

Nichols  
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By Nanalee Nichols

I know better. Of course I know better. After this many years I KNOW better!

But I fall for it anyway. My husband maintains that his wife's people will LIE to you. He's been in the family too long not to have figured that out.

Over the years he's been regaled with tales of "Brooklyn Boys" dancing in the moonlight, mountain cows with legs shorter on one side than the other, and recipes for foods that take rather bizarre twists. When that certain gleam comes into my father's eye it's best to listen to the story he tells with a certain amount of suspicion.

But every now and again he manages to sneak one by.

Those of you who were out and about Tuesday of this week know it was foggy, a fog so heavy it felt more like breathing water than air...so foggy that it beaded up on everything. Just one tiny push would have sent it from fog to rain.

Tuesday morning is when Dad makes the rounds for us, gathering news, mail and film up from a number of locations and bringing it back to the central office.

He arrived back in the fog safely, handed us the stuff and proceeded to regale us with his tale.

Being busy, I missed the sparkle in his eye.

"I was driving along on a farm to market road," he said calmly, "when I began to see something really strange. I was only driving about 40 miles per hour, and I wasn't gaining on whatever it was very fast".

"Umhum" I said, only half way paying attention as I flipped through the mail.

"As I got closer and closer it looked stranger and stranger" he continued. "There was something really big...or rather two things really big moving right down my lane of the road. They moved in a most peculiar way, bobbing ever which way, and I couldn't quite figure it out" he continued.

By that time I stopped to listen because his tone of voice was so completely serious. So had everyone else in the place.

"Yep" he finished up "I drove right up behind these moving objects and what in the heck do you think it was?"

We all looked at him expectantly.

"It was two catfish, weighed about 45 lbs. each, and they were chasing a big old bullfrog right down the middle of the road" he exclaimed!

Well, we had fallen for his tale all right. He grinned wickedly, muttered something about not seeing too much road kill catfish these days, and left.

We giggled ruefully about falling for his catfish and bullfrog tale, then went to lunch.

Do you suppose it was just a coincidence that the menu for the day featured fresh catfish?

Hmmmmmm, I wonder?

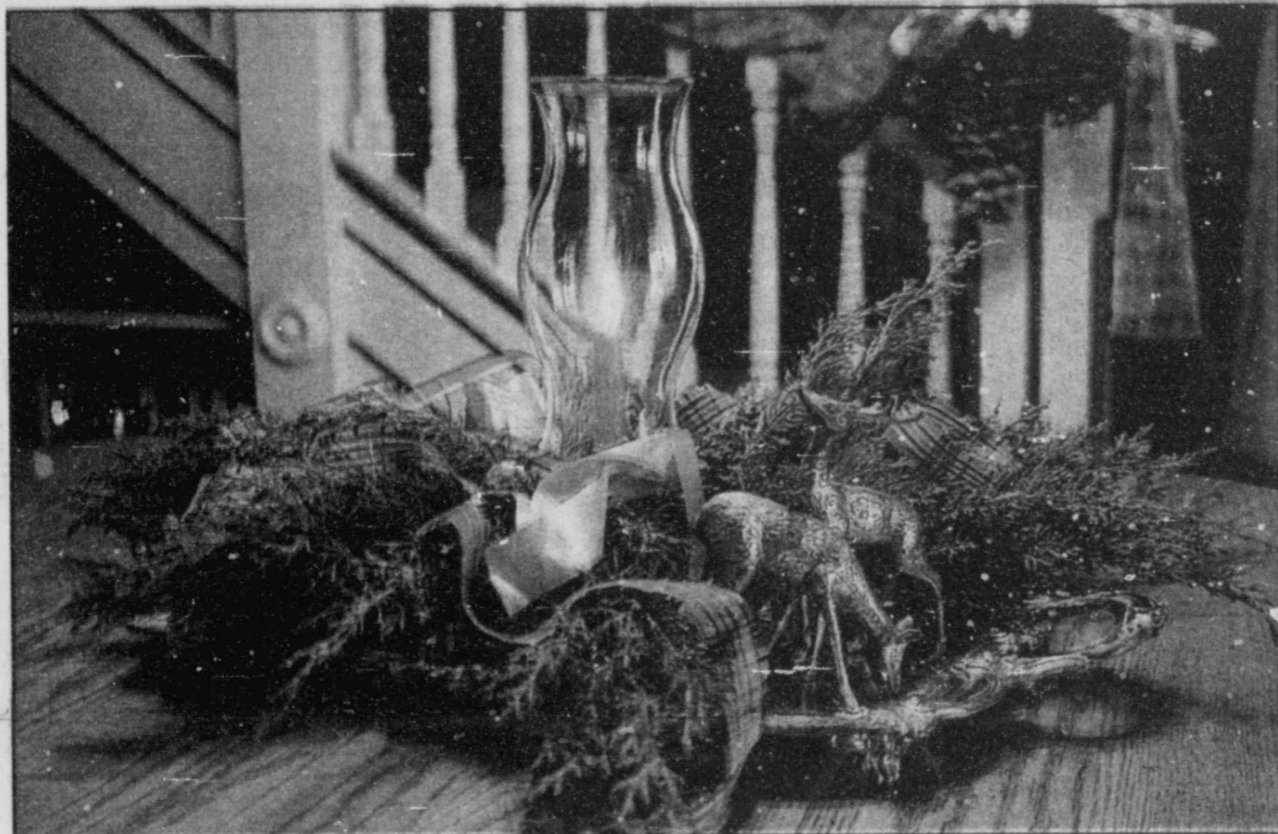


# Talco Times

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**CHRISTMAS COMES!** Let there be joy! This centerpiece uses the warm glow of candlelight to symbolize the light Christ brought into the world, and evergreen to represent everlasting life. The season for joy is here. May all share in it's beauty. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**TOTALLED**-the Deport Volunteer Fire Department's Pumper truck lies destroyed on it's side after being stolen and wrecked

north of Deport on a county road last Friday morning. Killed in the accident was Gaylor Frazier, age 19, of Deport. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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## Death, Destruction Result From Firetruck Theft

The Deport Volunteer Firemen met Monday night to lay careful plans on what to do in case of a major structure fire within the city limits.

This was after the city's pumper truck was completely totalled in the early hours of last Friday, December 19, leaving one dead and an investigation ongoing.

Dead is Gaylor Courtney Frazier, age 19, of Deport, who apparently died of internal injuries suffered when he was thrown from the pumper truck after it was stolen that same night.

The vehicle was taken from the Deport Volunteer Fire Station, with the bay doors being lowered and locked behind the vehicle.

The crash occurred north of Deport on a county road, as the truck maneuvered a series of turns in heavy fog, then left the road on a straight stretch. According to DPS Trooper Don Watson the vehicle "essentially left the road to the right, striking two pine trees, causing the truck to turn over to the left". "The vehicle went into a broad slide and ejected Frazier".

The fire truck came to a stop in the yard of Ken and Pam Hunt.

Investigation continues into the possibility that there may have been others involved in the incident.

The tragedy leaves the city of Deport facing several serious problems.

The pumper truck was totalled, and it is the fire truck which enables the city of Deport to meet insurance "key rates" which give a substantially lower insurance rate to home-

owners.

Fortunately for the city, the new truck purchased three years ago will serve as effective fire protection until a pumper truck that will meet insurance requirements can be located and financed. The "new truck" comes very close to meeting specifications, and was purchased to serve as a back up unit to the pumper truck as well as fighting fire outside the city limits. (3/4ths of all fires Deport responds to are outside the city limits). When the department decided they needed a backup they envisioned breakdowns, not total destruction, however.

Mayor Charles Foster has contacted the Ark-Tex of Governments and officials in Austin and Washington on the possibility of obtaining grants to help finance another pumper since insurance will not cover the full cost of replacement.

The town and the firemen are shocked by the theft and death.

In addition to the destruction of the vehicle itself, several lengths of hose, extremely expensive air packs, drafting lines which had just been purchased this year, flashlights, ladders, and other expensive items were damaged or destroyed in the crash.

Although this is the first incident in over forty years of the fire station, plans are underway to provide a system that will deter theft from ever happening again.

"We've just never had this kind of problem" Fire Chief Duane Glover says sadly.

## Talco PTO Meets

The Talco PTO met recently for a regularly scheduled meeting and discussed the Christmas parade.

Winners in the float division were: first place, Tiffany Cooksey and Josh Weatherall, sponsored by Broad Street Cafe; second, Dana Epps, Bogata Junior High; third place, Ashley Jones and Chase Sloan, Elementary Christmas Queen and King.

Winners in the car division were: first, Rivercrest Sophomore Class, Emily Spencer; second place, Susie

Moles, Rivercrest Junior Class; and third place, Kendall Stansell and Sara Stanley, Talco third and seventh grade princesses.

The Secret Santa Shop was a big hit this year, and the students thoroughly enjoyed shopping for their Christmas gifts on their own.

The PTO expressed their appreciation to everyone who supported the Christmas Parade. Lots of time and effort went into the floats and cars and they all looked very festive.



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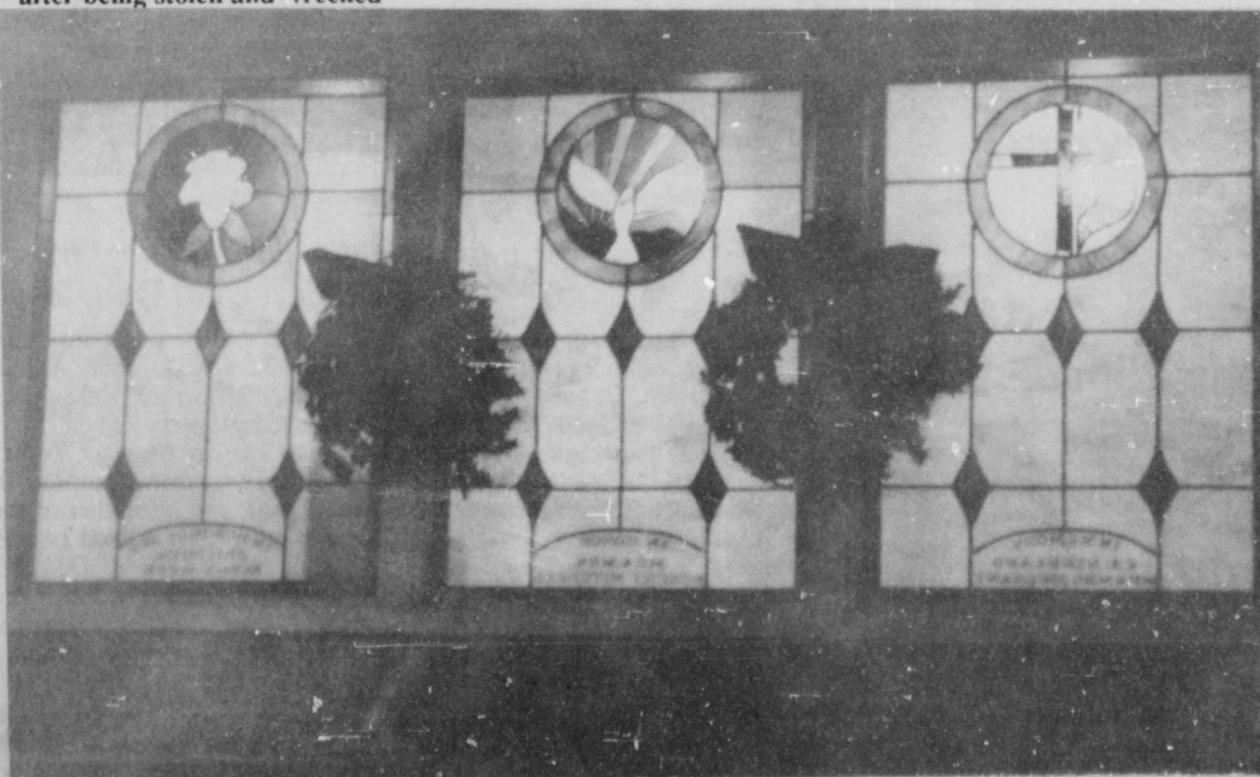
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**THE GLOW OF STAINED GLASS**, the unbroken circle of Christmas wreaths grace a church whose lights are left on during the Christmas season to remind one and all of the "reason for the season". (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



## Gift Subscriptions

To Ray Hearron, Jerry Hearron, Larry Hearron and Loren Stephens from Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Hearron.

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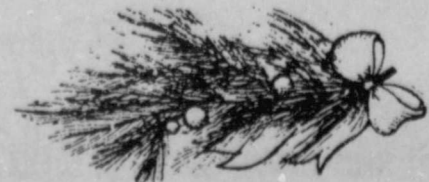
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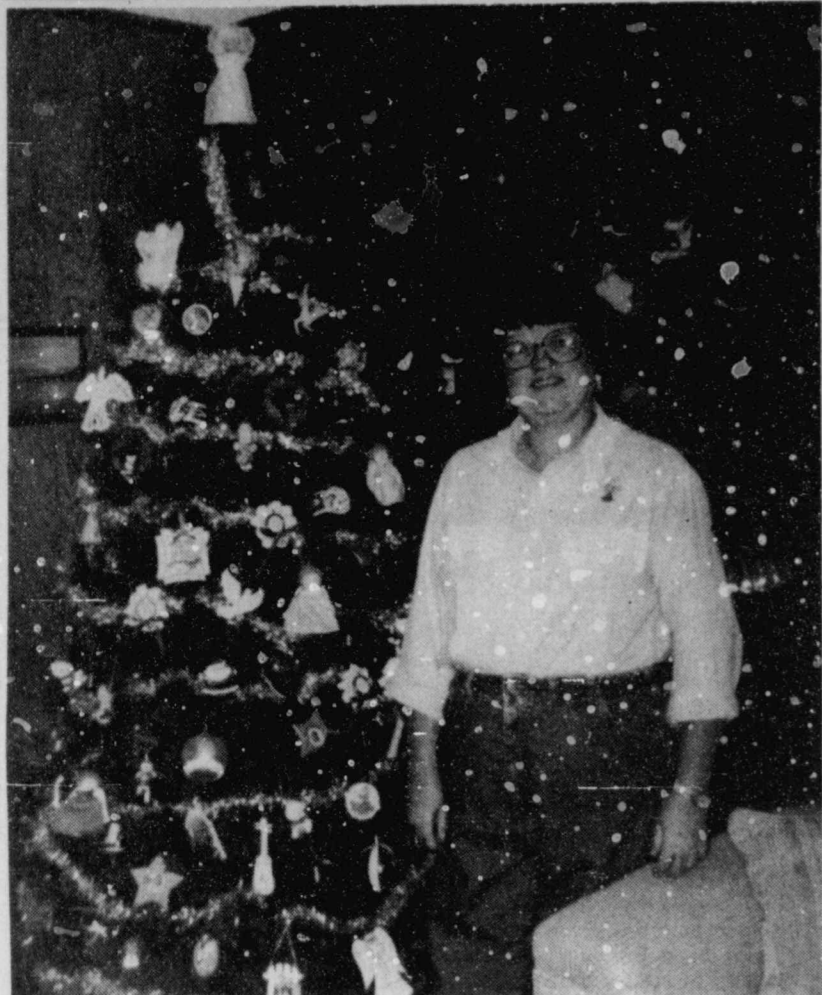
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To W. Forrest Smith from W.L. Smith.

To Ruby Lorraine from Dennis Brown.





GERLYN GRAY is pictured with her Christmas tree in her home in Bogata. She is the

featured cook this week in Country Cooking. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

## Country Cooking

By Judy Screws



When I went to visit in the home of Gerlyn and Jerry Gray this week, it was muggy, rainy and just plain yucky outside. I went inside their home and it was just like a Christmas City.

It was so bright and warm that I couldn't have had a sour thought if I had wanted to. Gerlyn and her daughter, Jessica Hines were there. We had a nice visit. Jessica and husband Danny live in Clarksville. He is self-employed and she will soon be out of school. She is anxious to get on with the business of teaching elementary students. The Gray's have two other daughters; Jennifer Reeder and husband Rusty, who live in Dallas. She is a CPA and he is in customer relations at NationsBank. Judy Holt and husband Harold live in Cuthand. She is an RN at Red River General Hospital and Harold works at UARCO.

Gerlyn works at the Elementary School in Bogata. She assists with the K-8 Special Education group. Jerry is employed at B&W.

Gerlyn is an active member of the First Baptist Church. She also goes to Red River Haven daily to visit her mother, Mrs. Clara Lowe. Jerry and Gerlyn also enjoy camping.

When I called Gerlyn to ask if I could feature her in a column, she told me that she doesn't cook. This is the answer that almost everyone I call gives me. I know that someone cooks, so I decided to investigate the subject. I asked Gerlyn what they ate if she didn't cook. She said that actu-

ally, she cans and freezes vegetables all summer. Then all they have to do is fix a roast or some other kind of meat and maybe a salad and they are ready to eat. She also cooks Mexican food, and Jerry grills outside. Jerry also does the cooking outside for fish fries. I was served a wonderful piece of coconut cake as we talked.

I have now solved the mystery of all these people who don't cook. When I ask them about their cooking, they automatically think I'm asking for something special or fancy. This is not the case. We sometime stake for granted all of these plain, tasty meals that we all cook daily. Ladies, we're not giving ourselves enough credit.

Gerlyn makes crafts like you wouldn't believe. She crochets, quilts and sews, just to name a few.

Since her father was with TP&L, and was transferred often, Gerlyn attended 13 different schools. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High.

When I left, I had gifts. The picante sauce is delicious, and my grandchildren enjoyed the Christmas Tree cookies. I was given a recipe for the picante sauce but they wouldn't give me the cookie recipe. I begged a bite from one of the kids, and it was delicious. It's not that I don't have cookie recipes galore. It's just that it drives me crazy when someone refuses to give me a recipe. I'll never sleep again.

Merry Christmas and much love to all of you.

December 24, 1992



### Picante Sauce By Gerlyn Gray

Combine:  
2 quarts fresh tomatoes  
2 cups chopped onions  
1 3/4-2 cups chopped jalapeno peppers  
2 tsp. garlic powder  
1 cup vinegar  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 tsp. salt

Cook 1 hour over low heat, covered. Stir occasionally. Seal in hot jars. Makes 4-5 pints. Temperature of sauce depends on how hot jalapeno peppers are. Adjust to taste. Omitting 1/4 cup sugar makes it taste hotter.

**Aunt Ruth's Coconut Cake**  
Grease and flour bundt pan or two loaf pans.

Cream 1 cup shortening and two cups sugar. Add 5 eggs, beaten; 1/2 cup milk; 2 cups all-purpose flour; 1/2 tsp. baking powder; 1/4 tsp. salt; 1 tsp. vanilla; 1 T. coconut extract.

Mix well and bake at 325 for 1 hour. Moist, delicious, freezes well. While cake is hot and in pan, poke holes in the top with the handle of a wooden spoon. Mix 1 cup sugar; 1 cup water and 1 T. coconut extract. Bring this mixture to a rolling boil. Slowly pour glaze over cake. Let cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and sprinkle with confectioners sugar.



### Pepper Jelly

1-6 oz. pkg. Certo  
1 cup hot peppers (grind and then measure)  
3/4 cup bell peppers, green or red (grind and then measure)  
5 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1 1/2 cups cider vinegar

Mix peppers, sugar and vinegar. Bring to a boil. Boil 3 minutes, stirring. Remove from heat, add Certo. Mix well. Fill jars, seal with lids and rings. Cool.

This is delicious on snack crackers with cream cheese or as a relish with beans or chili.

### Brown Sugar Brownies

Beat 4 eggs. Blend with 1 box brown sugar; 1 pkg. butter/milk biscuit mix; 1 stick margarine. Add 1/2 cup chopped pecans; 1 tsp. vanilla.

Pour into 9x13" pan, greased and floured. Bake 30 minutes at 350.

Cut into squares and serve warm. These are moist and chewy.

### Cream Cheese Mints

1-3 oz. cream cheese (room temp) coloring and flavoring as desired  
2 1/2 cups confectioners sugar  
granulated sugar

Blend cream cheese until softened. Add color and flavor. Gradually blend in confectioners sugar until of pie dough consistency. Pinch off small piece of dough and roll into small sized ball. Coat with granulated sugar. Press into candy mold.

### Thomas A. Newton Dies December 18

Thomas A. Newton, 61, formerly of Paris, died Friday, December 18. Services were held in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Bertie; two sons, Stanley and Charles Newton; daughters Doris Turner, Judy Hamm of Deport, Glenda Jones, Janet Kelly, Debbie Angle; two brothers, Grady and Royce Newton; three sisters, Joyce Bridges, Florence Lester of Paris and Sarah Crawford; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Correction to Obituary

Left out of the obituary for Allen Avery which was run last week were the names of Rev. George Rape, who officiated, and Rev. Larry Allgood, who assisted. We apologize for this.

### Ollene Morgan Dies December 19

Ollene Morgan, 71 died Saturday, December 19 in Humana Hospital, Marksville, LA.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 21 at Liberty Hill in Mt. Pleasant with Jamie Duncan officiating.

Ollene Morgan was born July 29, 1921 in Mt. Pleasant to Ollie Hill Robertson and Cleo Floyd. She worked as a traveling supervisor for Franklin stores for 33 years. She was of the Protestant faith.

Surviving are her sister, Doris Hollowell of Wichita Falls; a niece, Mary Ann Hollowell of Austin and her niece's children, Mike and Jordan of Austin.

Escuade Funeral Home, Mansura, LA handled out of town arrangements.

### Florene Randle Bell Dies December 19

Florene Randle Bell, 70, died Saturday, December 19 in Titus County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, December 21 at 2 p.m. at Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home with Bro. Lloyd Cashion and Bro. Lyle Huntress officiating. Burial was in Gladewater Cemetery. Bearers were Donald Bell, Skippy Randle, Jackie Easley, Paul Smith, Billy Joe Randle and Duane Randle, Richard Randle and Terry Horn. Honorary bearers were Chris Hall and Mike Horn.

She was born December 28, 1921 in Talco to Will Randle and Izora Diggs Randle. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, John T. Bell of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Sherran Bell of Mt. Pleasant; a brother, Ollie Randle of Wilkerson; sisters, Thelma Kelley of Naples, Birdie Blalock of Talco, Myrtle Bell of Mt. Pleasant, Helen Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Jean Dennis of Mt. Pleasant; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Randle and a sister, Ethyl Coleman.

## Obituaries

### Alice Lavelle Brown Dies December 14

Alice Lavelle Brown, 87, of Bogata, died Monday, December 14 at Red River Haven Nursing Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 17 in Jolley's Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Free officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born December 9, 1905, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuller. She was preceded in death by a son, James Goff in 1966.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Jean Goff of Claremore, OK; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Patricia Alexander Dies December 20

Patricia Marie Alexander, 47, of Bogata died Sunday, December 20 in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Rosary was recited at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 23 in Grant Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Barone officiating. Burial mass was in Restland Cemetery in Cunningham.

Mrs. Alexander was born September 1, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Roman and Rosiana Bojin Ghilezan. She was a shop owner, specializing in gourmet cooking.

Surviving are her mother of Halesboro; one daughter and son-in-law, Deborah Ann and Steve Crawford of Bogata; one son, John Andrew Holcomb of Richardson.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Foundation.

### Kenneth Charles Irvin Dies December 16

Kenneth Charles Irvin, 86, of Bogata died Wednesday, December 16 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 18 in the Bogata Church of God with the Rev. Mark Jones officiating. Masonic graveside rites were conducted by Rosalie Lodge AF&AM at Bogata Cemetery, Bogata Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Irvin was born October 15, 1906 in Tarkeo, MO, a son of Charles and Jeanette Logan Irvin. He married the former Virginia Lee Larson on February 14, 1935 in Milwaukee. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army as a captain, a member of Oshkosh Lodge #27 for 50 years and a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of Scottish Rite. He was a member of the National Society of Sons of American Revolution and was a past president of the Texas Genealogical Society. He was a retired cattleman.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Irvin of Bogata and his caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. David Townes of Bogata. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cleta Helen Dwyer and Winifred Bowers.

### Marion Liggins Dies December 12

Marion Liggins, 71, of Paris died Saturday, December 12 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pine Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. David McDonald officiating. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery under the direction of Maxey Funeral Home.

Mr. Liggins was born September 16, 1921 in Red River County, a son of Handy Liggins and Mariah Bishop Liggins. He attended Red River County schools and was a deacon in the Pine Hill Baptist Church. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a former employee of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Howard Liggins of Paris and Felton Liggins of Charleston, SC; three daughters, Priscilla Woods of Paris, Gwendoly Johnson of Dallas and Marion Perkins of Paris; two brothers, Aaron Liggins of Albuquerque, NM, Oneal Liggins of Detroit; four sisters, Mary Ruth Jones of Los Angeles, CA, Mabel Fisher of Dallas, Julia Weekly of Bagwell and Edna Ricks of Detroit; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### Jimmy David Darden Dies Dec. 20

Jimmy David Darden, born October 16, 1932, Union County Arkansas died December 20, 1992 in El Dorado, Arkansas age age 60.

He was a retired manager for National Life Insurance Company in Tyler, Texas, and a member of the Wyatt Baptist Church and Lisbon Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his widow, Betty Darden of Junction City, Arkansas; two sons, Jim Darden of Mesquite and Donny Darden of Deport; two granddaughters, Holly and Haley Darden, one grandson, David J. Darden, and one sister, Norma Zimmerman of Minden, Louisiana.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, at Wyatt Baptist Church with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

### Margaret Inez Miller Dies December 15

Margaret Inez Miller, 76 of Paris died Tuesday, December 15 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 18 at Gene Roden's Sons Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wilburn Lee and Dr. Pat Otwell officiating. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery.

Ms. Miller was born June 6, 1916 in the East Post Oak Community, Lamar County, a daughter of Thomas Emmett and Florence Lavada Hardin Finch. She married Rush Everett Miller on October 15, 1944. He preceded her in death January 18, 1964. She was a retired telephone operator.

Survivors include a brother, Clyde C. Finch of Anaheim, CA; two sisters, Evelyn Barto of Atlanta, GA and Kathleen Howard of Irvine, CA; several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Johnnie Lee, Fred Ramsey, Willie Lee, Gene Walker, Claude Tyler and Richard Caldwell.

### Elzie Elizabeth Denny Dies December 19

Mrs. Elzie Elizabeth Denny, 73, Bogata died Saturday, December 19 in Red River Haven Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 21 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Posey and the Rev. George Thomas officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Bogata Funeral Home.

Mrs. Denny was born September 24, 1919 in Red River County, a daughter of Louis and Lilia Sullivan Hunt. She married Alvis Denny December 23, 1937 in Bogata. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Bogata and she and her husband owned and operated the Denny Roller Rink in Bogata for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Alvis Denny of Bogata; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Shelia Denny of Quitman; a daughter and son-in-law, June and Carlton Stanley of Bogata; two grandchildren, Susan Salous of Portland, Oregon and Kenny Stanley of Atlanta, TX; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Henry of Mt. Pleasant. She was preceded in death by a brother, Randall Hunt.

Bearers were Ronnie Henry, Gerry Henry, Mike Henry, Lynn Henry, Terry Henry, Mark Henry, Brandon Henry and David Henry.

### Mack Neal Solomon Dies December 22

Mack Neal Solomon, 68, educator, businessman and state legislator died Tuesday, December 22 in East Texas Medical Center, Mt. Vernon.

Services were Wednesday, December 23 at the Sam Harvey Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Vernon with the Rev. James Duckworth officiating, assisted by District Judge Lanny Ramsay. Burial was in Mt. Vernon City Cemetery.

He was born September 14 in Franklin County to Dean and Belle Solomon. He was a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and earned a bachelor of science degree at ETSU and a master of science degree at Sam Houston State University. He taught vocational agriculture for 14 years in the Saltillo and Mt. Vernon school districts.

He served in Austin for eight years as a Texas Legislator and was chosen citizen of the year by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

He served as mayor of Mt. Vernon for several years, served as president of Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and was a member of the Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge and Hella Temple. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, serving as a deacon and was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II in the Philippines.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Connelly Solomon; a daughter, Vera Solomon of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter and son-in-law, Nila and Louis Williams of Austin and granddaughters Mary Elen and Connelly; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Rosanne Solomon of Mt. Vernon and grandchildren Amy and Andrew; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Herman and Bennie Coinnelly.

### Gaylon Cortney Frazier Dies December 18

Gaylon Cortney Frazier, 19, of Deport died Friday, December 18.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 20 in Grant Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Grant Funeral Home.

Mr. Frazier was born March 25, 1973 in Talihina, OK. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Kay Frazier.

He is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.N. Frazier of Deport and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.



### Card of Thanks

The children of Elizabeth Harden Barnard: Bob Barnard, Margaret Jacobson and Marjorie Lewan thank their friends in the Bogata Community who provided food for the pre-funeral luncheon at the First United Methodist Church of Bogata. We also thank those who sent flowers and cards and made telephone calls of encouragement.

We especially thank Rev. Bob Bush and James Wood for co-ordinating arrangements between Denver and Bogata and for assisting on that day. In addition, we were especially grateful for all the family members and friends who joined us to honor our mother.

The Family of Elizabeth  
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## Johntown Locals

Friday night Freda, Sarah, Mitchell Jean, Lee Ann, Molly and Erin McCuller of Mt. Pleasant attended a Rivercrest Basketball game in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Saturday night, Freda, Sarah, Mitchell Jean, Billie Ruth Pirtle and Kyla and Jesse Harville went to the movies to see "The Moppets Christmas."

Monday Grady and Nadine Rhodes visited Wendell Hervey in St. Joseph Hospital. Also, visiting with Wendell on Monday was Mark and

Douglas Hawkins.

Visiting with Nadine and Grady Rhodes on Friday night was Jeanie Anderson of Mt. Pleasant and Tim Thompson of Sugarhill.

Tommy Wayne Anderson of Mt. Pleasant has been visiting with Grady and Nadine Rhodes part of the week.

Spending Thursday and Friday night with Jane and Ronnie Bernard with their grandson David Bishop of Blossom, he returned home on Saturday.

Eugene Cox visited Sunday with Joyce and Tommy Cox.



Mr. and Mrs. David F. Martin Celebrate 50th Anniversary

## Martins Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. David F. Martin were honored December 5, with a special dinner in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Bill O'Dowd of Godley and Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Martin of San Angelo, children of the honorees. Approximately eighty guests attended the dinner at Vance Godbey's Smorgasbord in Ft. Worth.

Special guests were Mrs. Martin's 90 year old mother, Lola Poindexter, aunt Sally Horton, sisters Eugenia Johnson, Gwen Kilgore and Pat Edwards all of Ft. Worth and Branda Scoggins of Bogata. Other special guests were Mr. Martin's sisters, Mary Louise Helmcamp of Houston,

Gladys Morris of Galena Park and brother, Billy Martin of Azle. Family members and friends from all over the state were in attendance, as well as Ruby Hunt of Portland, Oregon.

David Frank and Mary Ann Poindexter Martin were married December 5, 1942 at Houston. Mr. Martin was in the Army 208 Military Police and served at New Caledonia during WWII.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have two children and four grandchildren and have loved in Ft. Worth most of their married lives.

Mrs. Martin is retired from Colonial Jetton and Mr. Martin is employed by Rodriguez Foods.



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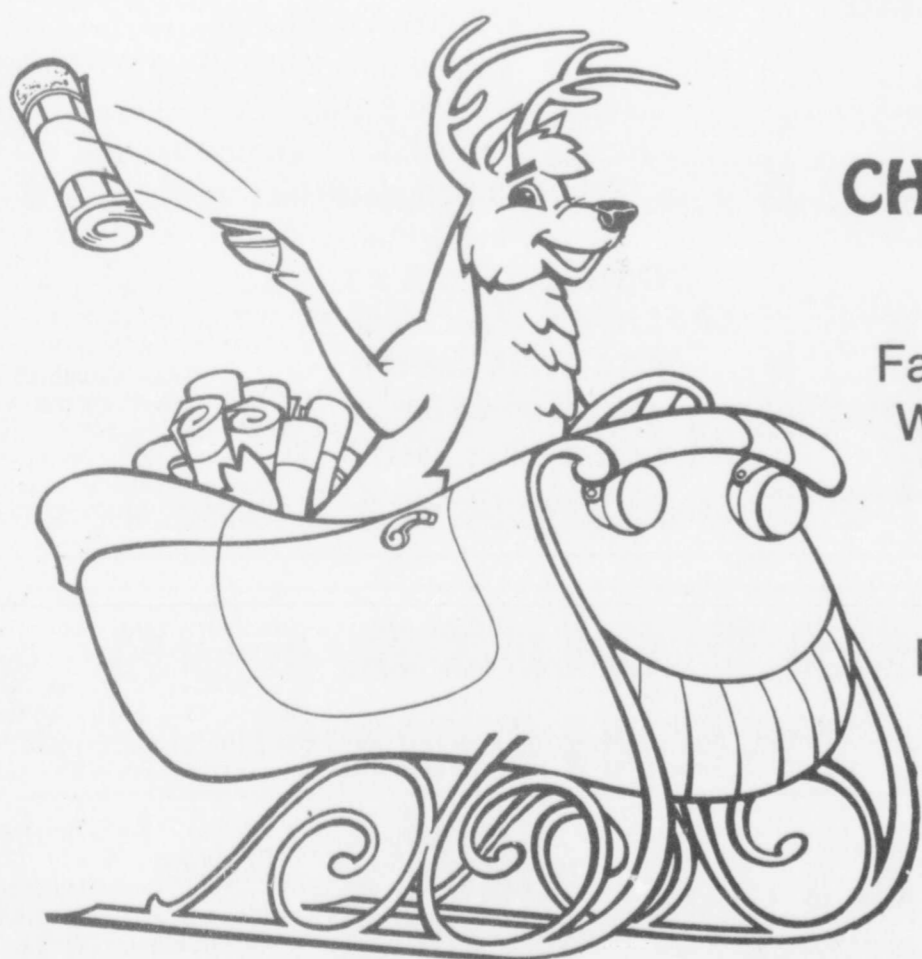
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## Wade Nominated Director To Center For Rural Education

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Rudy Ross  
P.S. Wayne has been a bad boy.

Freddy Wade, superintendent of the Talco-Bogata Consolidated Independent School District has been nominated to serve as director of the newly affiliated Texas Center for Rural Education through its affiliation with the National Rural Education association.

The National Rural Education Association is the national voice for rural education. It is the oldest established ongoing organization of its kind in the United States. Through the years it has evolved as a strong and respected organization of rural

school administrators, teachers, board members, regional service association personnel, researchers, business and industry representatives and others interested in maintaining the vitality of rural school systems across the country.



RENE LeCLAIRE, AMERICAN citizen and valued member of the Bogata community

received his American citizenship in a ceremony on December 18, 1992. (Staff Photo by Donna Rozell)

## Rene LeClaire Becomes Citizen

It is very difficult for many of us to realize and fully appreciate the freedoms and privileges that come to us at birth. We all learned in school what the definition of a citizen is but most of us have never had out citizenship threatened and fewer of us have hauled up our roots and family and moved thousands of miles to another country leaving behind our friends, relations, our homes and many of our possessions.

The LeClaire family that now lives in Cuthand, Texas is from Nicaragua, a Central American country of great political unrest. Political difficulties made it impossible for this family to remain secure in their home and on their property. In 1984 they came to Houston and started a new life in their adopted country, the United States of America.

On December 18, Rene LeClaire

became an American citizen in a serious and heartwarming ceremony in the Federal Court Building in Sherman.

The citizenship process met with several stumbling blocks and false starts but news reporter Denise Wood suggested Rene pursue another route and the stage was set. After a letter to Congressman Jim Chapman progress was made and all efforts came to fruition with the swearing in ceremony December 18, 1992.

We are proud to have the LeClaire family chose to settle in our area. It is possible to learn from others who have experienced adversity and overcome it through diligence and a willingness to sacrifice in order to have a better life.

Rene said that from now on he will, "look forward and not back."



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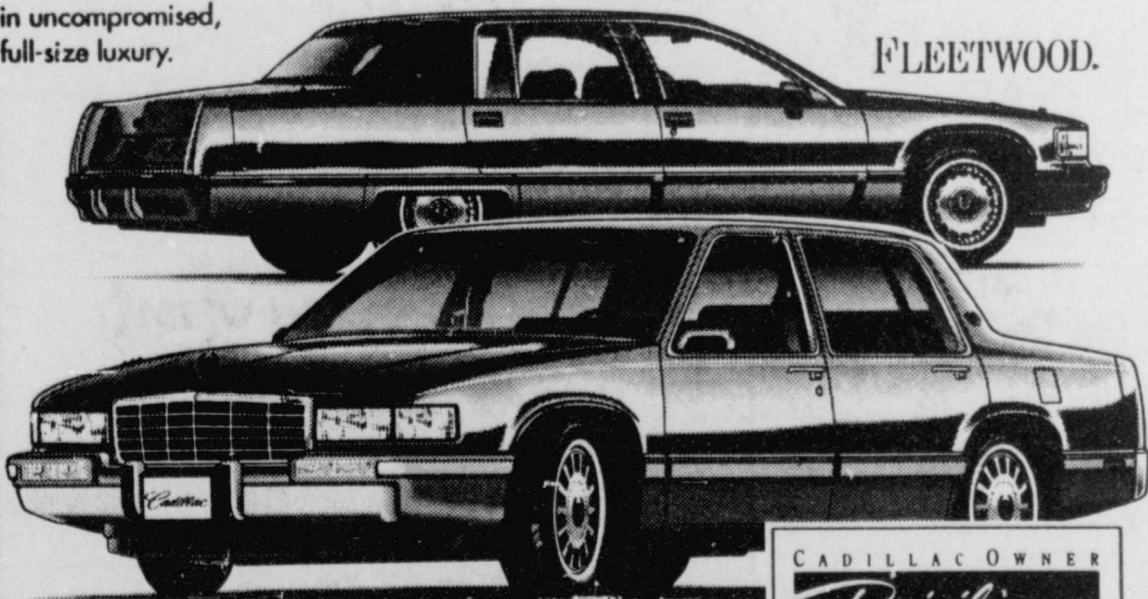
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## Rebel Sports Report

### RHS Lady Rebs Meet Hugo Buffs

The Rivercrest JV Lady Rebs met the Hugo Lady Buffs at Rivercrest Friday and stayed close to the Lady Buffs ending the first half with a score of 16-14, Hugo. The third and fourth quarters saw the score slide largely the Lady Buffs' way. The final score was 54-30, Hugo.

Leading scorer for the Lady Rebs was Stacey Benfield, followed by

Norma Jasso. Also scoring were Mandy Williams, Crystal Bell, Susie Moles and Elizabeth Scott.

The Varsity Lady Rebs took the court to play an outstanding first half, on top by a score of 30-28 when the halftime buzzer sounded. The third quarter action saw a one point difference, 37-36, but the fourth and final chance for the Lady Rebs see-sawed

back and forth with the ladies steadily losing ground.

Points were hard to come by and a Lady Rebel stall did not work. Final score was 49-44, Hugo. High scorer for the Lady Rebs was LaQuitta Norman, followed by Konya Nicker-son. Also scoring were Kathy Hinsley, Chasity Hall, Karen Williams and Michelle Giles.

### Johntown Missionary Baptist Ladies Meet

The Ladies Auxiliary of Johntown Missionary Baptist Church met on Tuesday, December 15 for their annual Christmas Luncheon in the home of Oleta McAllister.

After a covered dish luncheon, they had Chair of Prayer for the Church, for those who might not have a Good, Happy Christmas.

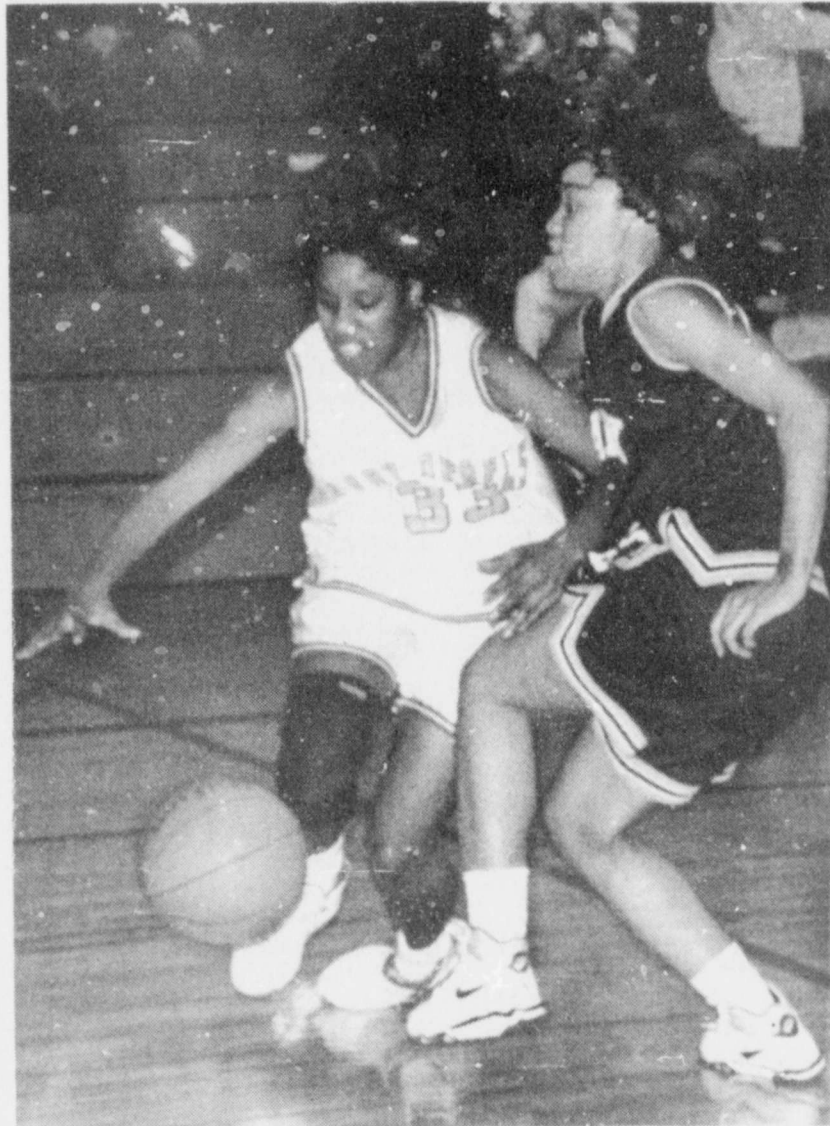
Oleta McAllister brought the story, "The King Is Born" by Rev. Billy Graham.

In place of a gift exchange, they took an offering for the Texas Baptist Orphans Home in Texarkana. Those present were: Gwen Bowen, Reba Cecil, Lucille Childers, Dorothy Foster, Lee Hood, Myra Jean, Mildred Mayfield and Oleta McAllister.

### RHS JV Rebs Fall To Hugo

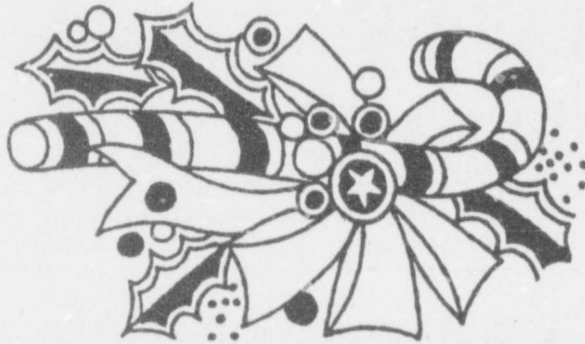
The Rivercrest JV Rebs traveled to Hugo on Friday, December 18. The Buffs loomed simply overpowering for the younger Rebels. They were defeated by a large margin.

High scorer for the Rebels was Kyle Kennedy, followed by Rodney Humphrey, along with Jeremy Weatherall, Jack Brown, Stephen Thomas and Andy Speir.



LAQUITTA NORMAN was high scorer for the Lady Rebel varsity team in their contest with

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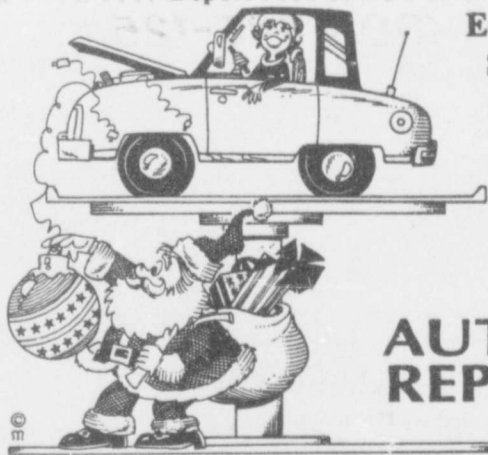
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### Bogata Book Club Has Christmas Party

The Book Club met in the Methodist Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas party on Thursday night.

A covered dish supper was enjoyed by all eighteen members. The program was presented by Jimmie Lou Pope and Susan Baggett. Christmas carols were sung by the group, accompanied by Joyce Smith on the accordion. Secret pal gifts were exchanged, and new names drawn for 1993.

The next meeting will be on January 14, in the home of Betty Puckett. The program will be a book review.



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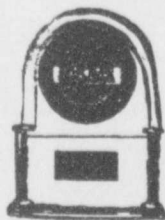


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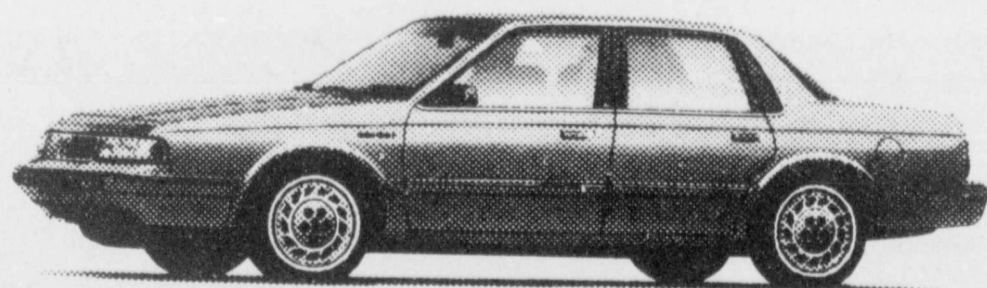


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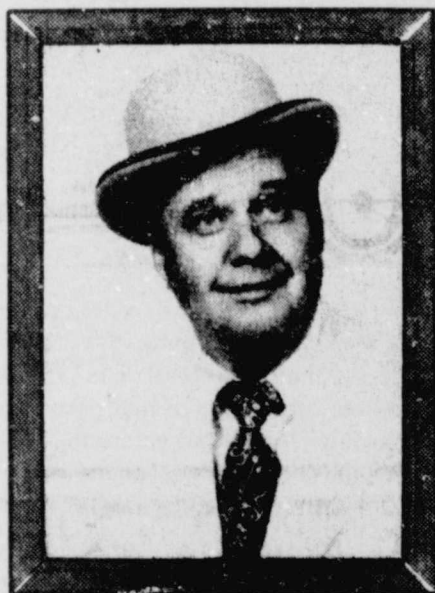
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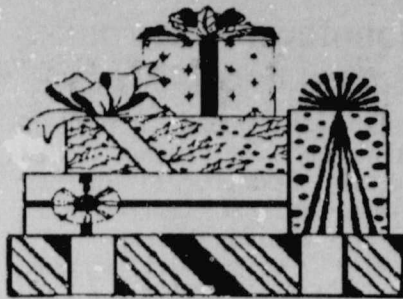
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*Letters To Santa*

**Social Security Notes**

By Ray Hudson

**Social Security Fraud...** One of the main missions of the Social Security Administration is to pay the right benefit check in the right amount to the right person at the right time. Social Security accomplishes this mission, but our efforts are occasionally hindered when dishonest people attempt to commit fraud.

In Fiscal Year 1991 there were 1,066 convictions of Social Security Fraud. These convictions ranged from individuals attempting to collect the Social Security checks of beneficiaries who had died, to persons who file false claims for Social Security benefits.

Acts of fraud affect each Social Security program differently. Following are some examples:

The disability insurance program and the retirement and survivors insurance program are defrauded by claimants who make false statements and conceal work activity that affects their initial or continuing entitlement.

For example, a Wisconsin man was investigated for concealing his work earnings so he could illegally collect disability payments. Further investigation showed that the man worked under his son's Social Security Number and earned \$20,000 in wages while receiving disability benefits. After conviction for concealment, he was sentenced to 12 months in prison and ordered to pay \$72,462 in restitution.

The Supplemental Security Income Program is defrauded by persons who file false claims, conceal assets or resources, or make false statements and conceal events affecting entitlement.

A North Carolina man was investigated for concealing his mother's death and forging her signature on her SSI benefit checks. A furniture store reported that someone attempted to cash a SSI check issued to a woman they knew had died. Further investigation showed that the son filed false statements with Social Security each year to continue his mother's eligibility. He was convicted of check fraud and forgery, sentenced to 6 months home detention, placed on 5 years probation, and ordered to pay \$37,053 in restitution.

Social Security Number fraud occurs when individuals submit false applications for false applications for SSNs, false benefit claims, misuses SSNs to establish false identities.

Four members of a Massachusetts family were investigated for misusing SSNs and filing fraudulent benefit claims. They collected more than \$100,000 in unemployment benefits. Investigations also showed that they collected \$58,000 in SSI benefits.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mud Slinger bike, a BB gun with BB's, a basketball goal and a soccer ball. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Ray Southerland

Dear Santa,  
I want to buy something for my Mom and Dad because they have been good for the whole year. I want to buy a ring for my Mom I want and a belt for my Dad. I want to buy a necklace for my Mom and a buckle for my Dad. They are both special to me. They help me and they care for me. I love both of them.  
Stephanie R. Carroll

Dear Santa,  
I will leave you some cookies. I will leave you some presents. Santa if you look in the Talco newspaper look for this letter. I hope you have a fun Christmas. Do you like to go around the world?  
Clay Craig

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a truck and trailer. I need some candy too. Can you bring me a football and kick stand. Please bring me the teacher's book so that I get 100's.  
Marcus Deming

Dear Santa,  
I will give you some cookies and milk. Sonny likes a bunch of toys. I don't like that much. I will like a few toys. Sonny will give you a present. You give us some presents. When you come it will be snowing.  
Mandy Paredes

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could have a bike and a power wheel car. I will leave you some cookies and ice cream. I would like a Barbie doll, a Nintendo, purse, Baby Alive, jacket and a rocking horse.  
Melissa Norman

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a four wheeler. Is it okay for Mom and Dad to have a girl and boy ring? I wish I had a fast track. I wish for Dad and I each to have a compound bow and arrow.  
Joshua Cabell

Dear Santa,  
I want a fast track. Also I want a car crumpling set. I will leave you cookies. I want a remote control truck. Mom wants a ten speed. Dad wants a 4x4 pickup.  
James Baird

Dear Santa,  
I want Starlight and some new clothes. I want a new house and purse. Do you like milk and cookies? Thank you.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Titsworth

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Tonka truck and a 4x4 pickup. I definitely want a snow sled. Also I want a remote control. Aaron wants a fire truck and a rocking horse.  
Shon Gage

Dear Santa,  
I would like a little Christmas tree. I would like a box of make up. I would like a dress and a pair of mountain climbing boots. I would like a horse. I have been a good girl. I love you, Santa.  
Delores Parker

Dear Santa,  
My sister and I have been very good. Will you come to my house to get some cake and cookies? Rebecca and I have been waiting on you. Will you give me a Barbie doll set, Barbie car and house? My sister and I have been as happy as we can be.  
Leann Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I live in Talco. I want a bike and a big foot truck. I want a back pack with a baby doll and a baby doll.  
Kathy Titsworth

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a BB gun and a nurf missile launcher. My brothers and my sister have been good too. I will leave out some cookies and milk for you.  
Adam Davis

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Sega Genesis. I would like a Mario paint. I would like a game geni. My sister would like a big Barney. Oh, Santa, I love you. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Chase Sloan

Dear Santa,  
I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. My brother would like to have a gun. I would like to have a doll. I am glad you give us presents. I would like to have a dog.  
Susan Hearron

Dear Santa,  
I want a Magic Bottle Baby for Christmas. Do you like cookies? Oh, I forgot I want make up too. I want a baby sister too and a baby brother.  
Thank you,  
Ashley Jones

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this week. I am leaving some cookies out for you. My sister wants a toy.  
Amber Jones.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me some clothes, a Barbie and some more toys? I hope you will like the cookies and have time to drink the milk. Will you please bring me some jewelry. I love you.  
Shari Wisinger

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have pink pants. Please bring me a Rap N Barbie. I really want a make up set. I hope you bring me a ruby ring. I want a baby sister.  
Please,  
Rachel Case

Dear Santa,  
I saw you at Bass Pro Shops. I want a Super Nintendo, a Jet Wave, fast traxx, a Turbo hammer, Mario paint and a bike.  
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Tanya Dean Christie, graduated december 19th, 1992 from Texas Tech. in Lubbock, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design Communication. She was a honor graduate. Tanya was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr and Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ritchell of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. William Marr of Clarksville and great granddaughter of Mrs. Paul Lewis of Detroit. Those in Lubbock for week end graduation and celebration were V Paul Marr and Tamara, V Clifford Ritchie of Detroit, V Layman Christie of Paris, Mrs. Cathy Roberts and Tanya Reed of Clarksville. Tanya will enter graduate school at Tech in January. Kasey, her husband, will graduate from the Tech School of Law in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fry met his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Rater and daughter Patsy in Boniam for lunch and a visit last Thursday.

Mrs. Hursul is recuperating at St. Joseph Hospital after surgery last

Thursday. Visiting her Saturday were her sons, Larry Smith of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith of Garland and David Smith of Dallas, brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Alis Law of Dimple, and Mr. and Mrs. Marlyn Lowe of Quitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Phifer of Tyler and son Michia and Messie Phifer and Sheli Kae of Paris had lunch with

Mrs. Bennel Stribling Sunday. Superintendent and Mrs. Don Fry held open house Thursday 17th at their home across from the Detroit High School from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. for all the teachers and employees of Detroit School system.

Michia Phifer of Paris visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Otis Phifer Sunday.

Jac and Ilene Rodgers of Mesquite, Aneita and Elvin Bangs of Burkburnette were here last week to attend their Aunt Maggil Rodgers funeral and visited their sister Emeric and Otis Phifer.

and sister Kimberly of Blossom were also there.

Delbert Smith is recuperating at home after gall bladder surgery Friday at St. Joseph Hospital.

**Cunningham News**

By Berniece Wyatt

Friends were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. W.A. (Bill) Dorries of Paris Nursing Home. She and her family were longtime residents of Cunningham, and owned and operated the telephone exchange. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Members of the Life Tabernacle Church with their pastor Rev. Dwayne Stuart, and family and several visitors enjoyed pre-Christmas dinner at the fellowship hall Sunday.

Larry Bell and Sharon Hatcher of Paris and Bobby Ruth Slusher attended the funeral service of their uncle, Joe Edd Temple of Seminole, Ok. Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Claypool of Ben Franklin visited Berniece Wyatt Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pressley, Deann and Dona spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pressley of Nacogdoches and attended the graduation of Sandra Pressley Saturday morning from Stephen F. Austin College.

Jo Gordon of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Mrs. Delphia Malone. Christine Kelley of Reno, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shipp of Sulphur Bluff and Pete McKnight visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Watson celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Monday.

Rev. Josh Jones of Rockwall was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church Sunday.

John Newman and Blake of Paris and Mrs. Lorette Pynes had lunch at Burgerking Friday.

Lillian King spent from Sunday until Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Delano Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dunlap and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunlap and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Medlin and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fowler and family of Mesquite, Carol Dorsey and Jennifer

of Deport, Johnnie Warren of Deport Nursing Home, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Moore and family of Clarksville and Lucy Fowler had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Talma Fowler of Pattonville.

Children of the Life Tabernacle Church presented a Christmas play Sunday night.

Jane O'Neal was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jackson and Janec' of Paris, David Jackson of A & M College, Mr. and

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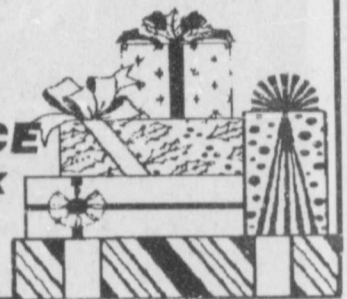
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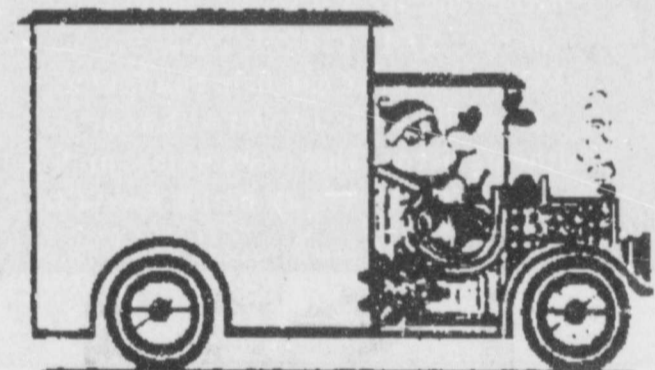
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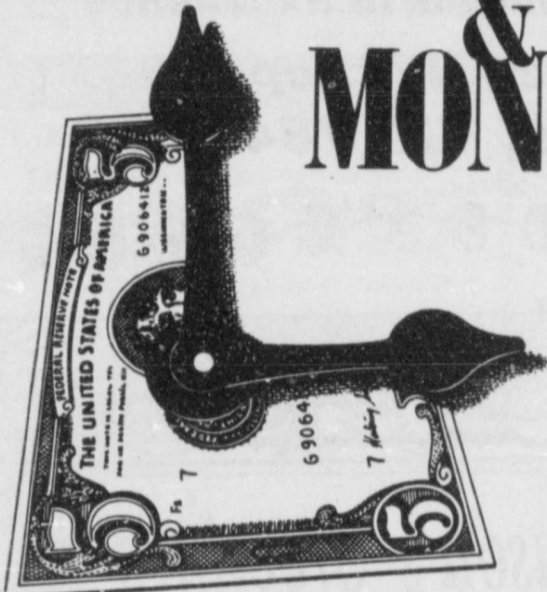
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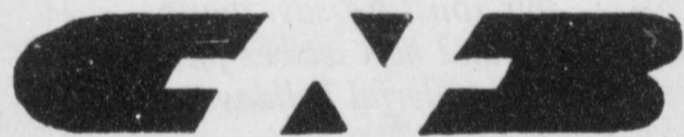
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## Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers

The Good Neighbor Club met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Epps Thursday for their Christmas dinner and party. Five members and four visitors were present.

Mrs. Worth Baker suffered a massive stroke Saturday and is in ICU at Clarksville General Hospital.

Katy Van Deaver visited her aunt, Mrs. Eva Matlock, at Deport Nursing Home on Monday.

Visiting Mrs. Marie Legate last week and attending the Christmas party with her at the center was her son, Rueben and wife.

Mrs. Johnnie Looney is ill with pneumonia in a Paris Hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Epps accompanied her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Quarles of Paris, to see her sister, Mrs. Berniece Coulan in Clarksville Friday night.

Jodi Crawford of Shady Grove attended the community Christmas party Monday night and spent the night as a guest of Betty Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hammer of Aikin Grove spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Travis King.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis VanDeaver accompanied Charles VanDeaver of Clarksville to Greenville Wednesday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Narvel Gasway.

Monte and Shelly Rodgers of Tigertown visited his mother, Betty Rodgers Sunday afternoon to show the new car he bought Shelly for Christmas and her birthday.

The Fulbright Community Club held their annual Christmas dinner and party at the community center last Monday. Everyone enjoyed the meal, program and exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King and children of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis King Wednesday night. Dick and Jeff King were visitors Tuesday.

Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga attended the wedding of his daughter Saturday.

## Foster Family Holds Christmas Dinner

The family of the late Opal and Bertie Foster had their annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 20 at the Legion Hall in Deport.

Attending were James and Virginia Foster, Daniel and Joseph of Paris; Geraldine Patterson, Dallas; Phyllis, Robyn and Lisa Webb of Garland; Darlyne, Richard, Melissa, Lindsey, Derek and Greg Nix of Rockwall; Charles and Maxine Fos-

ter of Deport; Morris, Ginger, Jyl and Alison Foster of Bogata; Ida Mae Norwood of Paris; Del, John and Zachary Walker of Paris; Annie Marie and Frank Sisk of Daingerfield; Pennye Sisk of Irving; Carol and Willard Brown of Clarksville; Carol, Raymond and Daniel Lyons of Perrin; Ann, Kenda and Kyle Foster of Paris; Alicia Huffman of Paris.



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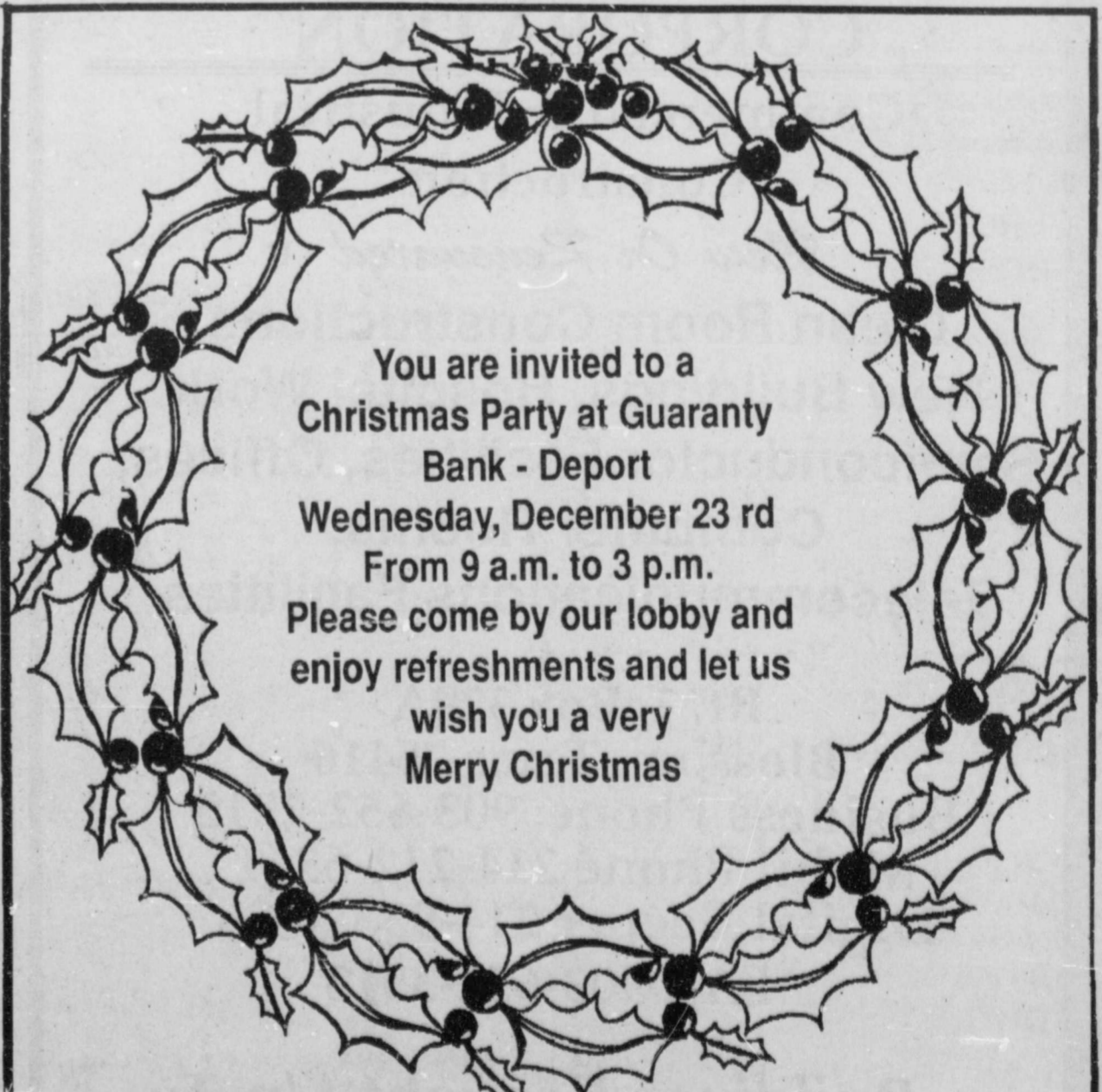


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Lorena Parker ..... Social Studies  
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**First Grade**  
Lyssa Priced ..... Health  
Chassity Hale ..... Social Studies  
Shalina Richeson ..... Mathematics  
Tiffany Cooksey ..... Spelling  
Tiffany Cooksey ..... Handwriting  
Jamie Wilson ..... Reading  
Justin Tucker ..... Science  
Candace Davis ..... Language Arts  
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**Second Grade**  
Marcus Deming ..... Handwriting  
Heath Hinton ..... Health  
Delors Parker ..... Spelling  
Ashley Jones ..... Science  
Chase Sloan ..... Mathematics  
Rachel Case ..... Reading  
Stephanie Carroll ..... Language Arts  
Shari Wisinger ..... Social Studies

**Third Grade**  
Robyn Hollis ..... Language Arts  
Kevin Bass ..... Handwriting  
Kendall Stansell ..... Reading  
Chance Wolfe ..... Social Studies  
Christina Cartledge ..... Health  
Christine Benfield ..... Spelling  
Dustin Rector ..... Science  
Brandon Davis ..... Mathematics  
Nathan Carroll ..... Creative Writing

**Fourth Grade**  
Shelly Hollis ..... Physical Education  
Myron Ellis ..... Physical Education  
Samantha Jones ..... Science  
Jessica Forsyth ..... Language Arts  
Chrissy Wilson ..... Spelling  
Lacie Taylor ..... Mathematics  
Amy DeVane ..... Handwriting  
Joshua Jones ..... Reading  
Kyle Stansell ..... Social Studies  
Shelly Hollis ..... Outstanding Achievement

**Fifth Grade**  
Sam Stanley ..... Physical Education  
Erin Stansell ..... Physical Education  
Erin Stansell ..... Social Studies  
Sam Stanley ..... Science  
Ashley Cabell ..... Reading  
Mishelle Carroll ..... Mathematics  
Carolina Prado ..... Language Arts  
Cody Wolfe ..... Health Award  
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Jon Vilella ..... Handwriting  
Ryan Case ..... Outstanding Achievement

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Jeremy Jones ..... Social Studies  
Jeremy Jones ..... Health  
Dusty Henry ..... Health  
Joey Taylor ..... Science  
Jeemy Jones ..... Reading  
Dusty Henry ..... Spelling  
Joey Taylor ..... Mathematics  
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Kristi Hines ..... Language Arts  
Jody Nolen ..... Reading  
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Jeff Savage ..... Computer Literacy  
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Nicholas Castle ..... Reading  
Tawana Sanders ..... Spelling  
Nicholas Castle ..... Social Studies  
Andre Savage ..... Mathematics  
Nicholas Castle ..... Algebra  
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First grade: Tracy Galloway, Cody Morgan.  
Second grade: Mandy Paredes, Susan Hearron.  
Third grade: Justin Morgan, Dustin Rector, Kendall Stansell.  
Fourth grade: Amy DeVane, Myron Ellis, Keith Hines, Samantha Jones, Valerie Morgan, Kevin Ottinger, Kyle Stansell, Laci Taylor.  
Fifth grade: Jon Vilella, Sam Stanley, Ashley Moles.  
Sixth grade: Nathan DeVane, Joey Taylor.  
Seventh grade: Sara Stanley.  
Eighth grade: Kyle Hines, Justin Smith, Andre Savage, Alvin Savage.  
Cheerleaders: Sara Stanley, Kristi Hines, Maria Prado, Tawana Sanders.  
Student Council: Maria Prado, president; Sara Stanley, vice-president; Nicholas Castle, secretary/treasurer; Courtney Jones and Joey Taylor, sixth grade reps; Diedre Brown and Kristi Hines, seventh grade reps; Justin Smith and Craig Combs, eighth grade reps.  
Ashley Jones ..... Miss Talco Elementary  
Keith Hines ..... Mr. Talco Elementary  
Katherine Graf ..... Miss Talco JH  
Jeff Savage ..... Mr. Talco JH

**Honor Roll**  
First grade: Tiffani Cooksey, Jamie Wilson, Justin Tucker.  
Second grade: Stephanie Carroll, Rachel Case, Ashley Jones, Chase Sloan, Ray Southerland, Shari Wisinger, Marcus Deming, Delors Parker.  
Third grade: Dustin Rector, Chance

Wolfe, Kendall Stansell, Robyn Hollis, Nathan Carroll.  
Fourth grade: Chrissy Wilson, Shelly Hollis, Amy DeVane, Jessica Forsyth, Joshua Jones.  
Fifth grade: Mishelle Carroll, Ashley Cabell, Ryan Case, Erin Stansell, Coleman Brown, Ashley Moles, Carolina Prado, Sam Stanley, Jon Vilella, J.C. King.  
Sixth grade: Dusty Henry, Joey Taylor, Jeremy Jones.  
Seventh grade: Dustin Wolfe, Maribel Prado, Jody Nolen, Kristi Hines, Amanda Franks, Sara Stanley.  
Eighth grade: Justin Smith, Katherine Graf, Nicholas Castle.

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## Talco Locals

Rusty Benfield was honored with a birthday supper Tuesday at El Chico's in Mt. Pleasant. Attending were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhon Benfield, Stacey, Christine and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack.

Mrs. Dorothy Stevens was hospitalized in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris Sunday. She is reported doing well.

Enjoying Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith of Mt. Pleasant were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Justin, Rachel and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Minor, Jennifer and Jaime, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith II, Jacob and Kristopher and Nancy Brown, Kim and Jack.

Mrs. Tammy Case, Ryan and Rachel visited Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Hare in Sulphur Bluff Sunday. They enjoyed celebrating Mr. Hare's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhon Benfield, Stacey, Rusty and Christine visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones in Pine Mills Saturday. They enjoyed visiting Mr. and Mrs. Odus Carpenter and children of Las Vegas, Nevada while there.

Visiting Mrs. Patty Kuhl and Kristen Saturday were Nancy Brown, Kim and Jack, Jelu Binion, Sue Nolen and Jody, Pete Swartz, Jaime and Joanie and Vickie Howard and Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Case celebrated their 45th anniversary December 20. They along with Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Taylor enjoyed supper at Johnny Kase's in Longview.

Carey Johnson and Ashley Cline of Omaha visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hawkins and Tonya over the weekend.

The Talco School children enjoyed the awards program and Christmas parties December 17. Students were released for Christmas vacation following.

Enjoying a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hood Thursday were Tina Nolen, Mary Jane Savage, Velma Ellis, Teri Eastertling, Linda Woods, Teresa Taylor, Tammie Case and Anna Sue Goodroe. The group enjoyed a covered dish supper, exchanged gifts and played games.

Remember!

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