

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
He's been traumatized!

Most of you have heard me talk about Gunner, the Bengal cat. He weighs in at 20 lbs plus, and is still growing. Because he has a touch of Asian Leopard Cat, he has a tendency to leap straight up when startled and take off. He's a loving and affectionate cat but sensitive.

Thomas and I were wrapping Christmas presents Sunday morning. On the floor was an empty trash sack with a slash in the side, which had contained gifts. Gunner decided to investigate the sack. I wasn't paying much attention until a sudden rattle and thud startled us. Gunner took off, his head through the slit in the side of the bag, his feet tearing holes through it. I didn't know any living creature could move that fast, he had to be at sub light speed as he tore down the length of the living room, swiping the Christmas tree, which rocked back and forth, shedding a few ornaments but fortunately not falling over!

He made a lap of the bedroom, shot back into the living room, claws scraping grooves in the wood floor. I was yelling at Thomas to catch the sack, being too crippled up to do so. My husband's thought processes were clear...he wasn't about to grasp a plastic bag with a terrified cat attached to it! He isn't fond of bleeding.

Poor Gunner was so terrified that he wet himself, and the floor in the process, smashed into the window and vanished into the kitchen. That's where things really became complicated.

Gunner vanished into the kitchen cabinet. This cabinet has an open back which leads into the works on the whirlpool tub we recently installed. The poor cat became tangled in the works of the tub, of course, just out of reach!

There I was, lying on the floor with a coat hanger, my head and shoulders cramped up in the cabinet trying to hook the bag enough to rip it loose from my poor, petrified cat. Every time the bag rattled the cat retreated a little further. Finally, the bag was out of reach entirely and we went to plan "B".

We went to the bathroom and began to unscrew the access panel on the front of the tub. Of course, when that happened three of our brand new ceramic tiles broke in half. Finally, though, we were able to reach in and grab the bag and rip it free. The cat, however, remained entrenched in his hiding place.

It took about five hours before his golden face, with green eyes about the size of quarters, emerged from the opening. He walked on claw tips head swiveling back and forth in case any killer bags still lurked around.

I finally coaxed him into my lap, where he stayed for a long time, still not purring.

It took all night before his familiar, loud buzz began to circulate again.

While his fear was not funny, now that it's over and no serious harm occurred, I'm unable to consider the sight of a twenty pound cat, trailing streamers of black bag, feet only hitting the floor about every fifteen feet or so, without breaking into a grin.

Merry Christmas, folks, and watch out for those trash bags!



Merry Christmas



REJOICE!



Deport Times

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Thursday, December 25, 1997

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Custom created Christmas cards aren't traditional, but are sincere

By Nanalee Nichols

I don't know why I haven't saved them, but I haven't. It seems I would have had sense enough to save one of each Christmas card I ever designed. Therefore, I was delighted to learn that Morris and Mary Lawler have saved almost every Christmas card I ever designed and sent!

Twenty eight years ago, after Thomas and I had been married for six months, we had a pet raccoon. When Christmas time came, he had a real field day with the Christmas tree. My ornament collection has never been quite the same! As I was picking up broken glass balls, I had a thought, and sat down and sketched my happy little raccoon sitting tangled among ribbon and ornaments. This I ran off on a copy machine, pasted to a blank card and wrote a Christmas message inside. I made up all of twelve of these homemade Christmas cards that time.

Next year I drew up a newborn calf in the snow and did the copy machine trick once more, sending out about twenty five cards.

The third year our Christmas card list had grown considerably. I drew up a picture of snowy mountains (this was after our first vacation to Colorado) and picked out a line from a song by John Denver, who was one of the hottest singers going back then. These cards I had custom printed, getting fifty of them.

Over the years the cards progressed. They have featured the earth

from space, a little boy with a tiny lamb, Santa dreaming about the wise men with the message "Santa Knows Without a Doubt, What Real Gift Giving Is All About".

One of my favorites back when we were farming full time was a wreath made up of cotton, milo, soy beans, wheat and other crops we produced.

One year I wrote a poem about why there were so many animals at the Nativity, which concluded with "So animals know not it's Christmas, In fact they do not care...If that is so my friends, Why did God put so many of them there?"

There are cards with wintery doors surrounded by hats, coats and muddy boots, and the year we built our house in the country I did a sketch of it.

The year we went up in a hot air balloon, there was one on our Christmas cards. The year we went to Canada and saw herds of elk, they appeared on our holiday greetings.

One year there was just a picture of a tiny baby, another year a rather elaborate grouping of cowboy boots. Another year we did a dark blue card with an old shepherd in a blowing gale. A cotton tail rabbit huddled by clover, while Canada geese sat by an icy stream on different cards.

One year I was bottle raising a little yellow kitten, a picture of Lanicca Gillie who was about eight at the time, graced that year's card. Of course, with my love of cats, and Thomas love of puppies, there have

been cards with those on the front, too.

When we put in our new computer systems and bought a scanner, we began scanning and printing the cards ourselves.

This year's card has nothing wintery about it...instead it has a little girl with flowers in her hair running alongside a sparkling stream. The verse reads "My life became shaded, and I grew afraid and I needed to find my way home. I thought that I'd lost You, I just couldn't see You, I'd never felt so much alone...but I didn't know, I didn't know...that I can see You in singing skies and dancing waters, laughing children, growing old, and in the heart and in the spirit and in the truth when it is told".

Thomas and I thought it appropriate that we use a verse from another John Denver song this year. Since he was killed a few months ago, it seems a nice tribute to his talent...and it certainly seems appropriate, if not traditional, at this Christmas season.

I am not a talented artist, my drawings have not always been very good, some of the verses have been poor, and sometimes the printing has been a little fuzzy. But these home designed cards, which have not been traditional Christmas Cards, have always had one thing in common...they are designed and sent with much love and affection to people we know and whose friendship we cherish.

I wish we could send one to each reader we have!



YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP-Mary Lawler displays nearly 25 years of custom designed Christmas cards sent to her and her husband, Morris from Thomas and Nanalee Nichols over the years. The cards feature a wide variety of subjects and verses. (Staff Photo)

More Christmas memories published this week

We are publishing several Christmas memories that either did not place or were received to late for judging in the contest.

They may be found in several spots in this week's publication.

We hope our readers enjoy them as much as readers say they enjoyed last week's entries.

Pattonville Dance is this Friday night

The Pattonville Dance will be held Friday night at the Pattonville Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department. Broadway Junction Band will play there and also play at Chicota Community Center. Everyone is welcome.



Letter From The Publisher

A letter from the Publisher:
I would like to take this time to thank all our loyal subscribers who continue to take the paper in spite of delays in delivery.

Since the overhaul of the postal system in July of 1996, out of county delivery has not been as good as it used to be.

We have tried everything postal officials have suggested, but we simply have people whose papers do not get to them in a timely manner.

As I have stressed over and over, the problem does not lie with the local post offices, but rather at the big distribution centers.

We will continue to try everything possible to make delivery better.

We appreciate your patience more than you can ever know.
Nanalee Nichols, publisher

People 'n Things

Monday night, Dec. 29th the Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department will hold their meeting at the Pattonville Community Center. Everyone is welcome.



Christmas from the Heart is Christmas Day

The third annual Christmas from the Heart meal will be held on Christmas day at noon at the Lonesome Dove Cafe. The meal is for anyone who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day and would like to celebrate the season with friends. For information contact Tim Wood at 652-3195 or Gilbert Arriaga at 652-9255.



Guaranty Bank announces election, promotion

Art Scharlach, President and CEO of Guaranty Bank announced the election of one officer and the promotion of two officers, following the December Board of Directors meeting. Chad Elledge was elected to Assistant Vice-President and Barry Jones was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Guaranty Bank-South Location and Carole Nixon was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Guaranty Bank-Paris.

Chad Elledge was elected to Assistant Vice President of Data Processing. He joined Guaranty Bank in January, 1997 as PC Support Specialist in the Data Processing Department. He is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and has a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University in Computer Science. He attends the Trinity Baptist Church.

Barry Jones was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Barry joined Guaranty Bank in August, 1995 in the Accounts Receivable Department. He transferred to the Customer Ser-

vice Department and then was elected Banking Officer in January, 1997. He currently oversees the Guaranty Bank-South Location. Barry is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and a graduate of the Art Institute of Dallas in Music/Video Business. He has also taken bank related courses at Northeast Texas Community College. He and his wife, Niki, have one daughter, Taylor. They attend the Talco Church of Christ.

Carole Nixon was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Carole joined Guaranty Bank in December, 1993 at Guaranty Bank-Paris location. She was elected Assistant Cashier in December, 1994 and she currently oversees the Customer Service Department.

Carole is a graduate of Deport High School. She and her husband, Gary, have three children, Lanell, Raymond and Paul and three grandchildren. They attend the Presbyterian Church in Deport.



Chad Elledge



Carole Nixon



Barry Jones

Papers will not publish New Year's week

There will be no publication of the newspaper next week, New Year's week.

Publisher Nanalee Nichols says "our crew has put in over sixty hours a week for the past few weeks in order to publish our big Christmas edition and get all the renewals marked up and they have earned a break. New Year's week is traditionally a 'slim' week for everything except Christmas visitors, which will be published in the next edition.

Our Deport and Bogata offices will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for people to renew their subscriptions.

Former Minter resident writes third book

Charles E. Ball, author of "Building the Beef Industry" grew up in the Minter community, graduated from Deport High School in 1941 and from Texas A&M University in 1947. Later, he was Southwest Regional Editor of the Farm Journal for 20 years and Executive Vice President of Texas Cattle Feeders Association for 18 years.

The book is sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Association, and traces national cattle producer organizations from the 1883-1885 National Cattle Growers Association of America and the 1884-85 National Cattle and Horse Growers Association.

Though first of all a history of

cattle industry organizations, the book revolves around the industry itself, its many ups and downs through droughts and depressions, its many battles with packers, railroads, central markets, imports and probably most of all, the federal government.

It traces the fortunes of cattlemen through the many market cycles, the occasional boom times and the periodic busts that always seem to last much longer than the booms.

Ball is in a good position to review the history of the cattle industry and its organizations. He wrote "The Finishing Touch" for the TCFA, a history of cattle feeding in the southwest. He also wrote a horse book, "Saddle Up!"

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Country Cooking

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Liz Irwin

This week's cook column comes from several of our readers that have submitted recipes to us.

We get numerous calls telling us how they enjoy the column and our weekly paper from the area towns. We certainly appreciate everyone's calls and comments. Always feel free to call us or send us a line... but only if you include one of your favorite recipes or someone you would like to see in the column.


I would like to take this time to wish everyone of our readers a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the 1998 New Year!!!!

The **Simple Bread Pudding** recipe comes from Nancy Elkins of Paris. It sounds like a simple and quick recipe and will be good on

these cold days that are ahead of us. Mary Fenner of Mt. Pleasant sent in the **Poppy Seed Dressing, Taco Dip and Pecan Pie Mini-Muffins**. Look for her later on with some more of her wonderful recipes.

Dave Seber clipped out these cookie recipes that he thought that we might enjoy from a Galveston newspaper. They are the **Three-in-one Cookie and Magic Cookie Bars**. The Three-in-one's can be made into Mint Chip Cookies, Candied Cookies or Cream Cheese Frosted Bars. The Magic Cookie Bars are super and I'll bet you can't eat just one, either!!!

Have a great holiday and we will see you in the kitchen!



Christmas Memories

By Janice Fox

The best memories of Christmas that I remember is the last Christmas in '88 that I spent with my dad. He always loved Christmas. We would put the tree up together, enjoying every moment. My daughter, JaLeah, was eight months old that Christmas and my dad loved to watch her little eyes dance as we put the tree up and turned on the Christmas lights.

When Christmas Eve came, we would all get together and have snacks, then came the fun part, my dad would wait until the perfect moment, then he would bring out his special gifts and pass them around to everyone, he got more enjoyment out of watching all of us open our gifts than him opening his own.

Everyone that still has their dad, please be thankful and know that you are blessed. I wish I could have my wonderful dad to enjoy again this Christmas.

Fear comes from uncertainty. When we are absolutely certain, whether of our worth or worthlessness, we are almost impervious to fear. Thus a feeling of utter unworthiness can be a source of courage.

—Eric Hoffer

December 25, 1997
Reader Recipes
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Simple Bread Pudding

1 cup sugar
3 eggs
2 cups scalded milk
1 stick butter
4 slices bread-toasted
1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt butter in pyrex dish, crumble toast in butter and stir until coated. Beat sugar and eggs. Add scalded milk slowly to egg mixture. Add vanilla. Pour mixture over toast and sprinkle top with cinnamon and nutmeg. Place pan into larger pan of hot water. Bake uncovered for 35 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm or cold.

Poppy Seed Dressing

3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup vinegar
1-1/2 teaspoon onion juice
1/2 cup salad oil (option 1 tablespoon)
1-1/2 teaspoons poppy seed

Blend on high all ingredients well except poppy seeds. As a variation use the juice of fruit and mix in one small package of vanilla pudding and mix. Add 1 teaspoon poppy seeds and pour over chilled fruit.

Taco Dip

1 can bean dip
1 avocado dip
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 package taco mix
shredded cheese
diced tomatoes-Rotel
green onions-chopped
black olives

In dish, spread bean dip, avocado; then mix sour cream, mayonnaise and taco mix. Add olives, then spread on top of avocado dip. Top with cheese, tomatoes and green onions. Refrigerate and serve on nacho chips.

Pecan Pie Mini-Muffins

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped pecans
2/3 cup melted butter
2 beaten eggs

Mix brown sugar, flour and chopped nuts in a bowl. Mix melted butter and eggs together. Add butter and egg mixture to the flour and mix thoroughly. Put in mini-muffin pans and fill to 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until done.

Three-in-one Cookie


3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup butter
2-1/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream eggs, sugar and butter. Add dry ingredients. For Mint Chip Coconut Rounds add 1 cup mint flavored chocolate pieces and 1/2 cup coconut. Drop batter by teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. For Candied Cookies add 1-1/2 cup of MSM's and 1/2 cup nuts. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. For Cream Cheese Frosted Bars press mixture into greased 9-inch square pan. Bake 25 minutes. Cool slightly and cut into 24 bars. Spread with frosting of 3 ounces cream cheese, 1/2 cup powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Magic Cookie Bars

1/2 cup margarine
1-1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 can condensed milk
1 small package chocolate chips
1 cup chopped nuts
1 package shredded coconut

In a 13x9-inch pan, melt butter. Sprinkle crumbs over butter. Pour milk evenly over crumbs. Top evenly with remaining ingredients. Press down gently. Bake 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees or until lightly browned. Cool before cutting.



Christmas Memories

By Nadine McClung Caldwell

The Christmas I remember most was when I was six years old and my sister was three years younger. We lived in Vernon, Texas and the depression hit us hard, but I didn't realize we were so "poor", because every one I knew was as hard up as we were. We couldn't buy a tree and didn't have a car so we couldn't go to the country and cut a tree.

Somehow my mother took baling wire and made a bell. She wrapped each wire with red and green crepe paper.


That year my sister and I each received a ring and a doll tied on the bell. At that time, it didn't mean as much to me as it did in later years. It reminds me of the poem "There'll be something in that stocking, won't there, Mary, every time?"

Christmas Memories

By Robbie McLaughlin

My memories of Christmas Time are good memories when Johtown was a community that were neighbors and friends. At Christmas Time the old school house auditorium would be full of people who came to see the Christmas Play the school children were in. There was a big wood burning stove that kept us warm. There was a big Christmas Tree, and all the children got a present. It seems like in my memories that everyone who lived in Johtown was there. As a child it was scary to go out on the stage-afraid you would not remember your lines and everyone would be watching.

At home, on Christmas Night we all got socks with fruit, nuts and candy. And of course, something from Santa. In those days we were happy for anything we got, no matter what it was. I was so careful with my toys, I still have a doll bed and a green glass tea set, but no girls to hand them down to. But best of all are the memories that stay with me through life.



Christmas Memories

By James Case, 1985

"What Christmas Means to Me"

As I sit here Christmas morning, I know without a doubt That Christmas is the time of year to not be down and out.

It's hard to keep my spirits up and chase my blues away, 'cause I can't afford a gift for my wife on Christmas day.

She knows I have no money, and I almost see a tear, But she smiles and says "That's OK, it'll be better for us next year."

Although my pockets are empty, I'm as happy as can be, 'cause I've got someone who really cares, that's what Christmas means to me.



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Christmas Memories

Bill Musgrove's Country Store
By Jo Nerberry

When I was just a boy, maybe 3 or 4, we rode in a wagon to Musgrove's Country Store.

It was in the winter of 1929 in a place called Cunningham and close to Christmastime.

I recall a little bell that rang above the door and shelves were filled from the ceiling to the floor.

There were barrels of nuts and fruits and jars of pretty candy, but Ma was busy buying goods she thought would come in handy.

Most of all what caught my eye was a metal monkey bank. It tapped upon a little drum, planky, plank, plank.

I thought of all the pennies the little bank could hold, but when I asked how much it cost, Pa said it was sold.

And on that Christmas morning I was surprised to see that funny little monkey hanging on the tree.

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Ada Jean Jackson dies December 22

Ada Jean Norwood Jackson, age 56 of Clarksville died Monday, December 22 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 24 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Bro. John Griswood officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson was born January 8, 1941 in Verdon, OK, a daughter of Marshall Edwin and Mary Elizabeth Curry Norwood. She was a housewife and a member of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Ray Jackson in 1983 and a sister, Edwina Norwood.

Surviving are a son, Tony Jackson of Paris; daughters, Sheryl Shonebarger of Paris and Tammie Heffner of Clarksville; sisters, Arnetta Bailey of Dallas and Ailene Clark of Caddo Mills; a brother, Albert Norwood of Tulsa, OK and 12 grandchildren.



Mrs. Lena J. Powell
Mrs. Lena J. Powell dies December 21

Mrs. Lena J. Powell, age 85, formerly of Bogata, died Sunday, December 21 in Deport Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23 in the Blossom Church of God with Rev. Billy Daniels, Rev. Larry Bridges and Rev. Robert Kennedy officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery at Cunningham under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, Deport.

Mrs. Powell was born December 4, 1912 in Linden, the daughter of Theo and Minnie Lee Slusher. She married Willie (Bill) Powell on June 28, 1933 in Hugo, OK. He preceded her in death on February 28, 1993. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Ann Kennedy in September, 1997.

She is survived by two daughters, Janie Martin of Clarksville and Sue Hart of Blossom; 11 grandchildren, Martha Kuhle Sherry Martin, Hayden Martin, Kim Roach, Robin Tittle, Christopher Kennedy, Dedra Smith, David Hart, Daniel Hart, Derek Hart and Darla Scott; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Neale Mauldin dies December 20

Neale Mauldin, age 59, formerly of Bogata, died Saturday, December 20 in St. Joseph Hospital in Houston.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 23 in Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Mauldin was born September 8, 1938 in Bogata, the son of Carl Nelson and Minnie Rebecca Stephenson Mauldin. He was retired from the bus maintenance department of Galena Park School District.

He is survived by his aunt, Vera Craddock of Bogata; cousins, Mrs. Roy Lee Hutson, Mrs. Don Roach, A.D. Stephenson and John Paul Hawks, all of Bogata, Mrs. Wayne Brown of Texarkana, Mrs. Bill Jeffries of Ponca City, OK, Truman Stephenson of Galena Park and Mrs. Nell Barkley of San Diego, CA.

Bearers were Mark Stephenson, Bill Bryson, Scott Bryson, Justin Roach, Don Roach and Ricky Don Roach.

Card of Thanks

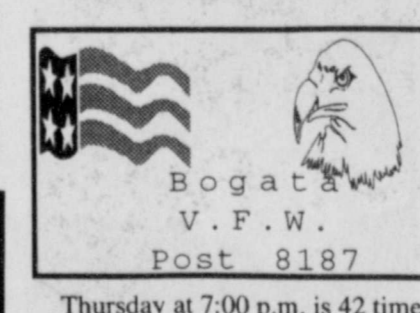
A personal thanks to Mike Sessom and also a word of gratitude and thanks to all residents of Woodland and Detroit. A special thanks to the Volunteer Fire Departments of Pine Creek and Detroit for all their help. Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude.

Dean and Linda Melton
A.W., Betty and Little Dean and Ruby Ross
Merry Christmas!

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank Red River Healthcare Center for the excellent care they gave our grandfather, **Clyde Roberts**, and the continued care they are giving our granny and mother, **Ardena Roberts and Juanita Foster**. We'd also like to thank them for letting us use the chapel for the funeral services. Thanks to Wood Funeral home and the Wood family for their care and support.

The family of Clyde Roberts



Bogata V.F.W.
Post 8187

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time. The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m.

* The Broadway Junction Band will play for New Year's Eve Dance. So make plans to be there for New Year's Eve.

GIVE THE GIFT THAT LASTS ALL YEAR LONG!

YOUR LOCAL WEEKLY NEWS PAPER

Robert Houston Turk dies December 19

Robert Houston Turk, age 64 of Dallas, died Friday, December 19 in Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas.

Services were held Monday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m. under the pavilion of Woodland Cemetery, Wood Funeral Homes had charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Turk was born August 29, 1933 in Detroit, the son of Andrew Albert and Gracie Crews Turk. On July 17, 1986 he married Lou Ann Almond. He was a construction worker.

Surviving are his wife, Lou Ann Turk of Dallas; his mother, Gracie Vancille of Paris; three sons, Robert Allen Turk of Tawakoni, Robert Wayne Turk and Andrew Louis Turk both of Dallas; two daughters, Louise Faye Goss and Joyce Re Almond, both of Dallas; two sisters, John Thomas Turk of Oklahoma, William Albert and J.W. Turk, both of Paris; two sisters, Daisy Smith and Mary Turk of Paris; and two grandsons, Anthony Quinton Almond and Robert Justin Hill.

Bearers were Hollis Topping, Billy Turk, Terry Turk, Allen Turk, Randy Goss and Durriel Hamil.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the visits, prayers, calls, flowers, cards and food given to our family during this time of sickness and sadness.

We wish to express a very special thanks to Red River Healthcare Center and East Texas Medical Center at Clarksville for their special attention and caring concern while we were with them.

Also, our thanks to Wood Funeral Home for their special efforts on our behalf.

Words can never express our thanks or our feelings for all who thought of us during this time.

The family of Barney Alsbrook

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Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Dorries, married 50 years

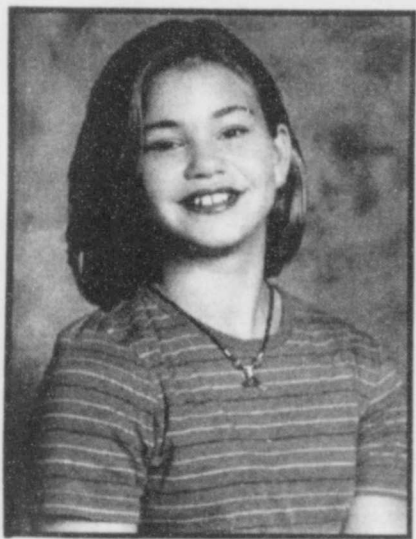
Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Dorries celebrate fiftieth anniversary

William Lyle Dorries and Virginia Pink Julian were married Sunday, December 21, 1947 at First Baptist Church, Bonham. The Dorries, formerly of Blossom, now live in Paris. Dr. Dorries was reared in Cunningham and Mrs. Dorries at Leesburg. He retired as head of the Department of Economics-Finance at Texas A&M Commerce, having taught there 30 years. He is a veteran of World War II. Mrs. Dorries is a former teacher and served churches

in Bonham and Commerce as Education Secretary.

They have two children, Dr. David and Mariela Dorries of Tulsa, OK and Martha and Clark Whitten of Orlando, Florida. Grandchildren are Wendy and Abby Whitten and Paul Dorries.

In honor of their parents, children and grandchildren will host a dinner at Magel's the following weekend for the extended family.



Marlene Ballard

Senior Adults eat, see Christmas lights

Twenty one senior adults of the Deport First United Methodist Church and three guests had dinner at the Lonesome Dove Cafe Thursday, Dec. 18. After dinner the group spent the evening viewing Christmas decorations in the area.

Transportation for the outing was provided by Mela and Carlos Ladd, Ina and Nina Sparks, James and Juavane Carpenter.

Marlena Ballard receives Student of the Year award

Marlena Ballard, an eighth grade student at Greenacres Middle School in Bossier City, LA has received the "Student of the Year" award for her school. Marlena was selected from among her classmates based upon her academic achievements and her participation in school, athletic and civic activities during the past three years at Greenacres. From her class of 225 students, 23 were selected as "Pride of Greenacres". Then, from that group, seven competed for the "Student of the Year". Marlena will represent her school as she competes against winners from other middle

schools in the parish for "Parish Student of the Year".

In addition to maintaining above average grades, Marlena has participated in organizations at Greenacres, including Student Council, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pep Squad and Yearbook. She also competes regionally as a Level 8 gymnast with Jill's Gymnastics in Shreveport.

Marlena is the daughter of Jack and Glenda Ballard and the granddaughter of L.C. and the late Flossie Ballard of Deport and Vivian Miner Bullard of Ft. Worth. Her great-grandparents are the late G.L. and Ola Miner of Blossom. She is the god-grandchild of Mary Jane and the late James Lowry of Blossom.



PRAIRILAND Cheerleaders marched in the Deport Christmas Parade last Friday. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Patriot Freshmen defeat North Lamar

The Prairiland Freshmen team traveled to North Lamar recently to score their first win of the season.

These boys have improved remarkably with each game, but regardless of if they win or lose, they will always play hard and keep the game close.

High scorer for the night was Ryan Gordon with 13 points with 3-three pointers. Kyle Malone scored 10 and Michael Flatt put in 5 points. Chris Berry sunk a three and Drew Riddles and Jason Elrod each made 2. The Patriots won 31-38.

Patriots split games this week

The Prairiland Patriots traveled to Clarksville Tuesday night to take on the Clarksville Tigers. The Patriots were small morsels for the Tigers as they defeated them 37-83. The larger, state-ranked Tigers hit the floor and never let up until the buzzer sounded, showing no mercy to the Pats.

The first quarter saw the Pats 7 to Clarksville's 21. Staying in the double-twenties in each quarter, while the Patriots could only manage another 7, 10 and 13 respectively in each of the remaining 3 quarters.

Hitting only 7-13 free shots and managing only one three-pointer from senior Ryan Cope, the Pats continued their effort and never lost their cool.

Cope and Trey Gifford each hit high with 7 each. Lucas Roddy and David Ford had 5 each. Chris Hudson had 4 and Erik Whitley had 3 each. Ben Miller, Brad Barrentine and Jack Davidson had two each.

In a OT game on Friday night against Chapel Hill in the Prairiland gym, the Patriots came out on top 64-57. After three other games with Chapel Hill, the Pats took the game to a higher level giving the crowded gym a show for their money. Gifford went high for the night

with 25 and Roddy added 18. Davidson had 9, Ford 8 and Miller 4. The boys went 12-27 at the free shot line with Ford and Davidson adding three three-pointers to the game.

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- To Preston and Ruby Mitchell from Brian Mitchell.

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All Campus
School Lunch Menu
January 5-9

<p>Monday</p> <p>Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, toast Juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch: Chicken dippers Baked potato Green beans Fruit cocktail Milk</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast Juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch: Tater tot casserole Tossed salad Peaches Milk</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Breakfast: Cereal, toast Juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch: Pizza with cheese topping Tossed salad Spice cake Milk</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Breakfast: Pancakes w/maple syrup Juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch: Chili cheese fritos Pinto beans Tossed salad Peaches Milk</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>Breakfast: Fruit muffins Juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch: Hot dog rolls Corn chips Pork and beans Hot dog sauce Pineapple chunks Milk</p>	

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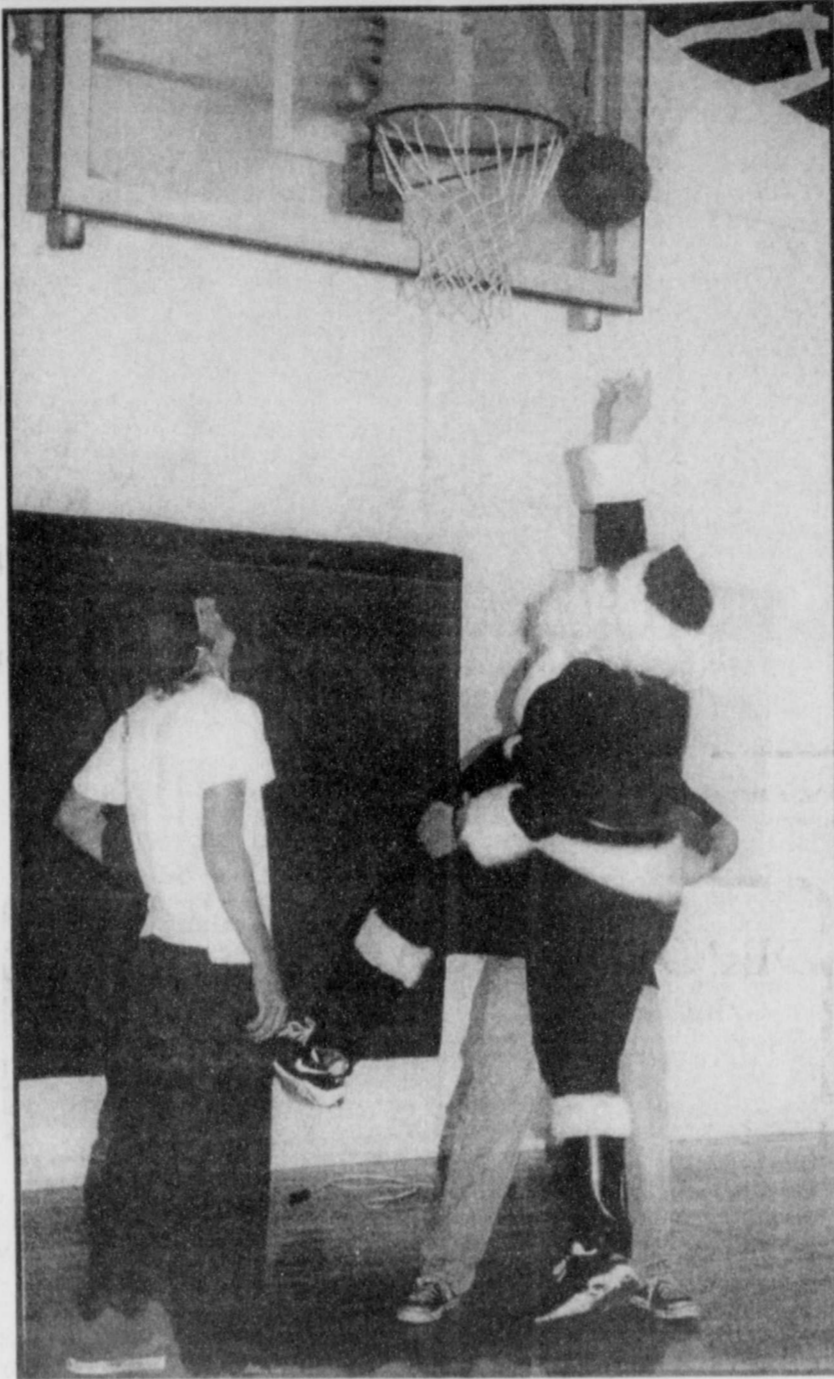
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SANTA SHOOTS HOOPS- When Santa and his two helpers were sighted on the Deport campus last week they took a little break between picture taking to shoot some hoops.



POINSETTIAS, pine cones and ribbon grace a staircase to celebrate the Christmas season. (Staff Photo)



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Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Jack Chipman of Garland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chipman and sons.

Ruth Johnson and granddaughter, Danielle, Nita Bowling and granddaughter, Kacie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee.

Bob and Buena Marshall attended their pre-Christmas family get-together over the weekend at the home of Mark and Susan Marshall of Lewisville.

Bob and Naomi Ratliff of Dallas and Wilma Green of Paris visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch and Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Wednesday.

Visiting Benita Legate this week is her mother, Mary Lyda of Nederland.

Sheldon and Ann Lee visited Silas and Juanita Taylor of Minter Sunday night.

Dale Williams and Tim Parks had dinner Sunday with their grandparents, James and Dorothy Holt.

Nettie Lois Powers of Paris visited

all friends in Milton and Minter one day last week.

Bill and Mattylu Upchurch and Sheldon and Ann Lee visited Ann Ford of Paris Wednesday night and went to see Christmas lights.

Curis and Traci Chipman and family had dinner with Ruth and Bill Chipman of Minter on Sunday.

Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother, Mildred Wright of Deport on Tuesday.

Allen and Stacy Huddleston enjoyed a pre-Christmas get together with the Huddleston family in Bogata Saturday.

Bro. Reynolds visited Frank and Edna Lee and Tony Ellis on Saturday.

Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.

Allen and Stacy Huddleston had dinner with Jerry and Martha Cross of Deport Sunday.

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L.C. Ballard visited Alvin Harris this week.

Marlena and Jordan Ballard stayed the night with Mary Jane Lowry in Blossom Saturday.

Jack, Glenda, Marlena and Jordan Ballard of Bossier City, LA spent the weekend with L.C. Ballard and Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom.

Visiting Mervin and Colleen Slaton over the weekend were Jimmy, Donna, Nick and Jeff Blount of Temple, David Slaton, Tina Estes, Jamey Slaton, Laney and Madalynn of Killeen, Amber, Darrell and Katelyn Hunter of Commerce, Johnny, Kathy, Chris and Renea Holt of Milton and Amy Grissom of Paris.

The Deport Tiger Cub Scouts met last Thursday night. They made Christmas ornaments and enjoyed refreshments.

Alpha Barnard celebrated Christmas with Dan Barnard and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Huggins of Paris visited Alpha Barnard Monday.

JoAnn Haney of Lake Village, Sue Gass of Pagosa Springs, CO and David and Denise Harbison of Blossom visited Estelle Chesshir over the weekend.

Mac and JoAnn Jeffus of Hooks visited Estelle Chessire this week.

Jeannie Hester visited Mrs. Alta Hester this week.

David Whitsell visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whitsell this weekend.

Burrell Dean and Regina Kincaid and Amy had an early Christmas last weekend with their children and grandchildren in Paris at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, April and Steve Helms, Brandon, Josh and Jeremy. They went to TaMolly's Friday night for supper with April and Steve and boys and their son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Deidre Kincaid, Daniel, Kimberly and Kayla. They were met by daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Don Hall of Chouteau, OK. After supper they went to April and Steve's house and opened gifts. On Saturday they had Christmas dinner at April and Steve. Everyone enjoyed the day visiting together.

Richard and Clara Nance entertained Thomas and Nanalee Nichols Thursday night with dinner and a gift exchange.

Greg and Michell and Mollie Jones of Grapevine, Bill and Terri Lumley, Hilary and Peyton of Tyler, Jimmy and Raelene Isbell, David and Denise of Clarksville, Glenda and Kenneth and Jonathan Jones of Rockwall visited with Gordon and Vivian Isbell on Sunday.

Pam Weaver of Fulbright and Ruby D. Blevins visited Alice Bumgarner on Saturday.

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Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson 652-3502 or 652-2059



Johnny and Nelta Musgrove hosted a Christmas party Saturday night at the store for their many family and friends.

Stacy Musgrove and family and Scotty Norwood and family were in Blossom Friday to celebrate Tony Duncan's birthday.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon and Georjeana, Scotty, Treda, Spur and Amber Norwood, Frankie and Julie Norwood and boys, Deana Merrill and Patti and Lili Borders.

Geneva Norwood and her children and grandchildren and Pete and L'Wanda McKnight and their children and grandchildren and Marie Watson presented a Christmas program for the Sterling House in Paris on Wednesday.

Murray and Sue Jackson and Eldon and Janee Jackson spent Sunday in Avery at Flora Bell Jacksons.

Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon were in Paris Saturday night for the Burks and Barber Christmas.

Life Tabernacle Church had its

Christmas salad supper Sunday night after services.

Cunningham Baptist Church had a Christmas program Sunday night.

Velma Cox spent Wednesday in Paris with Dora Hester.

Nettie Powers of Paris visited Bill and Pat Page on Friday.

Weekend guests of Silas and Juanita Taylor were Larry and Stacy Taylor, Laura and Robert of Tulsa, OK, Linda and Stephanie Regan of Plainview and Elvis Wright of Minter. Nettie Lois Powers visited Friday.

Chad and Jennifer Barnes had supper Saturday night for the deacons and their wives, James and Pat Norwood, Jane and C.D. Glass, Charlie and Stephanie Packard and Leslie Taylor.

Mendy Cole and family and Tracy and Briton Norwood had lunch with James and Pat Norwood Sunday.

Fred Cole of Paris visited Friday with Ricky and Linda Anderson.

Lena Powell, former resident of Cunningham, died Sunday. Arrangements were to be Tuesday in Cunningham.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight had their family Christmas party Saturday, December 13 with 32 present.



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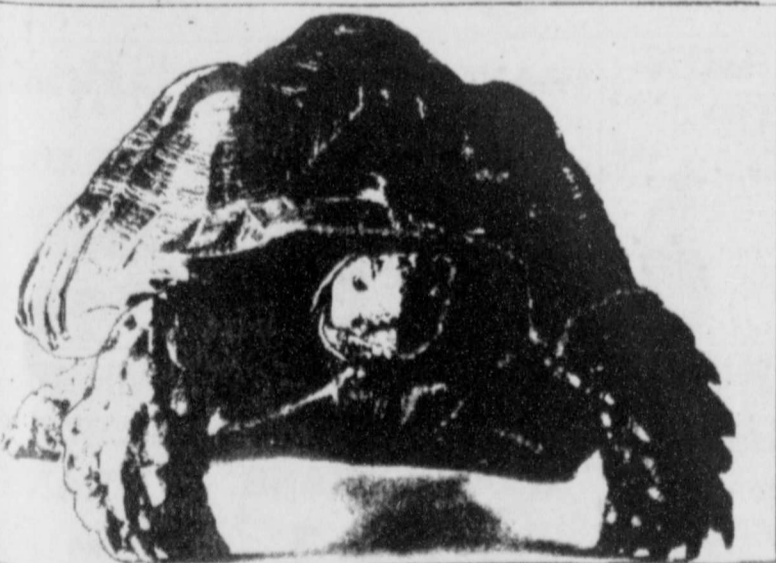


We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here. So to all of you, our very best wishes go - for a very Merry Christmas and a ho...ho...ho!

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Keith and Peggy Parsons visited their mothers, Irene Parsons of Paris and Floy Sparks in the Deport Nursing Home during the week. Pattonville friends extend their sympathy to the family of Dorothea McDowra who died on Wednesday. Ruby Belvins spent the day with Alice Bumgarner and also visited Linnie Bailey. Buster and Louise Crossland were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Higdon, Gerald Cobb of Paris, Carl Rollins of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. John Clever of Paris, Cecil Allen of Lamar Point. Buster and Louise visited Norma Salter at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Jesse and Frances Anderson's visitors were Delbert Hoskins of Ervin, Texas and Fred Cole of Paris. Barbara McDowra and Gerald's visitors were Buddy and Sue Malone of Paris, Tommy and Peggy and Micah Malone of Paris, Reggie, Chris and Pam and Nick McDowra, Keith, Ammie and Brock and Justin McDowra, Thomas, Anna, Jacob and Alex McDowra. Emily Hood and brother James Harper visited Gerald and Barbara this weekend. They also had Christmas with Lynn and Malley Hood, Gerald's family.

Bible study was provided by Freddy Burden. Eight ladies and activity director went for a scenic country drive to Cunningham, Minter and all the small communities. Mrs. Tracy Freeman and Amy Watson, Deport kindergarten teachers, brought their classes to provide music for the residents. Fourteen residents participated in Bean Bag. Raymond Wright won first. Manicures were given to 5 residents. Mrs. Norma Callicoat provided Christmas songs for 30 residents to enjoy. She also was assisted in 2 songs by Mrs. Lillian Watkins. Bible Study was provided by Bro. George Rape 42 attended. The Christmas birthday part was a success. Every church provided a bundle of goodies and presents for all the residents.

Bro. Sam Campbell is wished well. Nanie Bell Ham and Candy Larkin visited Nina Hale. Jo Wrenn was visited by nanie Bell Ham, Buck Frazier, Candy Larkin and Nina Hale. Alma Montgomery was visited by Peggy Parsons and Monda Fults. Floy sparks was visited by Peggy Parsons and Monda Fults. Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil Allen, Dorothy Holt and Joyce Wilson. Pauline Shew was visited by Helen Davison, and Robin Moore. Mamie Fletcher was visited by Thomas and Natalie, Lila Screws, Jane Rhoades, Donnie Larkin, Bren Screws, Dennis Fletcher, Jimmy Fletcher, Kara and Hali Screws, Becky Proctor, Miriam Thompson. Raymond Wright was visited by Ceci Allen. Ruby Cady was visited by Susie Agee, Irene Bryant. Grace Griffin was visited by Wynell Gilbreath. Lovetta McMurry was visited by Lawanda McKnight. Ann Austin was visited by Lawanda McKnight, Candy Larkin.

Norma Williams was visited by Ricky Williams, Candy Larkin. Viola Barham was visited by Donnie, Cand, Chad and Donnie Ray Larkin. Johnnie Warren went to Phillip Merle Roach to eat dinner. Candy Larkin, Linnie Bailey, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson, Philip Roach, Lila Screws, Pat Rozell and Lucy Blount. Linnie Bailey was visited by Alice Bumgarner, Ruby D. Belvins, Bobbye Bailey, Candy Larkin, Inez Weaver, Lucy Blount, Pam Sulsar, Nancy Murphy, Johnnie Warren, Sherry, Erin, Monday and Hunter Sanders. Sympathy goes out to the families of Mrs. Lena Powell, Dorothea McDowra, Joseph Young, Dorothy Fisher. Everyone was happy that Mrs. Angie Jewel Smith returned from the hospital. Raymond Hignight was visited by Sue Carrell, Red and Inez Weaver. Cletus Thomas was visited by Fayne Burns, Lucy Cooper, Candy Larkin and Mary Matthews. Audie Reed was visited by Glenda Watson.

Winmore class holds Christmas party
The Winmore Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church of Deport met at the beautifully decorated home of Mary Alice Enox Tuesday, December 16 for their Christmas party. The hostess served a Mexican fiesta dinner to fifteen members and five guests. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

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Lady Pats lose one and win another

The Lady Patriots went to Clarksville Tuesday night and faced an aggressive, face paced Tiger team, losing 44-61. The girls were outscored in the first of the three quarters, 13-19, 8-14 and 5-10. They went 18 for 18 in the fourth but this was not enough to come out on top. Brandie Upchurch hit for 15 with Cari Irwin coming in second with 9. Christy Patterson had 6 steals and 7 points. Katha Crawford went for 6 and 9 rebounds. Felicia Taylor had 5 and Crystal Davis 2. Upchurch had 1 three-pointer. Chapel Hill was another matter as the Lady Pats took on the Lady Red Devils and defeated them 59-51. Patterson led the night with 18. Upchurch added 15 and seven rebounds. Irwin added 12 points and 4 steals. Crawford had 10 and 5 assists. Tammy Nichols 3 and Kim Gibson one.

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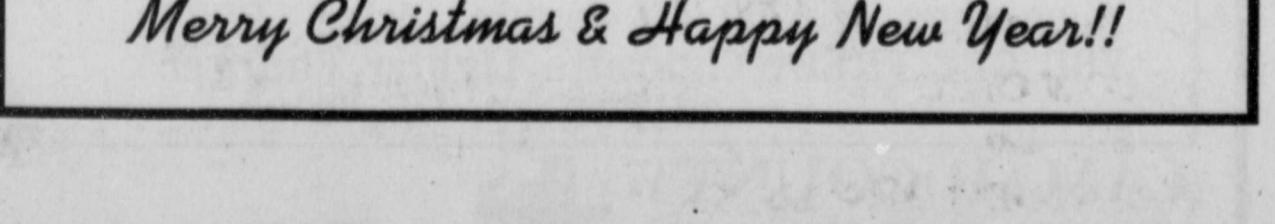
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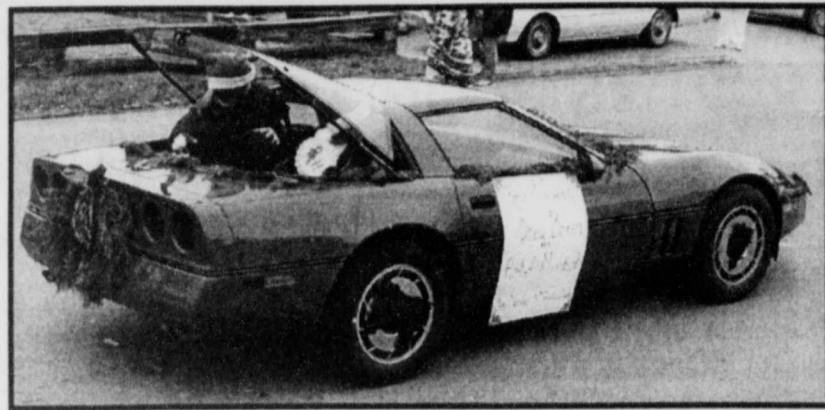
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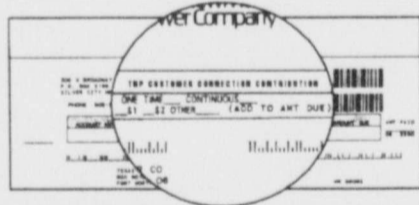
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DEPORT AMERICAN Legion won 3rd place in the miscellaneous division of the Deport Parade. Mayor Charles Foster drove the tractor and blew on a train whistle while kids enjoyed riding in the cars. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



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