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By Nanalee Nichols

All I wanted was a bath. Not one of those quick, just-to-get-me-clean baths, but what John Steinbeck referred to as a "deep dish set-down bath" in *Cannery Row*.

You know, one of those long, hot soaks that retrieve the soul from where ever it has retreated and makes the trials and tribulations of the day disappear...that's what I was in dire need of.

It was a Wednesday night. Finally, after working until eleven at night the day before, after running up and down the road to get in a parade, after delivering all the papers...bath time!

We possess a six foot long, three foot deep bathtub. I had run the water as hot as I could stand it, dumped in some good-smelling bath salts and was all ready to enjoy myself. Words can't explain how I was looking forward to that peaceful soak.

Of course, just as I was ready to immerse myself the phone rang. Draped in my bathrobe I padded to the shrilling instrument.

After a lengthy phone call I hurried back to the tub. It was to my intense disappointment that I discovered my water had cooled down to lukewarm.

Still, I rolled up the bath towel behind my head and lay back to enjoy a quick chapter in my current book. No sooner had I found my place than the towel slipped loose and sank into the tub!

That was irritating enough, but in the process of wringing out the towel I dropped my book on the

floor just out of reach! The prospect of that soul satisfying, temper-mending bath was rapidly retreating.

I dispensed with the idea of reading and relaxing and decided to get right down to actually getting clean. No soap. Literally there was no soap!

After dripping across the floor and finding a new bar of soap I sank once more into water that had now gone from lukewarm to downright chilly.

Weariness in no way relieved, it seemed that was supposed to be a cherished, peaceful time had turned into a total fiasco.

The worst was yet to come, though.

You see, I keep the cat's emergency litter box in the bathroom by the tub. Usually they ask to go out. Lizzie the calico cat appeared at the door and asked rather urgently to be let out. Muttering and hurrying I finished rinsing my hair.

Apparently Lizzie couldn't wait, though. Before I could jump out of the tub and let her out the back door she had used the litter box. Let's just say it didn't improve the atmosphere!

All I wanted was a bath. Was that just too much to ask?

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## 1991 Sales Tax Rebates To Texas Cities And Counties Reach Record Total

"Sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties totaled a record \$1.4 billion in 1991, a 10% increase over the \$1.2 billion collected last year," State Comptroller John Sharp said today.

"In 1968 when 280 Texas cities first started collecting a local sales tax, they received a total of \$48 million in rebates for the year," Sharp said.

"Likewise, in 1988 when 81 Texas counties first began collecting the

sales tax, they received \$70 million in rebates for the year," Sharp said.

Sharp made the comparisons in announcing the December sales tax rebates made by his office to nearly 1,000 Texas cities and counties.

December's payments to 883 Texas cities totaled \$80.2 million for year-end total of \$1.2 billion, compared to 1990's 12-month total of \$1.1 billion, or a 9% increase.

Locally, Blossom received \$864.42 for a 14.57% increase over the 1990

payments to date. Deport received \$505.58 for a 2.42% decrease and Paris received \$152,235.41 for a 5.61% decrease.

Bogata received \$907.01 for a 6.35% increase, Clarksville received \$12,313.71 for a 1.20% increase and Detroit received no payment for this period.

Mt. Pleasant received \$82,048.26 for a 10.20% increase and Talco received \$846.38 for a 2.66% increase.

On November 21, just before Thanksgiving, we published a factual report on the impact of AIDS in our community. We prefer to publish good news, but we felt a duty to call attention to the bad news about AIDS in our hometown.

We felt that if this public service article saved a single life, it would have been a worthwhile effort.

The edition sold out rapidly. We are now informed that upwards of 30 of our neighbors sought testing following our publication.

We can all pray that their tests were "HIV Negative". In any case, we are heartened to think we may have helped so many to reexamine their behavior. We hope some have decided to abstain from past conduct, and that many more may have decided to "be careful".

## Talco-Bogata Board of Trustees Met December 5

The Talco-Bogata Consolidated I.S.D. Board of Trustees met at 8 pm, Thursday, December 5. The Board took action approving the minutes of the November 5, 1991 regular meeting, and the payment of the November bills. The Board also approved the monthly financial report, the November Tax Collection report and adjustments to the 1991 Tax Roll.

A public hearing was held on the 1990-91 Academic Excellence Indicator System. Superintendent Freddy Wade reviewed the report for the Board and guests in attendance. The Board was presented a report on pricing of bus parts and studied other options available to repair the River-

crest High School track.

The Board approved the purchase of a video projector from activity funds at Rivercrest High School and discussed the results of an opinion poll on cafeteria participation.

The Board went into executive session for discussion of personnel. Upon returning to the regular session, voted to accept the resignation of Rivercrest High School head football coach, Tommy Green, effective at the end of the current contract. Procedures for filling the vacancy will be discussed at the Board's next meeting scheduled on December 17, 1991 at 8pm at Rivercrest High School.

## Talco Short Stop Burglarized

On December 5, late that night, or early on December 6, the Short Stop in Talco was burglarized.

The person or persons responsible for this crime, broke the window on the north side of the building, opened it up, and entered the store.

The only things taken were un-

opened cartons of Marlboro and Winston cigarettes. Police were called when the milk delivery driver discovered the open broken window around 5 a.m. Friday morning.

An investigation is underway. The store is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of Talco.

## Superintendent Wade Makes Appeal To Voters

Superintendent Freddy Wade would like to make an appeal to all the register voters and residents of the Talco-Bogata school district for the returning of the opinion poll that was mailed during the month of November. "We would like everyone who received the poll to express their

opinion concerning their choice of the four options listed in the poll as possible reorganizational patterns," said Supt. Freddy Wade.

Help out the School Board and mark your preferences and place the opinion poll in the mail today.

## Talco PTO Meets

The Talco Parent-Teacher Organization held its meeting on December 3, during which time several items of business were discussed and decisions made concerning them.

Officers were elected and are as follows: president, Vickie Mankins; vice-president, Judy Sloan; secretary, Sherry Hollis; treasurer, Melba Reed; reporter, Margie Hargrove.

The by-laws were approved and several programs were presented. The Science and Reading Comprehension Programs were chosen. Both of these programs will greatly benefit all grades.

A last minute check of the Talco parade preparations were made with sincere appreciation and making the parade possible. Thanks to the Talco State Bank, Talco Volunteer Fire Department and sponsors Nolan's Exxon, J.E.'s Foods, Hollis Ranch, Stinson's Garage, Partnership In Learning and the City of Talco; also the judges, workers and especially Santa.

Anyone interested in their children's education and educational environment should become an active member and attend regular PTO meetings.



MEETING OF THE MINDS-The Talco-Bogata Board of

Trustees met Dec. 5 for their monthly meeting. (Staff Photo by Denise Wood)



FIRST PLACE! The winners in the car division at the Talco

Christmas Parade were the sophomores with their entry, represented by Keitha Gillis. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



FIRST PLACE FLOAT-Winner in the Float Division at the Talco Christmas Parade was the RHS freshman class, represented by Shaunda Jones. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

## People & Things

The Talco-Bogata CISD Tax Office will close Dec. 20, 1991 at 3pm. The office will be closed Dec. 23-27, 1991 and Jan. 1-3, 1992. The office will be open Dec. 30 and 31, 1991, from 9am - 3pm. The office will resume regular days, Monday-Friday, and regular hours, 8am - 4pm on Jan. 6, 1992.

The Assembly of God Church will have their Christmas dinner following morning services on December 15. Everyone is invited.

The Maple Springs Church will have their Christmas dinner following morning services December 15. Everyone is invited.

Plan to attend Talco Calvary Baptist Christmas Cantata on December 15 at 11 a.m. A barbeque lunch will be served following. Plates will be \$5.00 each. For lunch tickets, contact Bro. Brett Castle at 379-3981.

Calvary Baptist Brotherhood group will meet the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited to attend.

On December 22, special offering will be collected for the Lottie Moon Foreign Missions at Calvary Baptist

Church. Anyone wishing to donate may contact Bro. Castle at 379-3981.

The Calvary Baptist Sunshine Club will meet December 17 at 10 a.m. Men are asked to bring a \$5 men's gift and ladies to bring a \$5 ladies gift. Guest speaker will be Bro. David Webb. This month's meeting is sponsored by the Fidelis Class.

Talco School will have turkey and dressing on Wednesday, December 18. The menu will include mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and hot rolls.

**Deadline To Enter Photo Contest Is Near!**  
Don't forget...December 16 is the deadline to enter our Christmas Color Photo Contest.

If your color 35 mm picture is the first place winner it will be reproduced on the front page of all of the Thunder Prairie Publishing's newspapers in the edition of December 19...so don't delay, submit your color picture now!

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## Cunningham News

By Berniece Wyatt

Friends were saddened by the death of Claude Kennedy of Paris Saturday. He was a long time resident of the community and leaves a host of friends.

Members of the Baptist Church with their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Staggs and several visitors enjoyed Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at the church Sunday.

Velma Cox visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams of the Cherry Street Nursing Home and Dora Hester of Paris Friday.

Frankie Archibald is now a resident of the Deport Nursing Home.

Billie Ruth Pirtle of Bogata and Mary Helen Whitney enjoyed lunch at Furr's Friday.

Lucy Fowler visited Johnnie Warren in Deport Nursing Home Monday.

Loretta Pynes has returned home after an extended visit with Dorothy Dean Ogden of Longview and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hawkes, Brian and Alicia of Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Talma Fowler of Pattonville visited Carole Dorsey and Jennifer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lutch of North Richland Hills spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lynn of Deport.

Sydney Chipman of Dallas spent the weekend with her father, Joel Chipman and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chipman.

Paul aJaco of Paris had Sunday lunch with her grandmother, Mrs. Delsia Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bledsoe of Ben Wheeler, Dorothy Dean Ogden of Longview and Loretta Pynes visited Berniece Bledsoe Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoover of Denison spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bledsoe of Ben Wheeler spent Friday with Mrs. Loretta Pynes.

Larry Bell of Paris visited Mrs. Ida Deshong and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pressley of Nacogdoches spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pressley, Dona and Deann.

Regina Newman and Blake of Paris

spent Sunday with Mrs. Loretta Pynes and attended lunch at the Baptist Church.

Erbert Hume of Paris spent Friday with Milow Hume and Stasha.

Mr. and Mrs. Orel Bennet of Ft. Towson, OK and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunn of Minter had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pressley, Dona and Deann.

Ethel Cooper of Paris spent Monday with Della Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hawkes and family of Kingston, Dorothy Dean Ogden of Longview and Loretta Pynes attended a 3-day baseball tournament in Baton Rouge, LA for Hawkes' baseball club.

Danny Norwood and Kenny of Paris had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood Sunday.

Ten members were baptized in the Life Tabernacle Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Drinnon of Frogville, Ok visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Drinnon Sunday.

Susie Norwood and Rickey Norwood and Hailey had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunn of Minter and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pressley, Dona and Deann attended a family reunion in Amarillo over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Slusher of Wichita Falls spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slusher. They also visited Harry Slusher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Taylor and Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Taylor, Charles and Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Holbert and Colt and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Holbert, Meredith and Ryan, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slusher have returned from a trip to Lubbock where they visited Les Temple of Lakeside Care Center, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Hulett, Mrs. Margie Ball and Mrs. Mary Smith. They attended the funeral of Mrs. Fannie Temple and visited by telephone with Mr. and Mrs. James Courtney of Levelland. Mr. Courtney was released from the hospital on Monday.

## Country Cooking

By Genie Bankhead



This week the Country Cooking Column is coming to you from the kitchen of Pat Otteson of Blossom. Being originally from Illinois, Pat has made Blossom her home for about eight years. She has one son, Scott, who still lives in Illinois.

Pat has been an employee in the billing department of St. Joseph's Hospital for the past eight years. Her hobbies include crocheting, sewing, ceramics, crafts and shopping. She has been taking a ceramics class in Detroit for the past seven months. Pat enjoys making crafts that are easy and fast. She says she doesn't have a lot of patients in the area and wants them finished quickly. She really enjoys going to Dallas to shop. She was ready to leave as soon as our interview was over the other day.

Pat likes to entertain family and friends. They get together at least once a month, decide on a theme and everyone prepares a dish around that theme. Sometimes they make crafts during their visits. She also likes to read and says that once she gets started, she doesn't know when to stop.

I realize the past two interviews have been from the Blossom area and so will the next one. No, I didn't get lost this time, but I wanted to supply the readers a special section on can-

dies and fudge and one on breads and rolls for the Christmas cooking. I came across two ladies who specialize in these areas and they both happen to be from Blossom. I'll probably venture to another area next week.

Pat participates in a cookie exchange every Christmas. Several of her friends get together and each prepares five different recipes. Then they divide the goodies and each lady receives about five dozen different kinds of sweets. Pat says they munch on all leftovers and have a great time.

She is sharing several of her favorite recipes that she bakes during Christmas. We hope you enjoy them. The Tiger Biscuit recipe, Fudge Drops and Turtles came from a friend, Sonya, at work. A note about the Turtles: You really need someone to help you when you pour up this recipe. They are easy but you must work quickly and it is better if you have some help. The Praline Cookies, Russian Tea Cakes, Holiday Wreaths, Snickerdoodles and Molasses Crinkles are recipes she has used since high school.

If you've enjoyed the article, request a recipe or have a recipe to share or suggest a feature, please call 652-6032 or write Rt. 1, Box 67A, Deport, TX 75435.

The Photograph Did Not Turn Out For Cook's Corner This Week. However, Since The Recipes Were So Timely We Have Gone Ahead And Run The Article

## Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Paris visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Travis King and had supper.

Mrs. Bernice Thomas of Boyd was a visitor of Betty Rodgers and family Saturday until Tuesday.

Dick and Jeff King of Paris were Saturday visitors of Travis and Jimmy King.

Monte and Shelley Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga and Wayne Roberts were visitors of Betty Rodgers.

Betty Rodgers, Wayne Roberts and Bernice Thomas visited their sister, Mrs. Velma Parker, in the nursing home in DeSoto Sunday.

## Obituaries

### Lloyd Haren Dies December 5

Lloyd C. Haren, 84, of Mt. Pleasant died Thursday, December 5 in Titus County Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 8 in Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home with the Rev. Alvin Blalock and Jamie Duncan, a Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial was Masonic graveside rites followed in Deshields Cemetery.

Bearers were Ray Taylor, Roger Taylor, Darrell Taylor, Doug Haren, Gary Haren and Joe Haren. Honorary bearers were Ray Cawling and Richi Kay.

He was born May 20, 1907 in Titus County, a son of John Henderson and Sally J. Dalby Haren. He was a heavy equipment operator and grocery store owner and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife, Edna Carpenter Haren, celebrated their 65th anniversary in August. He was a member of a Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Haren of Mt. Pleasant; four sons, Glenn Haren of Seguin, Ross Haren of Athens and Leland Haren and John Haren, both of Mt. Pleasant; one daughter, Jackie Duesterhoft of Mt. Pleasant; a brother, R.L. Haren of Gilmer; three sisters, Cleo Dyke and Ruby Byram, both of Mt. Pleasant and Opal Barto of Texarkana; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons and a daughter.



Lynsey Rebecca Hadley

### Lynsey Hadley Dies

Funeral services for Lynsey Rebecca Hadley, 18, formerly of Canton, were held at 3:30 p.m. November 27 in the First Methodist Church in Canton with Revs. Donald Box, Mark Pederson, Michael Toland and Richard Luna officiating.

Burial was in Haven of Memories Memorial Park in Canton under the direction of Eubank Funeral Home inc. of Canton.

Miss Hadley died Monday in a Tyler hospital after an illness of several months. She was born May 31, 1973 in Athens.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Canton, and had lived in Tyle since last June. She graduated from Canton High School in 1991.

She is survived by her father, Joe R. Hadley of Canton; her mother, Brenda Szarka of Tyler; her brother, Stephen Hadley of Canton; her sister, Jill Hadley of Tyler; grandmother, Gladys Anderson Hadley of Canton, formerly of Deport. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.T. (Pick) Anderson of Deport.

Bearers were Christopher Harmon, Michael Harmon, Jeffrey Harmon, Jeffrey Hanson, Kevin McCann, Reggie Tidmore, Chad Starnes and Billy Reynolds.

Honorary pallbearers were the CHS varsity girls' basketball team and Coach Debbie Blagburn Williams.

### Tommy Joe Lowrey Dies December 9

Tommy Joe Lowrey, 61, of Pattonville, died Monday, December 9 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 11 in Grant Funeral Home Chapel in Deport with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Mr. Lowrey was born August 8, 1930 in Gunter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lowrey. He worked for Texas and Pacific Railway as a telegrapher and worked 30 years for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company, serving as district manager in McKinney and Denton. He married Nancy Merritt on February 25, 1959 in Pattonville.

Surviving are his wife; children, Ann Robert, David, Joseph, Nita and Sonya; one brother, Alvin Leon Lowrey of Cleveland; and three grandchildren.

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**Holiday Wreaths**  
By Pat Otteson  
1/2 cup butter  
30 large marshmallows  
1/4 t. green food coloring  
1/2 t. vanilla  
5 c. cornflakes  
cinnamon and silver decorating candies  
In 3 qt. bowl, microwave butter on 100% power for 30 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows, cook uncovered for 2 minutes or until marshmallows are melted, stirring after 1 minute. Add coloring and vanilla, stir. Fold in cornflakes, blend well. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet or foil, shape into wreaths with fingers dipped in cold water. Decorate with candies, cool. Yield 25-30 wreaths.

**Fudge Drops**  
2 c. chocolate chips  
1 1/4 c. natural cereal  
1 c. salted peanuts  
Melt over hot water (not boiling) chocolate chips. Remove from heat; stir in cereal and peanuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Chill in refrigerator until firm, about 30 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen candies.

**Chocolate Snowflake Cookies**  
2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. vegetable oil  
4 (1 oz.) sq. unsweetened chocolate, melted  
4 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla  
2 c. flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 c sifted powdered sugar  
Combine first 3 ingredients, beat at medium speed until blended. Add eggs and vanilla, mixing well. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add 1/4 of dry ingredients at a time to chocolate mixture, mixing after each addition. Cover and chill dough at least 2 hours. Shape dough into 1" balls and roll in powdered sugar. Place cookies 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Makes 8 dozen.

**Turtles**  
1 lb. (56) vanilla caramels  
2 tbl. butter  
1 tbl. water  
2 c. chocolate chips  
1/2 c. light corn syrup  
2 tbl. water  
2 c. pecan halves  
Combine over boiling water, caramels, butter and water. Heat until caramels melt and mixture is smooth. Keep over boiling water. Combine over hot (not boiling) water, chocolate chips, corn syrup and water, heat until chips melt and mixture is smooth. Keep warm over hot water. Drop caramel mixture by 1/2 tsp. onto greased waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Place 3 pecan halves on top of each caramel to make head and legs. Drop chocolate mixture over caramel-nut piece by slightly rounded teaspoonfuls. Chill in refrigerator until set (about 30 minutes). Remove from waxed paper onto serving plate. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 4 doz.

**Molasses Crinkles**  
3/4 c shortening  
1 c brown sugar (packed)  
1 egg  
1/4 c molasses  
2 1/4 c flour  
2 tsp soda

**Russian Teacakes**  
1 c. soft butter  
1/2 c. sifted powdered sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 1/4 c flour  
1/4 tsp salt  
3/4 c finely chopped nuts  
Mix butter, sugar and vanilla thoroughly. Blend flour and salt, stir in. Mix in nuts. Chill. Heat oven to 400. Roll into 1" balls. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes. While still warm, roll in powdered sugar, cool. Roll in sugar again. Makes 4 doz., 1" cookies.

**Praline Cookies**  
cinnamon crisp Graham Crackers  
1 stick oleo  
1 stick butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup well chopped pecans  
Line cookie sheet with cinnamon crisp Graham Crackers, melt oleo and butter, add sugar and boil 3 minutes. Pour over crackers. Sprinkle chopped nuts on top. Bake at 300 for 7 minutes. Transfer to waxed paper to cool.

**Pecan Puffs**  
Preheat oven to 300. Beat until soft:  
1/2 cup butter  
Add and blend until creamy 2 tsp sugar, add 1 tsp. vanilla. Measure then grind in nut grinder 1 cup pecans. Sift before measuring 1 cup flour. Stir pecans and flour into butter mixture. Roll dough into small balls. Place balls on greased cookie sheet and bake 30 minutes. Roll while hot in powdered sugar. Makes 40, 1 1/2" balls.

**Tiger Butter**  
1 lb. semi-sweet chocolate, melted  
1-12 oz. jar chunky peanut butter  
1 lb. white chocolate  
In saucepan melt semi-sweet chocolate pieces over medium heat. Spread melted chocolate onto waxed paper lined 15x10x1" jelly roll pan. In another saucepan, combine peanut butter and white chocolate. Cook over warm heat until melted, stirring constantly. Pour over semi-sweet chocolate. With a knife, cut through the chocolate swirling to make a tiger design. Chill until firm and cut into squares. Makes about 6 dozen small squares.

**Card of Thanks**  
On behalf of the Maple Springs and Sugar Hill communities we wish to thank each and every one who helped making stew, bringing drinks, desserts, donating prizes and those eating the meal and bingo players. Without your cooperation the benefit would not have been the success it was. Thank you.  
**Maple Springs and Sugar Hill Communities**

**Card of Thanks**  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers and visits while I was in the hospital.  
**Roy Marris**

**Card of Thanks**  
We would like to express our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to everyone for the many things done for us the past few months. To the First United Methodist Church, the Kirkland Sunday School Class, the Quilters, and the United Methodist Women for the "Love Offerings". For your many calls to the hospital and at home, the food that was brought to the house, your visits, and most of all your prayers and concern. To Rev. Chief and Betty Warden for all their services. For each and every deed, we thank you. God bless you is our prayer.  
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## York Family Holds Christmas Party

Mrs. Edna Earl Dodd, assisted by her daughter, Anita Couch, hosted the annual Christmas party for the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.A. York, Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Dodd home. Games were played and gifts exchanged, and a noon meal was served to approximately twenty-eight people.

Attending were Lucille Childres, Nadine Thodes, Carol Black, James Don White, and Tresa Couch of Joliet; Jan McCuller, Leon Blankenship and June Roach of Mt. Pleasant; Betty Puckett and Jean Robinson of Denton; Karla Prince and daughters, Leslie and Haley of

Sanger; Toni Combest of Pittsburg; Kenneth and Martha Puckett of Lake Dallas; Buddy Stringfellow of Clarksville; Camille Thornberry, Pam White, Doug and Robbie Hawkins, Dixie Stringfellow, M.J. Dodd and the hostesses of Bogata. People stopping by were Grady Rhodes of Joliet, Jackie Couch, and Aaron Capps of Bogata. A surprise visit from Santa was enjoyed by all. Other recent visitors in the M.J. Dodd home were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Couch, Roxanne and Philip of Glenn Heights. Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Dodd also celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Dec. 7.



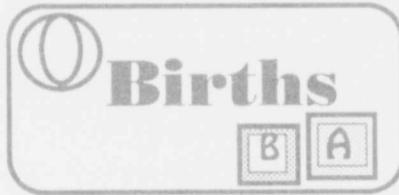
Mr. and Mrs. Houston Pettit  
Married 5 Years

## Houston and Hontas Pettit Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Pettit will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The couple was married at McCrury on December 18, 1941.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Glen Babb, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A family dinner will be held to celebrate the anniversary.



Shelby was the name of the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burns. He was born December 5 weighing 8 pounds at the Titus County Memorial Hospital.



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### Rivercrest Annual Junior High Tournament December 19-20

**GIRLS**

Rivercrest 8th 6:30 p.m. Thursday-Bogata Clarksville "B"

4 p.m. Friday RHS

Clarksville 8th 5 p.m. Thursday-Bogata Mt. Vernon 8th

7 p.m. Friday RHS

3rd Place 1st Place

**BOYS**

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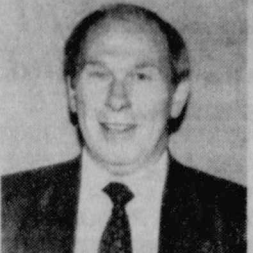
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**Rev. Wayne Huffman  
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Reverend Wayne Huffman, recently appointed Assemblies of God missionary to Romania, will be speaking at the First Assembly of God in Bogata, on December 15 at 10 am. Wayne and his wife, Drue, have already enjoyed wide experience in short-term missions projects. "We have been involved with missions for many years," Wayne explains, "having taken several missions trips while studying in Bible College." Between them, they have ministered in Belgium, France, Holland, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, and Zimbabwe. One of their greatest experiences was serving together as assistant pastors in Paris, France, at the Paris Evangelistic Center, a thriving church of over 300 people. This experience with ministry to the French was helpful when they later accepted a pastorate among the French speaking Acadians of south Louisiana.

These ministry opportunities will afford the Huffmans some valuable insights as they begin their first term

as full-time missionaries in a nation that is undergoing dramatic change. Romania is a country of about 23 million people located in southeast Europe on the Black Sea. About the size of the states of New York and Pennsylvania combined, Romania is a country of natural beauty and fascinating rural scenery. "However," Wayne points out, "it isn't a place for deluxe accommodations and first-class resorts."

Romania is one of the poorest nations in Europe, and the people have had to endure the additional burden of tremendous social changes in recent years. Yet, the nation has also become far more open to the gospel. Churches in Romania are enjoying new freedoms. Wayne and Drue will be conducting evangelistic crusades, establishing children's ministries throughout the country, and assisting in the smooth organization of a national church fellowship. The opportunities for witnessing are virtually unlimited.



Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Huffman

Having Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goates were Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Goates, Mr. and Mrs. Cleatus Goates, Margie Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Vandever and Clinton and Ray Cochran.

Gene Norman underwent eye surgery last week and is reported doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Rothwell of Longview visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Franks and family Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Janice Franks underwent surgery Monday and is reported doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. David Loggins and Jeremy spent Saturday shopping in Texarkana.

Carl Anton underwent surgery recently for a hip injury and is reported at home and doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hood, Ginger and Misti and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Griffin, Chad and Culley enjoyed Christmas lights in Marshall Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Aston will celebrate their anniversary this month.

Zeke Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Curry, was honored on his second birthday with a party at McDonald's last Friday in Mt. Pleasant. The children enjoyed dressing

like clowns. Attending were grandmother Mrs. Julia Curry, Kara and Kent Stephenson, Leslie Wright and Alex, Mayra Wright and Jessica, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Shelia Wright and Camill, Rachel Leithead and Shanee, Karen Jones, Mrs. Hudson Olds and children, Mark Curry and friend, Elizabeth.

The Calvary Baptist youth visited Villa Residential Center in Mt. Pleasant Sunday to sing Christmas carols. Sixteen students and sponsors, Karen Jones, Mary and Steve Hall, Betty Castle, Paul Miller Jr. and Jim Southern enjoyed the visit and a pizza supper at the church following.

The Calvary Baptist Church Brotherhood Breakfast was held Sunday with 25 attending. Officers for the year are: president, Steve Hall; vice-president, David Loggins; secretary, Jim Souther; treasurer, Paul Miller, Jr.

Celebrating December birthdays are Laquitta Crawford, Mary John Brown, Jessica Navia, Shederri Collins, Cheryl Stinson, Brenda Carroll, Skippy Randle, Joddy Ottinger, Carol Leake, Patty Jones, Imogene Lewis, Jeannie Parker and David Stansell.

Mrs. Wanda Graf and Katherine spent Saturday shopping in Shreveport, LA. Bro. and Mrs. Brett Castle will celebrate their anniversary this month. Laquitta Norman was hospitalized last week, but is home and doing well.

Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giddens will celebrate their anniversary this month. Peggy Benfield, Pete Swarts and Nancy Brown spent Thursday shop-

ping in Paris. Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Fry attended the Forney football game in Texas Stadium Saturday to see their grandson, J.W., play. The team was defeated one game prior to the champi-

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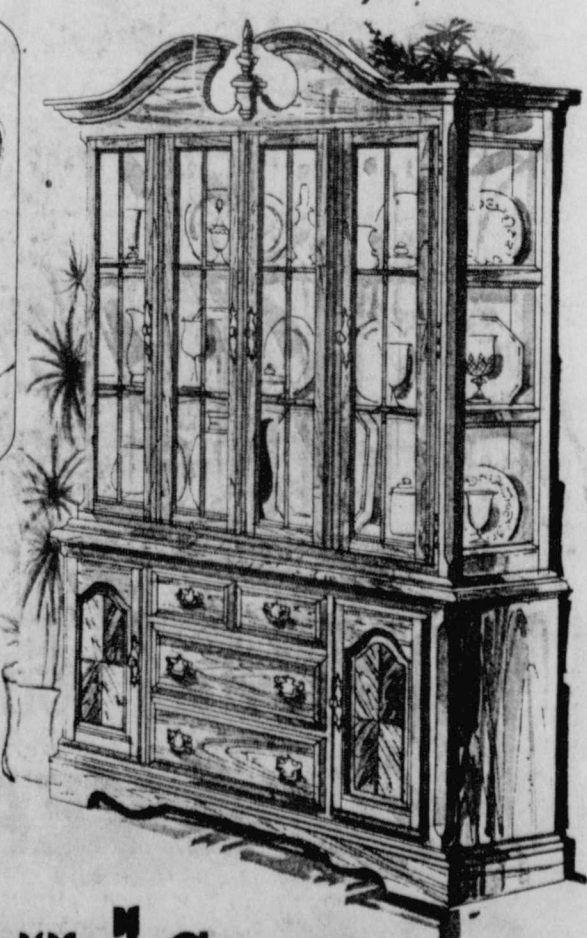
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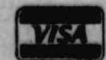
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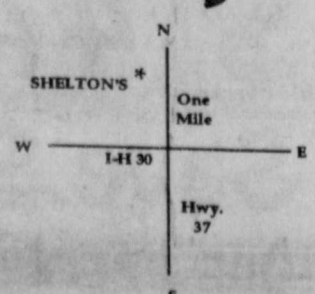
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## Simmons-Spann Exchange Wedding Vows

Miss Sue Shelaphon Simmons and James Alan Spann were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at Tennon Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 7 at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. Jesse Harris, pastor, was the officiating minister.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy L. Simmons of Cuthand. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Simmons of Cuthand and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Newton of Lubbock. Mrs. Jewel Simmons of Bogata is her great-grandmother. Shelaphon attended Stephen F. Austin State University where she represented Nacogdoches at the Miss Texas USA Pageant. She will graduate from the All State Training Academy of Cosmetology in Mt. Pleasant in January.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Spann of Mt. Pleasant are the parents of the groom. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tillman E. Ethridge and Mrs. H.E. Spann of Mt. Pleasant and the late H.E. Spann. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Spann of Mt. Pleasant are great-grandparents. He attended Texas A&M University and is presently employed at H.E. Spann and Company in Mt. Pleasant.

Vows were repeated before the altar adorned with poinsettias, greenery and an assortment of candelabras. Red satin bows marked the pews.

Traditional wedding music was provided by Mrs. Hardin Whitaker of Mt. Pleasant. Darin Whitaker, cousin of the groom of Mt. Pleasant and his sister, Mrs. Darin Cox, cousin of the groom, of Tyler sang "The Very First Lasting Love" as the mothers of the bride and groom lit the unity candle. He sang "From The River To The Sea" as the bride and groom lit the unity candle.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore her own unique designed white satin gown with a dropped waist bodice which featured a V neckline of pearl and sequin appliques accented with tiny dropped pearls. The fitted dropped waist was outlined with designed pearls. The long puffed sleeves were enriched with an open faced heart outlined with pearls and sequins. The sleeves came to a distinctive point at the ring finger and were trimmed the same as the neckline. A designed heart shaped opening trimmed with pearls accented the back of the bodice which fell gracefully into a dropped waist cathedral length train. The floor length flared skirt was sheared in front with

Alencon lace ruffled underlay. The train made of Alencon flowered lace was accented with pearls and sequins on each flower and was trimmed with scalloped Alencon lace.

The bride's handmade veil was a crown headpiece made of pearls, lace and sequins. The bottom tier of the two tiers of illusion was waist length accented with a shimmering glitter spray. The top of the illusion veil was gathered into a ruffle where it attached to the headpiece and white pearls and lily of the valley cascaded down the right side. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of red and white roses with green ivy leaves entwined with white pearls. Red and white satin streamers completed the bouquet. She carried a Bible which had been in the family for years and carried out the theme of something old, family Bible; something new, her dress and veil; something borrowed, six pence in her shoe; and something blue, her garter.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Shawna Craven of Cleburne. Bridesmaids were Julie Little of Houston, Melissa Quinsberry of Lubbock, Ms. Frances Erwin of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Melissa Wegenhoft, sister of the groom, of Lawton,

OK. They wore tea length emerald green dropped waist satin dresses with bows at the waist accented with iridescent pearls. They carried bouquets of red roses and white daisies accented with miniature red roses and white daisies with greenery and lace as the background completed with long red, white and lace ribbon streamers.

Misti Simmons and Kristen Simmons, cousins of the bride, were junior bridesmaids. They wore dresses identical to the bridesmaids. Their bouquets were a smaller version of the bridesmaids bouquets.

Flower girl was Kerri Simmons, cousin of the bride. She wore a Christmas red satin dress overlaid in red lace with a satin sash tied in a big bow. She carried a decorated white woven basket with red and white flower petals.

Chris Allen of Mt. Pleasant served as best man. Groomsmen were Jeff Spann, cousin of the groom of Waco, Darin Whitaker, cousin of the groom of Mt. Pleasant, Chris Elliot and Jay McDaniel of Mt. Pleasant. Ushers were Captain John Wegenhoft, brother-in-law of the groom of Lawton, OK and Bobby Parr of Mt. Pleasant. They were dressed in Robert Wagner black onyx tuxedos and the groom was dressed in the same tuxedo with tails.

Master James Wegenhoft, nephew of the groom, served as ringbearer. His attire was identical to the groom. The pillow he carried was designed by the bride and made from material of her wedding dress.

Presiding over the registry table was Susan Tabb of Cuthand. Members of the houseparty were Anne Simmons, Sharla Simmons, Alice Freeman and Mary Jane Whitaker.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at fellowship hall of Tennon Memorial United Methodist Church hosted by the parents of the bride.

The bride's table was laid with white lace overlaid with white lace. The table was accented with white, red and silver bows and a silver candelabra.

The bride's cake was a 3-tiered wedding cake decorated with swans and a red, green and silver bows. The cake was accented with a water fountain and decorated stairways. The cake top was a dancing couple with red roses and greenery which completed the anniversary tier at the top of the cake.

The groom's table was laid with emerald green satin overlaid with emerald green lace. A tall pearl centerpiece accented the table on which cheesecake was served.

After a wedding cruise to the Bahamas, the bride and groom will be at home in Mt. Pleasant.

Following the rehearsal on Friday, December 6, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Spann, parents of the groom, hosted a buffet dinner for Alan and Shelaphon at the Alps Restaurant.

The couple presented gifts to the wedding party at this time.

The bride was honored with a bridesmaids brunch Saturday, December 7 at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club. Hostesses were Mmes. Jerry Freeman, Bill Whitaker, John Ethridge, Tillman Ethridge and Darin Cox.

She was feted with two showers prior to her wedding. One on Novem-

ber 20 at the home of Mrs. Ellen Spann of Mt. Pleasant, hosted by Mmes. Cheryl Walker, Sue Hall, Jan Woods, Dixie Spruill and Fleda Maxon. The other was held December 1 at the home of Mrs. Kay Kennedy of Cuthand and was hosted by Mmes. Sue Davis, Linda Ewing, Linda Tabb, Susan Tabb and Dorothy White.

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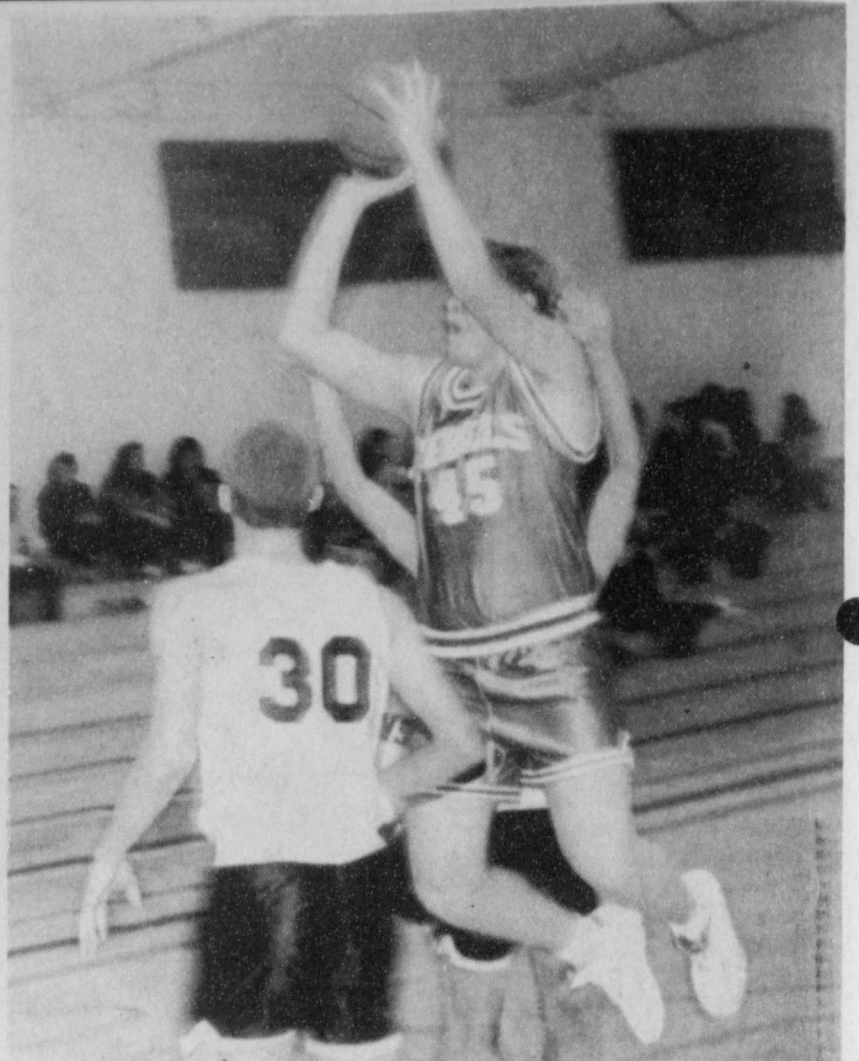
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LADY REB Tiffany Parish took a shot against the Mt. Vernon Tigers at Mt. Vernon last week.

The varsity Lady Rebs took the win and were undefeated in the Mt. Vernon Tournament. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



TRAE BEVERLIN shoots at the goal for the Rivercrest Varsity Rebels in Tournament action last week. This game was against

the Cumby Trojans, which Rivercrest won 74-69. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

## Rivercrest Takes Mt. Vernon By Storm

**By Marian Green**

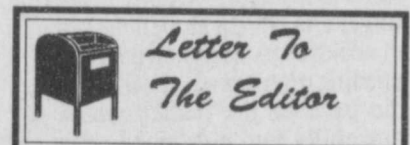
Two first place trophies were acquired by the Rivercrest Rebels and Lady Rebels during the Mt. Vernon Tournament held December 5-7.

Set up Olympic style, the tourney guaranteed every team three games each. Those teams were Cumby, boys and girls; Mt. Vernon, boys and girls; New Diana, boys; Paul Pewitt, girls; and Rivercrest, boys and girls.

On Thursday night, the Lady Rebs faced the Paul Pewitt Lady Brahms for a devastating romp of 68-22 for the Lady Rebs. High scorers were Krista Weatherall with 19; and Patches Raines with 16. On Friday night, the Lady Rebs faced the Cumby Lady Trojans and once again dominated the game for a 61-17 romp. High scorers in that game were Raines with 15 and Lana Pirtle with 12. Finally on Saturday, the ladies went against the Mt. Vernon Lady Tigers for a closer and more exciting game. Even though the Lady Rebs had to exert more of an effort during the match, they prevailed with a 44-38 score. Top point earners were B.J. Thompson with 12 and Tiffany Par-

ish with 10. These three wins secured a first place victory.

The Rebels matches were tougher and a bit harder to come by, although they also came out with the first place trophy. Their first game against the New Diana Eagles was close, due to the fact that the Rebs did not do their best playing until the last 3:00 of the game. Having trailed throughout the entire game, the Rebs came back for a 73-62 win. Top scorers were Corey Gable with 20 and Trae Beverlin with 12. During the process of the game,



**Editor:**

For the past several weeks you have had the opportunity to see photos of band students of the week. These students along with the other 45 that makes up the band were all intro. at the last Booster Club meeting at Rivercrest. 12 were present. Performing at every game our football team plays in all kinds of weather. Performing several concerts and special events. Spending well over 100 hrs. in practice. Carrying instruments weighing several oz. to pounds to become a repeat winner of the 17AA honor band 1991-92. Band has always supported football team and cheerleaders, performing X-mas parade in full dress uniform. Sixth grade beginner band on a float. The co-corigular status allows band students grades while still supporting football team. Missing members after report cards show failing grades caused the band mid-season to shift several students to new positions to fill in gaps. Homecoming ceremony never saw a gap. In 2 practices students recovered and learn to fill these new spaces to carry off top notch performance. When you're given a chance to attend a concert this year remember this too was another change the band took from marching to concert season. Changing instruments several students. I hope u will have a better appreciation and support for our R'crest HS band. I command each and every student on their supreme effort in representing our school and congratulate them as 17AA dis. band.

Pam Hinson  
Band Parent Chairman

### Talco Locals

Christine Benfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Benfield, was honored with a birthday supper at Lupe's in onship.

Mrs. Rhoda Brown and Julie White spent Thanksgiving visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chad White and daughter in Charleston, SC.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Brown celebrated their anniversary December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones will celebrate their anniversary December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krisch visited Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Roberts in Lake Charles, LA during Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Smith were Pam Matthews and children, Danny Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jones will celebrate their 11th anniversary December 13.

Judy Easley visited Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Williams and Tommie in Kilgore Friday.

senior team member Brad Ingram suffered an injury to his throat. He was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released and is reported doing fine.

The following night, the Rebs faced the Cumby Trojans for a 74-69 victory. Top scorers were Gable with 22 and Dean Tiffie with 14. Then against the Mt. Vernon Tigers, the Rebels dominated with a 62-37 win.

At the presentation of awards on Saturday, first place trophies were presented to the Lady Rebel and to the Rebel teams. Also, All Tournament players receiving recognition medals from Rivercrest were seniors Patches Raines, Krista Weatherall and Corey Gable and junior Dean Tiffie. Congratulations to the winning Rebs.

The Assembly of God Church has a new pastor, Bro. Tim Jones of Mabank, wife Tammie and four children will be arriving after January 1.

Jesse Brown visited his daughter, Pam, in Texarkana Friday. She is reported doing well after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Pitts and R.C. met Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roberts in Tyler Friday. The Roberts and R.C. Pitts traveled to visit in Lufkin on Saturday.

Butch Black underwent surgery in Dallas Tuesday and is reported doing well.

Darlene Fry of Bryan is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Fry. She and Mrs. Fry have attended Talco and Mt. Pleasant's Christmas parades and on Saturday attended the wedding of Sandy Miller and David Moore and Old Union Church.

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**EIGHTH GRADE LADY REBEL** Stacey Benfield battles for the ball against the Greenville Junior High player at the P.E. Wallace Junior High Tournament held in Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 5-7. The young Lady Rebels took their first loss of the season. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



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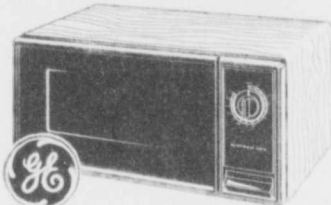
**CHRISTMAS SPECIALS**

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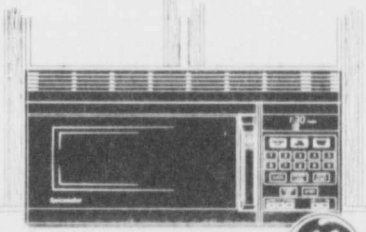
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**AMBER SPENCER** steals the ball from this Greenville player in eighth grade junior high action last week in Mt. Pleasant. The young Lady Rebels lost their first game of the season. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



**School Menu**

- Bogata-Talco-Rivercrest Lunch Menu December 16-19**
- Monday**  
Nachos with cheese sauce  
Seasoned beans  
Crackers  
Fruit  
Milk
- Tuesday**  
Pigs in blanket/mustard  
Potatoes  
Salad  
Jello  
Milk
- Wednesday**  
Frito pie  
Carrot and celery sticks  
Pinto beans  
Milk
- Thursday**  
Hamburgers  
Burger salad  
Pickles and onions  
Ice cream  
Milk

*Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday*

Look At The World Around You This Weekend

**DECEMBER 1991**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**Rivercrest High School Weekly Activities December 16-20**

December 16 ..... 7-8-9 girls, Leonard, H, 6 p.m.  
Boys 7-8-9, Leonard, T, 6 p.m.

17 ..... Semester Exams, Rivercrest 2 & 5 periods

18 ..... Semester Exams, Rivercrest 1,4 & 6 periods, Bogata & Talco

19 ..... Semester Exams, Rivercrest 3 & 7 periods, Bogata & Talco

..... 9th girls, Clarksville, T, 6 p.m.

..... JH boys Tourney at Talco, 5 p.m. JH girls Tourney at Bogata, 5 p.m.

..... Talco Music Program at 12 - Bogata Music Program at 9 a.m., Gym

..... Bogata Christmas Party, 1 p.m. No early dismissal!!

20-Jan. 3 ..... Christmas Holidays!!

..... Varsity, JV girls and boys, Paris, T, 3:30

..... Tourney Continues at Rivercrest at 4 p.m.

..... Teacher Workday

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**Season's Greetings**

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Although most Americans welcome the approaching holiday season as a time to enjoy family and friends, people who have experienced a death in the past year may dread the coming of what used to be a joyous time. In fact, with over two million deaths a year, the number of people with these feelings can be significant.

Grief counselors, knowing how difficult the holidays can be, offer a number of suggestions for the newly bereaved. These include planning ahead and deciding what traditions to keep and which ones to change before the actual holiday arrives. Changing at least some traditions is a good idea so the absence of a loved one is not as painful.

They also suggest family members schedule some time together to talk about the people who have enriched their lives, including those who have died recently and those in the past.

During the past years, our funeral homes have been called upon by our friends in their hour of need. We, and their other friends were desperately needed at that time. During this holiday season, we are once again needed by our friends. Call a friend today who has had a loss and encourage them to let you be a part of their holiday.





SECOND PLACE in the Float Division of the Talco Christmas

Parade went to the RHS Spanish Club. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Brown)



WINNING SECOND in the Car Division in the Talco Christmas

Parade last week was the Talco fourth grade class, represented

by Erin Stansell and Coleman Brown. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



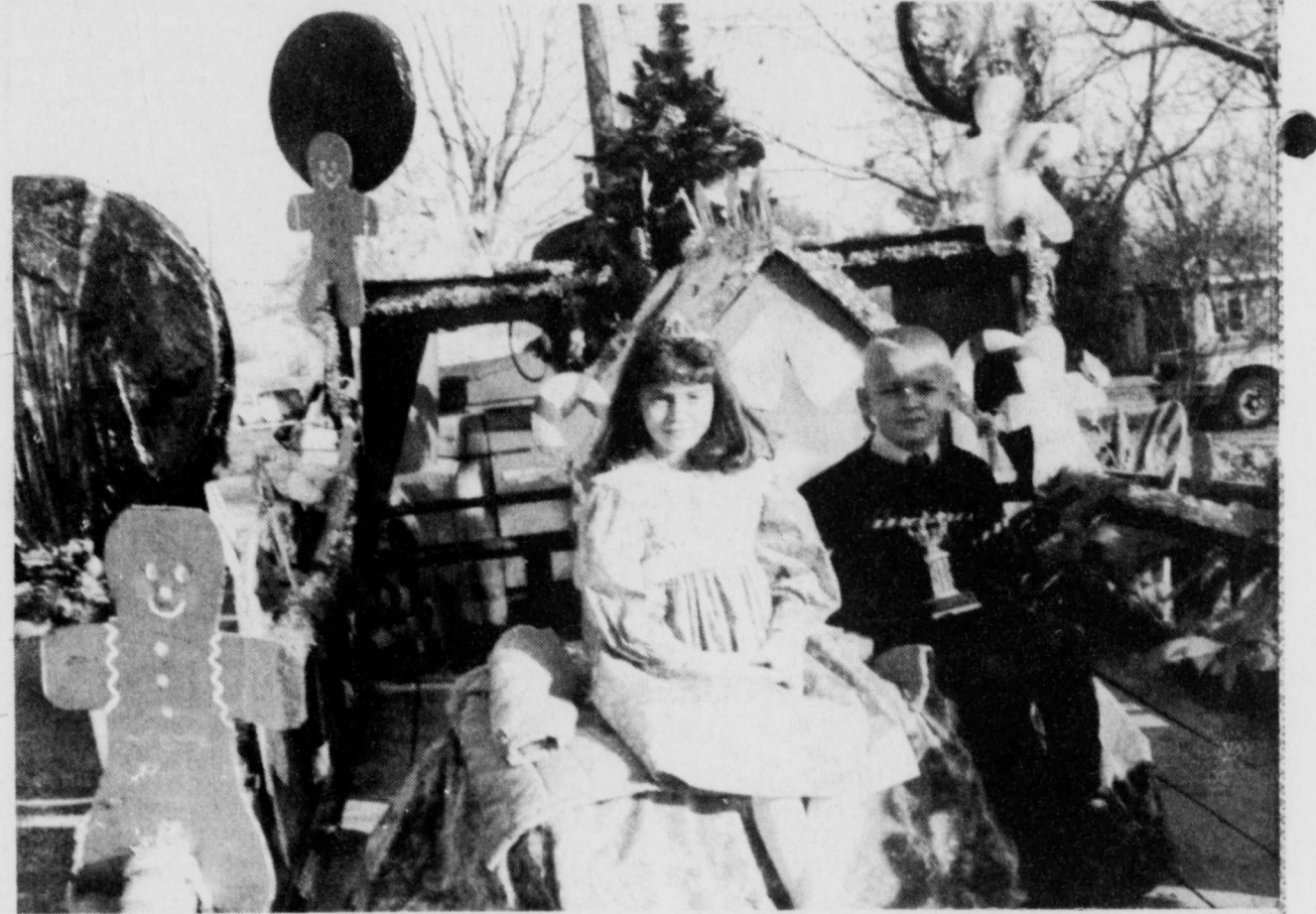
THIRD PLACE winner in the Car Division in the Talco Christmas Parade was the Rivercrest

junior class, represented by Latrisha Belcher. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

### Athletic Scholarships Available

Over 100,000 athletic collegiate scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be all state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters, and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 612A Willow Dr., P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.



THIRD PLACE winner in the Talco Christmas Parade, Float

Division, was the Talco second grade class, represented by

Robyn Hollis and Chris Sykes. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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IMOGENE LEWIS and Mildred Birchfield are this

week's Familiar Faces in Talco School. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



### Familiar Faces

...By Nancy Brown

This week's familiar faces in Talco are two well known ladies among the children of Talco as well as adults. Mrs. Imogene Lewis and Mrs. Mildred Birchfield are the ones responsible for the well-kept appearance of the Talco School.

Mrs. Birchfield grew up in the Mt. Pleasant area attending school at Midway and Mt. Pleasant High. After marriage, the family moved to Talco where they had rented land for cattle. They bought land, built their home and raised seven children, Don (deceased), Larry, Rita, Rodney (deceased), David and twins Ronny and Johnny. They have five grandchildren. She has been employed by the Talco-Bogata ISD for 11 years.

Her tiny frame holds a heart as big as Texas, she is a vital part of the Talco School.

Mrs. Lewis grew up in Johntown, attending Johntown and Bogata schools. After marrying a Talco man, she has spent the last 38 years in Talco raising three sons, Stanley, Randy and Terry. Mrs. Lewis has five grandchildren, three attending Talco School, one at Rivercrest and one soon to be a Talco student. She has been employed by the Talco-Bogata CISD for 17 years. She, like Mrs. Birchfield, is a kind and gentle person always ready to help children and adults.

The school would not seem the same without these two familiar faces.

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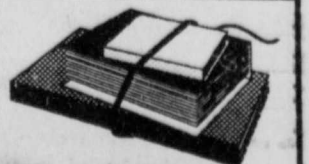
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