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By Nanalee Nichols

How do you perceive a Vietnam Veteran? Do you think of a long-haired loser...a drug addict...a mentally confused man with a tendency towards unpredictable violence? Does this concept clash with the Vietnam Veterans you actually know...who are decent, hard working citizens with few problems?

Whether the war was right or wrong is not the question here. The question is what do you think of when you think of a Vietnam veteran?

B.G. "Jug" Burkett is a veteran of that conflict, who believes that the image is wrong and he has launched a campaign to combat it. He was featured in a *Texas Monthly* article recently telling how he is doing this.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, Burkett can obtain information about those who served in this nation's armed forces. Whenever he hears of a specific veteran who has written a book or been interviewed, he checks to make very sure they served as they said they did...and frequently they didn't!

According to Burkett there has been a major television network that ran a lengthy interview with a veteran who claimed to have been a SEAL with the Navy at a very young age. This man told horror stories of what he did under the direction of his commanding officers, and how it had ruined his life. Burkett says he discovered that the man had never been a SEAL at all! The network will not even talk to him, he asserts.

Burkett says that he has discovered a number of veterans whose claims to having been in Vietnam are totally false, or else wildly exaggerated. Some were never in Vietnam at all, others never even in the service. Yet, Burkett states, their facts were never checked by those using their stories. Making a sensational story was more important, apparently, than the truth.

The hundreds of hours he has spent researching this subject reveals, according to Burkett, that the majority of Vietnam veterans are living normal, productive lives, and were never the vicious killers or stoned dope addicts that movies, television "documentaries" and books frequently portray. According to Burkett there are some who fit the image, but they are not the norm.

Burkett says that this ugly image is being accepted as a historical fact...and that it is not history, but a misconception that should be corrected.

After thinking about the veterans of Vietnam that I know personally I agree with him. I know roughly a dozen veterans of this conflict. They just don't fill the bill of psychotic dysfunctionals we've grown used to hearing about.

Isn't this yet another example of sensationalism selling better than the truth? Isn't it time that we, the people who watch and read, demanded facts and not fiction? Good luck, Mr. Burkett, and keep up the good work.

Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted By FmHA

Applicants for emergency farm loans for losses caused by freezing temperatures are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Mt. Pleasant, FmHA County Supervisor Rober C. Hendley said today.

Camp County is one of the five in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Epsy as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the freeze.

Hendley said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to eighty percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Hendley said. Farmers participating in the

PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss."

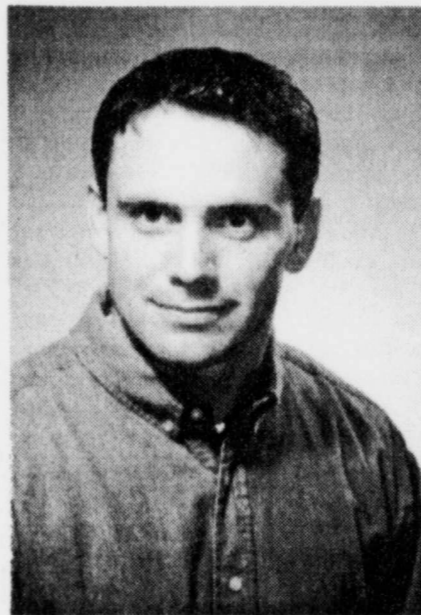
"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 28, 1995, but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into the new farming season," Said Hendley.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Mt. Pleasant is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



BRADLEY WOODS graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative in Giddings, TX and will be moving there in August. Bradley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woods of Talco.

Maple Springs Church To Hold Revival Services

The Maple Springs Church will hold Revival Services August 4-5-6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. On August 4th, Bro. Roddy Jackson of the Joliet Missionary Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. On August 5th Bro. Perry Johnson

of the Talco First Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. On August 6th Bro. Dale Walker of the Lone Star First Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Glenn Connell To Preach At Calvary Baptist Church

Brother Glenn Connell will preach on July 32 at the 11: a.m. services in view of a call as pastor of Calvary.

Brother Connell comes to us from First Baptist Church in Lytle, Texas, where he has served as pastor for the past six years.

Brother Connell and his wife

Bobbie have three children, Ben, 20, Daniel, 17, and Katie, 15.

All members are requested to be present to hear this man of God. A short business meeting will be called after the 11:00 a.m. services for a vote to call him as pastor.

Immunization Clinic Scheduled

The Texas Department of Health, Public Health Region 4 & 5 office, announced plans today for the continuation of a series of monthly immunization clinics for all children needing immunizations, who meet the required family income determination guidelines.

The clinic will be conducted at the Texas Department of Health, 1014 N. Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant.

Clinic hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents may call the clinic for an appointment for their child, (903)572-9877, or arrive on a walk-in basis.

The Health Department emphasizes that this clinic is available to all preschool and school age children who meet the family income guidelines, beginning at two months of

age. Immunizations offered include Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Oral Polio, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis and Tetanus/diphtheria. The Haemophilus Influenzae type b vaccine is also available to medically eligible children between the ages of 2 months and 60 months. The pneumonia vaccine is available to all high risk patients meeting income guidelines. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parents are reminded to bring the child's immunization record and Social Security number if available. The Tetanus/diphtheria vaccine is available to medically eligible adults. Should the parent or legal guardian have questions, please contact the above noted field office staff.

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Leg. Council.....	512-463-1151
Sec. Of Senate.....	512-463-0100
House Chief Clerk.....	512-463-0845

Mabry To Be Bogata Principal

The Talco -Bogata CISD Board of Trustees met on July 31, 1994. The board interviewed candidates for the Bogata Elementary/Junior High School principal's position. The board

voted unanimously to hire Bill Mabry as principal at Bogata.

The board reviewed the budget for 1994-95 and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Red River County Sheriff's Report

July 17-23

July 17: Stolen vehicle reported; burglary of building reported; theft reported; destruction of property reported; one civil matter reported; one request to assist PD officers.

July 18: Two reports of unauthorized use of a vehicle reported; criminal mischief reported; one report of activated alarm reported.

July 19: Theft reported; one report of vandalism reported; inmate released; disturbance reported.

July 20: Four inmates released; one transported from City; burglary of vehicle reported; gas drive off reported; report of cattle on roadway.

July 21: Suspicious person reported;

two inmates released; criminal mischief reported; civil matter reported; stolen vehicle reported; report of reckless driving.

July 22: Theft reported; disturbance reported; one male arrested on charge of speeding, no driver's license and failure to identify; burglary of habitation reported; one arrested for commitment order.

July 23: Report of reckless conduct; robbery reported; one arrested on commitment order; gas drive off reported; disturbance reported; one arrested on charge of public intoxication.

Emergency Loans Available From FHA

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers or agriculture operators are available through county offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). Robert C. Hendley, FmHA County Supervisor, said today.

Hendley asked that those who need farm credit as a result of freezing temperatures make their needs known at the Farmers Home Administration office at 1809 West Ferguson, Suite C, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Applications for assistance in the disaster stricken counties will be accepted by Farmers Home until February 28, 1995 for physical and production losses.

FmHA loans covering actual physical and production losses may be

used to replace installations, equipment or buildings (including homes) lost through disaster. Funds may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or meet interest and depreciation payments on current real estate and chattel debts.

"Funds can be used for essential operating and living costs," Hendley said. Applicants that certify that other credit is not available may receive loans covering actual losses at an interest rate of 4.5 percent and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible consistent with the applicant's ability to pay.

To be eligible for an emergency loan, an applicant must have suffered losses from the disaster.

Letters to The Editor

A letter from the editor:

On Thursday July 7, we ran a story about the Vaughan family reunion. At that time we were pressed for space and were unable to print the paragraph of Vaughan History which was at the bottom of the report. I found this very interesting and I hope you will too even if it is a little bit late.

The Vaughan family had its beginning in America with the arrival of John William Vaughan on the ship Bona Nova to Virginia in 1619. Since the first permanent English settlement in what was to become the United States was Jamestown, Virginia in 1607, this family only missed the period 1607 to 1619 in the life of the nation. John William was born in 1596, and arrived in Virginia at the age of 23. After working the required period for the party who had paid his passage for the voyage from England to Virginia, he proceeded to develop his own estate of several tobacco plantations. He died in 1664, and present descendants have a copy of his will which was prepared in 1663. His descendants lived there in Virginia until about 1840. They then moved to Mississippi, and then to Magnolia, Arkansas. They moved to Red River County in about 1863.

I hope you found this interesting and will consider sending bits of family history as you report on your reunions this summer. And please be sure to report on your reunions. We love to hear who has attended and we love pictures of these events. You can take a picture and wait until it is developed to turn in the report or we can use a polaroid print.

We reported on people's vacations last year and everyone enjoyed it, so if you don't mind sharing them, we'd like to hear from you.

Thanks

People 'N Things

Omitted from the list of Red River Valley All Stars were members of the 2nd team from Rivercrest: Clint Gage, outfielder; A.J. Lee, Pitcher.

The Talco Assembly of God Church will have a 5th Sunday dinner following morning services July 31. At 2:00 p.m. the group will enjoy a singing and early evening service. Everyone is invited to attend.

For information on a charter bus going to Branson, Missouri Sept. 16, 17 and 18th call Molee Huddleston at 632-5774.

Maple Community Homecoming planned for August 8, 1994 has been postponed indefinitely. For more info. call 632-5329.



*Tuesday at 7:30 is pool night, Thursday at 7:00 is "42" night and every Saturday at 1:30 is Bingo playing time.
*The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Nursing Home bingo is 4th Tuesday.
*Wade White and his band, Plain Label, will play dance music Saturday night July 30 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Admission will be \$3.00 per person. No one under 21 will be

Bogata Class Of 64 Invites Everyone To Reunion

The Bogata High School Class of 1964 will have its 30th year reunion at the Bogata Community Center on July 30th. A buffet dinner will be served from 5:00 until 7:00 p. m. There is no ticket price but the hat will be passed to defray the cost of the food. All teachers are invited.

At 7 p.m., the group would like to invite friends from other classes and other residents of Bogata to come and join them. The entertainment will be "The Rock-Its".

For more information contact Cynthia Perrin at 903-537-7076 or Margaret Rhea at 903-537-4047. See you there!

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FEATURED COOK OF THE WEEK is Billy Henry of Blossom. Billy is very active in the community and church and retired two years ago from Campbell Soup Company. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

This week's featured cook is a longtime Blossom resident that everyone knows. She always has a ready smile and "Hi" for everyone. The person I am speaking of is Billy Henry.

Billy's absolute favorite thing besides cooking is her granddaughter, Angel. By the time I had finished the interview, we pretty well had all of the problems of the young folks of the world solved, well, we thought so anyway.

Billy has lived in Blossom her entire life and after retiring two years ago from Campbell Soup after 25 years of service, she enjoys doing for others and sharing her time with them. She is always available for a trip to the grocery store, the doctor, babysitting or when anyone needs a helping hand. She likes to see that the senior citizens have hot meals and care.

To fill up her busy schedule, she is involved in the Oak Hill Baptist Church as secretary, is president of the senior choir and teaches juniors in Sunday School. Billy is also chairperson of the Blossom Housing Au-

thority Board and has served for four years on the Blossom City Council. Billy's mother is the late Rosie Walker and she stressed that her mother instilled in her and her sisters to show pride and respect for others.

Besides her granddaughter Angel, Billy has a son, Marvin, who graduated from Prairiland and lives in Amarillo. She has four sisters, Tommy Thomas of Paris, Johnnie Savage of Amarillo, Patsy Ridley of Paris and Bobby Shelton of Dallas. She and her sisters have time to themselves each year and they have taken a cruise together for the past few years and have a ball.

She recently cooked for a large group over July 4 and loves planning and cooking for a group. She has two large smokers outside her back door that she uses to cook briskets and ribs. Her favorite thing to cook is baked goods.

She has given us recipes for a 7-Up Cake, German Chocolate Cake and a 5-Flavor Pound Cake. We hope you enjoy them and let us know your comments about the column. See you next week.

Obituaries

Arnee Hearn Dies July 19

Arnee Hearn, 82, Rt. 1, Detroit, died Tuesday, July 19, 1994 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23 in Pine Hill Baptist Church, Detroit with the Reverend George Rape officiating. Maxey Funeral Home made burial in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Hearn was born April 11, 1913, in Red River County, a son of Nelson and Lillie Johnson Hearn. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and had been a deacon and Sunday School superintendent and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a farmer and carpenter and married Rosetta Crump on February 18, 1940.

Surviving are his wife and six sons, Emmitt Hearn of Carson, California, Waymon and Clenzell Hearn of Peoria, Illinois, Curtis and Adrian Hearn of Dallas and Travis Hearn of Irving; three daughters, Betty Harmon of Paris, Velma Allen and Esther Hearn of Peoria; four sister, Beauty Robison of Paris, Martha Cary, Annona Banks and Deloris Williams all of Peoria. Also 23 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son.

Audrey McCain Sartain Dies July 23

Audrey McCain Sartain of 650 Madewell Road, Blossom died Saturday July 23, 1994 in her home.

Services were held in the English Cemetery on Tuesday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m. by the Reverend Raymond Armstrong.

The family received friends Monday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sartain was born to John Hubert and Alma Dorrough McCain on September 24, 1935. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was a housewife.

Surviving her is 2 sons, Joey Tutt of Carrollton and Robert Hoffman of Hobbs, New Mexico. Sisters are Mary Gortney and Ruth Markham of Avery, Mildred Stinson and Hazel Crabtree of Paris and Wanda Jordan of Tow, and one brother Charles McCain of Paris and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard McCain.

Rev. Jack McLaughlin Dies July 2

B.J. McLaughlin, of Johtown, received word of his father, Rev. Jack McLaughlin's death, on July 2, 1994.

Reverend McLaughlin, who was 84, was born in Sulphur Springs. He was a retired superintendent of grain elevators in Lubbock and Corpus Christi. He was ordained a minister on 1938 in Altus, Oklahoma. He was pastor of Missionary Baptist Churches in Corpus Christi, and Stoneburg. He retired from the ministry in 1979 from Stoneburg Baptist Church. Reverend McLaughlin had retired in Bowie.

Card of Thanks

The family of C.E. "Buddy" Waldron would like to thank all of our family and friends who were with us in the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

A special thanks to Brother Karl Bush, the Bagwell Baptist Church and all the many friends that brought food. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Bagwell Community Center for a wonderful lunch. Thank you all for your love and prayers.

The Waldron Family

Mittie E. Hammond dies July 23

Mittie E. Hammond, 79 of Ft. Worth died Saturday, July 23, 1994 in her home.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 26 at Greenwood Funeral Home. Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 27 at Highland Cemetery in Deport.

Mrs. Hammond was born in Lamar County and had lived in Fort Worth for 40 years. She was a member of the West Side Baptist Church. Her husband, Clyde E. Hammond died in October 1993.

Surviving are a son, Norris Hammond of Fort Worth; two daughters, Shirley Regan of Fort Worth and Pam Espanet of Joshua; two brothers, Ned Westbrook of DeKalb and Jerry Westbrook of Deport; three sisters, Robbie Gooch and Mary Alice Enox, both of Deport and Bertha Nation of Paris; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A.C. (Jack) Ausbern Dies July 22, 1994

A.C. (Jack Ausbern) died Friday July 22, 1994 after a short illness at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. He was 73. Funeral services were held Sunday July 24 at Lloyd Funeral Home in Gilmer with nephews Travis Roberson and C. Sheffield officiating. Burial was in Morris Cemetery.

Jack was born March 8 1921 in Red River County. He is survived by long time companion, Lois, of Gilmer, one son Galyand, of Lamesa, 2 daughters Linda Ruth, and Linda Sue Owens of Tahoka. Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Two sisters Sallie Walker, of Grand Saline and Cora Roberson, of Seagraves.

Jack was recently reunited with long lost Ausbern Siblings from West Texas. He will be sorely missed by many family members and friends.

Bearers were Bill Hampton, Jimmy Nichols, Weldon Smith, Nicky Spencer, and Grandsons Douglas and Joey.

Norah Gibbs Appleby Dies July 17

Nora Gibbs Appleby of Dallas died Sunday, July 17, 1994, in Charleton Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home will conduct graveside services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the Detroit Cemetery.

Mrs. Appleby was born in Detroit, a daughter of Moses and Mary Frances Gibbs. She was a retired school teacher.

Surviving are two daughters, Billie Catherine Anderson of DeSoto and Mary Eileen Helton of Texarkana and seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



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Five Flavor Pound Cake
By Billy Henry

3 cups flour
3 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup milk
1 cup butter
pinch of salt
5 eggs

Blend all ingredients and add 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon rum, 1 teaspoon lemon extract, 1 teaspoon coconut flavoring and 1 teaspoon butter flavoring. Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour 15 minutes in a Bundt pan.

German Chocolate Cake
1 pkg. German Sweet Chocolate
1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
4 egg yolks
1 cup buttermilk
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
Melt chocolate into 1/2 cup boiling water and cream in butter and

sugar until fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time, blend in vanilla with chocolate mixture. Sift soda, flour and salt, alternating with buttermilk. Add chocolate mixture and beat in folded egg whites. Bake in three 9-inch layer pans for 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Frosting:
1 cup evaporated Pet milk
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter
3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla

Add all ingredients and cook for 12 minutes or until thickened. Add 1 1/2 cups coconut and 1 cup chopped pecans. Cool and spread.

7 Up Cake

1 cup butter
1/2 cup butter flavored Crisco
3 cups sugar
5 whole eggs, one at a time
3 cups flour
3/4 cup 7 Up
2 teaspoons lemon extract
Blend well

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers

The names of Kay Osburn and Dick and Jayne King were left off the list last week of those who attended the birthday party for Jimmie King. Kay Osburn and Harriet Williams of Paris came for church and had lunch with Jimmie King Sunday. Dick King from Paris visited his mother, Jimmie King, Monday and had lunch with her. Monte and Shelly Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga had supper with Betty Rodgers Sunday. Betty Rodgers had lunch Sunday with Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga and attended church services at Faith Baptist in Deport. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Epps had dinner Wednesday with Mrs. Ethel Epps. Mrs. Marie Legate had a heart attack Friday and is in McCuiston Center in Paris. We hope she has a speedy recovery.

Attend
The Church of Your Choice
This Sunday

Mennonite Church To Hold Gospel Singing

Everyone is welcome to attend the Gospel Singing that will be held on July 29th, starting at 7:00 p.m., at the Mennonite Church, which is located 2 miles East of Detroit on the Bagwell highway. Refreshments will be served.

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YOUNG COLLECTOR-David Darden of Deport has an unusual hobby, he collects swords. He has learned a great deal about the history of weaponry and how swords are made, decorated and balanced. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Teen Collector Steels Himself With Blades From The Past

Youthful Collector Finds Swords A Fascinating Look Into History

By Nanalee Nichols

In his oversized tee shirt and athletic shoes, David Darden looks like an average teenager, and he is except for his hobby. David collects swords.

He now has an impressive collection of swords ranging from Japanese Samurai swords to executioner's axes.

David's parents, Donny and Dawne Darden, watched their son order his first sword when he was twelve years old, thinking that it would be just a passing whim. But, instead of being satisfied with having a weapon to wave about, he began working towards earning the money to buy another one.

He looks now, fifteen weapons later, with an amused eye towards his first sword...the quality of which is far below his more recent, and more educated purchases.

"I've learned a lot since then" he says, "I know a lot more about the quality of steel and authenticity."

He now has two more Samurai swords and a Ninja sword. One of the Samurai swords features a carved, ivory-like hilt and a beautiful blade.

"I also have three Medieval swords of European origin, a European executioner's axe, two Calvary Swords (one U.S. the other Confederate) and one infantry sergeant's sword, a naval cutlass, a Scottish claymore or "back sword", and two fencing foils," he smiles. "The fencing foils are NOT practice foils" he adds.

In addition to the swords he has two Columbian spears, the long, slender and deadly looking shafts are not reproductions, but the real thing from the Amazon area. He displays them on the walls of his room at his home just outside of Deport.

David has amassed several books and video tapes and has an astonishing amount of knowledge about his hobby.

Not surprisingly, the fourteen year

old, who will begin high school at Prairiland in a few weeks, says that history is his favorite subject in school.

He has spent the past two summers mowing lawns, working at his mother and grandmother's clothing store and working for his father in order to earn the money to purchase some really fine quality blades.

"The fencing foils are actually the only ones I have that are used just for stabbing in combat" he says.

"The medieval swords and oriental blades were for slashing, and the U.S. Calvary swords were for both slashing and stabbing".

"The kind of warfare that was waged before guns was brutal and bloody" he continues knowledgeably, "often people weren't killed during the battle but died from terrible infections, since there weren't any antibiotics or cleanliness".

He keeps his collection in top condition with oil and a rag, making sure that not a single speck of rust mars their steely surfaces.

He's learned some lessons in the past few years, too.

"For one thing, I don't raise them or swing them inside the house anymore...not since the incident with the overhead light fixture in the living room" he smiles sheepishly.

"I don't use horse apples (bois'd arc apples) for target practice anymore either" he grins. It seems that cleaning the sticky white sap off of a stainless steel blade is a time-consuming process, and it still left a small discoloration on the steel.

He's more careful about how he uses a whet stone to put an edge to the weapons too, since he still bears a small scar from an early attempt.

He also has a much sharper eye towards quality, and studies long and hard before making a purchase.

"The very best steel in the world is Spanish" he states confidently "it is really fine, and takes and keeps an

edge". Several items in his collection are Damascus steel.

"Basket hilts served two functions" he says, pointing to the intricate metal cage over the grip, "they protected the hand from cuts and were also decorative. Often they had cloth or leather inside the basket for decoration and to keep blood (hopefully an opponent's) from making the grip slippery".

The swords are beautiful, with their carvings, intricate trims, decorative or functional scabbards.

David explains that the claymore was the first defense with the Scots of old. "Then, after they were tired of literally hacking at the enemy they drew their dirk, which isn't a small knife like you see in pirate movies, but is a short sword about two feet long. That's what they used for most of the fighting. Then, they had the 'black knife', a dagger carried in the sock, that was their final defense!" he grins.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the swords is their weight...after handling a few of them it is impressive just how heavy each of them is. It took a strong arm to wield the weapons in earnest!

What do his friends think of his unusual hobby?

Well, they think the swords are really neat...but they'd rather spend their money on CDs and cassettes for themselves". David knows he cannot have both, and opts for the swords.

His plans for future collecting include some really fine quality blades, such as a Confederate Staff sword. But, the young collector says he plans to slow down and aim for higher quality and fewer purchases.

After all, David will be old enough to want a vehicle to drive in just a couple of years...and even his swords won't keep him from saving towards that goal!

Guest Family To Hold Reunion

The annual Guest Family Reunion will be held Sunday, August 7, at the Liberty Family Cemetery near Detroit.

Please take a covered dish and lawn chairs.

The descendants of Isaac Guest

and John Martin Guest gather the first Sunday in August every year at Liberty Cemetery.

For more information, call 674-2501 or 785-7781.

In case of rain, meet at the tabernacle in downtown Detroit.

Who's New

Colton Lynn Phipps would like to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Daniel James. Daniel was born at Titus County Memorial Hospital Saturday, July 23rd at 5:32 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and 3 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud Parents are Brad and Della Ann Phipps. Grandparents are Norris and Wanda Phipps of Bogata and Pat and Della Watson, of Talco. Great Grandparents are John and Willie Mae Topping of Bogata, Mamie Hamilton, of Talco, Walter Maggie Watson and Vaudie Phipps all of Paris.

David and Sammie would like to announce the arrival of their baby sister, Shiloh Janell. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz.

Parents are Kim and Todd Wright, of Bogata, grandparents are Billie Davis of Bogata and Mike Wright of Grapevine, Linda and Billy Wayne Mauldin of Bogata. Great Grandparents are Jane Davis of Bogata and the late Sammy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Wright of Deport and Billy D Mauldin, of Dallas.

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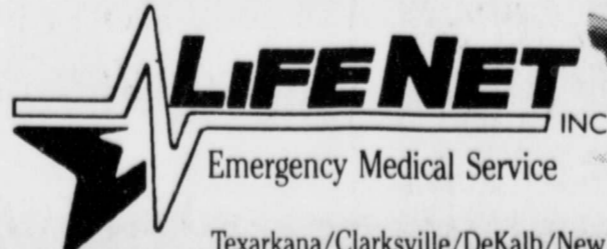
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Cunningham News

By Berniece Wyatt

The Bible School at the Baptist Church closed Friday night with a program followed by refreshments.

The Pattonville Baptist Church dismissed services Sunday night and attended The Sonlight Quartet singing at the Baptist Church. It was followed by a nice supper.

Jesse and Cindy Newberry of Paris, who were recently married, were honored with a shower at the Life Tabernacle Church Sunday night.

Frankie Norwood announced a rodeo in Valliant, Okla. the past weekend.

Berniece Wyatt received word Saturday of the death of her cousin, Earl Lynn of Fouke, Ark. He was the son of Roy and Allie Hall Lynn and at one time lived at Cunningham.

Alma Norwood visited with Lucy Fowler Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Sheppard and family and Joyce Berry spent the weekend visiting Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Lynn of Warren and other relatives.

Ollie Guthrie and Mr. & Mrs. Carl B. Guthrie of Talco spent Monday with Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain. Ollie returned home with them after spending a few days with Mr. & Mrs. Sain.

Mr. & Mrs. Murray Jackson of Paris, Karla Palmer, Andrea and Kara, and Mr. & Mrs. Duayne Drinnon O'Neal and Weston had lunch with Jane O'Neal Sunday.

Erbert Hume of Paris spent Saturday with Millow Hume and Stasha.

Ollie R. Guthrie and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain enjoyed lunch at Catfish King Sunday.

Sue Jackson of Paris, Jane O'Neal, Karla Palmer, Andrea and Kara, and Lisa Drinnon went shopping in Dal-

las Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Norwood are the proud parents of a son born July 20th. The young man is named Caleb Gene. Grandparents are Geneva Norwood and the late Eugene Norwood. Great grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Odis Watson and Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood.

Joel Chipman honored his wife Melissa with a dinner at the Fish Fry Saturday night on her birthday. Guests attending were Chris and Tracie Chipman and Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Michael Cody and Caleb, Noah Chipman and Bill and Ruth Chipman.

Mr. & Mrs. Delano Dunlap and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dunlap and family of Mesquite spent the weekend at their home here.

Mabel Lynn had Wednesday night supper with Joyce Berry.

Lorette Pynes, Sue Pynes and Clifton Bazhaw spent Tuesday visiting Yvonne Adair of Miami, Fla. in the home of Bettye Hershour of Ben Wheeler. Lorette remained for several days to visit.

Jarvis Watson, Deana Gibson and Dillon had Sunday lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Odis Watson.

Reba Mae Sain of Redonca, Calif., Joyce Armstrong and Janice Watson of Paris visited Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain Tuesday.

Shirley Lawrence, Mabel Lynn and Berniece Wyatt had lunch at Catfish King Saturday.

Lisa Drinnon, O'Neal and Weston and Jane O'Neal were shopping in Plano Monday.

Carl B. Guthrie and Ollie Ruth Guthrie visited Mr. & Mrs. Norman

Sain Thursday.

Yvone Adair of Miami, Fla. and Betty Hershour of Ben Wheeler visited Lorette Pynes Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. Delano Dunlap of Mesquite and Carol Dorsey and Jennifer of Deport had lunch with Lucy Fowler Sunday.

Susie Norwood spent Wednesday night with Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood.

Mrs. Verta Lynn, Ruth Chipman, and Mabel Lynn had Sunday lunch at Furr's.

Cindy Nichols of Deport and grandchildren, Toye and Ericka White of Carthage, visited Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Bird, Katherine Quicksall of Bedford and Johnnie Warren of Deport visited Lucy Fowler Sunday morning.

Conard Norwood of Katy visited Mr. & Mrs. Almer Norwood Saturday.

Linda Ray of Charlotte, South Carolina spent Wednesday with Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain.

O'Neal and Weston Drinnon spent a few days last week with Mr. & Mrs. William Drinnon of Frogville, Okla.

Mr. & Mrs. Conard Norwood of Katy spent the weekend at their home here.

Lindy Jo and Bonnie Sue Phillips of Lone Star spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. William Cooper.

Ethel Williams was admitted into the Clarksville Hospital Saturday where she spent one night.

Ollie Guthrie of Talco spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain.



Chelsea Alford

Chelsea Alford was honored with a birthday party celebrating her 4th birthday at Thomas Park on July 21, 1994. Dancing bears was the theme for the event and cake and cokes were served.

Those attending were the honoree, her mom and brother and sister, Eyvette Alford, Collin, and Cailie, Christy and Ryan Kennedy, Sherri and Cody Cheatwood, Corrine Alford, Frances Mears, Minnie Lee Burns, Teri Alford, Nicki, Jessi, Wesley and Wayne, and Steve and Denia Middleton, Chris, Brent and Amanda.

Chelsea received many nice gifts and a good time was had by all.

The Bud Hulen Family Holds 8th Reunion

The Eighth Annual Bud Hulen Family Reunion was held July 17th at the American Legion Building in Clarksville.

Those attending were: Wayne & Sally Reed, C. B. & Virginia Atkins, Slim Hulen, Velma Hulen, Don Fisher

& Terri Fisher, Arthur Fisher, Melissa Fisher, Allen Fisher, Mark Reed, Mallory Reed, all of Clarksville.

Those attending from out of town were: Kenneth Hulen, Gail Hulen, Marie Phillips, Nevel Slack, Sterling Slack, Aaron Slack, Rick Cowel, Leon Overton, Eula Overton, Dianna Overton, Marian Harris, Newton

Harris, Anna Lou Hanna, Gene Hanna, Floyd Hulen, Pauline Hulen, George Stone, Margaret Stone, Catherine Hill, Dr. Jack Atkins, Annette Atkins, Wade Atkins, Lisa Atkins, Kelly Lee, Randall Lee, Brittney Jackson, Brandon Jackson, Don Reed, Maudine Reed, Leslie Reed, Jeffrey Reed, Jimmy Hulen, Pat Anderson, Donny Hulen, Barbara Hulen, Karen Dean, Brian Dean, Colby Dean, Florence Courtney, Duane Campbell and Carol Campbell.

Plans were made to meet the third Sunday in July, 1995, at Clarksville.

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Kristi Eudy-R.L. Damron Vows Are Exchanged

Kristie Dawn Eudy and Raymond Lewis Damron were United in marriage in a semi-formal Southwest, double ring ceremony at 6:30 Saturday Evening, June 25, on the lawn of the home of the bridegroom's parents in Bogata.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wisinger, of Sugar Hill and the late Don Eudy. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Damron, of Bogata.

The front lawn was decorated with an arch made of horse shoes that was entwined with English Ivy. The arch was made by the bridegroom. Decorations beside the arch included: hay bales, cow heads, saddles, and southwest blankets. Four stands of Boston Ferns with teal and mauve ribbons completed the wedding scene.

Scott Pettiet played recorded wedding selections before the ceremony. Judy Jackson of Bogata played the wedding marches. Mr. Pettiet also played recorded selections during the ceremony. They were "I Swear" "Everything I Do I Do It For You", "Your Love Amazes Me".

The bride was escorted to the altar by her stepfather and given in marriage by her parents. For her wedding she chose a white satin gown embellished with seeded pearls and iridescent sequins. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and off the shoulder puffed sleeves. The drop waist satin skirt, accented with cut out appliques and lace scalloped hemline swept into a chapel length train. A crown cluster veil, also embellished with seeded pearls and iridescent sequins completed her ensemble.

She carried a cascade bridal bouquet of white satin roses entwined with English Ivy.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Stephanie Eudy of Talco, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Krista Parish of Sugar Hill and Kelly Davis of Bogata, both friends of the bride. Shari Wisinger of Sugar Hill, sister of the bride served as Junior bridesmaid.

The bridal attendants wore Tea length, teal and mauve paisley dresses, featuring a sweetheart neckline accented with a white lace applique and off the shoulder rose bud sleeves. The dresses were made by Bobbie Damron, mother of the bridegroom.

Serving as flower girl was Chyenne Williams of Bogata, friend of the bridal couple. She carried a white basket accented with mauve ribbon. The basket was filled with rose petals.

James Don White of Talco, nephew of the bride was ring bearer. He carried a white heart shaped satin pillow.

Best man was Rusty Damron of Carrollton, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jason Ward of Bogata, and Kevin Binion of Talco, both friends of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Kasey Easley of Talco, nephew of bride.

Chris Eudy of Talco, brother of bride and Gary Schultz of Johntown, friend of the groom, seated the guest.

Wedding guest were registered by Rene' Wisinger, sister of the bride, and Bridgette Eudy, sister-in-law of the bride.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

The five tiered bride's cake was decorated with teal cactus and mauve flowers, the traditional bridegroom's cake top was accented with hay bales and a heart, entwined with rope. At the bottom of the cake was a fountain of teal water.

The double horse shoe chocolate cake was decorated with mauve flowers and teal leaves. The cake was served by Deanna Vickery and Dusty Pettiet, sisters of the groom.

Alter returning from their trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple are making their home in Bogata.

The bridal couple and their family and friends were honored with a barbecue dinner Friday, June 24, following the rehearsal.

The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the First Baptist Church, Bogata. The couple received many nice and useful gifts. Hostesses included: Jane Glass, Debbie Hare, Alice Ann White, Tina Williams, Jane Homes, Linda Gray, Paula Speir, Gwen Leath, Judy Jackson, Dianne Ross, Mary Ann Ward and Linda Eilers.

The bride was also honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. The couple received many nice and useful gifts. Hostesses included: Zonetta Hawkins, Joan Weatherall, Judy Easley, Linda Parish, Marvie Goates, Jerry Via, Jo Anschutz, Sandra Parsons, Sandra Ingram, Kathy Brown.

A lingerie and rice bag party was held at the home of the Strawns given by Jane and Melanie Strawn.



Mrs. Raymond Lewis Damron

First Annual Hervey Reunion Is Well Attended

Descendants and relatives of Albert Sidney "Sid" Hervey and Donie Cole Hervey met Saturday July 23rd at the Bogata Community Center for their First reunion. Families of Jim Hervey, Buck Hervey, Emma Lee Hervey, Upchurch, John M. Hervey and Sam Hervey were present. It was decided to have an annual reunion. These officers were elected: President Buford Hervey, Sec. Aline Huber and Treasurer Bobby G. Hervey.

Those attending from Dallas were: Opal Lee Conway, Billy Kathy, and Ryan Page; Jennifer and Russell Henderson, and Harold Lynn Hervey.

Also attending were Clay Huber, of Richardson, Joe Hervey, from Midlothian, Michael McGee and family, from Euless, Curtis, Cindy, and Clayton Blagburn, Bo and Sherri Hervey, of Frisco, Dean, Lynda, Traci, and Trey Woodward, of Longview, Randy and Jamie Lynn Manus, from Azle, Bernie, Aline and

Robie Lee Huber, of Mineola, Nettie Hervey, Donald Hervey, James Albert Hervey and JoAnn Cline, from Burkburnett, Robert and Ann Hervey and Casey, from Scotland, Louise McGee, Gail, Kim, and Matthew Thompson, of Randlett, Ok., Morris and Lorene LeBlanc, of Homa, La. Doug and Betty Blagburn, of Lake Creek, Norris and Doris Hervey, of Paris, Amy Day, from Pattonville, Todd and Debby Williams, of Edgewood, Imogene Lewis, Robert Jones, Stanley and Cynthia Jones, and Jordan, Ruby and Linden Horn, Ricky, Lori, Clint and Kelsey Franks, all from Talco, Beulah Fleming and Linda Hodges, Bobby and Billie Hervey, and Nicole Hervey, of Bogata, Wendell and Bobbie Hervey, Shirley Hervey, Butch Hervey, ad Buford and Gale Hervey, of Johntown.

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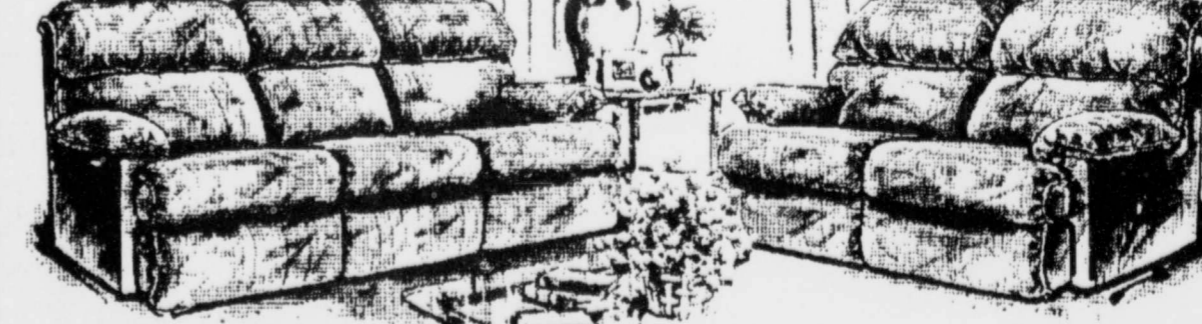
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Clara Lowe's visitors were Jennifer Reeder, Jessica Hines, Gerlyn Gray, and Jerry Gray.
 Visiting with Curtis Cheatham were Buddy and Jane Berry, of Grand Prairie, and Clarence Cheatham, of Bogata.
 Visiting with Essie Cole were Linda Embrey and Worth Baker.
 Sarah Jo Smith's visitors were Duane and Martha Bryson, Josh Bryson, Brent and Paula Bryson and Don Shovan.
 Visiting with Sudie Varner were Charley Goodrum, Odessa and Wimp, Mrs. Audrey Warren, and Sons Don and Royce, Catherine, Thomas Lauren Rowdon, and Don Shovan.
 Visiting with Ida Barnard were Connie Pyles, Tonya Pyles, Paula Pyles and Lawanza Barnard.
 Dollie Carroll's visitors were Lynn and Brenda Carroll, Mavis Jackson, Lee Ware and Ernest Carroll.
 Hazel Brown's visitors were Robert Gibson, Carl and Diana Brown, Marie Crafts and Altus Denny.
 Visiting with Pat Westbrook was Martha Wood.
 Nellie Jane Williams was visited by June Watts, J.C. and Naomi Watson, Jackie and Anita Couch, Maggie Lee, Mary Ann Williams, Barney Alsobrook, Doris Strain, and Flavil Yates.
 Visiting with Mary Parker were Jackie and Anita Couch, Maggie Lee, Inez Gill, and Helen Williams.
 Alice Craig was visited by Inez Gill.
 Visiting with Tom Watkins were Wretha Watkins, Clayton Watkins, and Tony Watkins.
 Mae King's visitors were Ruth King, Liz Legate, Faye Clifton, of Daingerfield, Marcelle Simonds, of Hurst, Inez Gill, and Bill Simmonds also of Hurst.
 Visiting with Lynn Kerley were Arol Kerley and Opal Kerley.
 Gladys Prater's visitors were Mar-

garet Prater, of Paris, Mildred Allums, and Margie LaMaster.
 Visiting with Lantie Smith were Joyce Smith, Wimpy and Odessa, Mark Beers, Weldon Smith, Jerry and Pam and Brent Beers.
 Visiting with Mack Glover were Weldon and Joyce Smith.
 Hattie Crabtree's visitors were Gwendolyn Bowen, Dorothy Foster, and Robbie Hodkins.
 Eunie Turner's visitors were Martha Wood, John Paul Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry, Jimmie Bond, Cheryl Scott, and Nina Ward.
 Visiting with Clyde and Ardenna Roberts were Brother George Thomas and Bill Hampton.
 Visiting with Annie Hare was Patsy Kelley, Inez Gill and Doris Strain.
 Vola Ward was visited by her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry.
 Irene House's visitors were Brother Bush and Ruby Williams.
 Visiting with Katie Mauldin and Murman Bivins were Mary Jo Vickers and Donna Jo Jackson.
 Visiting with Jimmie Potter were Carlus and Corene Potter.
 Thelma Jones was visited by Fredrika Hudson and O.F. Yates.
 Visiting with Paul Wood were Paul Wood Jr. and Alice Wood.
 Mary Brown was visited by Molee Huddleston.
 Bonnie Gamble's visitors were Sonny Gamble and Charles Dawson.
 Jewel Rowe's visitors were Betty Gibson, Charles and Annette Skaggs, Joan Phillips and Marsha Phillips.
 Visiting with Doris Skaggs were Betty Gibson, Charles and Annette Skaggs, Joan Phillips and Marsha Phillips.
 Visiting with Bertha Anderson were Woody and Cathy Walker, Molee Huddleston, Linda Allums, Bertha McCall, and Joe Wesley McCall.

Visiting with Alma Lowry were Fredrika Hudson and Molee Huddleston.
 Maude Legate was visited by Robbie Cooper.
 Visiting Leon Bell were Bettie Sue and Storey and Dr. Miller.
 H.L. Stubblefield's visitors were Lacey Barlen, Anita Stubblefield, and Dude Lassiter.
 Donovan Strain's visitors were Doris Strain, J.C. Watson, Inez Gill, David Rozell, Dude Lassiter, Barney Alsobrook, Mary Ann Williams, and O.F. Yates.
 Visiting with Dude Lassiter were Jennifer Conrad, Janie Moore, Dr. Miller, Susie Baker, J.C. Watson, Bertha Anderson, Jerry Allums, Tommie Woods, Mable Hale, Ida Lou Read, Eva Weisinger, Bessie Roberts, Travis Hale, Kathleen and Dick Goldsberry, Teresa Alford, Inez Gill, Shay Tigert, Juanita Carr, Lee English, Debra Jones, Susan Fullbright, Donna Spyres, David Rozell, Penny Swaim, Bubs Swaim, Mildred Allums, Bob Bush, Mary Ann Williams, Barney Alsobrook, Molee Huddleston, and Mary Barger.
 Visiting with Oma McKinney were Clayton Watkins, Tony Watkins, Doris Strain, and Dude Lassiter.
 Visiting with Ann Evans were Raymon Mauldin, Inez Gill, Paul Woos and Alice Wood.
 Pauline Hutson was visited by Lindsey and Ina Ward.
 Visiting Opal Watts were Bobby and June Watts.
 Luella Swaim's visitors were Nina Hudson, Raymon Mauldin, Jerry Allums, Bertha Anderson, and Fredrika Hudson.
 Visiting with Ocola Morris were L.C. Thomas and Letha Brown.
 Visiting with Dorothy Watkins was Wretha Watkins.

Hopkins County Stew Cookoff Is September 17
 According to the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce their Annual World Champion Hopkins County Stew contest is September 17.
 They expect about 100 ten gallon cast iron pots of stew to be simmering over wood fires by dawn.
 The Festival also has arts and crafts, commercial exhibits and a carnival. Admission to the Stew grounds is \$5.00 for adults. Children under 8 are admitted free. Each ticket holder is entitled to sample one or all of the contest stews, along with plenty of cheese and crackers. Sampling begins at 11:00 am.
 Cooking teams will be competing for \$2,000 in prize money in beef and chicken stew categories. There is also a "Super Stew" category in which former Stew Champions compete. Prizes are also awarded for the best campsite and costumes.

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Texas-New Mexico Power Offers Budget Plan

Through the month of September, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNP) has opened eligibility for its Budget Billing Plan to all residential customers. According to Bogata Area Manager Gary Petty, TNP wants all of its residential customers to have the opportunity to use the Budget Billing Plan to reduce the impact of high summer electric bills on their budget.
 Petty explained that the Budget Billing Plan allows customers to smooth out their electric bills by paying an average amount instead of the actual amount for electricity used in a given month. Usually, customers on the Budget Billing Plan pay less than the actual cost of the electricity they use during the summer, and more than the actual cost of the electricity they use during the spring and fall. Petty emphasized that, overall, Budget Billing customers pay for the exact amount of electricity they have used.
 Normally, only the following customers are eligible for the Budget Billing Plan: new residential customers; residential customers who have not been disconnected for non-payment within the last 12 months;

residential customers who have not been billed with arrears more than twice within the last 12 months.
 However, Petty explained, due to the extremely hot weather which has been experienced in much of TNP's service territory recently, the company has decided to expand the Budget Billing Plan through September to include all residential customers. "We realize that very hot weather can translate into unexpectedly high electric bills," Petty noted. "We hope this program will help cushion our customers from the effects of those bills by spreading the costs over a 12-month period."
 Petty suggested that customers who want to take advantage of the Budget Billing Plan to smooth out summer bills should call or visit their local TNP office as soon as possible. "The sooner they sign up, the sooner they will see the effects of the plan on their bills," he stated.
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Johntown Locals

By Jana Hawkins

Phone 632-5174

B.J. and Robbie McLaughlin brought B.J.'s mother, Jewell McLaughlin home with them after attending the funeral of B.J.'s father, Reverend Jack McLaughlin.

Robbie McLaughlin took her brother, Boots Cooper, to Dallas Friday to the Doctor. The report on his arm was good.

Visitors in the McLaughlin home were Nelda Belzung, of Mesquite, Boots Cooper and Linda Farris, of Johtown and a great grand niece, Ashley Hendricks, of Talco.

Nelda Belzung and Robbie McLaughlin were in Paris Monday. They had an appointment with the Dr. and enjoyed lunch at Furr's.

Visiting with Faye Faulkenburg over the week end were her daughter Nelda Belzung, of Mesquite, her granddaughter, Stacey Hendrick and great Granddaughter, Ashley Hendricks of Talco.

Linda Farris, Nelda Belzung, and Ashley Hendricks visited their father and great grandfather, Jerry Dodd Saturday.

Visiting Gene and Lydia Hawkins several days last week were Kay and Kristin Magee, of Galveston and Sheradan Magee, of The Woodlands.

On Friday they enjoyed lunch in Gilmer and visited Lynn, Lynda, and Ward at Holly Lake. Kristin spent

the night and attended the wedding of the Ward's niece Saturday morning in Dallas. Kay, Kristin and Sheradan returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. Dorothy Foster was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Foster, Jenny and Ken, of Bridges Chapel.

Mrs. Kay Steward and Mrs. Dorothy Foster were visitors Friday of Mrs. Dink Dillard and daughter Sue of Dimple.

Jena Shoemaker, of Carthage spent Wednesday through Friday with Lana Pirtle.

Clay Pirtle visited with Jennifer Brown in Arp Saturday and Sunday. Drue, Billie and Clay Pirtle, Vance Pirtle, Myra Jean, Micky Fisher, Stacy Brown and Jennifer Brown recently attended a Texas Ranger game in Arlington. Stacy, Clay and Jennifer also went to Six Flags.

Toni Combest of Pittsburg and Ashley and Kerry Hendricks, of Longview spent Tuesday with Lucille Childers.

Jan McCuller and granddaughter Erin and Molly McCuller of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday with Lucille Childers.

Haley and Heather Hawkins and Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd of Bogata visited Lucille Childers on Friday.

Red River General Hospital Admissions and Discharges

Admissions:
 7-18-94 - Donnie Allen, Pauline Alexander, Juanita Hasenak - Clarksville; James Downs - Avery; Hugh Riley Forester - Bogata.
 7-19-94 - Nava Jean Jackson, Neta Miles - Clarksville; Betty Ruth Hayes - Bagwell.
 7-20-94 - Grace Fuller, Frankie Tillman - Clarksville; Eula Bond - Bogata.
 7-21-94 - Ronnie Gifford, Thelma Jean Austin, Augusta Crummey, Farris Jones - Clarksville.
 7-22-94 - Kim Clark - Annona; Opal Braden - Avery; Laura Bell, Wilma Mauldin - Clarksville.
 7-23-94 - Cullen Benson, Ethel Williams - Clarksville.
 7-24-94 - Marguerite Whiteman - Clarksville.
Discharges:
 7-18-94 - Gladys Thomas, Eva

Lewis, Eula Bond, Carolyn Durham - Clarksville; Frances Richardson - Bagwell; Chance Coleman - DeKalb.
 7-19-94 - A. B. Castleman - Detroit; James Mauldin - Clarksville; Barbara Harper - Bogata.
 7-20-94 - Adelle Smith, Jake Washington, Donnie Allen, Jr. - Clarksville; Hugh Riley Forester - Bogata.
 7-21-94 - Gladine McGuire - Clarksville.
 7-22-94 - Augusta Crummey, Sudie Stringer, Neta Miles, Farris Jones - Clarksville; James Downs - Avery; Lantie Smith - Bogata.
 7-23-94 - Eula Bond, Bogata; Emma Worthan, Ronnie Gifford, Wilma Mauldin - Clarksville; Opal Braden - Avery.
 7-24-94 - Laura Pearl Bell, Ethel Williams - Clarksville; Betty Hayes - Bagwell.

Men Still Required To Register With Selective Service

Responding to a recent decision by the President, the U. S. House of Representatives voted on May 23 to continue the requirement for all men to register with Selective Service upon reaching age 18. A proposed amendment that would have ended registration was rejected 125 to 273. Five days before the vote, President Clinton notified Congress that continuing draft registration and providing funding to operate the Selective Service System is "essential to our national security." In letters to the leadership of the House and Senate on May 18, the President based his decision on a recently completed review of the program by a National Security Council working group. He concluded that the Selective Service System and peacetime registration must be retained as a prudent military preparedness measure in an uncertain world, as a link between American society and the volunteer military, and as a symbol of national resolve. Although there has been no need to draft men for military service dur-

ing the past 21 years, the nation has maintained the capability to reinstate a draft in a major crisis. Since July 1980, draft registration has been an obligation of virtually every man, ages 18 through 25. Federal law requires that every man must register within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Each man completes a short form to provide Selective Service with his name, date of birth, address, phone number and Social Security number. Registration forms are available at any post office. Most men also receive a registration reminder in the mail a few months before reaching age 18, and they may use it to register by return mail. The Selective Service System has a telephone line dedicated to answering questions about registration: (708) 688-6888. Men who don't register are in violation of Federal law. Non-registrants can be prosecuted, and they are ineligible for Federal student financial aid, most Federal jobs, and job training. The law applies to male immigrant aliens, 18 through 25 years old, as well as male citizens.

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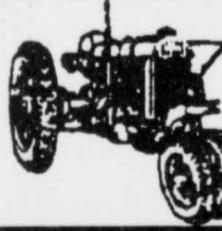
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Freshman Orientation Scheduled at PJC

Paris Junior College freshman orientation will be offered in five separate sessions for students planning to attend PJC this fall, according to Kim Brookshire, PJC student development specialist.

Orientation sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 15, 16, 18, and 22, and a final session on September 9. August orientation sessions will be conducted in the Student Center Ballroom. The September 9 session will be held in the Learning Center.

Students may reserve a space by signing up in Room 108 of the Mike Rheudasil Learning Center or by calling the Student Development Center at (903) 784-9426. Although there is no deadline, reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. The space in each session is limited.

With the exception of those students pursuing some certificate programs, all students participating in an orientation session must take placement tests prior to attending. Check with the Development Center for details.

Placement tests will be given in the Student Center Ballroom at 1 p.m. on August 10, 17 and 23.

Freshman orientation is a one-credit academic course and is required of all students graduating from Paris Junior College. The sessions provide an opportunity for students to meet faculty, administrators and their peers. During orientation, students will be able to receive academic advising, and learn about Paris Junior College and special services that are available.

Registration for all students planning to attend fall classes at PJC this fall is August 24 and 25.

For more information, call Mrs. Brookshire at (903) 784-9426.

No Increase In Denials of Social Security Is Seen

By Ray Hudson
District Manager
Paris, Texas Social Security Office

A recurrent theme in the public comments on Social Security's proposed reengineering of its disability program is the fear that the new process will result in the denial of benefits to more people.

A number of persons asserted that the change in the process will effectively change the definition of disability. I would like to address this issue.

For any of the more than 2 million people who file disability claims each year, the process is a bureaucratic marathon. From the beginning, their claim is shuffled from one decision maker to another—more than 26 persons are apt to review an initial claim. The applicant may not get a chance to see the decisionmaker until the third level of appeal. The process currently averages 155 days from an applicant's first contact with Social Security until the initial decision and as long as two years for people who pursue appeals through the administrative process.

The intent of the proposed disability plan is to streamline the process to arrive at accurate decisions faster. It will not change the definition of disability, only the process by which the disability decision is reached. People who meet the definition of disability in the law—who have a mental or physical disability which is expected to keep them from working for a year or more or to result in death—will still qualify for benefits. People who do not qualify will not have to wait an unreasonably long period to find out.

A major change calls for putting the claim in the hands of a disability claims examiner who will control the file until a decision is made on the claim. The plan permits a hearing and an opportunity to present more evidence before a decision. A new, simplified "index of impairments" will replace the current complex "listing of impairments" to permit earlier

decisions. By assisting the claimant in every possible way with the information and services needed to pursue a claim, we hope to reduce the amount of time it takes to get an initial decision to less than 40 days.

Some have questioned whether the simplified index of impairments will result in denying more people. It shouldn't. The index will be used only to allow an individual; it will not provide the basis for denying a claim. Claims by individuals who do not meet the criteria in the index will be decided at the next step of the evaluation process, which is based on an assessment of the individual's ability to function.

The new process makes it possible to decide some claims faster by focusing on the real issues in a claim. For example, in conducting an initial claims interview, the disability claims manager will be able to quickly determine whether an individual is working and whether the claimant has a medically determinable impairment that does not meet the criteria of the index. Thus, from the beginning, the disability claims manager will be able to focus the interview on obtaining information and evidence necessary to decide the claim at the next step of the process and explain to the claimant how we will make that decision at that step.

Also, we would expect that individuals who are correctly allowed under the current listings would be so severely impaired that we would allow them at the next step in the new process in which we assess their ability to function sufficiently to perform substantial work. In other words, any applicant who would qualify under the present process is likely to qualify under the proposed process. The difference is that he/she will find the experience a great deal less complicated and traumatic.

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12 a Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)				15 072
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18 Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding				0
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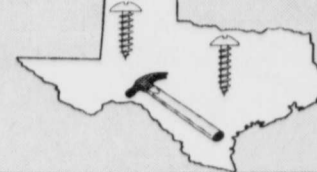
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Jacob Wright, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Shane Wright, was hospitalized this past week. He is reported home and doing well.
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Nolen celebrated their wedding anniversary July 20, 1994.
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Swarts, Jaime and Joanie spent Wednesday through Friday camping at Daisey, Ark.
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Smith celebrated their wedding anniversary July 19, 1994.
Don Thompson of Daingerfield visited Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Brown, Kim and Jack Saturday morning.
Wanda Graf and Katherine spent Saturday shopping in Shreveport, LA.

The Maple Springs and Harris Chapel Church youth left for camp Monday, July 25, at Pine Springs.
Kim Brown, Pete Swarts, Jaime and Joanie visited Mr. & Mrs. Don Rhea and Carrie in Chapel Hill Sunday.
Enjoying a stew supper at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Nolen and Jody Saturday evening were Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Swarts, Jaime and Joanie, and Jared Guest.
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Brown visited Mr. & Mrs. Scooter Kelley in New Boston Saturday.
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Brown, Jack and Carl Antone spent Monday at Six Flags Over Texas and attended the Texas Rangers vs. Minnesota Twins game in the evening.
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Ottinger and Kevin spent Saturday in Kilgore at the Oil Museum and in Tyler shopping.
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sloan, Chase and Jillian spent Saturday in Jefferson. They enjoyed the train ride there.

Celebrating July birthdays are Justin and Cathy Grissom, Leslie Richeson, Jackie Ottinger, Haley Schumate and J. L. Ottinger.
Kathleen Wilhite spent Saturday in Daingerfield with her father, Chester Nix, in the home of her son Johnny Wright.
J. A. & Polly Taylor of Daingerfield visited with her sisters, Kathleen Wilhite and Sis Case, on Sunday. All gathered for dinner in the home of Buster & Sis Case along with Judy and Laura Stevens, Bruce, Tammie, Ryan, and Rachel Case.
Judy & Laura Stevens and Sis & Rachel Case spent Friday in Denton where Laura attended Orientation at the University of North Texas where she will attend school in the fall.
Mrs. Johnny York of Graham and Judy Akers of Eliasville visited Mrs. Louise Stockton last week.
Mae Orrill of Mt. Pleasant was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wayman Alexander.
The Adult Class of the First Baptist Church, Talco, enjoyed a fish fry at the Charley Roberts' farm Saturday evening.

A few months ago Donald and I drove to Vicksburg, Mississippi. While we were there Donald wanted to visit the Confederate Cemetery and explore the historical area which is visited yearly by so many people. I guess you could say I'm self centered, but I really don't think so. I actually just don't like to think about unpleasant things. As we approached the gates and saw the hills covered with white monuments, I was impressed by how well kept the place is and how perfectly straight the rows of monuments are. As we drove closer to the monuments, and the names on them became visible, I became uncomfortable. This is what happens to me in local cemeteries, especially the ones in which someone dear to me is buried. This is the reason I avoid them as much as possible. I guess that as long as I can't see the names, it's just a well kept cemetery, but when I see the name, the person for whom the monument was placed there becomes a real person, instead of just a statistic.
The remains of the Battleship, Cairo has its own museum. It has as many of the things on display as could possibly be recovered from the ship after it was sunk. I found it upsetting that the enlisted men who were the ones doing the hard work on the ship had eating utensils hammered out of pewter and the officers dishes were made of china. I wonder if the officers were also fed better food than the boys. I think the things which bothered me the most though, were the leg and wrist irons. Most of those boys were not any more than teenagers. They joined the navy to fight for their country, and someone had the right to use leg irons on them. I realize that theoretically these


things were meant for the enemy, but I feel sure that they were often used to corral boisterous young men. There were also more instruments of punishment, but I don't like to think of them.
Year before last we all watched Desert Storm on television. Unless you took yourself away from the voice of the news reporters and thought about who was fighting that war, it was just like watching a poorly written movie, which was playing over and over every day.
Maybe I am the only shallow one who watches Television, but I can't seem to connect real people with the Generals' press conferences and the news reporters breaking in to bring special event to our attention. I wonder how the families of these servicemen and women felt watching their loved one in a war and not knowing when that person might show up on the television screen being carried away on a stretcher by medics.
I guess that the point I'm trying to make is that surely there are more couch potatoes such as I, or there wouldn't be people living under bridges, under trees, and in paper boxes, and people wouldn't be hungry and sick, without medical care. Perhaps if we could actually see a person with all of his worldly goods in a shopping cart, in person, he would be real to us. (More real than when we see him on a news report).
What we see on television news programs is not just a poorly written movie, it's about real people, and when you and I watch it and think, "Oh, how horrible," and then go on to thinking about going out to eat or going shopping, it's real people we are just passing off as unimportant.

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