chase Hunold, Carla and Layton Graham allof Blossom. Brenda Morton of DeKalb and Shelia and Heather Kilpatrick of Redwater.



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# Patriot JV takes Chisum win over Mustangs 35-8

Mustangs on October 29. The Pats proved more than ready for action with D.J. Loveless returning the ball 18 yards on the kickoff and Stoney Musgrove crossing the field for 22 yards. Michael Jones dug in for 14. Philip Elder for 8 and was just beginning. Musgrove ran the final 18 needed for the TD and for the 2-point conversion was good giving the Pats an early lead 8-0.

Jones kicked to the 10 yard where a hapless Mustang was trounced upon by a host of Patriots. A four short plays later and some outstanding tackles by Jones, Jessie Crawford, Matt Larkin and Josh Dawson found the Pats in possession of the ball. A pas from Loveless to Musgrove and the Pats had their second TD. Musgrove ran it in for the extra two and the Pats led 16-0. The

The Patriot JV hosted the Chisum Pats stopped any advance on the part of the Mustangs and Dawson threw a hot that rang loud and clear to fans.Green racked up two tackles along with Elder.

Beginning of the 2nd quarter found the Pats in possession with Elder making a 25 yard run. Elder ran again for 12, however fumbled with the Mustangs recovering. A tackle by Dawson, one by Gilbert, a block pass by Jones and a combined tackle by Loveless and Crawford in the backfield gave the Pats the ball. Elder broke away from the herd and scored the third TD. The 2-point conversion was no good as Musgrove fumbled and had to dive to keep the Mustangs from recovering and running it on home. Loveless hit the carrier with such force that ball was knocked loose and Elder recovered it running it to the Mustang 18 before

he was brought down. 22-0 at the end of the half.

A pass of 12 yards from Loveless and Riddles, who ran it in 40 yards for a TD. Jones kicked for the extra point and the Pats led 29-0. Mustangs scored and at the end of the third 28-8. Musgrove ran 65 yards for the 3rd TD of the evening. Crawford proved to be the faster runner over the Mustangs and broke to clear the field. Final score 35-8.

Musgrove proved to be the top rusher with over 154 yards. Elder had in excess of 106. Riddles 40 and Loveless 18. Jones had 14 and Nichols 8. Top tackles of the evening included Larkin with 5 assists, Loveless 5 and 3 solos, Jones 6 and 2 solos, Crawford 7 assists and 2 solos and Dawson 7 assists and 3 solos. Loveless and Dawson each claimed a QB sack



PATRIOT BRANDON GRAY gives it another try to cross the finish line in Friday night's football action against Cooper. The Pats were defeated 47-20 by the Bulldogs but remain high in spirit and determination throughout the game. The boys are to be commended for their season.

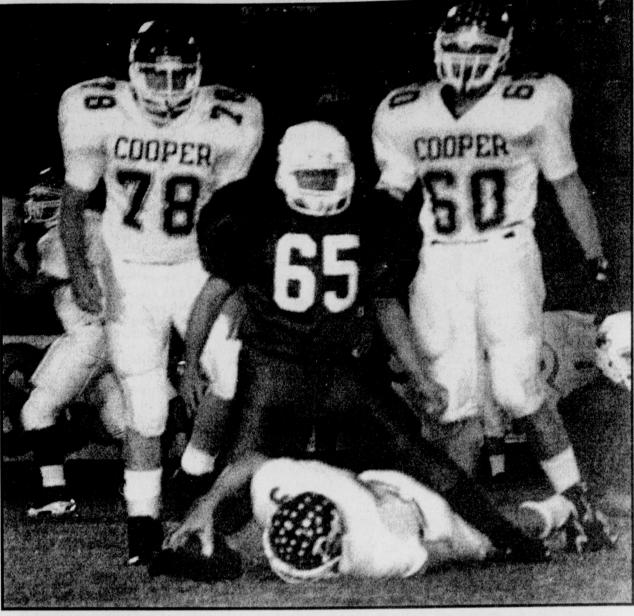
# Patriot JV pens the Bulldogs 20-8

#### By Deb Dawson

The Patriot JV were next to hit the field and were determined in their quest to chain the Bulldogs. Patriot Phillip Elder was the first to show grim determination to the Dogs as he drives a Bulldog 20 yards before the mongrel is joined by a teammate and

first Pat TD of the evening.<sup>02 11</sup> Elder then bulldozed his way in for the extra two points. A bad snap finds the Bulldogs on the Patriot 3vard line and in the next play the Dog score. This would not happen again as the Patriots became the bad boys of the field, showing no mercy in the defending of their turf. The Pat

him down. Elder and Musgrove shake off several Bulldog tackles as if they were? just bothersome Puppies until Elder took a final flying leap over the top of the baffled Bulldogs to score. D.J. Loveless, Musgrove, Drew Riddles, Josh Dawson, Matt Larkin, Jessie Crawford, Michael Jones and Mark



PATRIOT KEVIN FARROW stops a "dog" as he is flanked by two more "dogs" as the Patriots faced inclement weather on Friday night as well as a defeat of 47-20. Friday night was also Parent Night and players were introduced along with their parents.

## Prairiland Patriots lose to CooperBulldogs 47-20

#### By Deb Dawson

On Friday, November 6th, the Prairiland Patriot Varsity hosted the Cooper Bulldogs in their final game of the season. It would not be a good night as Cooper lost a player who broke his leg in the first quarter. Patriots Brent Bostic and Chris Berry were injured before the final buzzer. The game was off to ominous start

with Cooper breaking loose to run 87 yards for a TD. The Pats fought hard and made it to the Cooper 2 yard line, but came up short for the first down. Berry was able to claim a QB sack with Aaron Williams snagged a fumble. Chris Dawson, Williams, Berry and Jonathan Brown recovered fumbles.

Williams was the top rusher of the evening, coming in excess of 135 yards. Jason Elrod pulled some magical catches out of the air and off the ground. Kevin Farrow zig-zagged

and Musgrove intercepted a pass each with Musgrove taking his in 54 yards

his way across the field for a 32 yard gain. The Pats played a tough hard game but the weather played a major factor in the game with the ball apparently being like a greased pig for there was 12 fumbles in the game with the Bulldogs coming up with most of them and were soon ahead 33-0. Another bad break and Cooper interceptd the ball, however Williams grabbed it back in the next play and ran 15 yards for the TD.

Joel Hudson came in for the kick and sent it in for the exta points. The next TD for the Pats was a pass to Heath Sessums to Brandon Gray. Hudson was back infor the kick, but the Pats were penalized for illegal procedure and it had to be rekicked. This time, an error in the snap and although Wiliams did his best he was stopped short of the goal. Williams was there again whrn the Bulldogs

did a super job of defending the end zone with Carter racking up three tackles in a row The Patriots sent the Bulldogs back to Cooper 20-8 Patriots!

fumbled the ball and after running 35 yards, scored his second TD of the evening. Hudson returned to the field and scored the extra points making the final score 47-20 Bulldogs.

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Tony Love, Elrod, Billy Springer. Dawson, Williams, Stan Cox. Farrow and Bostic all claimed solo tack-

Brooks Bailey, Kurt Wilson, Allen Blanton, Josh Smith and Gray racked up on the assists.

The varsity team lost eleven seniors this year. The seniors are Jason Barnett, Allen Blanton, Brent Bostic. John Brown, Shane Chennault, Christ Dawson, Steven Lemmen, TOny Love, Josh Smith, Aaron Williams and Kurt Wilson ... may they go on to bigger and better dreams. May they always perform with the heart, spirit and dedication that they gave to the Patriots!



together take him down. Stoney Musgrove then makes short work of the Bulldog defense running in for th

defense looked so intimidating at one point that the carrier ducked his tail, ran backwards and all over the backfield until Michael Jones takes

Carter all claimed solo tackles. Dawson caused a Bulldog fumble; Loveless claimed a QB sack, Riddles

for the TD. Chris Green, Josh Williams, Scotty Nichols, Bradley Gilbert, John Merrill and Larry Smith



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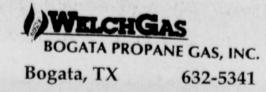


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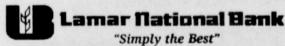
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# Patriot Varsity pens the ChisumMustangs 48-25

On Friday, October 30, the Prairiland Patriots traveled to Paris to face off against the Chisum Mustangs. The Patriots were in for a real battle, as the Chisum offense boast of several winged Pegasus' on their tam which would prove to be the Patriots undoing. The Pats started out strong with great tackles by Steven Lemmen. Tony Love, Stan Cox, Kevin Farrow and Aaron Williams. Brandon Gray claimed a QB sack and the Pats took over on their own 22.

QB Heath Sessums threw a 46 yard pass that was destined to fall in complete however Jason Elrod made a spectacular flying leap making a great catch and giving the Patriots a first down on the Mustang 24.

The Mustang defense would not turn loose for yardage easily, stopping Williams and Cox short of a first down. Joel Hudson attempted a 20 yard field goal, however it falls short and Mustangs took possession.

Matt McEntyre, Chris Dawson, Brent Bostic and Elrod join their teammates in racking up the tackles however Mustang Kwame Ferguson broke through the Pat defense and ran 63 yards for a TD. Mustang C.J. Ladell made the kick and the Mustangs lead 7-0.

Sessums , Williams and Grav fought for yardage and thanks to the great blocking skills of Kurt Wilson, Billy Springer, Cox, Farrow and Bostic, Sessums was finally able to reach the end zone and gave the Pats their first district score of the season. Joel Hudson kicked to the 8 yard lone where it is caught by Mustang Chauncey Allen. McEntyre was there to stop him dead and caused him to struggling to get any yardage and

**By Deb Dawson** 

Prairiland Patriots traveled to Coo-

per to face off against the Puppies in

their final game of the season. Pat

Shawn Steinkamp made it through

the first few minutes of the game,

breaking his leg while defending

the end zone. Shaun Avance was in

good form, causing two fumbles with

his hard hitting tactics. QB Nathan

Burden threw some great passes

while Justin Elrod blocked a pass

Wade Moore was there to recover

Mern McEntyre, Eric Berry and

and also knocked the ball loose.

On Thursday, November 5th, the

fumble. Springer grabbed the ball Mustangs took recovery off and and with four of his teammates surrounding him, carried the ball to the endzone for the TD. Pats lead 12-7. Mustang Jimmy Wallace attempted to break free but Tony Love was there to stop them on their 33.

Mustang Chris Bufkin broke loose from the herd and made a 77 yard rush into the endzone despite a flying snag attempt by Williams to stop him. The kick for the extra point attempt was knocked down by Lemmen and Sessums covers it up. Things seem to go sour on the Pats from there as Sessums threw a pass that was picked off by Mustang Wallace, who in the next series of plays broke free from the Pats and ran 43 yards for the TD. Mustang Bufkin then slipped in for the 2-point conversion making the score 21-12 Mustangs. Patriot Cox put on his bulldozing helmet and gets the Patriots 3 yards from the endzone and Sessums finished the run with a QB sneak, Patriot TD! Score Mustangs 21-18.

The Pats rally together for some great tackles however Chisum's Ferguson snuck through and ran for a 68 yard TD. Mustang Crittenden kicked and made the extra points and gave them a 10 point lead. The Pats were stopped cold in their attempt at yardage and Mustang Bufkin had an open field to the end zone. However, Chris Berry ran him down after a 23 yard gain. Williams, Bostic, Wilson and Farrow dropped Bufkin for a total of yards lost and Berry made a solo tackle that was bound to be a TD pass had he not covered his man.

The second half found the Pats

three fumbles for the Pats. Berry

also scored the only TD the Patriots

would see with Elrod sneaking in for

the extra two points. Moore, Avance,

Elrod, Justin Ebbs, John Wright, Chris

Basinger, Nathan Burden and Seth

Walker did a good job of blocking

and threw some hard tackles, how-

ever the Pups proved unstoppable

Also playing hard was Jace Nor-

wood, Brent Norwood, Chris

Brunson, Dustin Applegate, Taylor

Brewer and Thomas Bishop.

and took the win 24-8.

Springer snapped it up. Williams and Cox fought for yardage and closed in on the Mustang endzone however pass blockage by Wallace and penalties imposed found them at 3rd down and 22 short of a first down. Sessums was sacked by Ferguson and the Mustangs took over on their own 35. Berry broke up a pass intended for Wallace and referees made a controversial call of pass interference.

Great tackles by Dawson, Love, Lemmen, Cox and Bostic kept the Mustangs corralled and the end of the third quarter found the Mustangs ahead 28-18. The Mustangs slipped through the Pat defense to score and Ladell kicked and made the extra point. McEntyre returned the ball 17 yards on a kick with Gray racking up 21 in two runs and Williams hustled for 35 in two and a TD, as so called by an official only to have it ruled out of bounds. Williams took it all in stride and reclaimed the TD in his next run. Hudson made a good kick and gave the Pats 25-Mustangs 35. Hudson then kicked to the 20 where it was picked up by Wallace who ran it back 80 yards for a TD. Ladell kicked the extra points.

Patriots Elrod, Williams, Farrow and Gray threw some heart stopping tackles, but Mustangs followed with another TD. Bostic blocked the kick and Mustangs won 48-25.

The Pats played a good game. They were hurt by some fast Mustangs and maybe some misread plays but they did a terrific job. They have improved greatly over the players they were when they first took the field for the first game.

#### Green beans Fruit cocktail Milk Tuesday **Breakfast:** Eggs, toast Juice, milk Lunch: Tater tot casserole Tossed salad Peaches Whole wheat rolls Milk Wednesday Breakfast: Cereal, toast Juice, milk Lunch: Pizza with cheese topping Tossed salad Spice cake Milk Thursday **Breakfast:** Pancakes w/maple syrup Juice, milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun Corn Baked beans Apples Milk Friday Breakfast: Fruit muffins Juice, milk Lunch: Hot dog rolls

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November 16-20

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Pineapple chunks Milk Lady Patriots win Area title In area volleyball action Saturday

Corn chips

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night at Dodd City, the Lady Patriots took 39 minutes to defeat the Van Alstyne Lady Panthers 15-7, 15-2.

Junior outside hitter Felicia Taylor had a phenomenal 17 kills behind good passes from the entire team.

Also Meagan Hatfield and Amber Norwood readily put up 16 and 8 assists respectively. Katie Mullins added 5 kills while Susan Singleton had 8 service points. This makes the seventh area championship the Lady

#### Patriots in the 90's.

#### Name ...... Assts. .. Serves ..... Aces ..... Kills Blocks .. Passes

Katie Mullins	1/3	1	1 10
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Meagan Hatfield 16	9/9		5
Melissa Steinkamp	5/6		3
Christy Patterson			
Felicia Taylor	1/1	17	1 3

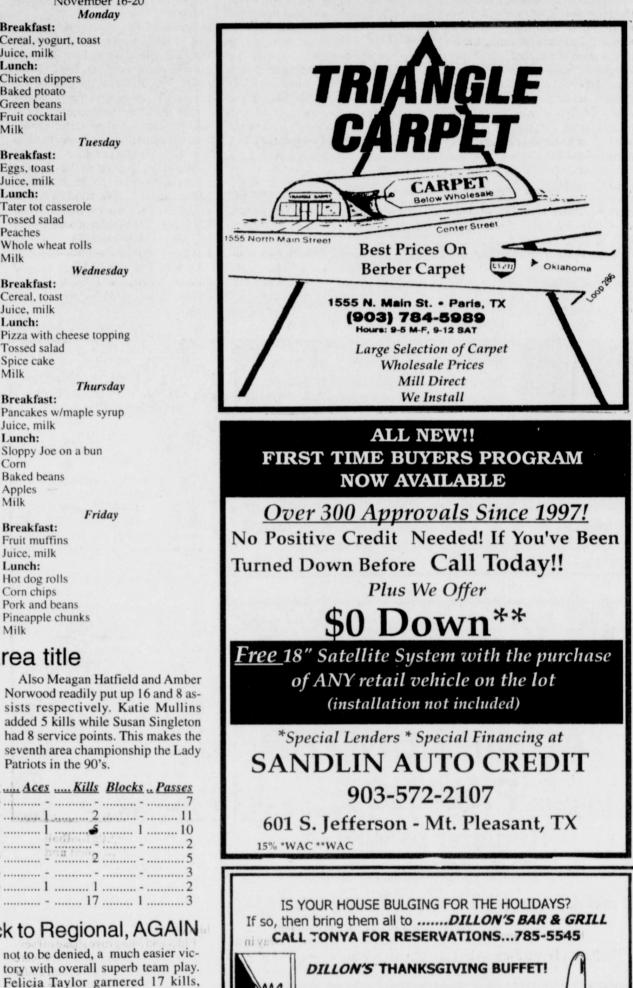
#### Lady Patriots head back to Regional, AGAIN

The Lady Patriots have once again earned a regional berth with a 16-14, 15-3 victory over Ore City Tuesday night amid a packed gym of Patriot fans.

After a scary, slow start, the Lady

and the deeper it sinks into, the mind. -Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon,





Patriot JH loses to Cooper 24-8

(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

PATRIOT SUSAN SINGLETON passes the ball to Amber Norwood for the set as they get ready for the hit in recent volleyball action. The ladies are in playoff position again this year and Tueday night's game determines the outcome of the regional bracket.



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while Meagan Hatfield had 4 kills, 9

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Katie Mullins 3/4	2	1 10
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Meagan Hatfield 16 10/12	.1 4	
Melissa Steinkamp 5/5		
Christy Patterson 1/1		
Felicia Taylor 1/1	17	



Hope Ranee Brown is the name given to the daughter born to Brent and Rachel Brown.

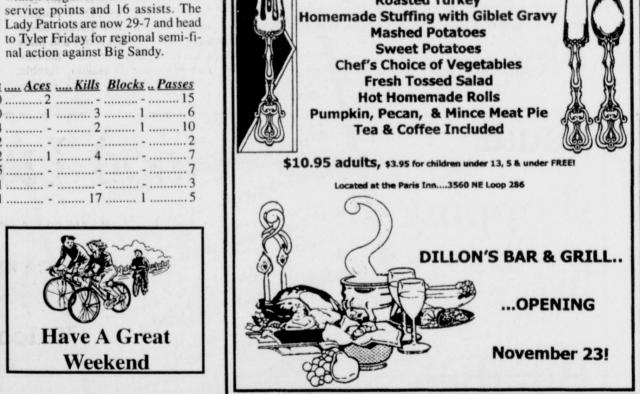
She was born November 5, 1998 at 7:37 p.m. at McMcuistion Regional Medical Center.

She weighed 8 lbs, 1 oz. and was 20 inches.

Grandparents are Steve and Kimber Jackson, Rodney and Joy Ashmore and Robert Murphy, Linda and Jose Diaz and Randy and Kay Brown.

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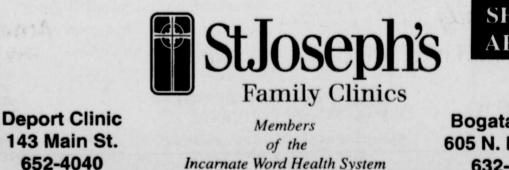
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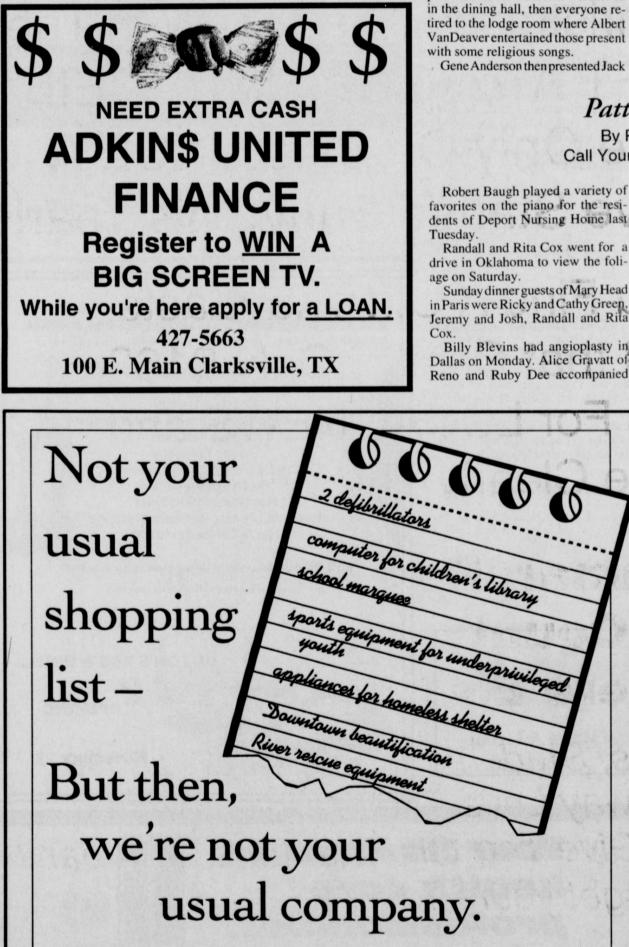
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MASON GENE ANDERSON is pictured here as he presents the Golden Trowel Award to Jack Wood, Also pictured with Mr. Wood is his wife Mrs. Jack Wood. The Golden Trowel is formal recognition of devoted service to the Masonic principles in general and to their lodge.

#### Wood receives Golden Trowel award

Blossom Masonic Lodge No. 303 A.F. & A.M. held an open meeting on Saturday, October 31, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the lodge hall. The meeting was held for the purpose of presenting Jack Wood with a Golden Trowel Award.

There were 60 members and guest present. A delicious meal was served in the dining hall, then everyone retired to the lodge room where Albert VanDeaver entertained those present Wood the Golden Trowel Award. Mrs. Jack Wood was then escorted to the front where she pinned on the Golden Trowel Award Lapel pin on her husbands lapel.

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Pattonville News **By Peggy Parsons** Call Your News to 652-5022

favorites on the piano for the residents of Deport Nursing Home last

drive in Oklahoma to view the foli-

in Paris were Ricky and Cathy Green, Jeremy and Josh, Randall and Rita

Billy Blevins had angioplasty in Dallas on Monday. Alice Gravatt of Reno and Ruby Dee accompanied

him to Dallas. Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew, Leah and Heather Anderson visited Keith and Peggy Parsons Wednes-

Several from the community were in Deport Thursday to be with the family of Floy Sparks at the funeral hoem.

Happy birthday to Dustin Pegg. Dorothy Richey has been sick at home for several days with foot problems

Judy Ellington of Huntsville, Ruby Shreve of Las Vegas, NV, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty spent Thursday night with Keith and Peggy

Kip and Danielle Winters, Morgan and Mitchel of Lucas, Greg and Connie Parsons, Alisen and Davis of Whitehouse, Ralph and Lois Kennett of Cooper, Ruby Jean Biard, Euda Rainey of Paris, Nina Sparks, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah, Robert and Sis Ballard, Paul and Ophelia Payne, Elizabeth Fry, Buster and Louise Crossland, Jesse Anderson, Ruby Dee Blevins, Ann Gatlin, Barbara McDowra, Sara Mazy, Marcy Stewart, Morris and Bobbie Sparks of Murchison, Harry Dean and Joyce Wilson, Donald Bob Merritt, Becky Brown, Elois Sparks,

# Milton News

#### By Mattylu Upchurch

Ann and Sheldon Lee have returned from visiting their daughter and familiy, Shelley and Eric Stoley, Kara and Sam of Shrewsbury, PA. They spent several days with friends in Frederick, MD. During their trip they enjoyed tours of Antietam Battlefield in Maryland and the George C. Marshall War Museum on the campus of VMI in Lexington, VA.

George Wolf has been in St. Joseph Hospital this past week. Hope he'll be able to come home soon. Nell is spending most of her time there with him.

Dorothy and James Holt are attending her father, Terry Johnson, who has pneumonia and is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Chasity Huddleston, nice of Stacy and Allen Huddleston, spent Friday night with them.

Bobby and Carlee Dodson of Dallas and Paul Dodson and son Cole also of Dallas visited Bob and Buena Marshall over the weekend.

Edna Talley attended a birthday party for her grandson and greatgranddaughter in Paris Friday.

Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother, Mildred Wright, in Deport Saturday.

Shasta Riley participated in the

Cross Country meet in Arlington Saturday.

Joe Blackburn of Starksville, MS spent Friday with John Manley and Velma Temple. He was John's coach at East Lamar in 1049-51. John had not seen him since that time. They enjoyed the day with stories.

Billie Goheen of Arlington, Nick Maudsley of Benbrook, Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR, Leah and Russell Schroeder and Jeff of Grapevine spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mattylu Upchurch. On Saturday night they celebrated Mattylu's birthday with other family and friends present.

Stacy Huddleston visited Saturday with her mother, Laura Wright orf Deport and her grandmother, Vivian Enloe of Paris and Carol Campbell of Oklahoma, who was visiting there.

Tim Parks of Faught visited his grandparents James and Dorothy Holt Sunday.

Allen and Stacy Huddleston had lunch Sunday with her parents, Donnie and Laura Wright of Deport. Mattylu Upchurch, Ruth Skaggs

and Marilyn Glover attended the Statler Brothers concert in Sulphur Springs on Thursday.



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Friday visitors of Keith and Peggy were Bob and Judy Ellington, Rusty and Ronnie, Maxine Ellington, Tiffany Cook and Wes Winters of Huntsville, Doug Winters of Bryan, Randy Ellington and Jackie Barnard of Houston ,Ruby Shreve of Las Vegas, NV, Wayne Player of Mesquite, Jim and Evelyn Haddock of Rockwall, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Angie Byous of Richardson, F.J. and Nina Campbell of Paris, Ruth Denison and Ruby Lee Adams of Paris and Mike Sparks.

Sunday visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons were Greg and Connie Parsons, Alisen and Davis, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley adn Ty, Bobby and Judy Ellington, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah and Nina Sparks.

Keith Parsons took Ruby Shreve to Love Field for her flight back to Las Vegas on Monday

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Ethel Elrod-James Elrod, Terrance

Milow Hume was visited by

Weldon and Joyce Smith, Erbert D.

Hume, Maurine McDowell, Stasha

Hume, Ina Ward, Maurine

Ruby Crawford-Vicki, Levi,

Pat Hollje-E.J. Newberry, Dot

Audie Reed was visited by Glenda

Cletus Thomas was visited by Inez

Roy Wells was visited by Ken

Pauline Shew was visited J.D.

Ina B. Heddrick was visited by

Bill Powers was visited by Robert

and Brenda Clark, Kevin Clark, An-

gela Sosi, Harry & Joyce Wilson,

Raymond Crawford was visited

Johnnie Warren was visited by

Joyce Wilson, Evelyn Roach, Candy

Larkin, Nanie Bell Ham, Jennifer

Dorsey, Megan Dunlap, Purna

Haydock, Joyce Love, Pat Rozell,

Weldon adn Joyce Smith, Ruby

by Bonnie and Dorothy Crawford,

Melton, Ivee Bolton, Doris Dowdy.

Norma McIntire, Doris Haning.

Morris and Ida Lampkin.

Ethel Jackson.

Wells, Mary and Ed Miller, James

Newberry, J.L. Bridges, Ken, Charles

Watson, Susie Hicks, Peggy, Dewey

and Donny Watson, Dean & Glenda

Luttrell, Faye Burns, Lucy Smith,

Coogan, Ralph Crawford, Yvonne

McDowell.

Craddock.

Watson.

Jean Isbell.

Wells, Glen Wells.

York, Dot Newberry.

Smith, Dennis and Nita Brundige.

Cunningham News By Linda Anderson Call Your News to 652-3502

Visitors in the home of Bill and Shirley Pages last week were Shirley's sister, Wanda and Royse Morgan from Sunray, Tex and Bill, and Shirley's daughter, Sandra and Terry Brehm from Richardson spent Sunday with them.

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Visiting Lucy Fowler Friday through Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dunlap and family of Whitehouse, and Mike Fowler and friend from Mesquite, Carol and Jen-

nifer Dorsey of Deport visited Sunday with Lucy. Rickey and Linda Anderson had

lunch with Jim and Pat West of Roxton Saturday.

The ladies of the Cunningham community had their meeting Monday night at the Cunningham Baptist Church.

Cunningham Baptist Church has purchased a van for the church. If anyuone needs ride to church on Sunday or Wednesdays, get in touch with someone of the church and you will

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VISA

be picked up. Rickey and Linda Anderson vis-

ited Tommy and Evelyn Pressley and girls Sunday afternoon.

Johnny, Jamie and Jennifer Syrus were in Dallas Wednesday for Jennifer's doctor's appointment. Geneva Norwood had lunch Sun-

day for all of her family. Melba Baker and Robert Bills have returned home from their trip visiting

several different states. Lorette Pynes and Buddy Pynes visited Louis and Betty Hershaour of Morton Mills, Wednesday.

They also visited Jimmy Ray Bledsoe in the Athens Hospital.

Another of the Cunningham Class of 1942 is now gone from our midst. Lloyd (Jr.) Marshall, died Saturday, Nov. 7. As a first cousin and a classmate, I (Lou M. Hatfield) am saddened by his death He left his school years and served his country in aWorld War II, as did many of our classmates.

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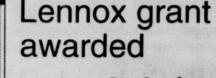
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# to McCuistion

The Lennox Foundation has announced the award of a \$250,00 grant to McCuistion Regional Medical Center in Paris. The grant will be used for the establishment of the Lennox Health and Resource Centers in Red River and Lamar Counties. The Lennox Foundation was established by the Lennox family of Red River County to meet the soc ial, health and educational needs of northeast Texas with particular emphasis in Red River county.

The gift will provide support over a three year period for community health and outreach services in McCuistion service area with a special focus on Red River County. A task force will meet with McCuistion staff members to determine specific emphasis areas for the program.

Application for the Lennox grant was coordinated by Raymond Armstrong, McCuistion's Director of Development and Pastoral care. He was assisted by Gerry Gunnin, Ph.D.,

With assistance from the Lennox grant, a community health coordinator is expected to join the hospital's staff to oversee local programs. A portion of the grant will be used to provide lease space for an outreach center/classroom area in Clarksville. Opening of the Lennox Health and Resource Center of Red River County is anticipated by the end of 1998.

#### FWI to meet November 17

A special joint meeting of the East Texas North Group and East Texas South Group of Financial Women International will be held November 17 at the Oak Forest Coiuntry Club in Longview. Registration begins at 5:30

p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Eliza Gonzalez. Everyone is asked to RSVP the meeting no later than November 13 by calling 903-759-0751.

Blevins, Alice Bumgarner. Ann Austin was visited by Sambee Austin, Lorrainie Reed.

**Deport Nursing Home News** 

**By Candy Larkin** 

Sara Gilmer was visited Dewey and Marline, Suzann, Bud and Sarena. Ima Griffin was visited by Patsy Curtis and Flona Harris.

Brodie Bell and Reecie Kelsey was visited by Purna Haydock, Connie Dodd, Sammie and Suzy, Martha Glover.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Therman and Marie Franks, Claudia Dudley and Cecil Allen.

Virginia Carrell was visited by Larry Carrell, William Symers, Pat Symers, Sally Knowles, Shady, Ester Malone, Tonya Henderson, , Fern Sessums, Jessica Allen, Larry and Kathy, Chris Carrell, Cecil Allen.

Annie Roberts was visited by Buck Roberts, Hazel Relford, Juanita Davis, Venice Bryson.

Mary Matthews was visited by Fay Burns.

Angie Smith was visited by Larry and Shirley Haskell, Clista and Earl Filkins, Ronnie adn Barbara Merchant, Larry, Don and Dale Smith, Askmo Smith, Darrell Smith, Cecil Allen.

Terry Johnson was visited by Dorothy Holt, Cecil Allen, Harry and Joyce Wilson.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Nina Sparks, Elois Sparks, Monda Fults, Peggy Parsons, Shirley Conley. Virginia Bryant was visited by

Robert and Pam Gibson, Richard and

#### Beef meeting scheduled November 17

The Red River County Extension Office, the Extension Beef and Forage committee and Lextron Animal Health will sponsor a beef producer meeting Tuesday, November 17 at the Clarksville High School cafetorium at 6:30 p.m. Program speakers will include Michah Abshier

Cochran of Pfizer Animal Health and Dr. Ron Gill,, Extension Livestock Specialist.

The speakers will discuss a number of management ideas that should be of interest to local producers including winter feeding alternatives and herd health.



David Geer was visited by Cecil Allen, Alice Bumgarner, Ruby Blevins, Red and Inez Weaver, Joyce Love, William and Ann Geer, Purna Haydock, Harold Norris, Jo Wrenn and Johnnie Warren.

Purna Haydock was visited by Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, Harry and Joyce Wilson, Bob and Wilma Ring, Dr. Bell Evans, Johnnie Warren, David Gerr, Cecil Allen.

Athel Hester was visited Cecil Allen, Jeanie Hester, David Geer, Purna Haydock.

Jo Wrenn was visited by Wynell Calloway, Joann Henson, Iona HAll, Nanie Bell Ham, Becky Proctor, Lila Screws.

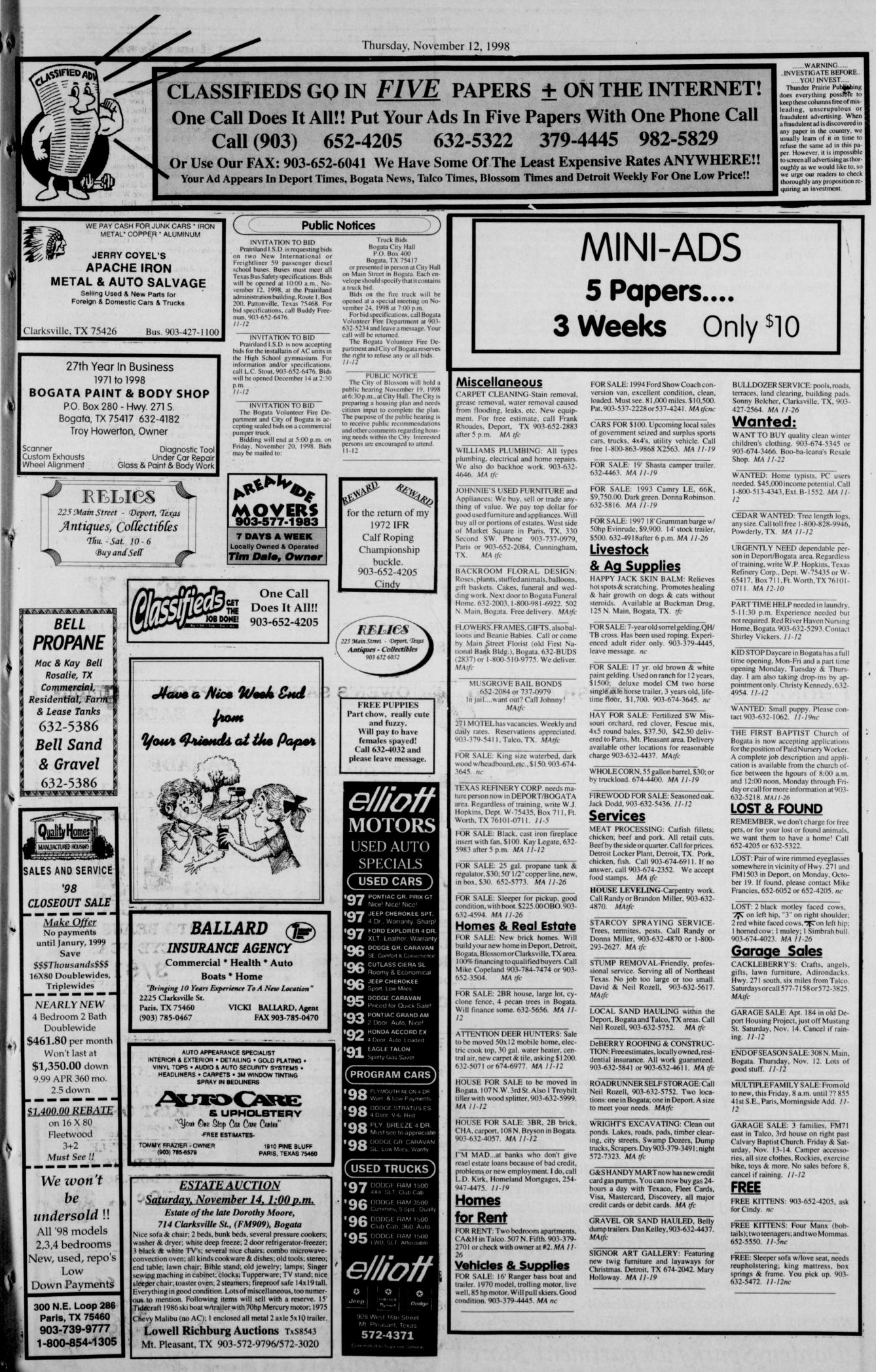
Nina Hale was visited by Wynell Calloway, Joann Henson, Nanie Bell Ham, Becky Proctor, Lila Screws.

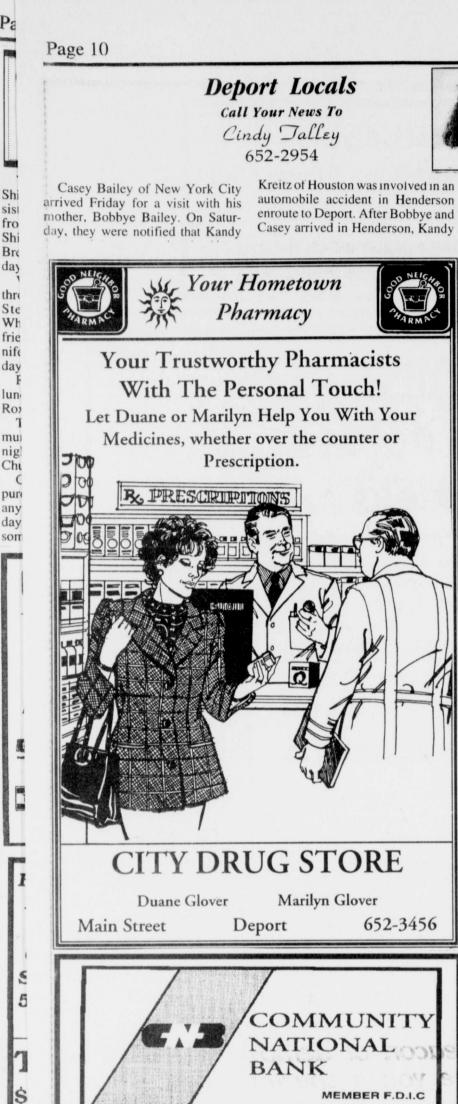
Mrs. Edith Crawford is in the hospital. We hope she can come home soon.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Floy Sparks. She will be missed, We hope Terry Johnson will be out of the hospital and home with us soon.

Mrs. Angie Jewel Smith recieved anew television Sunday.

All the residents and employees want Bocky Norman to know we love her and miss her. We hope she feels better soon.







was released from the hospital suffering from multiple bruises and was taken to her home in Houston where she is recovering.

Marilynb Glover, Ruth Skaggs and Mattylu Upchurch went to Sulphur Springs to see the Statler Brothers Thursday night.

Sympathy is extended to the famy of Floy Sparks.

Bill Evans and daughter, Sharon Evans of Lubbock, visited Thelma Warren on Sunday.

Sue Carrell visited Raymond Hignight on Wednesday, November . They went to the bank on business.

Pete, Carroll, Don Denison and Joe Hobbs were in Colorado last week deer hunting. Pete and Don killed a deer each, Joe and Carroll killed a week

Happy Birthday to Faye Ladd, Lori Booth, Mattylu Upchurch, Anna Martinez, Sherra Kay Read, Russell Ward, Tommy Malone, Wesley W. Davis, Jeffery Daniel Abernathy, Michael Pickering, Chuck Davis, Dee Dee Gifford, Ruth Flores Barnard.

Happy anniversary to Juavanee and James Carpenter, Gayle and Scott Ward.

Visiting Ina and Nina Sparks and attending the funeral of Floy Sparks were Angie Byous of Richardson, Norris and Virginia Ragsdill of Allen, Morris and Bobbie Sparks of Murchison.

William Evans and daughter Sharon of Lubbock visited Ina and Nina Sparks Sunday.

L.C. Ballard is recovering from surgery on his hand.

The Jack Ballards of Texarkana visited L.C. Ballard on Sunday. Joel Ballard of Longview visited

.C. Ballard Saturday. Ms. Kenneth Upchurch visited L.C.

Ballard last week. Dawne Darden and Nanalee

Nichols spent the day in Sherman Friday on business.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols took Ailene Penry out to lunch in Mt. Pleasant Sunday, and they rode around looking at fall colors.

652-3456

#### Tuesday 42 Club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met at Mary Alice Enox with Robbie Gooch as hostess

Mae Storm won high score for members.

Eunice Irving won high score for visitors. Visitors were Reba Temple and Eunice Irving.

A refreshment plate was served. All Breed Bull Sale

is December 1



THE BUCKET BRIGADE is formed! A group of citizens have formed an organization to assist the Deport Volunteer Fire Department in their fund raising efforts. Named The Bucket Brigade, the group held their organizational meeting last Thursday night. Officers are: from leftAmy Norwood, Secretary; Nanalee Nichols, Reporter; Dave Seber, Treasurer. Front, Juanita Sparks, Vice President and Sheldon Lee, President. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



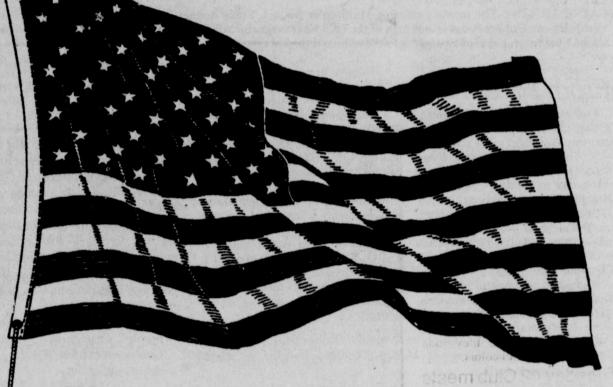
DURRELL STEVENS, First District Commander of Mt. Vernon, spoke to a group of American Legion veterans Wednesday morning at the Deport American Legion breakfast. He gave a report on legion membership in the first district. Stevens reported that three posts and possibly four will be

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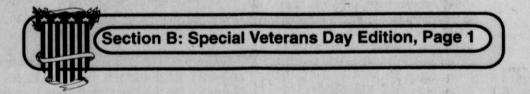
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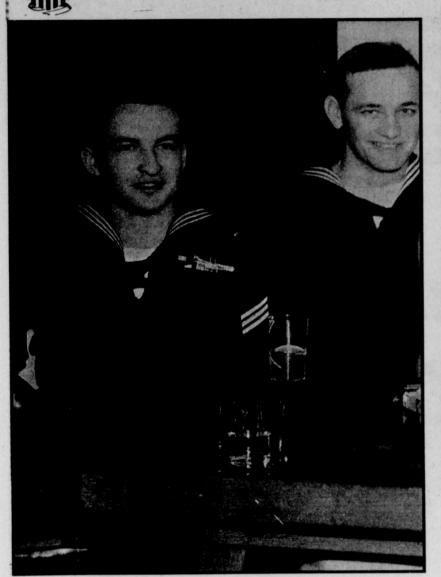
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NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTY OF TAXAB

A SMALL WORLD-Bobby Denison and Dan Barnard of Deport met for a visit in a restaurant while both were on leave from their duties during the Korean War. The two Deport boys met by chance and enjoyed a night away from home and war.



Thursday, November 12, 1998



CAINE MUTINY-The moving starring Humphrey Bogart, Steve Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Fred McMurray, Van Johnson, Robert Francis and men of the USS Kearsarge, including 3rd Class Petty Officer Dan Barnard. Caine Mutiny was one of two movies made aboard the carrier.

### From Ft. Sill to D-Day

I went into the service September for five months. Returned to duty 3, 1942 and was asked what branch of the army I wanted. I said Coast Artillery. They sent me to Coast Art. School in Ft. Sill, OK and I landed on the coast of France (Normandy Beach) on June 6, D-Day on Gun No. 13, a 23 ton self-propelled 105 Hwz. track vehicle. M.7. 12 guns in a battalion I was told fired 57,000 rounds of 105 MM shells during the war. D-Day until May 7, 1945.

August 12, midnight, 1944: I was wounded in an air raid on our Gun. Air lifted to England to hospital #11

Subject: Unexpurgated Citation to Award of Bronze Star Medal To: Private First Class George M. Millsap, 38222486, Battery "A", 42nd Field Artillery Battalion

## HE GAVE EVERYTHING ....

In December 1943, I was in Morrison Field, Florida, when planes left our base for Africa, Europe, Russia and China. At that time, one of the stops enroute was Ascension Island for refueling.

"And if you miss Ascension, your wife gets a pension."

A number of planes were with us for one or two days only. I had some into the Battle of the Bulge on January 13 at Bastone. Back to old Gun No. 13, lost it once time in the war, but the new one was 13 until the end. Went through the Seigfried line, crossed the River Rhine and was in S.E. Germany when the war ended May 7, 1945. I said "Thank the Lord"

I received five Battle Stars on E.T.O. Ribbon, the Arrowhead for D-Day, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and a Good Conduct medal. George Millsap Detroit, TX

The train pulled into Los Angeles

about midnight on Christmas Eve,

and for miles before it got there,

Golde kept hearing "I'd give any-

Yes, the Sergeant had given every-

thing to be in L.A. for Christmas!"

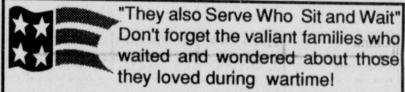
thing, and he was in L.A.

Henry Lee Somerville

#### Citation:

"George M. Millsap, 38222486, Private First Class, Battery "A", 42nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, 6 June 1944 to 28 February 1945. Private Millsap, a cannoneer, landed on the coast of France with his battery in the initial assault on D-Day. Despite inclement weather and regardless of the time of day, Private Millsap worked tirelessly to deliver artillery fire against the enemy. Exposure to enemy counterbattery fire and serial strafing did not deter him from performing his duties in an outstanding manner. Private Millsap's initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the military service."

By Command of Major General Blakeley: Frank C. Castagneto Lieutenant Colonel, A.G.D. Adjutant General





THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER DAN BARNARD served aboard the USS Aircraft Carrier Kearsarge for six months off the coast of Korea. The carrier was the size of three football fields and was served by 3,000 men. Barnard, on right, and Airman Coffin, posed by a F-4 Phantom jet in the picture. Above: Barnard worked as a bomb elevator operator raising and lowering F-4 Phantom jets and 20mm belting ammunition.

the funeral.

of the transient crews housed with the squadron I commanded. One of the transient sergeants came into my office, excited, "Captain", he said, "they tell me your first Sergeant is from Los Angeles."

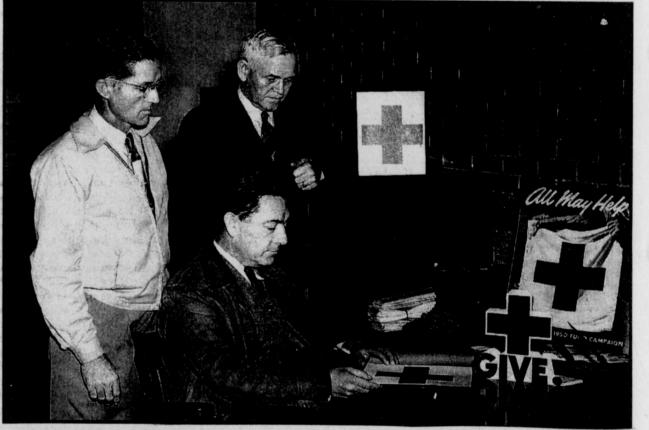
I said yes and I helped him find Master Sergeant Charles W. Golde. The two of them talked about Los Angeles, and the Sergeant became more and more excited. He was very homesick. "Oh, I'd give anything to be in L.A. for Christmas," he kept saying, "I'd give anything."

The next morning before daylight,

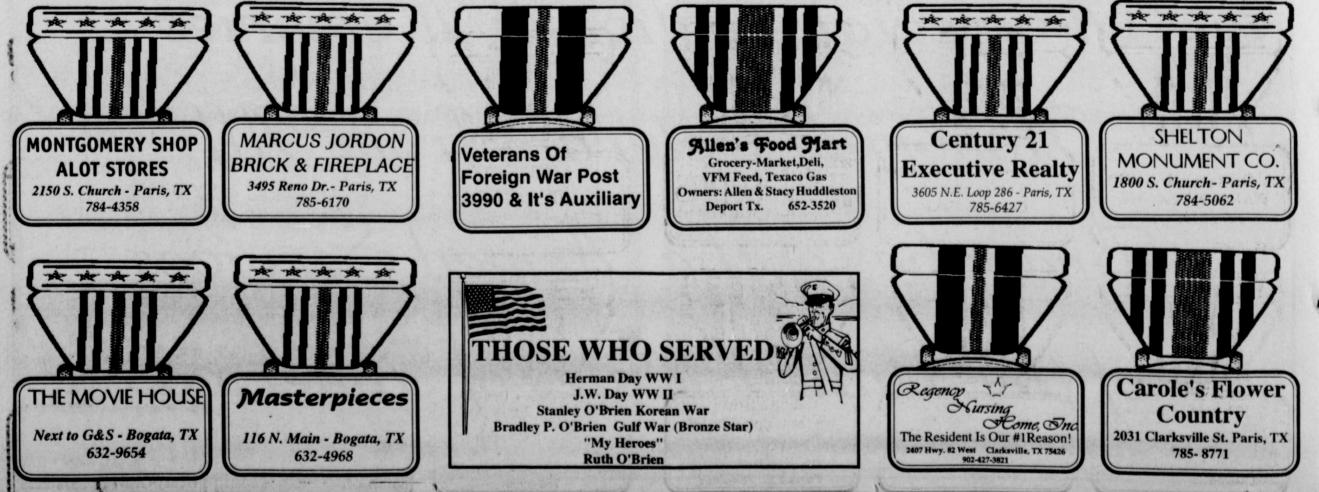
his plane took off, something went bad wrong and the plane crashed on take off and all aboard were killed.

Since we were still in the United States, the Sergeant's body was shipped by train to his home in Los Angeles and Sergeant Golde was detailed to go with the body and be at

But even though Golde would get to be with his family for Christmas after he delivered the body, he told me it was a wierd experience. The closer he got to Los Angeles, the more often he kept hearing the Sergeant's voice, "Oh, I'd give anything to be in L.A. for Christmas!"



DEPORT RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS -Curtis B. Glover Tom Jeffus and John H. Moore worked as volunteers for the Red Cross Fund Campaign in 1950 during the Korean war. This picture was taken in Deport bank.



## MSG Paul L. Walker, USA Retired

MSG Paul L. Walker, USA, Retired (D-22-L), was a charter member of the Special Forces Association. He joined the Marine Corps in 1946 and saw service in China. In 1948 he left the Marines for the Army and served initially with the 82nd Airborne Division's A Battery, 319th Field Artillery. In 1952, he joined the newly organized 10th Special Forces Group and deployed with them to Bad Tolz. He subsequently served with distinction with the 10th SFG; the 1st SFG, participating in the "White Star" MTT to Laos; three tours with the 5th SFG as an "A" Team Sergeant in the Republic of Vietnam; and with the 3rd SFG at Fort Bragg. During his tenure with the 3rd, he was team sergeant of an "A" Detachment committed on a major eight month training mission to Ethiopia, Operation White Came.

Decorations and awards include the Bronze Star w/OLC, the Army Commendation Medal w/"V" and OLC; the Purple Heart Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense Medal, China SErvice Medal, USMC Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/OLC, Army of Occupation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantrymans Badge and the Glider Badge.

He was born December 26, 1928 in Minter, the son of Lola King Comer of Paris, and died July 28, 1998. He was laid to rest with full military and Special Forces Association honors on August 1 at Ridgeview Memorial Park in McKinney.

#### In memory of Dean Hallmark, Tokyo Raider in our Air Force Inspector General's

show

Dean Hallmark was my classmate, Paris Junior College class of 1936. office. The young Japanese man who On April 18, 1942, Lieutenant cleaned our rooms, Taigi Deguchi, Dean Hallmark piloted one of the Bbragged to me that he had watched 25's that took off from the flight deck in the park close to us, an entire crew of the USS Hornet and he bombed of American flyers get their heads cut Tokyo, Japan. off in a big public show of execu-

They bombed a city? Yes, I know you draft dodgers and those of you who voted for draft dodger Clinton will say bombing a city is not politically correct. But the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, and had boasted they could conquer the United States and make it a slave country. They had already captured, tortured and executed Americans.

Jimmy Doolittle and his Tokyo Raiders went into combat knowing they could run out of fuel and probably be killed. My PJC classmate ran out of fuel in China and was badly hurt and then captured.

Much later, after I left the Air Force in 1945 and was recalled involuntarily in 1951. I was in Tokyo

White, a 1995 graduate of Prairiland

High School, recently reported for

duty with 3rd Support Battalion, 3rd

Force Service Support Group,

White's rotation to a new duty sta-

tion exemplifies the worldwide

Okinawa, Japan.

# The Horse Marines

When I enlisted in the Marines in 1946, they had gone to stricter peacetime standards as a result of budget cuts, and their number had dwindled to fewer than 100,000.

Fifteen of us had joined in Dallas that day. Thirteen Texans and two New Yorkers. The New York guys had encountered a Marine from Texas in a bar up there. He had said he was in the "Horse Marines" and told glowing accounts of their battles. He pumped them so full, they couldn't wait to join and get on horses. He told them that Dallas was the only place where a guy could join the Horse Marines.

They had hitchhiked all the way. They were devastated to learn there were no Horse Marines. The recruiting Sergeant told them that as long

as they were there, they might as well sign up with the walking Marines.

The 15 of us were sent over to the Navy doctors for our physicals. Nine of us passed. The New York guys and one other fellows were told that although they hadn't passed the Marine physical, the Navy would accept them if they wanted to join.

The New Yorkers thought it over and decided they wouldn't like the water. They were going to hitchhike back to New York. We felt sorry for them, so we took up a collection and bought them bus tickets. We saw them off, and as the bus pulled out, one of our guys said, "You can bet they'll never tell about going to Texas to join the Horse Marines." Quinnon Davis

#### Something To Think About

#### **Estimated World War II Fatalities**

Country	Military	Civilian	Total
Soviet Union	13,600,000	7,700,000	21,300,000
China	1,324,000	10,000,000	11,324,000
Germany	3,250,000	3,810,000	7,060,000
Poland	850,000	6,000,000	6,850,000
Japan	1,506,000	300,000	1,806,000
Yugoslavia	300,000	1,400,000	1,700,000
Rumania*	520,000	465,000	985,000
France*	340,000	470,000	810,000
Hungary*	and the second		750,000
Austria	380,000	145,000	525,000
Greece*			520,000
Italy	330,000	80,000	410,000
Czechoslovakia			400,000
Great Britain	326,000	62,000	388,000
USA	295,000	No. of Street	295,000
Holland	14,000	236,000	250,000
Belgium	10,000	75,000	85,000
Finland	79,000		79,000
Canada	39,000		39,000
India	36,000		36,000
Australia	29,000		29,000
Spain**	12,000	10,000	22,000
Bulgaria	19,000	2,000	21,000
New Zealand	12,000		12,000
South Africa	9,000		9,000
Norway	5,000		5,000
Denmark	4,000		4,000

Marine Lance Cpl. White reports for duty assignability of Marines and Sailors. Marine Lance Cpl. Johnny L. The flexibility allows the naval forces to protect U.S. natinoal interests around the world while providing a visible deterrence for regional con-

tions. He was talking about Dean

that Dean Hallmark's injuries were

so bad that the Japanese just shot him,

then dressed up some other prisoner

and cut his head off in a big public

this mission to bomb Tokyo, know-

ing he would probably get killed, and

he was. Why the officials at Paris

Junior College have never made a

hero of Dean and put his picture in

the hallway, I do not know. Of course,

he was not the only one of my class-

mates killed, but he was heroic.

Lee Somerville

Anyway, Dean Hallmark went on

General Kinney said, however,

Hallmark and his crew.

flicts He joined the Marine Corps in September 1995.

# A day at the beach.

In the summer of 1967, I was a Specialist in the Army Security Agency, stationed at Kagnew Station in Asmara, Ethiopia.

Asmara is on a mountain overlooking the Red Sea in what is now Eritrea. At that time, the Eritrea Freedom Movement, a rebel group fighting the Ethiopian government to free Eritrea, was active in the area between Asmara and the port of Masawa on the Red Sea. There were tales fold about U.S. soldiers who were kidnapped and held for ransom by the rebels several years before.

The government of Ethiopia fenced off a large stretch of white sand beach on the Red Sea near Masawa for U.S. soldiers. This stretch of beach was well guarded by Ethiopian soldiers and always had U.S. soldiers there.

and a car parked in the middle of the road. My friend was driving and turned left very sharply to avoid going over the side and hit the mountain. He was thrown out and I was left in the jeep, which was now out of control and went over the side. Fortunately, it was an open jeep and I was able to grab the windshield and propel myself out of the jeep and land safely face down in gravel. Neither of us was seriously injured. WE had made a lot of noise and were miles away from any civilization, so we thought. Within minutes, we were surrounded by a dozen or so Ethiopian soldiers in full battle gear. Where they came from I'll never



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By The President of the United States

#### A Proclamation

WHEREAS a notable contribution was made in the history of ocean transportation when the steamship The Savannah set sail from the United States on May 22, 1819, and made the first successful voyage across the Atlantic Ocean under steam propulsion; and

WHEREAS in commemoration of this achievement the Congress by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933 designated May 2 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day; and

WHEREAS many thousands of patriotic men and women are toiling through the long hours of the day and night in the construction of the great fleets of vessels that carry the goods of victory to the distant battlefronts of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS our ships, sailing every ocean, have been manned by courageous officers and seamen all of whom have left the security of their firesides and many of whom have given their lives for the land of their allegiance; and

WHEREAS the American people are looking forward to the days of lasting peace when the merchant fleets of the Nation, wisely used and vigilantly maintained, shall sail the seas freed from the perils of war:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe May 22, 1945 as National Maritime Day by displaying the flag at their homes or other suitable places, and I direct that the flag be displayed on all Govern ment buildings on that day.

One weekend that summer, a friend and I took a jeep for a trip down the mountain to the beach. The road down had been surveyed by helicopter and had lots of hairpin curves. It was a really fun 80-mile drive. You could drive for miles and see nothing but baboons and giraffes. About halfway down, we approached a wooded area as about a dozen Eritrian rebels came out into the road and flagged us down. All of them had automatic weapons and ammo belts wrapped around their shoulders and waists. They had their weapons pointed at us but didn't seem threatening. In Eritrea, most natives speak several languages, but little English. Communication was not going well until I heard the word "aqua". We had no water, so I offered them beer from our cooler. Their commander "strongly" refused. Then we had the idea of melted ice in the cooler. We filled their canteens with ice water from the cooler and they happily filtered back into the woods thanking US.

On the next trip down about a month later, we came around a hairpin curve cut in solid rock. Around this curve, there was a wrecked truck

then went to check the jeep, which had landed upright among some trees. The passenger seat had come loose and had been thrown several yards. I put the seat back in and carefully drove the jeep up the steep slope and back onto the road. I drove us on to Masawa. Fortunately, there was a U.S. Navy ship in port. We went to the ship and my buddy got a few stitches in his arm and some salve for our scrapes. Needless to say, we didn't swim in the saltwater on that

know. I checked on my friend and

That night we were driving around Masawa sight-seeing and ran across a huge rally of some kind. Several white robed figures in the group raised their fists at us and started screaming and chasing us. I backed down the street as fast as the jeep would go, turned around, and headed for the protected beach.

Later that night, a convoy of U.S. Military Police vehicles came to the beach to escort everyone back up the mountain. Israel had attacked Egypt and, politically, things had gotten a little strange.

After 30 years, the beauty of the mountains of Eritrea and the Red Sea is still fresh in my memory as if it were yesterday. Adventures in Ethiopia by Dave Seber

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

#### Franklin D. Roosevelt

By the President: Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State

## A Pollywog or a Shellback?

What is the difference between a pollywog and a shellback? A pollywog is a sailor that has never crossed the Equator. Once he crossed the Equator and had been inspected by Davey Jones and his Royal Staff, and having been found worthy to be numbered as his Trusty Shellbacks, he has been duly initiated into the Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep.

Be it further understood: That by virtue of the power invested in me, I do hereby command all my subjects to show due honor and respect to him

wherever he may be. Disobey this order under penalty of our Royal Displeasure Davey Jones, His Majesty's Scribe and Neptune Rex, Ruler of the Raging Main.

The ship I was on the USS Sandusky, initially crossed the Equator on September 2, 1944 and later crossed the Equator 11 more times. Trusty Shellback. **Richard Nance** 

P.S. We never saw or heard of El Nino. Davey Jones and his Royal Staff ruled the seas.



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# "A Family Affair" The late Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Denison

had four sons and one grandson in war times during World War II. The late Paul Denison served in

Counter Intelligence Corp. He was stationed in Milan, Italy for 14 months after the close of the war.

Carlys Denison served in 424th Infantry in France and Germany for four years and eleven months. Warren Denison served in Italy for

three years and in Korean for six years. He was in the Air Force.

Bobby Denison served in the Navy in the Pacific

Grandson Carroll Read Denison served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Owens in the Caribbean Sea. This was an ammo ship and was in the Bay



Tech. Sqt. Carlys Denison

#### Military Service tradition to O'Neals-McKnights

A family affair-military service in the L'Wanda McKnight's family is pretty much a tradition, she says.

Her husband, James (Pete) McKnight served in Korea with the 64th tank battalion. Her sister, Ethelyn O'Neal Davis was A WAC in World War II, her brothers, Claude T. O'Neal was in the Airforce during World War II, and her brother, A.T. O'Neal wered in the Airforce during World War II.



James (Pete) McKnight, Korea, Army



Ethelyn O'Neal Davis, WAC, WWII



# after 31 years

During my tour in Korea, 1966-67, I had many Army buddies. One particular Army buddy, whose name was James Clardy from Houston, had a problem with his wife and had to return to the states to get a divorce.

This was a spur of the moment thing, and as he was leaving the company area, he borrowed my Army jacket because the temperature at the time was about 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

James took the military hop back to the states and got the divorce, and I guess he forgot about my Army jacket and left it at his mother's house.

This past summer at my Army reunion in Pearland, I saw James and asked him about my Army jacket. He had since retrieved the jacket from his mother's house and brought it with him to the reunion, thinking I would be there.

Thirty-one years and 50 pounds later, I got my Army jacket back. It's just like new, but it's too small. And, don't tell Uncle Sam that I have his jacket, or I might be in trouble! Ronnie Baker



Ronnie Baker of Paris shared a memorable story from his Army days.

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SPC. 4 AARON NICHOLS, formerly of Deport, served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962. Immediately out of boot camp, Nichols was ordered to Manatim, Germany, where he served in the 18th infantry 8th Division. He held five job ratings, one of which was Heavy Artillery and he was involved in the Berlin Crisis in 1961. Pictured with Nichols in his 1953 Willies Jeep is Paul Myers of Corpus Christi and Harold Jackson of Dallas

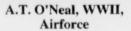


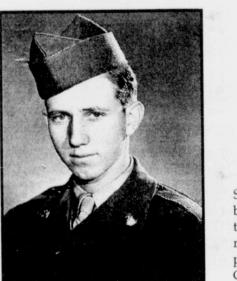
Arthur Eugene "Punk" Barnard A Marine in Cuba

Claude T. O'Neal, WWII, Airforce



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL







#### The Merchant Marine at D-Day

Strategic sinking 23 freighters, bow to stern on D-Day Plus One and Two created a breakwater behind which allied invasion craft unloaded troops and supplies during a furious storm that ripped the Normandy beaches. Six Coast Guard officers, all experts in dealing with treacherous surf currents, participated in the supervision of the sinkings and were commended for their efficient accomplishment of the task. Pictured, a mountainous wave beats against one of the sunken vessels, the Centurion, key ship of the chain, as landing operations proceed. Just beyond the deck of the Centurion at left may be seen the top of a "Phoenix" which broke loose from its mooring father out during the storm. A Liberty ship is standing by.





### We took the top off the Admiral's boat

neapolis, was my home for 1945-1946 during and at the end of World War II.

I was in "" Division, assigned to the evaporators. We made fresh water from salt water. I was also the Admiral's Pogey boat engineer. I ran the marine 8 diesel for his 26 foot private boat.

On our way to the Philippines and later China, we stopped in Pearl Harbor for two days. That night the Admiral, Mr. Kinkaid, sent for his

The heavy cruiser, the U.S.S. Min- boat so he and the Captain to go clothes. We then took them to shore ashore.

They were dressed in whites and very clean and trim. As we approached the dock, which was elevated, the sailor steering the boat gave me the signal to speed up instead of back down for docking.

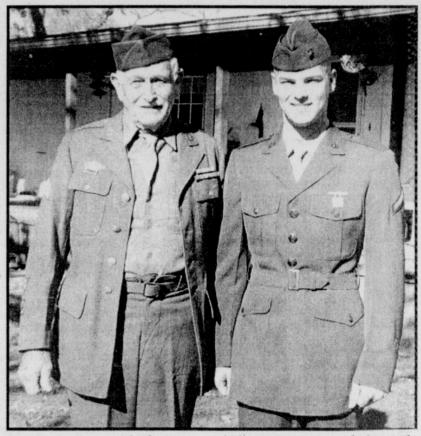
That Yankee sailor steered us directly under the dock, tearing off the canvas top and putting everyone on the bottom of the boat.

The Admiral and Captain had to go back aboard the Minnie and change

and the Admiral ordered us to make practice landings for the four hours they were ashore.

Last month, Ann and I attended our first U.S.S. Minneapolis CH 36 reunion. They had been having them for nine years, but I did not know. We met in Corpus Christi for three days. I saw former mates for the first time since 1945-1946. We had a great time. Yes, Ann got in some shopping too.

Jack Dodd, Jr.



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Air Force Sargent, Charles Inman and Marine Lance Corpral Matt Bales

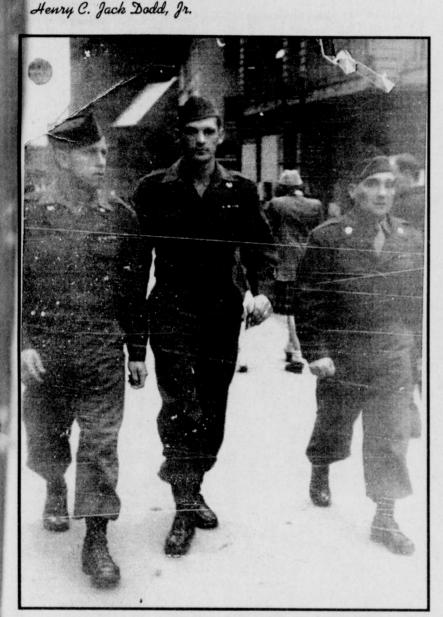
#### Inman-Bales share family tradition

Keeping it in the family, Lance Corpral Matt Bales of the United States Marine Corp is shown here with his grandfather, Cahrles Inman. LCPL Bales is currently serving 4 years in the Marines and is stationed at 29 Palms, California, where he works as a M1A1 tank machanic. His grandfather, Air Force Sargent

Charles Inman served in World War II from 1942 to 1946 as an airplane mechanic. Two years were served in India working on B 25, medium bomber jets and C87's, a 4 engine cargo plane.

Mr. Inman is very proud of his grandson. Both men are residents of the Hagensport community.





CHARLES DAVIDSON, JR., middle, of Deport, strolled down the streets of Copenhagen with a couple of buddies while on one of a very few leaves they had from action. Charlie served from January 1944 through January, 1946.







MABEL & LIONEL MAY of Penyance Cornwall, England were hosts to Pfc. Charlie Davidson Jr. of Deport during World War II. Charlie lived with the couple while stationed in England before leaving to later take part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

## Get That D---- Truck Out of Our Way!!

Ruth Vaughan of Paris sent the in Korea and felt understandably following article printed in 1952, and lonesome until a few days ago. writes, "My son, James Francis, en- Brady was driving along a road listed in the Army at the age of 17. He was sent to Hawaii for basic training and was in the Tank Battalion. Later he was sent to Korea during the Korean War. Another young man from Bogata, a friend of James, Oscar Brady was also sent to Korea. They didn't know each of the other was there until they met.

when he happened to stall his truck in front of a tank. Up from the tank shot the head and shoulders of the tank commander, accompanied by instructions in no uncertain terms to get the truck out of the way.

THIS PATCH was worn by the 29th Infantry Division. During the European Theater, the 29th Division suffered casualties of 4,786 deaths and 15,541 wounded in action. Charles Davidson, Jr. of Deport served with the 29th and was in the 175th regiment and in the 3rd wave on D-Day on Omaha Beach, Normandy.





THIS PHOTO of Charlie Davidson, Jr. appeared in the Deport Times in July of 1944. In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson of Deport, he reported he had been made expert infantryman and was back from the front after fighting for 43 days in France. By the time of his discharge, Charlie had received an Expert Infantry Badge, a European African Middle Eastern Campaign with 4 Bronze Stars and a bronze arrowhead, a Good Conduct medal and a World War II medal.

With the 2nd Inf. Div. in Korea, Pvt. Oscar Brady of Bogata, truck driver with Headquarters Company, 72nd Tank Battalion, is a new arrival

Before the tanker could get much father, however, Brady had recognized him. Turns out he was Sgt. James C. Francis, also of Bogata. Francis is in Company C of the battalion, and scheduled for rotation to the U.S. soon.



Military Burial, Arlington National Cemetery

COL. Stanley J. Smith, USAF (Ret.), from Pauls Valley, OK, entered the U.S. Air Force ROTC program at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK in 1963 and retired in 1993. After graduating with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering, he entered service and flew bombing missions throughout the Vietnamese conflict and flew surveillance missions in Turkey, Honduras and Iraq. He saw overseas tours of duty in England and Spain and was stationed with the Pentagon in Washington, DC just prior to his retirement. He is currently teaching ROTC training in Baltimore, MD. He is the cousin of Cindy Allen of Manchester.



# Wilkinson family attends 376th VA Reunion

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By Charles Wilkinson

The 376th Veteran's Association Reunion was held in Minneapolis, MN September 3-7.

Jean and I left the farm about 9:00 on the morning of August 30. It was a clear, rather warm morning. We drove to the Flying J Truck Stop at Tye where we met Lynn and Nancy for breakfast. After breakfast and our good-byes, we gassed up the van and got on the road to Bogata, arriving at my sister, Dora Thompson's home about five o' clock. My other sister, Marjoree Glover met us there. Monday morning, August 31, we loaded Dora and Marjoree's luggage into the van and started to Clarksville, Arkansas, where our sister-in-law, Helen Wilkinson lives. We arrived there in the afternoon. After spending the night with Helen, we loaded her luggage and began the next leg of our trip. This is the first time that Helen has gone with us.

We drove to Kansas City where we stopped to visit the son of the bombardier of our crew. He and his wife, Robert and Janet Bloom, had intended to go to the reunion, but they had just opened a new Deli and were still too snowed under to be able to take the time off. We spent a couple of hours with them, then decided to drive another couple of hours before stopping for the night. We stopped in Bethany, MO for the night.

The next morning, Wednesday the second of September, we began the last leg of our trip to Minneapolis, arriving there about 3:00 p.m. Then began the ordeal of transferring all our luggage from the van to the hotel rooms. It took two bell boys and two carts for this task.

An interesting side light- I always take my bar with me since I feel that I can't afford hotel bar prices, and I also like to do a lot of entertaining in our room after the day's planned activities are over. I hauled a bottle of Texas wine over 1400 miles without breaking it. The bell boy managed to break it while hauling it less than 100 yards. I was a little perturbed to say the least. However, a friend that we had met in Charleston SC two years ago who lives in Minneapolis, replaced the wine for me. The only problem was that it wasn't Texas wine.

While the women unpacked, I went down and picked up our Reunion registration packets. Since the reunion activities didn't start until the next day, we caught a shuttle bus to the Mall of America. We went to the Odyssey, a new restaurant that had just opened, for dinner. This was on the third level of the Mall. We were amazed at the size of the servings. We found, wherever we ate, that the servings were very large.

The reunion officially began on Thursday the third of September. While the women took the shuttle bus to the Mall of America, the largest mall in America, I stayed at the hotel. It is fun sitting around greeting old friends as they come in to register. Also, I spent time i the hospitality room. We also call it the PX because they have several souvenir items for sale. I felt that I had to replace my blue 376th cap. Also, I had run out of the decals that I put on my car window. My van looked bare with no little blue sticker with a B-24 and 376th Bomb Group veteran's Association on it.

When the women returned from their shopping trip at the mall, I was surprised at how little they had bought. I think all Jean had bought was a pair of shoes.

At five that evening we had a reception. Finger foods and a cash bar. This lasted until six. At 6:30 we boarded buses for the Mystic Lake Casino. We didn't lose much money as none of us are avid gamblers. We returned to the hotel about eleven o'clock.

On Friday morning we began a tour of the city. The city of Minneapolis has twenty-two lakes and one hundred seventy parks. Minneapolis has a population of 384, 000 people. We left the hotel at 9:00 a.m. and returned about two o'clock. We had about an hour before boarding buses at 3:00 p.m. for our dinner cruise on the Harriet Bishop. The ship was a paddle wheeler and was named after one of Minneapolis' early school teachers. We had an eighteen mile cruise on the Mississippi River. Also we had the best meal that we have ever had on any of our dinner cruises. After we returned to the hotel a couple from Cincinnati, Ohio came to our room for a couple of drinks. We first got acquainted with them in 1996 in Charleston, SC. Larry was shot down over Northern Italy and spent two years in prison camps. He told some interesting stories of his life as a POW. He told how sixteen of them tunneled out of one prison. When they came out of the tunnel, one of them blew up a truck loaded with ammunition. When they were recaptured, the Germans were questioning them trying to find which one of them did it. No one would tell, so the Germans took them out and lined them

up in front of a firing squad. Larry

said that they would question them a few minutes and then the squad would raise their rifles and take aim. Then they would lower their rifles and the questioning would begin again. He said that this happened three times before they were taken back into the prison. Larry said that he was in seven different prisons. Sometimes they were loaded on boxcars, sometimes they were marched. He said that he weighed 186 when he was shot down and weighed 87 pounds when he was liberated He said that the American doctors were very careful about limiting their food until they got used to eating again.

On Saturday, September 5, we had our luncheon For several years the men's and women's luncheons were separate. However, the last several years we have integrated. This year we had two speakers, a colonel who was from the Defense Department and a lady who was a doctor teaching in Georgia. She was German and had grown up in Munich, Germany. She talked about living through the many American air raids on the city. She told Jean that her main concern in coming to speak to our group was how she would be accepted.

Then at 5:00 p.m. we boarded the buses for the Old Log Theater for a dinner and show. Again as I said about the dinner on the river boat, this was the best dinner that we have ever had at a dinner theater. The show was very good also. We saw the "Odd Couple".

Also on Saturday, the engineer of our crew and his wife arrived as well as the radio operator and his wife. These, along with me, are the only surviving crew member that we know of. I never did locate two members. The widow of the co-pilot was at the reunion also.

On Sunday, September 6, after our breakfast a church service was held. The service was held by our Chaplain. JoAnn Bock, our co-pilot's widow, played the piano. The 91st Psalm was read by the group. This was the Air Force Song during WWII. Also a man played the bagpipes.

Alter the church service, we had our Squadron meetings and our Squadron pictures made.

Sunday evening, our banquet and dance began at 6:30 p.m. As we were going to the banquet room, we had our individual picture made. These will be used in our annual picture book.

At the banquet, for the last several years, we have honored the couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. This year, as an added attraction, we had a family group (our radio operator, his wife, and five kids) who had over one hundred years total of married life. They were asked to stand for a round of applause. I thought this was an interesting side light.

After the banquet we had several people come to our room for a farewell bull session. The young couple from Minneapolis, a young guy from Oklahoma, our engineer and his wife and Larry and Debra came. This lasted until about 2:00 a.m.

About these people - the couple from Minneapolis - Jan's father flew with us. He and her mother divorced when Jan was very young. It has just been the last few years that Jan has become interested in knowing what her father had been through during the war and since he has been dead for a number of years, she and her husband thought visiting our reunions and meeting and talking with some of us would be a good way for her to learn. The guy from Oklahoma had started attending our reunions with his father. After his father died a couple of years ago, he has continued attending our reunions. Then of course our engineer and his wife get together with us at each reunion. Larry and Debra are becoming regulars at our after hours deal. Larry is the guy who was a POW. Chuck, our radio operator, had his whole family at the reunion so he and his wife skipped our private party.

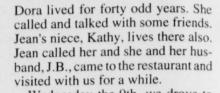
An interesting side light to our banquet - Marjoree sat by a lady whose father was a member of our outfit. He had died a couple of weeks before our reunion. The daughter had insisted that her mother come to the banquet. The mother lived in Minneapolis so she insisted that several of us come by her home on Monday morning as we were leaving for our trips home. She showed us his diary. His last entry was made the night of July 31, 1943, the night before we flew the low level raid to Ploesti, Romania oil refineries. As I read this, I was flooded with memories. The last of briefing, the restlessness of our last night, the apprehension. All that flood of memories was almost too much for me.

Back to the reunion. On Monday morning we had our Memorial breakfast. The usual speaker, the reading of the names of our people who had died since our last reunion, the playing of taps. As always this was a very emotional time for me. After our farewells we returned to our rooms to load our van for our journey home. friend, we began our trip.

A few milles south of Minneapolis, at Faribault, we visited the Faribault Woolen Mill outlet store. They had all sorts of woolen clothing, blankets and such. Then a few miles further south we visited Cabela's . This is the largest sporting goods store in the world. The women weren't too interested in this stop, but I had been telling them all the way from Texas that we were going to stop there. I almost forgot, while in Faribault, I bought a case of Lean Pigs Eye Beer.

Alter leaving Cabela's we drove in to South Dakota. We drove to Yankton, which is just north of the Nebraska line, where we spent the night Monday, September 7.

On Tuesday morning, we resumed our journey southward through Nebraska and Kansas. We drove on to Ponca City, Oklahoma before we stopped for the night. This is where



Wednesday the 9th, we drove to Clarksville, Arkansas where we spent the night with Helen.

Thursday morning we left Helen's headed to Bogata. We arrived at Dora's in mid afternoon. After spending the night with Dora, we set out on the last leg of our trip home.

Jean and I arrived at the farm about five p.m. on Friday. The cows and cats seemed glad to see us. We certainly were glad to see them.

One thing that really impressed me about the trip was the amount of hay that we saw in northern Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Northern Oklahoma. After Jones County, this was quite a sight for me.



SGT. PINKY GRIFFIN and a buddy had their picture made in San Francisco, CA in 1943 while on leave. Pinky reflected of the photo, "that

#### Serving with the 97th

Melvin Jackson was attached to the 97th Infantry Division. His duties were to locate the mines and destroy them.

His wife, Mary, spent two months with him at Lompoc, Camp Cooke, CA and later on a week at Fort Leonardwood, MO. He was sent to Germany and was on the front line in Czechoslovakia. There they met the Russian Army and the war ended.

This Division returned to the states for a 30-day furlough, and Melvin then reported to Camp Lewis, WA with orders to go to Japan. Due to the "Point System", his name was called to report back to base. He had spent time on ship, thinking they would ship out. You were eligible for discharge if you had 62 points. The point system, points for combat and children made him eligible to be discharged.

These two years were not happy ones but we lived through them. He returned home and lived until December 28, 1988.





Typical of the scores of Christmas parties gizen by Yank units for the children of Italy during the holiday season is this merry gathering given by the 57th MP Detachment. Ist Sgt. William P. Swartz of Taleo, Texas—whe doesn't look like a first sergeant here — serves homeless tots, while a nun looks on. (Staff Photo by Sgt. Grayson B. Tewksbury)

"All the parts of World War II weren't bad, my unit and I fed lots of hungry children in Italy," said Richard Swarts of Talco.

## Always Listen to the Natives ....

We were moving from Green Island, a tiny island just at the end of the Solomons. We were going back to Guadalcanal and then to New Guinea.

We landed on the sand beach of a place called Maffin Bay.

As I remember, we were on this sandy beach with all of our equipment, which consisted of many dollars worth of radio equipment. The reason I am kind of at a loss at what to write is because there are two stories in one in this article.

Now I come back 50 odd years and try to put all this together. Three or four months ago there was an article in the paper about a typhoon that came into Northeast New Guinea with a wall of water some 20 or 30 feet high and killed many natives. After some thinking, I remembered this was the same place we had landed back in 1944. Our camp was right on the same beach. We were in tents and there was about 300 of us. We began to settle down and get everything in order as you do when you make an invasion. We were to the "goof off" stage of the landing, not much to do but lay around waiting for more supplies.

The local natives would come up through our camp looking for a hand out and talk to us in their pigeon English. They told us the water would come into our tents and all along the beach at a certain time of the year. We all laughed and said "These Gooks don't know what they're talking about, that water can't come by here." We would take our mattress covers and swim out to where the breakers were and use our covers to ride the waves back two or three hundred yards. We would take our mattress covers and wet them in the water and run along the beach to fill them with air and then we would be able to sit in the middle and ride the waves back in.

This was great fun and good recreation for all of us. We began to notice the waves were beginning to be a little higher each day. The water began to come all the way up to the edge of our tents and then into the tents. We all laughed and got up on our cots and tied our gear up in the tent, all the time thinking "what if those natives were right." All of our radio equipment was still on the beach and the powers that be began to start thinking about moving it inland. All that day, the water would come up a little higher. Had we paid attention to the natives, we would be well inland and safe from the water.

Then a giant wave came in and through our tents and over the radio equipment. Salt water and metal don't mix and our guns, radio equipment and all our supplies were now filled with salt water. We spent the next six weeks cleaning our equipment and moving inland.

As smart as we were, we learned our lesson. "Always listen to the natives, they've been here longer than you."

Sgt. Pinky Griffin

