

Nichols Worth



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GTE offers initiatives

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

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

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

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

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Talco Times

TALCO, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

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**Consumer alert!!
Watch 809 area codes!**

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

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

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

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

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

New Year's Wishes

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS-Talco's newest business is Crow's Garage owned and operated by Larry Crow and employee Shane Rector. Services offered are flat repair, minor tune ups and repairs and Mr. Crow will be offering on the road service 24 hours a day. The business is located on the corner of Hwy. 271 and Broad Street in Talco. (staff photo Nancy Brown)

People 'n Things

Due to request the Talco First Baptist WMA has reordered one hundred copies of their new **cook book**. For your copy call Joyce Alexander at 379-2985 or Ann Roberts at 379-6421.

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Spanish Club to have hamburger supper, Boosters to serve dessert

The Rivercrest Spanish Club will sponsor a hamburger supper January 4 at the Rivercrest-Prairiland Basketball games. The Rivercrest Athletic Club will sell cakes and pies by the piece at the games. The first ballgame starts at 4:00 P.M.



JOHNTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH presented a live nativity during the Christmas season. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)



COMING ALONG-Work on the new Talco Post Office continues. The building will be completed some time in January if all goes well. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco School holds annual music program Dec. 19

The Talco School's annual Christmas music program was held on Thursday, Dec. 19. The program is produced by music teacher, Neva Oats.

"Incredible Christmas" a play was performed by the fifth grade class. Stephanie Carroll of the sixth grade read the story of Christmas to the group and Santa (Adam Davis sang a Christmas Rap. The third grade class sang "Where's Santa", "Christmas Celebration and joined the fifth and sixth graders in "There's Gotta Be Christmas" and "Silent Night". Mrs. Oats thanked those present

for their attendance and the students for their hard work. She stated, "I have always wanted a 100 voice choir and this year I am close to having just that." She then asked the Kindergarten through Second grade to come to the stage. The group sang "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town", "Up On A Roof Top", "Must Be Santa", "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer", "Mary Had A Baby", "Away In A Manger", "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". Following the group's performance, Carmen Ontrivos of the Fifth grade class sang a solo, "What Child

Is This" and Kendall Stansell of the seventh grade class sang a solo, "Greatest Gift".

Last but not least to perform was the Fourth grade class who accompanied their teachers, Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Holeman as they sang "Silver Bells". The group also sang "The Little Drummer Boy" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas".

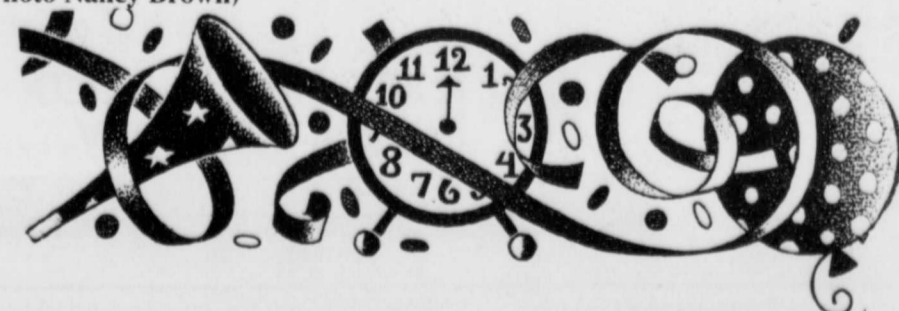
Mrs. Oats and Principal, Mrs. B.J. Setliff again thanked the parents and students and wished the group a happy and safe holiday.

The children were dismissed to their class rooms for Christmas parties.



ALMOST 100-Talco music teacher Neva Oats told the students and visitors at the Talco School annual Christmas program that she had always wished for a 100 voice choir and she nearly has it made up of the students from Kindergarten, First and Second grades. The children did a great job and were not hard to hear. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

HAPPY NEW YEAR





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

Country Cooking *By Liz Irwin*

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

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

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

Her recipes include a **Marvelous Banana Cake** with Banana-N5ut Frosting. A delicious sounding **Cider-Baked Ham**, **Candied Sweet Potatoes** and **Easy Baked Beans**.

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

Card Of Thanks

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

Margie Garrett

Card Of Thanks

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

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

The children and grandchildren of Mary Magdalene Scoggins

Lizzie Lee Wright dies December 22

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

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

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

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

Lloyd Gauntt dies December 27

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

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

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

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

James Wilburn Nichols dies December 20

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

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

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

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

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

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Rosie May Kirk dies December 27

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

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

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

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

Zona L. Bailey dies December 21

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

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

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

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

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

January 2, 1997
Sis Case - Talco

Marvelous Banana Cake

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

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

Banana-Nut Frosting

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

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

Cider-Baked Country Ham

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

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

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

Easy Baked Beans
4 small cans pork and beans
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 medium onion-chopped
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1/2 pound bacon
Fry bacon until crisp. Set aside. Add chopped onion to bacon drippings and cook until tender. Add remaining ingredients and spoon into a lightly greased 10x6x2 inch baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Obituaries

Gilbert Allen Huddleston dies December 24

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

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

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

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

Ronald Mankins dies December 19

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

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

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

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

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

Robbie Jean Skidmore dies December 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carl W. Bivens dies December 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Card Of Thanks

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

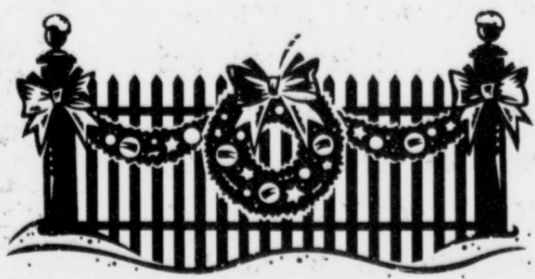
**Bruce and Linda
Derek and Colton Hemmingsen**

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

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

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

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



2. Resolve to use good safety sense around power lines. If you're doing outdoor projects around the house - taking down holiday lights for instance - make sure your ladder doesn't come in contact with power lines. And if you have children, make sure they know to never touch power lines with anything.

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

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

For more information about any of these subjects, call or visit your local office.

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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Osburn and girls of Midlothian visited Monday.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith honored on 50th anniversary

Weldon Douglas Smith and Melba Joyce Cooper were united in marriage December 21, 1946 in Paris.

They were honored with a private 50th anniversary party on Saturday, December 21, 1996 at their home in Bogata by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those who celebrated the happy

occasion with Weldon and Joyce were Randall, Mona and Jason Childres of Magee, MS, Stephen and Brandi Childres of Ellisville, MS, Charles and Jenita Baker of Cunningham, Donoven, Sherry, Brock, Hilliary Baker, Randy, Jenissa and Heather Stephens of Paris.



- Monday**
Lunch
Crisp with cheese
Refried Beans
Carrots
Fruit
Milk
- Tuesday**
Lunch
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls with Butter Honey
Milk
- Wednesday**
Lunch
Nachos with Meat & Cheese
Seasoned Beans
Corn
Crackers
Milk
- Thursday**
Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat sauce
Salad
Carrots
Garlic Bread
Milk
- Friday**
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
Burger Salad
Seasoned Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
Milk

Lingerie shower honors Misty Taylor

Misty Taylor, bride-elect of Clint Gage was honored with a lingerie shower Saturday, December 14 at the home of Sandra Stockton.

Finger foods were served from a table trimmed with Christmas decorations. A picture of the couple was displayed on the registry table. Games were played and gifts were presented to the honoree.

Those attending wrapped the wedding bubbles to be used at the wedding reception. Special guests included the bride-elect's mother, Lillian Taylor and her sister, Sherrie Boyd, and the prospective groom's mother, and sister, Debra Gage and D'Lynn.

Hostesses were Sandra Stockton, Shirley Anderson, Mollie and Mandy Williams, Keitha Gillis and Larann Denison. Misty presented thank you gifts to the hostesses.



JOHNTOWN LOCALS

By Jana Hawkins
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Dinner guests Christmas eve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Horn & children were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Horn of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Smith and Matthew Speir of Saltito, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Booker and son Baily of Mt. Vernon, Darlene Hutchingson and son Clay and Kim Sullivan of Paris, Mrs. Ruby Horn of Talco, Mrs. Polly Booker of Whiterock, Mrs. Dorothy Foster and Mrs. Leslie Morgan of Deport.

Dorothy Foster was a dinner guest Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Foster and Ken of Bridges Chapel, other guests were Jenny Foster of AM, Bryan, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brooks of Bridges Chapel and Mr. and Mrs. Low Brooks of Georgia.

Dinner guests Christmas day of Bro and Mrs. Ronnie Steward were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lee Steward and children of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Moore and children.

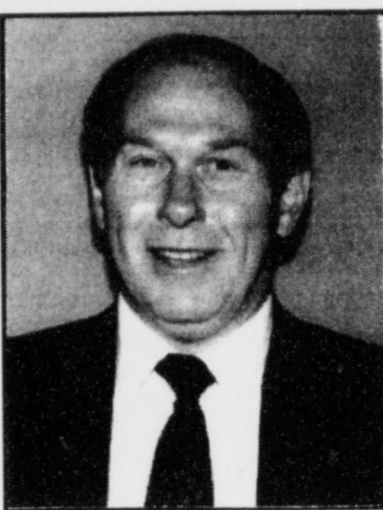
Sunday night supper guests of Ryan, Darla and Allix Brunson were Mark, Jana, Haley and Heather

Hawkins.

Robbie Hawkins, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Koren and Ryan Hawkins spent the weekend in Wilmar, Ark.

Holiday visitors in the Drue Pirtle home were: Jimmy, Judy, Jonathon, and Danielle Attaway from Shreveport, La., Dale and Dawn Jean from Austin, Mitchell Jean, Chad Martin, Amber Spencer, Marla and Mandy Williams, Gregg Sherill, Denny Huggins, Vance, Micki, Lindsey and Stephanie Pirtle, Brian, Robin, Kyla and Jesse Harville, Jeff, Kelley, Jacob, and Kristen Harville, Dorothy Foster, Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Donna Strain and Doug Hawkins.

The Friendship Sunday School Class of the Johtown Missionary Baptist Church enjoyed a Mexican Supper at the home of Drue and Billie Pirtle December 14, 1996. Those attending were Robbie Hawkins, Rev. Calvin and Myra Permenter, James and Clara Gaddis, Bob Estill, Dr. Bobby and Chessie Clark, Brenda Lee, Glenn Smallwood, Vance and Miki Pirtle.



It Has Been A Pleasure Serving You As County Attorney In 1996. I Look Forward To Serving You In 1997.
HAPPY NEW YEAR
To All
Jack Herrington
Red River County Attorney

SPECIALS AT THE LONESOME DOVE CAFE
Specials from 5:00 P.M. til Closing
Tues.-Hamburger with fries \$2.49
Wed.-Ribs \$4.95 All You Can Eat \$6.95
Thurs. Chicken Fried Steak \$4.95
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons, Kim McGee and Josh visited over the Christmas holiday with Marie Parsons and family in Pike City, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Myrtle, Jared and Jacob of TN, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Justin, Rachel and Susan the weekend before Christmas.

Deonna Mills of Dallas visited with Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Clark, Jesi, Kelsey and Luke Dec. 15-20. Deonna's mom, Carla Mills picked her up and visited on Friday, Dec. 20.

The Sherwin-Williams employee Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Wilson in Talco were; Jamie and Carlos Rolf, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stargell, Jack Brown and Julie Love. The group were served a Mexican food supper with all the trimmings.

Celebrating Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Brown in Quitman on Sunday, Dec. 22 were; Eddie Brown and Jack of Talco, Julie Love of Mt. Pleasant, Kim and Paul Anderson of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adler of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tatum, Mark and Nick of Plano, Martha Cody of Lewisville, Anita, John, Benjamin and Jasmine of Austin and Lou Ann and Mike of Greenville.

Celebrating Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Currey and Zeke in Mt. Pleasant were; John D. Wright, Mona Wright, J.P., Laura and James Paul Kernan of Dallas, Shane, Leslie, Alex and Jacob Wright, Todd and Shelia Wright, Joanie, Cam-

ill and Logan, Karen Jones, Marta Rhoades, Julia and Grail Currey, Pal Curry, Coulter Curry, Mark and Elizabeth Curry and son of Tyler, Elizabeth's father, Mr. Waters of Tyler and Jesi Navia.

Ann and Herb Ellis of Pensicola, Florida are visiting over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watts and family.

Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hall were; Chasity and Camen Calvin, Clay Francis, Bryan and Susan Jones, Crystal and Brian, Gene and Cecelia Smith, Kim, Kaleb and Kaysie Hatley and Marty and Rachel Ward.

Celebrating December birthdays are; Kevin Beene, Tommie D. Williams and Tawala Padgett.

Visiting the weekend of Dec. 21 and celebrating Christmas at the home of T.J. Williams and Tommie in Kilgore were; Judy Easley, John, Regina, Tyler and Austin Easley, Craig and Tiffany Easley, Tim Easley and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Richards of Friendswood.

Lou Hall met Betty Jones of Ft. Worth and Jo Robertson of Mt. Pleasant at Greenville to pick Mrs. Robertson up and return her home. They enjoyed lunch at Ryans while there.

Celebrating Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and Carl E. in Mt. Pleasant were; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack, Julie Love, Kim and Paul Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Justin, Rachel and Susan, Chris Smith, Carla and Neal Minor, Jamie and Kate of Overton.

Celebrating Christmas Eve at the

home of Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul were; Karen Jones, Doug and Mayra Clark, Jesi, Kelsey, Andrea, Justin and Luke, Janice Savage, Marcus Savage, Lori and Alexis Redford and Jon and Sara Hollands.

Tyler and Austin Easley of Bogata visited over the weekend with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Easley.

Jack Brown visited Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Love, Julie and family. In the afternoon they all visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Love and family.

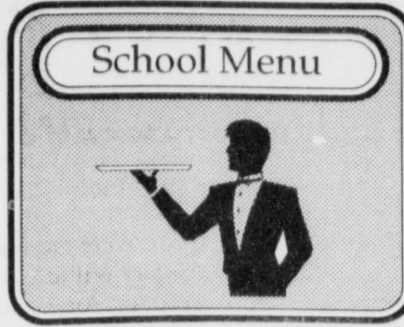
Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts were; Williams Lee Watts of Longview, Tawala Padgett of Mt. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Watts and Chelsey of Mt. Pleasant, Bonnie Fay Price and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watts.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Easley were; Mr. and Mrs. John Easley, Tyler and Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Easley, Tim Easley, T.J. Williams and Tommie of Kilgore.

Jack Brown, Julie Love, Jody Nolen and Julie McAlester spent Sunday shopping in Tyler. They also enjoyed the Caldwell Zoo while there.

Celebrating January birthdays are; Wanda Graf, Jaime Swarts, Tim Easley, Austin Easley, Butch Hood, Jenny Bond, Amanda Savage, Jessica Fenner, Mike Fenner, Mary Jo Porterfield, Sherry Elrod and Jack Brown.

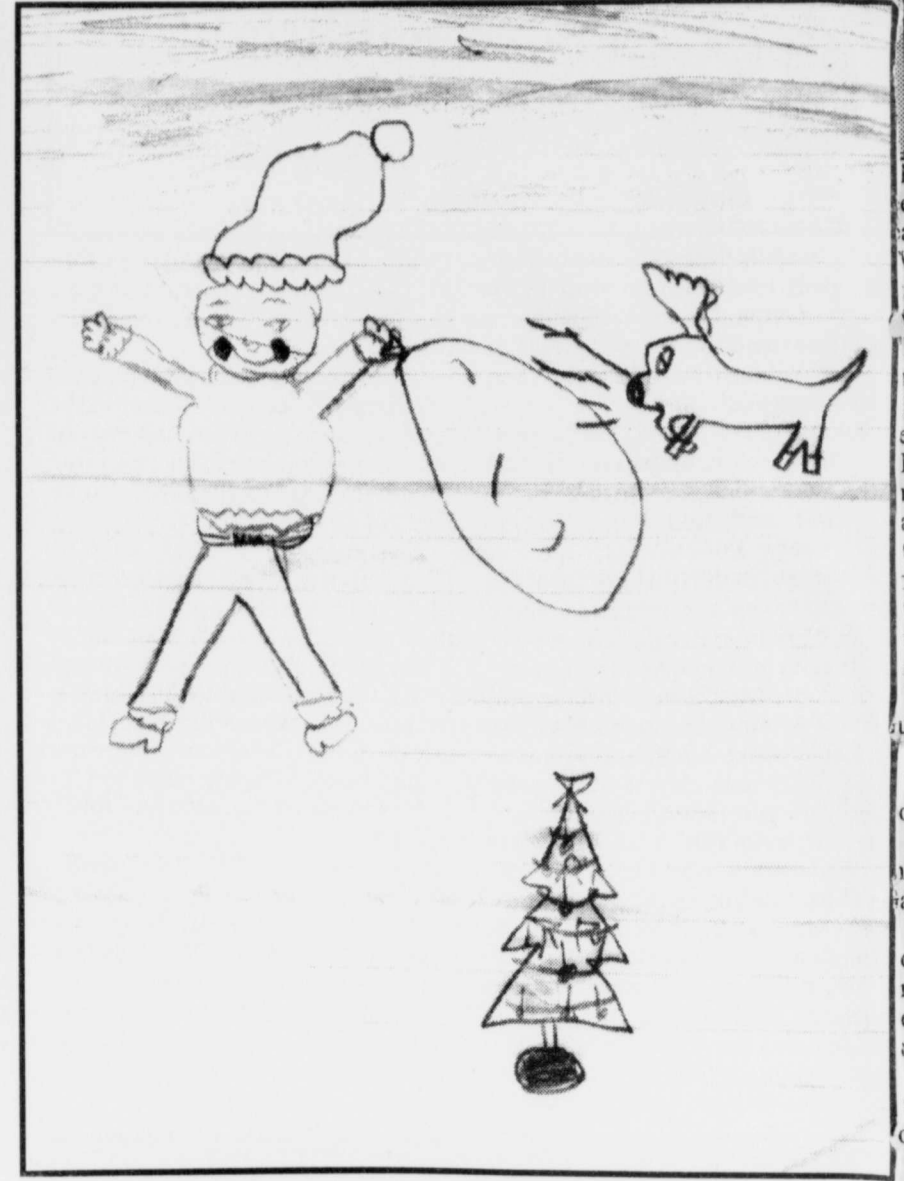
Colean Dixon spent the holidays with her sister and family, Boby and Chris Davis in Hobbs, New Mexico.



School Menu

Talco School Menu
January 6-10


- Monday**
Crispito with cheese
Refried beans
Carrots
Fruit
Milk
- Tuesday**
Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Green beans
Hot rolls with butter and honey
Milk
- Wednesday**
Nachos with meat and cheese
Seasoned beans
Corn
Crackers
Milk
- Thursday**
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Salad
Carrots
Garlic bread
Milk
- Friday**
Cheeseburgers
Burger salad
Seasoned beans
Chips
Ice cream
Milk




SANTA PICTURE-this drawing of Santa and his faithful reindeer Rudolph was sent in with her letter to Santa by Meaghan Sims of Talco. We enjoyed it, and thought you might too.

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SANTA-made a stop at the Talco City Hall this past week as the Talco City Council, EMS and Fire Dept. members enjoyed their annual Christmas party. The group also had some special guests, Bro. Brett Castle and Skeeter of Bonham. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship. (staff photo Nancy Brown)



Have A Nice Weekend

For every credibility gap there is a gullibility fill.
—Richard Clopton

Red River County Roots

Looking for the parents and spouse of Andrew Mauldin, born about 1780 in South Carolina. Children were Marls, Mary Ann, Fum P., Thomas Haden A. and Alford L. Children were born in Georgia and Mississippi. Their families settled in Cuthand, Texas. Please send information to: Barbara Mauldin Schreiber 15395 S.W. Oaktree Ln. Tigard, Or. 97224 To have a query placed in this column, please write to: Red River Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX 75426.

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RED RIVER HEALTHCARE CENTER NEWS

The following represents two weeks worth of visitors at Red River Healthcare Center.

Visiting Mamie Kennedy was Barbara Holman and Maxine and Gaylon. Visiting Raymon Mauldin were Willie Hancock, Shirley Smith, Sandra Benson, Dorie Smith and Kelly and sister Williams Kim Benson and Eldon and Joyce Smith.

Ina Ward, Weldon Hume, Paul Hume, Erbert Hume and Lindsey and visited Stasha Hume.

Casey York visited with Rhonda Grey, Cindy and Fern Bowen. Frances Franklin, Deloris Wood and Sue Martin visited Julie Alsobrook.

Visiting Jewel Rowe and Kate guest were Laura Stevens, Betty Eckett and Mary Ann Ward.

Terry and Tony Watkins visited Dorothy Watkins.

Nina Hudson's visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hudson and baby, Jarrett Wynn Hudson.

John Keith's visitors were Billie Helen and Louise Ross, Morris Foster, Kay Read, Beverly Babb, Brian Keith, Hester Keith, and Neva Rump.

Visiting Clyde and Ardena Roberts were Katie Brown and Karen Forsythe.

Irene Smith's visitors were S.J. Smith, Linda Smith, Elaine Alford, and Frances Jones, Kyle Jones, Lauren Jones, Donna Smith and Evelyn Roach.

Carmen Hall, Nancy Roberts and Wilke Roberts visited Hobert Roberts.

Mary Brown's visitors were Stanley and Jimmy Williams, Eva Watkins and Tony and Terry Watkins.

Inez Gill and Doris Strain visited

Visiting Irene House were Patsy Vandever, Mary Ellen Kain, Linda Eilers, Bernice Beers, Pat B., Wendy Durham, Melinda Crawford, Charles House, Shandra House, Jeanette Morris, Anglilena Morris, Paul, Heather and Gage Morris, Donna House, Walker House, Curtis House, Mary Clark, Mary Smith, Jami Brown, Kim Shoemaker, Johnny and Benjamin Morris, Denise and Matt and Marissa Morris and Tonya Tucker.

Sonny Gamble visited Bonnie Gamble.

Visiting Inez Henson were Wanda Morgan, Don Morgan, R. Swarts and Mildred Bennett.

Velma Rector, Dovie Garretson and Jo Coil visited Mrs. Bowen.

Russel Lawler's visitors were Ralph Brown, J.D. Lawler and Ida Lou and Kay Read.

Visiting Jettie Minshew were Jim G. Garrett and Zelma Mauldin.

Inez Gill and Doris Strain visited Alice Craig.

Inez Gill, Leonard Prater of Longview, James and Margaret Prater of Paris, Lou Ann and Wayne Elliott of Princeton, Louada Watkins and Jean Moore of Clarksville visited Gladys Prater.

Dollie Carroll's visitors were Lynn and Brenda Carroll Randy and Lisa Carroll, Mavis Jackson and Ernest and Billie Carroll.

Gwendolyn Bowen, Kenny and Marilyn Loge, and Cotton Garrett visited Hattie Crabtree.

Visiting Barney Alsobrook were Doug and Wayne Alsobrook and Tracy and Mary Ann Williams, Karen Baker, Larry Parker, Jessie and Gerald Sr. and Lou Ada Franklin.

Visiting Worth Baker were Mary Ann Williams, Karen Baker, Larry Parker, Pauline and Albert Mitchell,

Kay Osborne, Connie and Lee Little, Wayne Williams, Cole Murdock and Linda Miller.

Visiting Clara Lowe were Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis and Willie Mae Gray, Johnny Ward and Amy and Sons, Judy and Heath Holt, Jennifer and Riley Reeder and Danny and Jessica Hines.

Visiting Lewis Wilkerson were Pauline Gibbs, Buddy Damron, Linda Smith, Annette Skaggs, Ray Lou and Kristie Damron and Scott, Dusty and Haley.

Billie Hancock's visitors were Jay Hancock, Sandra Benson, Kimberly Benson, Shirley Smith, Dorie Smith, Kathy Williams, Bobra Montgomery, Randy Hancock, Don Guess, Tiffany Giles and Don and Amelia Bybee.

Billie Hancock went home for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Billie's and Jay's visitors at home during the holidays were Bob and Jitter Thornton from Artesia, California, Bobra Montgomery and Randy Hancock from Garland, Howard and Helen Armstrong of Paris, Duane, Sandra, Jayson and Kimberly Benson of Clarksville, Raymon Mauldin, Jesse and Willie Mae Gray, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Jackie, Linda and Marty Gray, Donnie, Shirley and Dorie Smith, Ike Roach, Brandon Williams and Darian Smith.

Hazel Brown's visitors were Danny Brown, Mary Brown, Tina and Emily Ward and Nina Stoner.

Wayman Bryant and Mike, Naomi Dingmann and C.L. Smart visited Bertha Anderson.

Lucille Moore visited Iva Carr. Visiting Nellie Butts were Franklin and Dorcas Eilers, Homer and Peggy Butts and Don Shovan

Bogata Locals

By Judy Screws Call 632-5322

Gussie Musick had surgery December 10. She appears to be progressing nicely. She is recuperating at her sister's home in Little Chicago.

Penny Bishop, who is retired from the Air Force and living in Dayton, Ohio is spending the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert Bishop and other relatives in Bogata.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana attended a pre-Christmas get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport on Sunday, December 22. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Roach of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Roach, Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws, Mrs. Johnnie Warren and James and Jenny Asbery all of Deport, Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris, Cory and Beth Spray, of Reno and Susie Ray and Shyanne Roberts of Tyler.

Happy January Birthdays to Jimmy Stringfellow, Jody Stringfellow, Dwayne Young, Crystal Bell, Ross Eilers and Patricia Freelen, Mike Screws and Murl Roach, Neil Rozell, Frances M. Rozell and Morgan Rozell. Happy anniversary to Linda and Ross Eilers and Curtis and June Young.

Christine Baker had Christmas Dinner in Blossom with Billie and Horace Welch. Also having dinner with the Welches were Mary Ann Welch and Arlie Elrod. Mary Ann came and got Christine to come to lunch.

Christine Baker received long distance Christmas greeting calls from her nephew, Billy Baker, Junior in Ada, Oklahoma, her niece and nephew, Cheryl and Joseph Hamilton from Tucson, Arizona, her nephew, from Paul Corbell in Sun City, Ari-

zona from her sisters, Peggy Yale, in Fort Worth and Carol Baker in Athens.

Guests of Betty and Jerry Dodd of Rosalie Christmas Eve night included; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and girls of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Moore and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eudy and children all of Cuthand, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Roberts and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long and children of Paris.

Celebrating Christmas Day in the Jerry Dodd home at Rosalie were: Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Horn, Linda Farris and friend, Ray of Bogata and Mrs. Neva Whitten of Jothtown.

Gary and Anna Moore of Cuthand ate supper with Betty and Jerry Dodd Christmas night at their home in Rosalie.

Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow, Wayne, Lynsey and Jamie Stringfellow, Dan, Vicki and Dee Tabb, Jody, Debbie, Josh and Jacob Stringfellow, Aaron Toland, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Chad, Felina and Jerica White, Paul and Payton Stringfellow, Mary Nell and Randy Hendricks, Danny Tabb, Michael Tabb and Amy Gladden.

Kenneth York of Cisco spent the pre-Christmas week end with his sister, Dixie Stringfellow. Visiting with them on Sunday were Lucille Childers, Doug Hawkins, Jan McCuller and M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd.

Grady Rhodes visited with Dixie and Wayne Stringfellow Thursday. Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow had sup-

per with Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow of Paris Christmas Day. Other guests were Joe, Debbie, Josh and Jake Stringfellow, Aaron Toland, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica White, Paul and Payton Stringfellow and Lynsey and Jamie Stringfellow.

Gussie Musick had surgery December 10. She had many visitors.

Christmas Eve Dinner guests of Jim and Margie Garrett were Lynn and Brenda Burdette, Cory Fleming of Fort Worth Barclay and Audrey Powell and children, Ashley and B.J. from Jakarta, Indonesia, Don and Cheryl Sidler of Plano, Yvonne Powell of Carrollton, Jerry and Belinda Mauldin of Irving, Sussie Meredith of Arkansas, Jettie Minshew, Zelma Mauldin, Ken and Phyllis Duffer of Bogata.

Visiting Jim and Margie Garrett over the Christmas Holidays were Annette Swaim of Houston, Edith Swaim, Dean and Carol Jean Leake of Talco, Bill Dixon of Longview, Cyndi Hopkins of Dickinson, Joslyn Vickers, Grant and Jessica of Knob Noster, Missouri, Julie Moreland and Owen of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Dan and Mary K. Cotten spent Christmas Day in Frisco with their son, Larry Cotten and family.

On Sunday, December 22, Monroe Rector enjoyed Christmas at the home of his daughter, Dan and Vicki Tabb of Miro. Others present were his grandchildren, Danny, Dee and Michael Tabb and Amy Gladden.

Johnny Shows died Saturday, December 28 at Springfield, Missouri. The funeral was held December 21 in Natchez, Mississippi. Mr. Shows was a cousin of Willie May Gray.

Rivercrest to open district at Lone Oak

Rivercrest Rebels will open their district play at Lone Oak Thursday, January 2. B-Boys at 5:00 p.m., A Girls at 6:30 p.m. and A Boys at 7:45 p.m.

The Rivercrest Rebels will take on District 17AA newcomer in the Lone Oak Buffaloes on Thursday night at Lone Oak.

The Rebels defeated Lone Oak last year in the first round of the state play-offs in overtime. The Buffaloes have three starters returning from that team.

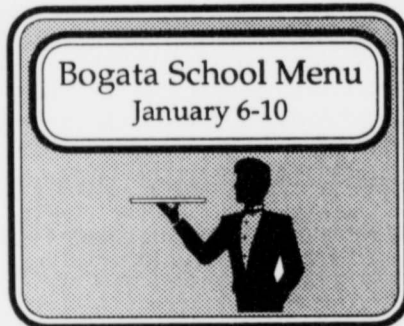
"We will have to cover their 3 point shooters in their guard #33 and the #22 who plays forward and post. We must take away their number one threat in their 3 point shooting. Secondly we must stop their fast break, thirdly their inside game. Then of course, we have to be able to score against their man to man pressure," stated Coach Wood.

Saturday night at Rivercrest Gym the Rebels play Prairiland in a crucial district 17AA match up. B Girls play at 4:00; A Boys at 5:30; A Girls at 6:45 and A Boys at 8:00.

District 17AA is about to start its district play. Thursday's games feature Rivercrest at Lone Oak, Cooper at Prairiland, Honey Grove at Como Picton and Alba Golden at Chisum. Saturday's games have Lone Oak at Chisum, Prairiland at Rivercrest, Como Picton at Cooper and Honey Grove at Alba Golden. Thursday, January 7, Alba Golden will play at Lone Oak, Rivercrest at Como Picton, Cooper at Honey Grove and Chisum at Prairiland. Friday, January 10, Cooper will be at Alba Golden, Como Picton at Chisum, Prairiland at Lone Oak and Honey Grove at Rivercrest.

A social system that cannot be changed cannot be maintained.

—Holbrook Jackson



- Monday**
Breakfast
Cereal, Toast & Jelly
Juice, Milk
Lunch
Crispito with Cheese
Refried Beans
Carrots
Fruit
Milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast
Cinnamon Rolls
Graham Crackers & Peanut Butter
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls wit Butter & Honey
Milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast
Sausage & Biscuit
Jelly
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Nachos with Meat and Cheese
Seasoned Beans
Corn
Crackers
Milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast
Pancakes & Syrup
Juice, Milk
Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Salad
Carrots
Garlic Bread
Milk
- Friday**
Breakfast
Cereal
Toast & Jelly,
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
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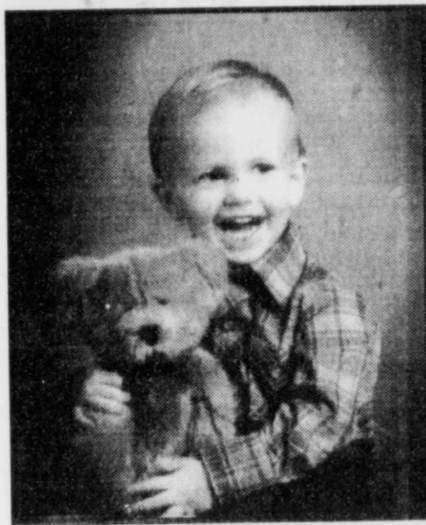
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**Wesley Davidson
 Birthday celebrated**

Wesley Davidson, son of Gary Paul and Julie Davidson, celebrated his second birthday, Thursday, December 12.

Wesley enjoyed cookies and apple juice with his friends at Little Dudes and Darlins' in Deport Thursday afternoon. Thursday night he had a Bar B Que dinner and Winnie The Pooh cake with his big brother Jarod and his family.

He received many nice gifts from his friends and family.



**Jamie Stringfellow
 Birthday Celebrated**

Jamie Stringfellow of Sandpoint, Idaho was honored with an early birthday party Sunday, December 29, by her grandmother, Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow. Attending were her dad, Wayne, and sister, Lynsey, of Sandpoint, Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow, Paul and Payton Stringfellow, Kaley Stringfellow, Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Vicki, Danny and Dee Tabb and Felina, Jerica White. Also visiting during the day were Billy Stringfellow, Michael and Amy Tabb and Bubba Jack Rhodes. Jamie will be 7 years old January 25.

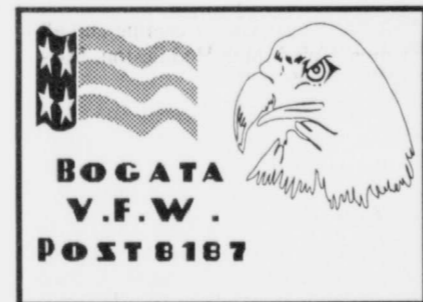
**Birthday celebrated
 by Leon Tuck**

Visiting Leon and Ellen Tuck on Leon's 87th birthday were: Mr. and Mrs. James Freelen, James and Jason of Rugby, Kelly Cantrell of Blossom, Helen, Jennifer and Wesley Roberts, Nannie Bell Ham, Nell Shull of Deport, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Williams, Brandon and Kevin and Gena Haggard of Bogata.

Cake and punch were served to everyone. The honoree received many nice gifts.

The celebration for the evening ended with a trip to Fulbright to the Fulbright home to see the beautiful Christmas lights.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time.

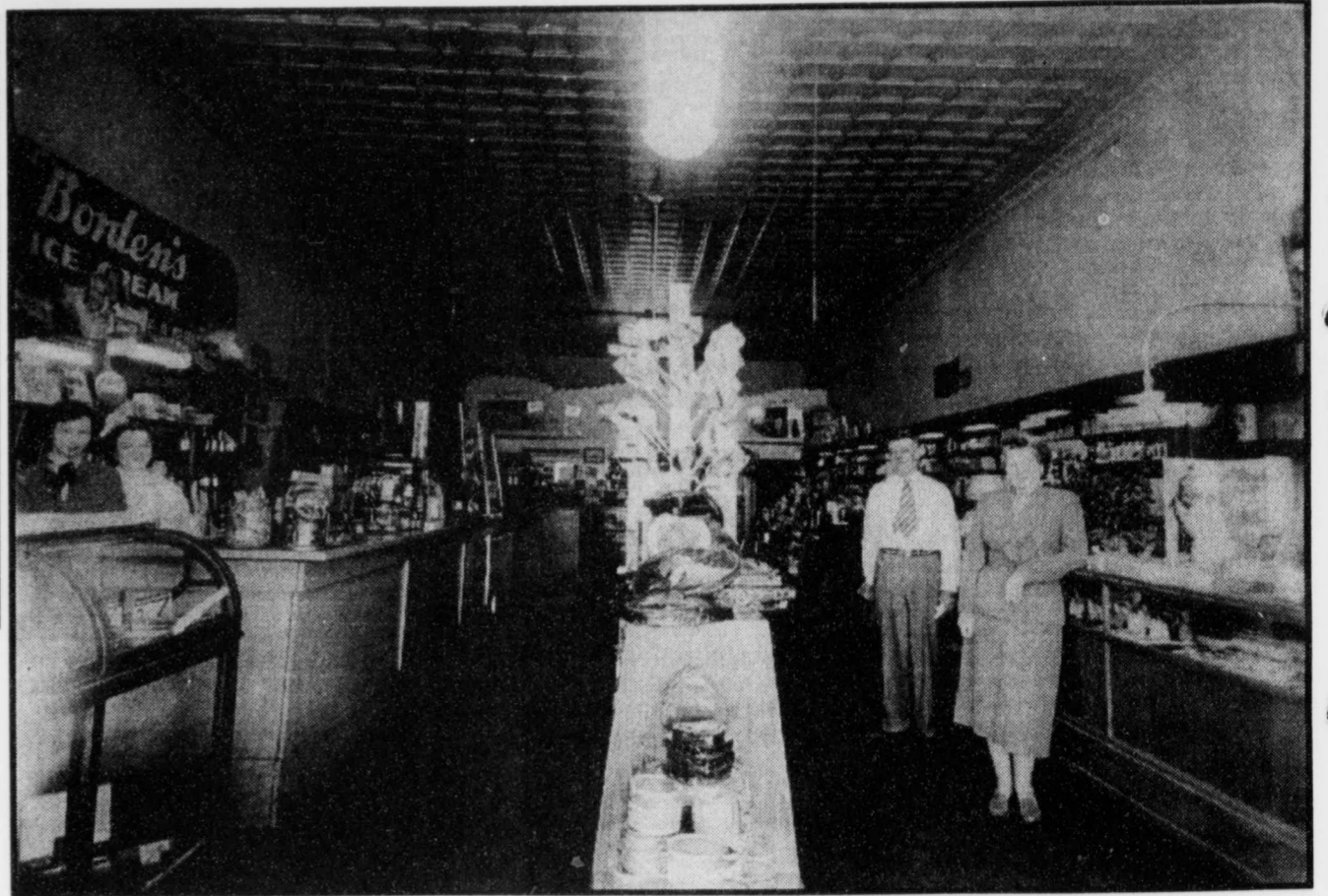


Thursday at 7:00 P.M. is "42" time and every Saturday at 1:30 is Bingo playing time.

The VFW and its Auxiliary meets every second and fourth Monday at 7 P.M.

Financial women's group meets

The East Texas North Group of Financial Women International met at Annie's Tea Room in Big Sandy on November 20 for dinner. Guest speaker was Donna Couch, FWI District President. She encouraged members to apply for local and state scholarships that are awarded by FWI to



Lucille Mayes, Margaret Palmer Bell, Aubrey Buckman and Bess Pope

Buckman Drugstore, Inc. remembered

By Frances Rozell

Buckman Drug began in August of 1942 when Mr. Aubrey L. Buckman came to Bogata and purchased the DeVaney Drug. It had been established in 1910 in the building by M.B. Peyton. A Mr. Smith from Naples owned the drugstore for a short time before selling to Mr. John DeVaney.

Aubrey Buckman received his pharmacy license in 1933 at Danford School of Pharmacy in Fort Worth. He grew up in Delta. County and married Johnnie Worden of Charleston. He worked in drugstores in Munday, Texas; Deport and Talco. He went to Stiles Drug in Clarksville in 1937. While living in Clarksville, a son, Jerry, age 2 1/2 died in 1939. A son, Earl Lynn, was born in 1940 and was two years old when they came to make their home in Bogata in 1942. A third son, Billy Lee, "Bill", was born in 1945.

Johnnie's sister Lydia, "Sis", lived with them in Clarksville. Mr. Buckman said he would buy DeVaney only if Sis would come help him. Mr. Buckman bought the drugstore and Sis worked in the pharmacy until Mr. Buckman bought the drugstore and Sis worked in the pharmacy until she married Paul Hamilton of Bogata also

a druggist. She and Paul moved to Clarksville and operated the City Drug there for 45 years. Paul died in September of 1991.

Mrs. Bess Pope came to work at Buckman Drug in 1947 and worked for about 30 years before retiring.

Many Bogata ex students can recall their days working in the drugstore for Mr. Buckman. The business was open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. week days and open until 10:30 and later on Saturday nights in the 40's and 50's when the town's businesses were booming.

Bill, the Buckman's younger son, after graduating from Bogata High School in 1963, attended college at East Texas State University in Commerce and graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Oklahoma in 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckman gave the Buckman Drugstore to their two sons, Lynn and Bill. Lynn owns and operates a business in Dallas, The Ivy House, Specialist in Fine Table Ware in old Town in the Village. He sold his part of the business to Morris Foster in January 1976. The business is now Buckman Drugstore, Inc.

Morris was born in Deport, the son of Marlin and Billie Mac (Marris)

Foster. He graduated from Deport High School and attended East Texas State University. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy in 1974.

Bill married Joyce Ann Lewis. They built a home on Highway 37 south of town. Morris married Ginger McConnell. They live on North Main Street and have two daughters, Jill, age 15, and Allison, age 11.

Mr. Buckman continued to work with Bill and Morris a day or so a week until his health failed. He died in 1981. Mrs. Buckman died in June of 1994. Mr. Buckman spend 35 years serving his friends and neighbors in this community... in the same space that housed Bogata's first drug store in 1910.

In July of 1988 Bill and Morris moved about three doors north into their present location. They took a few of the old furnishings with them. The Buckman Drug Store, Inc. is still the center of business in Bogata. Bill and Morris are here to serve you their friends and neighbors.

Bogata Homecoming Committee 1997 members are: June Stanley, Sue Huffman, Mary Jo Porterfield, Patsy Ward and Neil Rozell, Box 21 Bogata, Texas.

Christophers have holiday dinner

The families of Lemuel G. and Mary O. Christopher had Christmas Dinner December 8, 1996 at the Hazel Goodbar Center at 3000 Concord in Dallas.

In the midst of a hurried December month the family still took the time for a family get together. They had a wonderful time of fellowship, eating delicious food and sharing gifts. They say that most of all it is so good to be able to be with everybody. It is very important to keep families close and united.

There was a count of forty five people. Very young, older and all in between. They all had a great time.

Attending were Darrell and Sherry Warren of McKinney, Lowell and Bonnie Griffin of Mesquite, Melba Henry of Fort Worth, Joseph Espinosa of Fort Worth, Lesa, Cortney, An-

drew and Paden Sperling of Athens, Ben Whetley, Paden's friend, of Athens, Thomas, Catherine, Lauren and Shannon Rawdon of Carrollton, Gussie Musick of Bogata, Gene and Carolyn Davidson of Garland, Floyd and Sarah Bartholomew of Wylie, Pistol, Kathy, Brittini and Trey Rawdon of Tyler, Carol Sue Christopher of Dallas, Zebbie, Cody and Jessica Cantu of Houston, Edith McTee of Wylie, Don and Margee Christopher of Caddo Mills, Jack and Christine Christopher of Dallas, Rob Chaney of Longview, Robert A. Ward of Dallas, C.D. and Zella Warren of Athens, Tim Rawdon of Denton, Linda Chaney of Dallas, Jamie Davidson and friend, Tracy, of Cleveland, Ohio, Robert, Phyllis and Christopher Kreymer of Wylie and Joe and Mary Christopher of Fort Worth.

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KEITH MAULDIN is pictured with his sister, Dayna. He is the son of Derrell and Kelly Mauldin. Keith was the winner of the giant stocking given away at Huddleston's Grocery.

People & Things

The Rivercrest Cheerleaders have tattoos and ribbons on sale at the Talco, Bogata and Rivercrest campuses on Thursdays and Fridays. Ei-

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RETIREE-J.D. BARNETT of Bogata received his 50 year certificate, pin and U.A watch from Local Union 669 on his retirement. He worked as a

sprinkler fitter for an automatic fire protection service, mostly in the Houston area for 50 years. Barnett is pictured with his wife, Helen. They retired to Bogata where they have family.

BOGATA GIFT SUB

To Jan Hurst and Sam Speir from Willie Mae Speir.



Paula Speir is honored with party

On Saturday, December 28 an "over the hill" party was given in honor of Paula Speir. Paula turned 40 on Saturday.

Jack Dodd off of the Rosalie Volunteer Fire Department started the celebration with sirens. He escorted Paula from Gwen Leath's house to the Bogata Community Center in style, riding in the Rosalie Fire Truck with all the whistles and sirens blaring.

The rest of the party awaited her arrival at the community center where

it looked pretty black. The theme of "over the hill" was definitely visible. The birthday cake was black with a grave and tombstone marking the passing of Paula's youth. She was even too weak to blow out the candles! Barbeque was the main course for dinner but good ole' fashioned fun and "payback" were the main attractions. The party was given by Paula's "so called" friends and family: Andy, Teri, and Andy Speir, Gwen Leath, RuAnna Bell, Kay Ross, Linda Eilers and Judy Jackson.

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B.J., Robbie and Jewell McLaughlin had early Christmas in Bowie. Robbie's son's family was there. Saturday, December 28, Nelda Belzung hosted late Christmas dinner at Faye Faulkenburg's home in Johtown. She had turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Faye cooked the good turkey and ham. Those attending were Nelda and Bob Belzung of Mesquite, James Lyle Dodd of Addison, Monique and David Huckabee of Grand Prairie, Joe P.

Farris of Dallas, Linda Farris and Faye Faulkenburg of Bogata and B.J., Robbie and Jewell McLaughlin of Johtown. Gifts were exchanged and all enjoyed the day. Boots Cooper came down for a while before lunch.

NEW ARRIVALS

Dakota Lane Beene arrived on Dec. 18, 1996 weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs, 17 1/2 inches long. Parents are Danny and Darla Beene of Talco. Dakota joins brother, Dalton. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bryan of Winfield. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Keith (Fat) Smith of Talco and Bobbie Fitch of Mt. Vernon.

Richard Lee Forsyth arrived at 12:49 p.m. on Dec. 23, 1996 weighing 4 lbs. 12 ozs., 17 inches long. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Forsyth of Talco. Richard joins sisters Amber and Jessica and brother Jimmy. Grandparents are David Stephen of Talco and Ruie Forsyth of Mt. Vernon.

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7 Days A Week

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<p>SLAB BACON Wrights Sliced - Lb.  \$1.59</p>		<p>PORK CHOPS Center Cut - Lb.  \$2.29</p>		<p>PORK CHOP STEAK Lb.  \$1.29</p>		<p>CHICKEN STRIP TENDERS Pilgrims 2 Lb. Bag  \$5.79</p>	
<p>ICE CREAM Blue Bell 1/2 Gallon All Flavors  \$2.99</p>	<p>PORK ROAST Lb.  \$1.29</p>	<p>GROUND CHUCK Fresh Lb.  \$1.49</p>	<p>Tasters Choice COFFEE 4oz. Jar Reg. & Decaff. \$3.99</p>	<p>SALMON Libbys Red Sockeye 7 1/2oz. Can  \$2.49</p>	<p>BEEF STEW Dinty Moore 24oz. Can  \$1.69</p>	<p>MILK Golden Royal Homo & 2% Gallon  \$2.39</p>	
<p>EGGS Grade A Large-Doz.  99¢</p>	<p>MARGARINE Parkay 4 Sticks  69¢</p>	<p>KETCHUP Del Monte 28oz. Squeeze Bottle  89¢</p>	<p>MIRACLE WHIP Kraft 32oz. Jar  \$1.69</p>	<p>TOMATO SAUCE Del Monte 8oz. Can  4/\$1</p>	<p>PICKLES Vlasic Crunchy Dills 32oz. Jar  \$1.69</p>	<p>ICE CREAM Oak Farms 1/2 Gal. All Flavors  \$2.89</p>	
<p>POTATO CHIPS Lays Reg. \$1.59  99¢</p>	<p>Blue Bird SNACK CAKES & PIES Post 2/99¢</p>	<p>Kraft SALAD DRESSINGS 8oz. Bottle All Kinds 89¢</p>	<p>Taco Bell SALSA 16oz. Jar Mild & Medium \$1.49</p>	<p>JELLO Gelatin 3oz. Box All Flavors 3/\$1</p>	<p>PEANUT BUTTER Jiffy 18oz. Jar  \$1.69</p>	<p>BISCUITS Parade  4/\$1</p>	
<p>TOWELS Bounty Large Roll  \$1.39</p>	<p>RAISIN BRAN Cereal Post 20oz. Box \$1.89</p>	<p>GRAPE NUT Cereal Post 24oz. Box \$1.89</p>	<p>Thrifty Bite Size DOG FOOD 16 Lb. Bag \$2.99</p>	<p>THREE MUSKATEERS Candy Bars 3/\$1</p>	<p>Nabisco CHIPS AHOY 18oz. Box  \$2.39</p>	<p>BREAD Fresh Bake & Family Style Large Loaf  69¢</p>	
<p>BANANAS  39¢ Lb</p>	<p>PRODUCE </p>		<p>POTATOES \$1.49 10 Lb. Bag</p>	<p>TIDE Detergent 42 Load  \$5.99</p>	<p>Parade VEGETABLE OIL Gallon Jug  \$3.49</p>	<p>DR. PEPPER DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter  99¢</p>	<p>DR. PEPPER DIET DR. PEPPER 6 Pack Cans  \$1.49</p>
<p>LETTUCE  59¢ Lb.</p>	<p>WHITE ONIONS  39¢ Lb.</p>	<p>CABBAGE  29¢ Lb.</p>					
<p>TOMATOES  69¢ Lb.</p>							