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By Nanalee Nichols
Fun with Clay

A fast food restaurant gave out little plastic "monsters" before Halloween that had a small plastic package of clay to mold inside the monster. Kids loved it.

Watching a great-nephew playing with his "monster mold" sent me back to "clay days".

Most kids love to play with clay, be it the air dried kind with the "dough" name, the kind that can be fired in a kiln, or the kind that never dries out. Clays can come in brightly covered packages, be created from flour and glues, salt, glycerin and water, or a variety of other ingredients.

As a child I remember learning to pinch off little bits of it and swirl them around and around until I had a clay rose which I then decorated with green leaves.

I suppose the first clay project I ever learned was taught to me by my mother. She gave me clay and showed me how to roll it out on a board until I had a long rope of it. The I was shown how to curl it around and around until I created a basket! This simple child's past time is actually the method used by early human-kind to create their first containers!

In school our class would happily mess about with the clay making snakes, flowers, birds, and as many other things as our imaginations and limited manual dexterity would allow us to make.

Of course, these times always came with the admonishment not to drop it on the floor, tramp it into the carpet, put it in one another's hair, or eat the stuff!

What fun we had, using the malleable stuff to build artistic creations, or Christmas ornaments, or Easter eggs!

I decided to take a look at a big store that sold toys, and sure enough, there are still worlds of clay projects, molds, kits and things to make. The price is higher, the package slicker, but I'll bet the fun today's youngsters have is just as much.

Which reminds me...have you see Sculpy, the resin clay that takes detail and can be baked in an ordinary oven? I have been creating tiny, very detailed houses, barns and buildings from it for several years. I suppose that means I never outgrew my enjoyment of playing with clay?

If these memories spark a memory, send it in

By Nanalee Nichols

We have put together a special Veterans Day Section this year, six pages of memories, mementos and sponsors. Most of them come from World War II Veterans. They do make up, after all, the bulk of all veterans in this nation. We would like to have had some memories from Vietnam, from Desert Storm, or simply from people during their time in the military, not necessarily in conflict. We hope next year these veterans will submit stories, too. After looking over this special section, if you have a memory, please send it to us now...we will use it next year. Don't wait, write it down and send it to us at Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435.

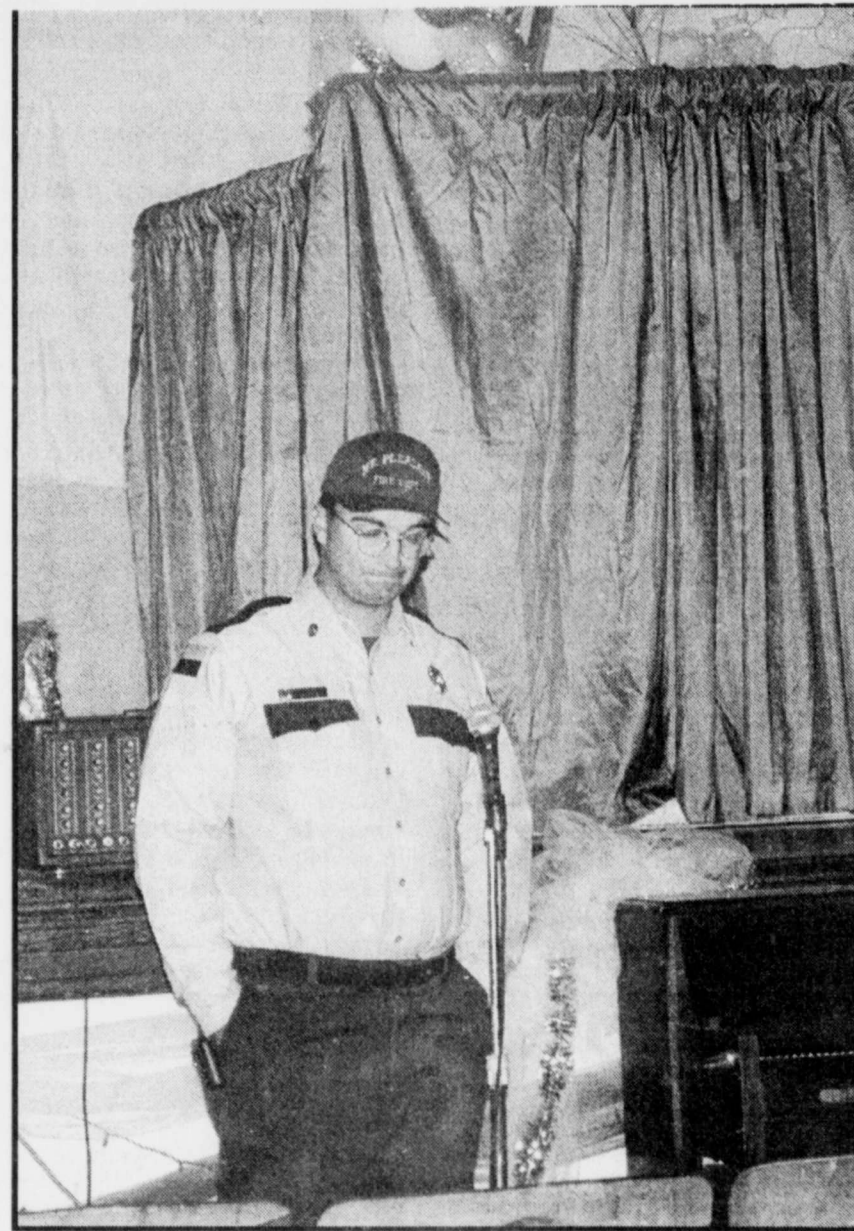
Our veterans are so special, each and every one. They deserve all the recognition they can get...and we want to help each and every one of them to tell their personal story. History details the movements of troops, the results of battles, the statistics. But history cannot document the individual emotions, stories and achievements of veterans.

As you read these stories, appreciate the people who submitted them, tell a veteran "Thank you", and think about what our nation would be like without these people. Each and every one of them is a hero. Tell them so.



ENTERTAINING-the crowd at Saturday's benefit supper held at the Talco School cafeteria were Jimmy Doyce Taylor, Sybil VanZandt, Jessie Adkinson, Pete Hanes and Jimmy Lloyd Taylor. The group played and sang religious and country songs that everyone enjoyed. Also performing were Neal Reynolds, Cole Scoggins, Bobbie Price, Brittany and Haley Logan and Joan Weatherall.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



LIEUTENANT-Danny Beard of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department with the help of his puppet friends spoke to the students of Talco School on Tuesday, Nov. 11 about Fire Prevention and Safety. The students were very responsive to Mr. Beard and friends.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Talco-Bogata trustees meet Nov. 10

The Board of Trustees for the Talco-Bogata CISD met in regular meeting Monday, Nov. 10. The board toured the Bogata campus at 7:00 pm and convened the regular meeting at 8:00 pm in the Bogata cafeteria. Following a brief open forum, the consensus agenda was approved. The consensus agenda included the minutes of the Oct. 14 meeting, the cafeteria report, financial report, tax report and payment of bills. The board then reviewed the property/casualty insurance renewals for the 1997/98 year.

Following a brief executive session on personnel matters, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Annual supper and crafts auction to be held Nov. 15

The annual Thanksgiving supper and arts and crafts auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 1997 in the fellowship hall and gym of the Talco First Baptist Church.

The supper will begin at 5:30 pm

and the arts and crafts auction will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Funds from the event will go toward replacing the carpet and redoing the pews in the church.

Benefit supper successful

A benefit stew supper was held on Saturday, Nov. 8, 1997 at the Talco School cafeteria. Those attending enjoyed stew and all the trimmings or smoked chicken cooked by Sammy Joe Ellis and special barbecue sauce donated by Charlie Hines.

Following the meal a pie and cake auction was held. Also auctioned were an Indian head chainsaw carving and Christmas tree chainsaw carving donated by Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Holt.

Chances were sold on an ironbed loveseat donated by Clarence and Cindy Watts. Donnette Parot was the lucky winner.

Following the auction religious

and country music were preformed by Jimmy Doyce Taylor, Sybil VanZandt, Jessie Adkinson, Pete Hanes, Jimmy Lloyd Taylor, Neal Reynolds and Cole Scoggins. Also singing for the group were Bobbie Price, Joan Weatherall and Brittany and Haley Logan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Logan of Sugar Hill.

All proceeds from the evening went to Lynn Carroll to help with expenses during her illness. Everyone who donated, helped with the evening activities and attended are greatly appreciated. The amount raised was \$2103.55.

Talco students to attend play Dec. 4

On Dec. 4, 1997 at 1:00 pm students in grade Pre-K through Fifth will be attending a play at Whatley Center at Northeast Texas Community College featuring "Winnie the Pooh".

The play is brought to the college through the Communities and School Project. Talco School appreciates the opportunity to be able to attend this special event. For information on the trip contact Talco Principal, B.J. Setliff.

Self-help group to meet monthly

Lake Country Care and Share Group will meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

The public is invited to attend the meetings, which are self-help and family education programs for families and friends of individuals who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.

First Baptist WMA meeting held

The Talco First Baptist WMA met in the church fellowship hall on Monday, Nov. 3 for their regular meeting.

President, Jo Coil called the meeting to order with prayer for the sick. Geneva Kelso said the prayer.

During the business meeting more plans were made for the craft auction



EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK - at Talco School is Third grade teacher, Staci Hinton. Staci has begun her sixth year at Talco School. She is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and Texas A & M at Commerce. She and her husband Phillip live in Sugar Hill and have two children, Heath, who is a seventh grader at Talco and Laci, who is a fifth grader at Talco. Staci's hobbies are working with all types of crafts, gardening and cooking and she especially enjoys activities at her church, Harris Chapel. Staci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scooter Parish of Sugar Hill. Staci received a card and bouquet from the Backroom Floral Designs in Bogata.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Senior baby pictures due Dec. 5

Rivercrest High School's Senior class members are reminded to bring in their baby pictures for the 1998 Sabre annual by Dec. 5.

Each picture placed in the annual will cost \$20.00. For more information contact Mrs. Mabry at Rivercrest, 632-4205.



Ex Rebel Eddie Williams will be competing with his college basketball team from Southern Arkansas University at Texas A & M at Commerce on Saturday, Nov. 15. Game time will be 7:30 pm. All Rebel fans are encouraged to come out and see Eddie compete at the college level.

The Talco School began Jewelry Sales on Monday, Nov. 3. Brochures have been sent out with students. All proceeds with go to the Accelerated Reading Program and the Student Activity Fund.

The Talco Baseball/Softball Association will sponsor a Bake Sale on Friday, Nov. 14 in front of the Talco Post Office beginning at 8:30 am. All proceeds will go to Claudia and Larry Bales to help defray medical expenses. Anyone interested in donating a cake, pie or other baked goods may contact Nancy Brown at 379-4445.

The Calvary Baptist Church is now holding Children's Church during the adult services on Sunday mornings. Children ages 2 years through second grade are included in the class which begins at 11:00 weekly.



LUCKY WINNER-Donnette Parot was the lucky winner of an ironbed loveseat at the benefit stew held at Talco Saturday. The seat was donated to the event by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watts. Pictured are Donnette and her children Dakota and Croix.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Rivercrest Band Boosters to have bake sale

The Rivercrest Band Boosters will sponsor a bake sale Friday, November 21 in front of Guaranty Bank-Bogata from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. For special orders call 632-4490.

Santa letters needed

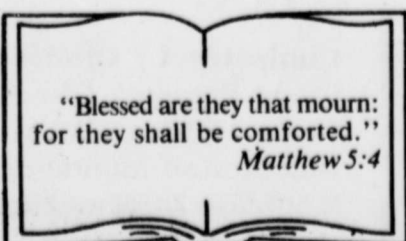
The time is getting near and everyone knows that Santa needs your child's letter in plenty of time to fill their order. Please have all Santa letters in by Friday, December 5, 1997.

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Liz Irwin

I think I have hit a bonanza! I came across this neat little magazine called *Taste of Home!* It is published bi-monthly and is for people who love practical cooking. According to the inside cover, the book is staffed by 1000 cooks who help to edit the magazine! I do believe it. Each page is filled with super recipes with ingredients that are found in your home. . . no special trips to the supermarket to buy an off-the-wall ingredient. There are recipes from casseroles, to desserts, to salads to breads. There is no advertising in the magazine, just page after page of recipes and pictures of the cooks that use them. Even has a section for children and men too! Some of you may already be familiar with one of their publications. . . *Country Women!*

Now, I am not trying to sell you this magazine. I just wanted to let you know what a great book it is and if you love recipes, you will love this!

Listed below is a few of the recipes on bananas. The magazine featured a national contest using bananas and came up with some great ones. Bananas are one of my favorite fruits and I am always making Banana Bread or Banana Pudding, always family favorites!. These caught my eye and I thought I would share them with you. Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

Banana Bread Pudding- If you like Bread Pudding, you are going to

love this recipe! Best served warm with warm sauce drizzled over it. . . but bet is is good cold too! This one just happened to be the Grand Prize Winner!

Black-Bottom Banana Bars- These bars stay moist and have a hint of cocoa added to create the black-bottom effect!

Apricot Banana Bread- What could be better than bananas, apricots and walnuts. Serve hot or wrap up a loaf and give to a friend for the holidays. Perfect!

Frozen Cranberry Banana Salad- Pineapple, cranberry sauce and bananas and again chopped walnuts added to it give this little salad a great flavor to serve at just about anywhere!

Banana Poppy Seed Dressing- Another one you are going to love. Just a hint of a "sweet-banana-y" flavor. Good with salad greens or fruits.

Creamy Banana Pie- An old favorite with everyone. . . but this one is topped with a sliced banana in lemon peel and apple jelly! Another prize-winner, taking Second Place in the contest!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1998 seniors from Prairiland High School are putting together a cookbook to raise funds for their Project Graduation. Anyone wishing to contribute to the book, send your recipes to me in care of the paper. Thanks so much for helping the kids.

Third annual Baker reunion held

For the past three years the daughter of the late Otto and Hattie Baker of Cunningham, Tx. have hosted a "Slumber Party Reunion" for all the girl first cousin's. The first two years they had a progressive dinner visiting in each other's homes in the area, with the night ending at Donnie Lewis's home in Bogata for the slumber party.

This year they enjoyed a meal at the "Steak-Out" in Mt. Vernon, Tx. and then traveled to Mt. Pleasant to play a very competitive game of bowling. The night ended again at the Lewis home for the slumber party and sharing of family mementos.

Plans have been made for the second weekend in November of next

year to continue this fun tradition. Those attending were; Donna Gifford of Deport and Lisa Slagle of Eules, daughters of Neli Baldwin of Blossom, Vickie Armstrong of Mabank, Detra Halza of Dallas, daughters of Bea White of Bogata, Ronda Smith of Rowlett, Judy Shew of Mesquite, daughters of the late Margie Byers, Jenissa Stephens of Paris, daughter of Jenita Smith of Pattonville, Donita Lewis of Mt. Vernon, daughter of Donnie Lewis of Bogata, Janie Hawkes of Longview, daughter of Dean Ogden of Longview and Stephanie Packard of Pattonville, daughter of Ann Baker of Pattonville.

November continuing education set at PJC

Paris Junior College Continuing Education Department will offer the following classes during November.

Child Care, Pediatric Basic Life Support for Child Care Providers will meet from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. The \$20 fee includes handouts, books and manikin supplies.

Computer for Windows 95, a basic computer operations software program will be taught in a choice of two classes.

Power Point I will demonstrate creation of slide show presentations.

Counseling/Social Work seminar "Alzheimer's Disease" will be held for non-professionals and students may attend.

Driver Training/Defensive Driving will be held on November 1.

For information on these and other classes, call 782-0445 or 782-0447.

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno took Jimmie King to Paris for an appointment with her doctor and they had lunch at Rustler's Restaurant.

Peggy and Billy Quarles of Paris and Ethel Epps visited Friday night with Berniece Conlan in Clarksville.

Bobbye and Duane King of Powderly spent Tuesday night, Wednesday night and Thursday with Jimmie King. Duane and Mrs. Kyle King took Jimmie to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday morning for eye surgery. She is doing great. Dick King spent Thursday night with his mother. Bobbye and Duane took her to Clarksville for her check-up following surgery.

Peggy Quarles, Ethel Epps and Jimmie King had lunch in Bogata Saturday.

Marcella Wright had a massive heart attack Tuesday morning and was taken to McCuiston Hospital. Following a second attack she had while in the hospital, she was airlifted to Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas where she underwent balloon surgery Saturday.

Monte Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport visited their mother, Betty Rodgers, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Anderson are parents of a baby girl, Breanna, born two weeks ago.

Marla Crump was in Paris two days last week for a medical check up.

Betty Rodgers visited Jodi and Dee Newberry in Shady Grove Monday afternoon.

Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga went shopping in Dallas Monday.

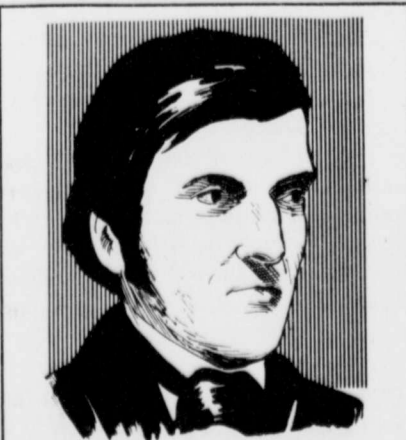
Births

Cawyer Currey is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Ruston Cole Jones. Ruston was born Nov. 3, 1997 weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz., 19 inches long. Parents are Richard and Ginger Jones. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hood of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Mt. Pleasant.

Births

Davis Garrett Parsons was born Wednesday, November 5 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. He is the son of Greg and Connie Parsons and brother of Alisen Parsons of Whitehouse. Grandparents are Dorothy Copeland of Tyler, Keith and Peggy Parsons of Pattonville and great-grandmothers are Floy Sparks of Deport and Irene Parsons of Paris.

American Viewpoints



All great men come out of the middle classes.
Emerson

Obituaries

Mrs. Nicie Mary Tully dies November 10

Mrs. Nicie Mary Tully, age 92 of Irving, formerly of Bogata, died Monday, November 10 in St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 13 in Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born March 13, 1905 in Franklin County, near Hagansport, the daughter of Luther and Elizabeth Cannon. She married Richard Joe Tully on November 18, 1923. He died July 19, 1980.

Survivors include a son, Elbert Tully of Kemp; a daughter, Lillie Kennemore of Irving; seven grandchildren adn 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Goldie DeBerry dies November 9

Mrs. Goldie Hudson DeBerry, age 100, of Colonial Lodge Retirement Center in Idabel, OK, formerly of Bogata, died Sunday, November 9 in McCurtain Memorial Hospital in Idabel.

Services were held at 12 noon on Tuesday, November 11 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Diana Crawford, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Idabel officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. DeBerry was born November 23, 1896 in Chetopa, KS, the daughter of Banister Franklin and Lucy Priscilla Roberts Hudson. She married Paul Hubert DeBerry on November 25, 1919 in Bogata. He preceded her in death August 20, 1952. She was retired from San Antonio College where she was a dietitian and was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Idabel.

Card of Thanks

The **Gerald Cox** family would like to thank the Pattonville community and the people of the Community Center for all their help.

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, food, visits and phone calls while I was ill and in the hospital. May God richly bless you.
Gerrie Bankhead

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray. If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you so much whatever the part.
The Family of Dured Hall
Gaylene Hall
Michael Hall
Carol Sue Whitney
Steve Hall
Deborah Waddell
Donna Jones
Gynell Lawrence
Freida Andrews
And all grandchildren

Card of Thanks

Thank You
The East Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department would like to express its thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the success of the recent fund raiser sponsored by the department. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Larry Freeman dies November 10

Larry Freeman, age 47 of Paris died Monday, November 10 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Millsap and Rev. Sam Campbell officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born February 13, 1950 in Direct, a son of J.B. and Minnie Winton Freeman. He married Edna Curran in Hugo, in 1980. He was retired from Earth Grains and was a member of Tudor St. Gospel Mission.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; two daughters, Melanie Fields of Mesquite and Gina Riley, U.S.N. Norfolk, VA; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Freeman of Tigertown; four brothers, C.D. Freeman of Hopewell, Jerry Freeman of Houston, Nick Freeman of Phoenix, AZ, Gary Freeman of Longview; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Robert Ensor of Paris.

Bearers were Wesley Williams, Scott Nicholson, Gary Parker, Gary Morgan, Lance Nicholson and Bobby Spencer. Named as honorary bearers were James Williams, Dub Matlock, James Farris, Chris Freeman, Terry Gibbon, David Gillean and Brad Freeman.

Douglas D. Cruise dies November 7

Douglas D. Cruise, age 67 of Bogata, died Friday, November 7 at his residence. Services were scheduled for Monday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Cuthand United Methodist Church with the Rev. Donnie Sherrill officiating. Burial was in Cuthand cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Bogata.

Mr. Cruise was born November 9, 1929 in Matador, the son of Charlie and Maggie Cheatwood Cruise. He married Shirley A. Head on May 30, 1953. He was a retired truck driver and U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Bogata; two daughters, Melba Vasquez of Dimmitt and Wanda Elaine Mistrof of Dallas; three sons, Doug Cruise, Jr. of Bogata, William Daniel Cruise of Dallas and Daniel Glen Cruise of Bogata; three sisters, Dorothy Coker of Bogata, Cynthia Ann Sheppard and Susan Juanita Dunn, both of Dallas and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Cathy Lynn Cruise; a granddaughter, Felicia Elaine Vasquez; two brothers, Charles J. Cruise and John L. Cruise; three sisters, Evelyn Davis, Dixie Byram and Ellisteen Coker.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, gifts, cards, flowers and especially all the prayers while I was in the hospital. Thanks also for the food and visits since I have been home. May God bless each and every one of you.
Love,
Jo Cavender

they won't mix.

November 13, 1997
Going Bananas!!!

Banana Bread Pudding
Yield 6 servings
4 cups cubed dry-old French or sourdough bread cut into 1-inch pieces
1/4 cup butter or margarine-melted
3 eggs
2 cups milk
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup sliced firm bananas
Sauce:
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3/4 cup milk
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Place bread cubes in a greased 2-quart casserole; pour butter over and toss to coat. In a medium bowl, lightly beat eggs; add milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Stir in bananas. Pour over bread cubes and stir to coat. Bake, uncovered at 325 degrees for 40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Meanwhile, for sauce, melt butter in a small saucepan. Combine sugar and cornstarch; add to butter. Stir in milk and corn syrup. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a full boil. Boil for 1 minute. Remove from the heat; stir in the vanilla. Serve warm sauce over warm pudding.

Black-Bottom Banana Bars
Yield 2-1/2-3 dozen
1/2 cup butter or margarine-softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/2 cup mashed ripe bananas(3 medium)
1-1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup baking cocoa
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla; beat until thoroughly combined. Blend in the

bananas. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Divide batter in half. Add cocoa to half; spread into a greased 13-inch x 9-inch x 2-inch baking pan. Spoon remaining batter on top and swirl with a knife. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until the bats test done.

Apricot-Banana Bread
Yield 1 loaf
1/3 cup butter or margarine
2/3 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup mashed ripe bananas
1/4 cup buttermilk
1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup 100% bran cereal(not flakes)
3/4 cup chopped dried apricots
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs; mix well. Combine bananas and buttermilk. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with banana mixture. Stir in bran, apricots and nuts. Pour into greased 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until bread tests done. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack.

Frozen Cranberry Banana Salad
Yield 12-16 servings
1 can pineapple tidbits
5 medium firm bananas
1 can whole-berry cranberry sauce
1/2 cup sugar
1 carton Cool Whip
1/2 cup walnuts-shopped
Drain tidbit juice into a medium bowl; set pineapple aside. Add bananas to the juice. In a large bowl, combine cranberry sauce and sugar. Remove bananas, discarding juice and add to cranberry mixture. Stir in pineapple, shipped topping and nuts. Pour into a 13x9x2 dish. Freeze until solid. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before cutting.

Banana Poppy Seed Dressing
Yield 1-3/4 cup
1 ripe banana
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon poppy seed
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon dry mustard
3/4 teaspoon salt
salad greens
orange or grapefruit slices
In a small bowl, finely mash bananas. Add sour cream, sugar, poppy seed, lemon juice, mustard and salt. Chill for at least 30 minutes. Arrange salad greens and fruit on a platter or individual salad plates. Serve with dressing.

Creamy Banana Pie
Yield 8 servings
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/4 cold water
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
2-3/4 cups milk
4 egg yolks-beaten
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
4 medium firm bananas
1 cup heavy cream-whipped
1 pastry shell-baked
juice and grated peel of 1 lemon
1/2 cup apple jelly
Soften gelatin in cold water; set aside. In a sauce pan, combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Blend in the milk and egg yolks; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly-about 20-25 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in softened gelatin until dissolved. Stir in butter and vanilla. Cover the surface of the custard with plastic wrap and chill until no longer warm. Slice 3 bananas and fold into custard with whipped cream. Spoon into pie shell. Chill until set, about 4-5 hours. Shortly before serving, place lemon juice in a small bowl and slice the remaining banana into it. Melt jelly in a saucepan over low heat. Drain banana; pat dry and arrange on top of pie. Brush banana with the jelly. Sprinkle with grated lemon peel. Serve immediately.

Deport United Methodist Church
Annual Harvest Festival
Saturday, November 15

Deport Elementary School
Bazaar Begins at 9:00
Dinner Served from 11-1

"Turkey & Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Tea/Coffee \$5"

Bake Sale Crafts Silent Auction

Red River County Health Fair
Sponsored by St. Joseph's Family Clinic Bogata & The Bogata Lions Club

Date: Saturday, November 22
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Place: Bogata Community Center

Free
Cholesterol / Glucose Tests
Blood Pressure Checks
Project Kidcare ID's
Discounted Mamagram Coupons
Medicare Information

St. Joseph's
BOGATA FAMILY CLINIC



Heather Susan Griffin and Michael Todd Hall

Heather Griffin and Michael Hall to wed

Lonnie and Susie Griffin of Queen City, Texas announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Susan Griffin to Michael Todd Hall, son of Steve and Mary Jo Hall of Talco.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Pauline Griffin and the late Jack Griffin of Queen City, James Griffin and the late Mary Griffin of Hughes Springs.

Grandparents of the future groom are Roy and Lola Price of Argo, Guylene and the late Dured Hall of Talco.

Heather is a graduate of Queen City High School and a graduate of

ISC Correspondence School. She is the owner of Dixie Maid Restaurant in Atlanta, Texas.

Michael is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and East Texas University and is currently employed in social work for the Texas Department of Human Services, Atlanta, Texas.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to the wedding scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 1997 at 6:00 pm at Tanglewood Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta. After a wedding trip to Vicksburg, Mississippi the couple will make their home in Queen City.



Dennis & Janice Martin

Martins celebrate anniversary

Dennis and Janice Martin were married November 10, 1972. They celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary with a supper at their home, given by their sons: Chad, Eric and Aaron. They were presented a sterling silver platter. Aaron also celebrated his 17th birthday and received a pager, radar detector, jacket and

money. Family and friends enjoyed a meal and cake.

Those attending other than the honorees and hosts were Loyd and Helen Chandler, Ronny, Lesa, Zac and Blakely Hill, Tana and Cody Guest, Joanie Swarts, Angela Mabry and Ash Christian.



"Miracle" to sing at First Assembly in Talco

"Miracle", a trio from Bogata, Texas will be in charge of services at the First Assembly of God Church in Talco on Sunday morning, November 16.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Members of the trio are Lorrie and

Randy Lemme and Mikal Ann Haynes all of Bogata.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the program of good gospel music and testimony. The church is located on Highway 271 in Talco.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is estimated that **Volunteer Firefighters in Texas Alone contribute over \$31 MILLION of their time...if they were just paid minimum wage! Support Your Volunteer Fire Department**

Talco students attend play Nov. 20

On November 20, 1997 20 students in grade 3-5 who had participated in the Academic Rodeo at the Titus County Fair traveled to the Perot Theater in Texarkana to see a musical play, "Swiss Family Robinson".

For many it was the first time to attend a musical play. The students enjoyed hamburgers, drinks and ice cream at Wendy's Restaurant following the program.

Wilkinsons attend 376th bomb group reunion

By Charles Wilkinson

Jean and I left the farm on Sunday, October 12, for Emerald Bay on Lake Palestine. We drove mostly in a light rain getting to my sister Marjoree's home just before dark. We transferred our baggage to Marjoree's van and loaded Marjoree and Dora Thompson's baggage also. This was the second year for my two sisters to go to the reunion with us.

We left Emerald Bay at seven a.m. on Monday, October 13. We drove in a light rain. Our first stop was near Shreveport, Louisiana to visit a cousin, Bernice (Dawson) Gates and her husband, Wilson. While we were there her daughter, June, came. After a short visit, we hit the road again. We drove to Shannon, Mississippi that day. We drove all day in the rain. Got to our cousins, Oliver and Joyce Dawson's, just after dark on Monday the 13th. We spent Monday night and Tuesday night with Oliver and Joyce.

On Wednesday the 15 we resumed our journey to Knoxville, Tennessee where our reunion was being held. We arrived at Nashville in the early afternoon. We stopped and toured the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home. We would have enjoyed being able to spend more time there.

On the road again for Knoxville. We arrived at the Knoxville Hilton about dark. Checked in, then ate in the hotel restaurant.

Thursday morning we picked up our packets from the reunion reception desk. Spent the day visiting old friends and meeting new people. The new members all had a red, white and blue ribbon on their name tags. We try to make them feel especially welcome. We lose thirty to forty members each year. So far we are picking up about the same number of new members each year.

Thursday evening we had our welcome reception in the hotel ballroom. Light snacks, punch and a cash bar. A lot of handshaking, backslapping, hugging, kissing and a little lying. After the welcome reception, a few came to our room for drinks and visiting.

Friday morning we went to breakfast in the ballroom. A free breakfast has become a part of the package furnished by the hotel. After breakfast we returned to our rooms.

Jean just reminded me that I had left out the most important happening on Thursday. A lady, Judy

Gardner, who owns a dress shop in one of the malls, had a fashion show and sales deal for the ladies in the hotel ballroom. That was a big hit for the ladies. It went over so big that they had her to return on Friday.

On Friday we had a Symposium on the December 28, 1943 Mission to Vicenza, Italy when the 376th lost 10 B-24s. This was the most planes that the 376th lost on one mission. All the planes from the 512th Squadron were lost that day.

One of the guys from the 512th who was shot down that day has been a regular member of the after hours sessions in our room for the last two years. He has told some interesting tales of his experiences while in German prison camps.

One of the most interesting aspects of this mission was that the 376th had flown a mission to Vicenza about a week earlier and had very little opposition. They were expecting another milk run. The Germans had moved in a lot more anti aircraft guns as well as fighters. As estimated 60 to 100 fighters attacked them that day. As was their habit, the fighters would hold up about 2000 yards out (out of range of our Cal. 50 machine guns) and lob their rockets in for the formation then come on in and attack the cripples. That day it was a very effective tactic for them.

Friday night we went to Pigeon Forge to the Dixie Stampede. Pigeon Forge is the Tennessee answer to Branson, Missouri. I would have enjoyed the dinner more had they furnished silverware. The chicken and barbecued ribs were really greasy to eat with your fingers. However, they did furnish a large wet napkin when you were finished. We did enjoy the show which was performed in an arena about half as large as the Bogata Rodeo Arena. It was sort of a Civil War Scene with different types of races.

On Saturday after breakfast, we boarded buses to go to Oakridge to the Atomic Bomb Museum. They had a demonstration before our tour through the museum. For one of the demonstrations, the man had a girl with long hair come to the stage. She placed her hand on a large ball. There was a large disc on a stand behind her head. When the man turned on a switch the girl's long hair stood on end. The man said that atoms passing

through her caused it. I was real happy to see this demonstration. I had thought for fifty four years that fear had made my hair stand on end on all of my bombing missions. Now, I know that I wasn't scared, it was atoms passing through my body making my hair stand on end.

Saturday night was our dinner dance. Our speaker was a very funny guy. He had a set of large flash cards. He was teaching us the language of the Smoky Mountains. He kept us laughing the whole time.

Sunday morning we had our Memorial Breakfast. This is a very emotional time for me. After we eat, the list of our members who have died since our last reunion is read. Then taps is played. The navigator from our crew had died last April.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, we boarded buses for Asheville, North Carolina to visit the Biltmore Estate. George Vanderbilt opened the doors of the Biltmore House to family and friends on Christmas Eve 1895. The house has 250 rooms with four acres of floor space. It is located on eight thousand acres of forest, farmland and pleasure gardens. It has the most visited winery in America. I really enjoyed visiting their tasting room. However, I was not overly impressed by the taste of their wines. The trip to Asheville, the visit to the Biltmore and visiting the winery took the entire day. The tour guide had intended that we eat dinner in the restaurant next door to the winery, but they had a two hour wait. We went to a nice restaurant that had recently opened. After dinner we boarded the bus for the return trip to the hotel.

Monday morning, after our breakfast, we loaded the van for our trip homeward. We drove to Clarksville, Arkansas and spent Monday and Tuesday nights with our sister-in-law, Helen Wilkinson. On Wednesday we drove to Emerald Bay. Thursday morning we continued our trip homeward. It started raining on Jean and me about thirty miles east of Dallas. We were in a hard rain until we got to Fort Worth.

Jean and I arrived at the farm about four o'clock on Thursday the 23rd. Needless to say we were very tired but happy to be home. Even the cats and cows seemed glad to see us.

Our reunion for 1998 is to be held in Minneapolis.

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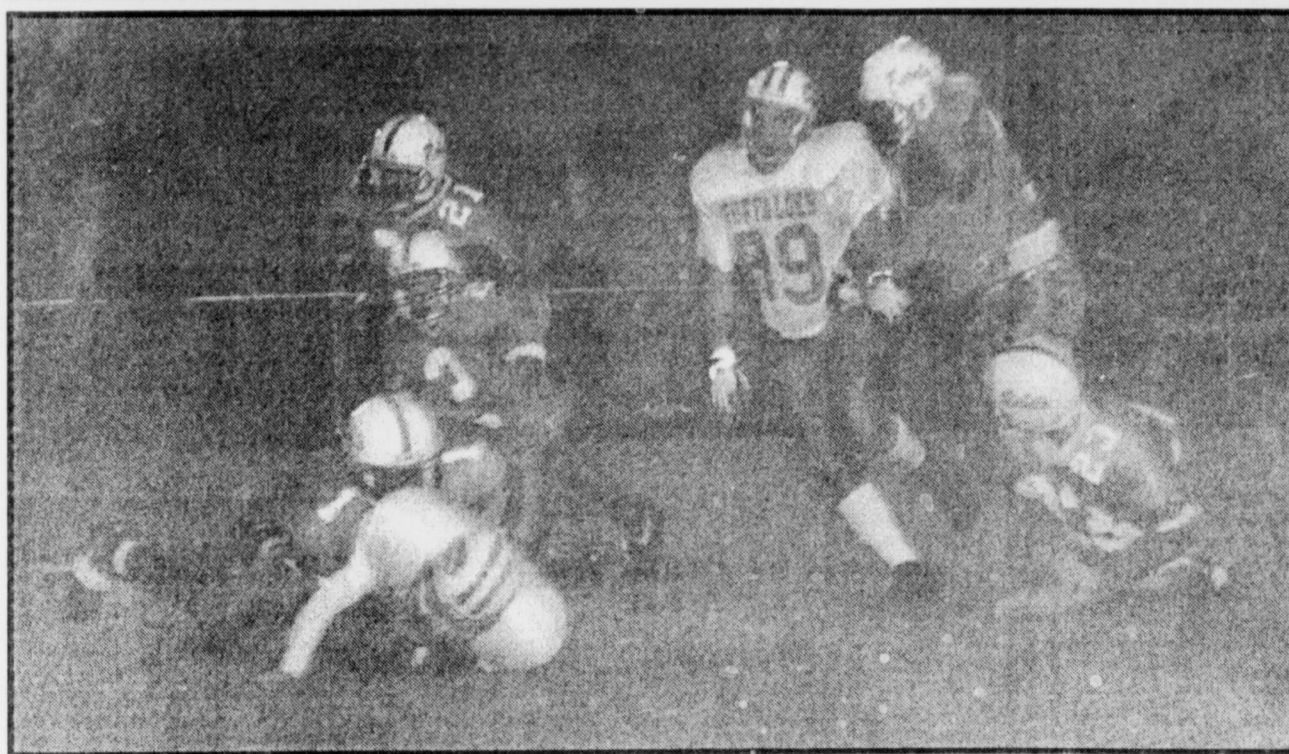
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DOWNED-#1 Keith Hines makes the stop as his Rebel teammates, #3 Jody Nolen, #21 Jeff Davidson, #23 Phillip Rolen and #51 Dustin Wolfe arrive to help as the Rebels battled Lone Oak in the season's last game. The Rebels were defeated 42-22 after a hard fought game.

Rebels defeated in final game of 1997

The Rivercrest Rebels played their final game of the season on Friday, Nov. 7, 1997 at Rebel stadium vs Lone Oak.

In first quarter action a Jody Nolen pass to receiver Brian Giles put the Rebels on the board first. The two point conversion failed and the Rebels held a 6-0 lead with 7:51 left in the first quarter.

Will Noey kicked the ball off to the Rebels who fumbled on the return. The Rebels recovered the fumble and capitalized. After 2 downs the Rebels again scored on a pass from Nolen to Giles again. Michael Allen picked up the extra points on a Nolen pass. Score 14-0.

A stunned Lone Oak team regroup and scored with 3:52 left in the first. The extra points were stopped by the Rebels and the score stood 14-6. Keith Hines, Dustin Wolfe, Aaron Martin made key tackles for the Rebs in the

quarter. The second quarter the Buffalos again found the end zone although the Rebels held them short of a two point conversion. Jody Gray made his first appearance on the field for the Rebels in two weeks. A broken rib had held Gray out of the line-up. The Rebs turned the ball over on an intercepted pass intended for Michael Allen. The Buffalos turned the tables capitalizing on the play driving downfield to score. The half ended with the Buffalos in the lead 20-14.

The third quarter saw the Buffalos come back fired up as much as the Rebel had been in the first quarter. On the kick off the ball was returned for the TD and the extra points were added. Score 28-14. The Rebels answered the score with a score of their own, a 25 yard carry by Jody Nolen.

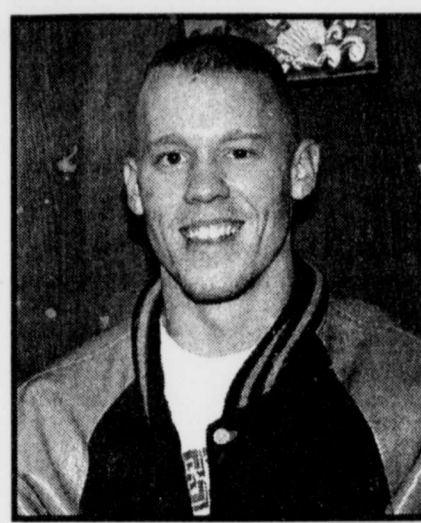
The Rebels missed an opportunity when following the kickoff the Buf-

falos fumbled and the Rebels recovered only to give the ball back on a fumble of their own on the very next play.

Another Buffalo interception added a TD for Lone Oak sending the score to 34-22 with 2:13 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter the Rebels again suffered a blow when they were held short of the score on 1st and goal. The Rebs never gave up and the returning Jody Gray gave it his all on the offense but they could not keep the Buffalos out of the end zone. Lone Oak scored one more TD before the end of the game to set the score at 42-22.

The Rebels played a fine final game ending a good season. The senior players will be greatly missed next year as the Rebs take the field once more to give it all they have. Great Job Rebels!!!!!!



DR. PEPPER PLAY OF THE DAY-was made this week by Rebel Jody Nolen. Jody ran a 25 yard TD to make the final Rebel score for the 1997 season. Jody is a Senior at RHS and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen of Talco. Great season Jody!!!!

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



Little Dribblers meeting held Nov. 9

The Talco-Bogata Little Dribblers group met on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 4:00 pm at Rivercrest High School.

President, Charlie Hines called the meeting to order and the group discussed fees for the coming year. The fee was set at \$10 per child and \$5 for every extra child in a family.

Eligibility was discussed and due to the third six weeks ending on the day school lets out for the holidays it was decided to use the grades from the second six weeks as the guide for student eligibility. If your child passed the second six weeks he or she may play.

Splitting the grades and boys and girls in the younger division was discussed. If it is possible after a poll is taken the 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls will play together, the 3rd and fourth girls will play together and the 3rd and 4th grade boys will play together as will the 5th and 6th girls and 5th and 6th boys.

Forms for participation will be sent out on Nov. 14 and must be returned by Nov. 21 if students want to play.

Rebel and Lady Rebel Basketball Schedule 1997-98

Date	Team	Place	Time
November			
11	Hughes Springs A-B Girls Scrim.	There	5:00
11	Hugo, OK A-B Boys Scrim.	There	3:30
15	DeKalb A-B Girls Scrim.	Here	10 a.m.
15	North Lamar A-B-C Boys Scrim.	There	TBA
18	Pittsburg A-B Girls	There	6:00
18	DeKalb A-B-C Boys	Here	4:30
20-22	Dodd City Tournament A Girls	There	TBA
20-22	Chapel Hill Tournament B Girls	There	TBA
21	Mt. Vernon A-B-C Boys	Here	4:30
25	DeKalb A-B Girls	Here	5:00
25	Mt. Pleasant A-B-C Boys	Here	4:30
28	Grand Saline A-B Girls	There	2:00
30	Commerce A-B-C Boys	Here	2:00
December			
2	Saltillo A-B Girls	There	4:00
2	Mt. Pleasant A-B-C Boys	Here	4:00
4-6	B-C Boys Tournament	Here	4:00
4-6	Mt. Pleasant B Girls Tournament	There	TBA
9	Mt. Pleasant C, New Boston A-B Girls	Here	4:30
9	Paris A-B-C Boys	There	4:00
11-13	Sulphur Springs B-C Boys Tourn.	There	TBA
16	N. Hopkins Tournament Girls & Boys	There	TBA
16	Mt. Vernon A-B-C Boys	There	4:30
19	One City A-B Boys	There	4:30
19	DeKalb A-B-C Girls	There	4:30
27	N. Hopkins A-B Girls	Here	2:00
29-31	Ardmore, OK A Boys	There	TBA
30	*Alba-Golden A-B Girls	Here	6:00
January			
2	*Chisum A-B Girls	There	6:00
6	*Lone Oak A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
9	*Prairiland A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
13	*Como-Pickton A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
17	*Honey Grove A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
17	N. Hopkins B Girls Tournament	There	TBA
20	*Cooper A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
23	*Alba-Golden A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
26	*Prairiland C Boys	There	6:30
27	*Chisum A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
30	*Lone Oak A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
February			
2	*Prairiland C Boys	There	4:00
3	*Prairiland A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
6	*Como-Pickton A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
10	*Honey Grove A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
13	*Cooper A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
17	*Alba-Golden A-B Boys	Here	6:00
20	*Chisum A-B Boys	There	6:00
19-21	Girls Bi-District	TBA	TBA
23-24	Girls Area	TBA	TBA
27-28	Boys Bi-District	TBA	TBA
27-28	Girls Regional Tournament	Tyler	TBA
March			
2-3	Boys Area	TBA	TBA
6-7	Girls State Tournament	Austin	TBA
6-7	Boys Regional Tournament	Tyler	TBA
12-14	Boys State Tournament	Austin	TBA



SENIOR NIGHT-at Rivercrest High School was held at the final football game of the season Friday, Nov. 7, 1997. All Senior Band members, Cheerleaders and Football players and their parents were recognized. Each mother was presented a rose by Coach Keith Brown.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

On Nov. 23 the group will meet again to review the forms and see if a split can be made. Teams will also be drafted at this time. The first practices will begin Jan. 5 and will have to be formed around the PIPS schedule.

Refereeing for the year was discussed with not definite plans made. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

New officers for the coming year were elected. They are; President-Charlie Hines; Vice President-Bradley Moore; Bogata Secretary-Treasurer-Denise Chaloner and Talco Secretary-Treasurer-Tina Nolen.



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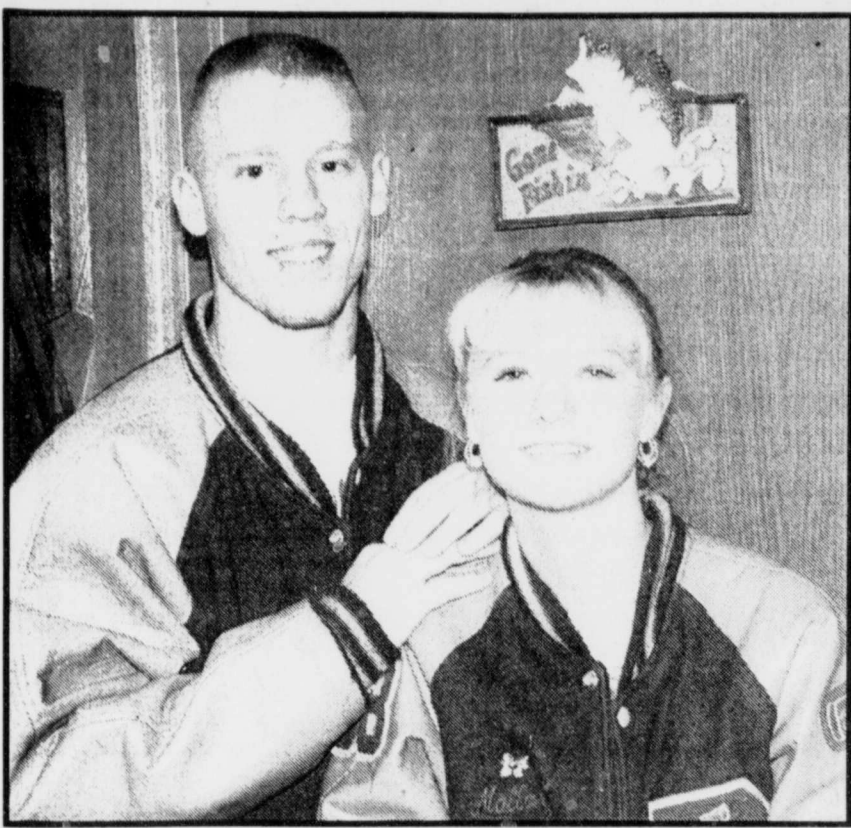
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SECOND RUNNERS UP-to Mr. and Miss RHS for the 1997-98 school year are Jody Nolen and Malory Chaloner. Malory is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bill Chaloner of Bogata. Jody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen of Talco.

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Dodd is member of special team

Shana Dodd, a junior student at Naaman Forest High School is a member of the Naaman Engineering Robotic Design Specialist team, and

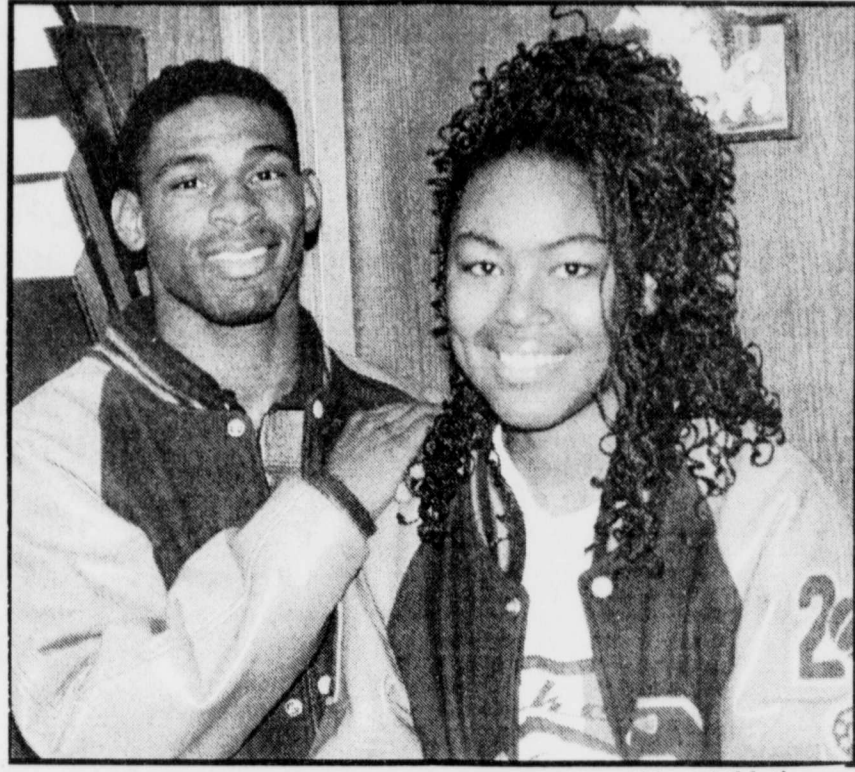
was chosen by a teacher. There are seven boys and two girls in this year's class.

The members entered their robot, Spike, in competition on October 25 with 24 schools in competition and placed fifth. Only the top four are

qualified for the state meet.

Naaman won a first place plaque for the most beautiful. Shana did the painting on Spike and she told her teacher that he could hang the plaque in his office.

Shana is the daughter of Eddie Dodd of Paris and Gayla Dodd of Garland. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dodd of Jolntown and Nadine Caldwell of Talco.



ELECTED-Rivercrest High School Senior class Most Athletic are Kristi Hines and Michael Allen. Kristi is the daughter of Margaret Savage of Talco. Michael is the son of Donna Allen of Bogata.

Red River County Sheriff's Report

November 2-8

November 2: Criminal mischief in Bogata; illegal hunting in Avery; illegal hunting south of Avery; theft in Bogata; civil matter in Detroit; civil matter south of Avery; theft on FM2283; shots fired in Bogata; inmate released with arrangements to pay fine.

November 3: Fight in progress in Avery; animal incident in Detroit; theft in Clarksville; disturbance in Hopewell; inmate transported to TDCJ; male arrested on DPS warrant for speeding; inmate transported to county on charge of assault; male arrested on warrant for capias pro fine and Lamar County warrant for motion to revoke/burglary; male arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated.

November 4: Minor accident in Bogata; theft in Detroit; inmate released on bond.

November 5: Major accident on FM1158; fight in Annona; inmate

transported to county on charge of obstruction or retaliation.

November 6: Theft in Bogata; livestock complaint in Clarksville; burglary on FM 1158; suspicious activity in Detroit; livestock complaint in Fulbright; male arrested on violation of parole; female arrested on charge of theft of service.

November 7: DOA in Bogata; theft in Detroit; dog bite victim at ETMC; criminal trespass in Jolntown; minor accident on CR1700; inmate transported to county on charge of driving while intoxicated, second.

November 8: Noise disturbance in Annona; criminal mischief in Bogata; suspicious activity in Detroit; disturbance in Annona; minor accident in Annona; deadly conduct in Avery; male arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more; inmate transported to county on DPS warrants for no seatbelt and expired driver's license.

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

* Margie Garrett, Martha Barnette, Zelma Mauldin and George Smith were in Longview Sunday for a district meeting. There was an impressive program for Veterans and a candle light program for POWs and MIAs. There was a drawing for food baskets which each post provided and sold chances on. Three were won for Post 8187 and the scratch off tree was also won by 8187. A delicious lunch was served.

* A program for Veteran's Day was presented and lunch was served on Veteran's Day with Commander Fred Rabbit Wisinger being chief cook. He had help from other dedicated members and friends.

* Happy Birthday to Amos Spencer November 14.

* VFW men and Ladies Auxiliary placed flags on Veteran's graves Tuesday, November 4 at Bogata and Rosalie Cemeteries. If we missed anyone's loved on we apologize. We

Second six weeks honor roll

The students making the honor roll at Rivercrest High School for the second six weeks are; Freshman-Daphne Baird, Clinton Cheatwood, Chase Collins, Kasey Crawford, Kim Exum, Jennifer Hays, Sara Hollands, Shelly Hollis, Courtney Jones, Kara Palmer, Eric Posey, Kim Shirley, Kyle Stansell, Rebecca Stewart and Chrissy Wilson.

Sophomores-Bubba Abernathy, Brodie Belcher, Kaylan Bell, Coleman Brown, Ashley Cabell, Missy Carroll, April Elrod, Jill Foster, Wendy Gentry, Michelle Glosson, Nicole Hervey, Ashlei Moles, Cara Morgan, Carolina Prado, Sam Stanley, Erin Stansell, Lissa Stoner and Natasha Vickers.

Juniors-Eric Aldridge, Kembre Baker, Kim Brown, Katie Hare, Chad Holland, Debra Janes, Jeremy Jones, Andrea Palmer, Crystal Seykora, Lisa Shirley and Tiffany Shupp.

Seniors-Michael Allen, Derek Belcher, Deidre Brown, Tasha Brown, Dustin Cook, Amanda Franks, Tracy Freeman, Broderick Fulbright, Latisha Fulbright, Brandi Gaddis, Jody Gray, Jerad Guest, Kristi Hines, Cortney Huddleston, Latisha Miles, Jody Nolen, Bonnie Phillips, Maribel Prado, Lauren Robertson, Bryan Scott, Kim Sheffield, Tabitha Tackett, John White and Dustin Wolfe.

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* November 4 Margie Garrett, Martha Barnette and Zelma Mauldin planted pansies at Thomas Park.

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- Essie Chesshir
- Homer Cavender
- Robert Childers
- Carolyn Damron
- Georgia Elders
- William P. Garren
- Ben Greer
- Roy Gullion
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- Lundy Hunsaker
- J.T. Kennemore
- Henry Kidd
- Robert Knowles
- L.D. Lewis
- Lowery Lawson
- O.W. Lawrence
- Ida Francis Lee
- Claude Martin
- Dee Martin
- Lillie Mills
- Maude McCrury
- Gaylord McCluer
- Earl Osmond
- John Potter
- Welch Rogers
- James Wesley Strain
- Kenneth Swinford
- Mitt Summers
- Agnes Stevens
- Willie Mae Tubb
- Audrie Tadlock
- Versie Wilson
- Garrett Williams
- Johnny Wright

1974

- Frank Adams
- Ida Anderson
- Arnold Allums
- Eva Lee Bell
- hHrmon Dwayne Brown
- Clyde Bell
- Laura Jane Bond
- Dorrit Corley
- Opal Comer
- Willie Craven
- Minnie Carroll
- J.R. Chesshire
- Esker Chesshire
- John Cruise
- Raymond Damron
- Dollie Evans
- Paul Fincher
- Charles Grammer
- Roy Grayson
- Andrew Gibson
- Thomas Dewitt Hamilton
- Lovella Hinson
- Gary Hardy
- Harley Horn
- Clyde Johnson
- Raymond Kilgore
- Luther Kelseo
- Billy Leggett
- Harrell Marcum
- Chalmer Moore
- Olena Marcum
- Kenneth Owens
- Cecil Patton
- Ollie Page
- Bonnie Rothera
- Fred Rogers
- Hazy Margaret Sullivan
- Jessie Lee Simmons
- Walter Sulsar
- Vannie Seamon
- Sam Sheffield
- Doss Smith
- Nettie Jane Thomas
- Vona Beth & Morris Trimm
- Martha White
- Charlie Wilkerson
- George Wicks
- Steve Watkins
- Pete Wilkerson
- Bill Wilkerson
- Lavern Williams
- Paul Williams
- Sarah Williams
- Pete Watson
- Christopher, Terry
- & Ricky Varborough

1975

- Jess Alsobrook
- Maggie Armstrong
- Nora Allums
- Rena Bryson
- Walter Blankenship
- Elizabeth Baaden
- Odell Bogie
- Viola Barnett
- Cora Barton
- Jess Cothren
- Ollie Glover
- Lena Gill
- Waldson Glover
- Clyde Gibbs
- Henry Hudson
- Paul Hill
- Lou Horton
- Bud Humphries
- Annie Couch Insell
- Madlyn Jones
- James Lawson
- Charles Maxwell
- George Mathena
- Gus McClennan
- Tom Pirtle
- Arzenda Pettit
- Emma Jane Pearce
- Sam Provence
- Morris Roberts
- Dodie Russell
- Gracie Staples
- Isaac Stephenson
- Dovie Smith
- James Cecil Smith
- Leslie Trout
- Alice Vick
- Jessie Walker
- Alvis Ward
- Luther Whitaker
- Leonard Williams
- A.S. White
- George Williams
- Cora Ward
- Rachel White
- Maggie Bell Wilson
- 1976
- Thomas Atwood
- Ethyl Arnold
- Gladys Barber
- Mary Barnes
- Newt Bryson
- Verna Becton



1972

- John Coats
- W.A. Cotten
- Dollie Damron
- Mary Dawson
- Margaret Dugger
- William C. Freeman
- Spencer Fortner
- J.A. Gable
- Vernon George
- Claudia Horner
- Jack Harper
- Sie Hubbard
- Jim Hervey
- Robert Haley
- Drue Hancock
- Jessie Hayes
- Dewey Howard
- Tom Isenburg
- Willie Jeffery
- Cora Jarvis
- Arthur Jennings
- Dessie Lovell
- Homer Kennedy
- Jewel Lemons
- Mary Kay Little
- Margaret Lawson
- Polly Morris
- John McConnell
- Maggie Oliver
- Mary Puckett
- Donald Reihhart
- Johnnie Ryan
- Fate Smith
- Lona Scruggs
- Margaret Watkins
- E.L. Williams
- Joe Norris Woodall
- Willie Wardslow
- Mildred Baine Weeks
- Fred Whitten
- 1977
- David Baxter
- Minnie Clara Bell
- May Dan Bell
- Lucian Brooks
- Ila Bolin
- Elbert Cheatwood
- Daisy Coats
- Ross Cooper
- Verna Edwards
- Emmar Eudy
- Roxie East
- Guy Hurt
- Lucy Hervey
- Lelia Hunt
- Roger Hanson
- Della House
- Robert Harden
- Hoyt Hamilton
- Hattie Hawks
- Leroy Hampton
- Fred Geese
- Letha George
- Michelle Glass
- Lee Anna Gifford
- Sally Lovell
- Dorothy Lowery
- Hubert Kelly
- Elizabeth McCluer
- Charlie V. Morris
- Fay Montgomery
- Doug Mayes
- W.A. Mauldin
- Alma L. Potts
- Eunice Pirtle
- Lillian Stephenson
- Michael Paul Ship
- Mary Agnes Salsa
- Roy Lee Strickland
- Eunice Stubblefield
- Beulah Gibson
- Amos Green
- Robert Lee Roach
- Frank Rhodes
- Nora Audrey Terry
- Hap Townes
- George Wilson
- Isabella Ward
- Mon Ward
- Ida Williams
- J.W. Woodie
- Ricky Wright
- Marshall White
- Charles White
- Hershal Wood
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- Opal Armstrong
- Charlie Abernathy
- Jacque Bristol
- Bennie Barrow
- Selma Baker
- Annie Black
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- Thelma Babb
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- Clarence Deberry
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- Vada Cox
- Jester Corbell
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- Ila Hoover
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- John N. Gipson
- Robert Lee
- Richard Lefel
- Lizzie Lee
- Jessie Kidd
- Mrs. Henry Kidd
- Tient McCrury
- Herman Moore
- Mack Mitchell
- Raymond Mayes
- Mary Maulding
- Mrs. Jimmy Martin
- Lou Ella Pettit
- W.H. Parker
- George Pope

- Porter Page
- Otis Porterfield
- John Sloan
- William Manuel Stewart
- Tom Stratton
- Mary Tension
- Mary Florence Tipping
- Vera Vernon
- Ima Woodie
- Cleada Ethyl Wilson
- Amos Wilson
- Ollie Wright
- Nickie Weissenfluh
- Paul Wilson
- Curtis Wilkerson
- Iva Wilson
- Roger Wilkerson
- 1979
- Coy Alford
- Sie Adams
- Tommie Barton
- Bill Brady
- Leonora Barham
- Ruth Brewer
- Bessie Blankenship
- Marshall Davis
- John Cawley
- John Childress
- Maggie Chesshire
- Lou Ella Chesshire
- Jodie Craddock
- Tommy Cecil
- Francis Foster
- Edna Howison
- Kate Grayson
- Ada Graf
- Margaret Garmon
- Roy Jones
- Raumond McClennan
- Ann McCConnell
- Ross McCluer
- Dwight Morris
- Hiram Oliver
- Lucian Brooks
- Katie Pirtle
- John Parker
- Lula Quinton
- Ennis Stogner
- Gus Swaim
- Robert Shows
- George Staples
- Lewis Redburn
- Beatrice Roberts
- Robert Reigert
- Ida Thomas
- Manard Veteto
- Morris Watts
- Roach Watkins
- Roy White
- Pearla Wilkerson
- 1980
- Gordon Allen
- Elic Adams
- Basil Bankston
- Mrs. Pearl Brooks
- Neva Brown
- Kate Dugger
- Clarence Duffee
- Cleamond Denny
- Orus Cooper
- Amy Craddock
- Caz Cathcart
- Bonnie Coker
- Janice Ford
- Louis Henderson
- Margaret Hohl
- Ethel Hendryx
- Mary Kate Hampton
- MableHammet
- Beulah Gibson
- Amos Green
- Robert Lee Roach
- Frank Rhodes
- Nora Audrey Terry
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- Herman Moore
- Mack Mitchell
- Raymond Mayes
- Mary Maulding
- Mrs. Jimmy Martin
- Lou Ella Pettit
- W.H. Parker
- George Pope

- Louie Evans
- Billie Forrester
- Ernestine Houck
- Ben Harper
- Les Holder
- Ollie Gibson
- Joe Gregor
- Martha Goode
- Gus Garren
- John W. Lee
- Sophia Kensey
- Walter King
- Grover Keith
- J.R. McCann
- Carrie McCullough
- Hester Mathena
- Russ Mangrum
- Charles Motter
- Mae Partridge
- Austin Provence
- Water Pettit
- Vera Phipps
- Oscar Smith
- Vivian Scott
- Ethel Spitznas
- W.S. Stewart
- Roxie Smith
- Fannie Fhodes
- Ora Tyer
- Myrtis Theford
- Leonard Ward
- Alvin Wood
- Pansy Williams
- Kerana Whitaker
- Marie Gurvis Young
- 1982
- Elizabeth Allums
- Ward Baker
- Walter Bond
- John Brooks
- Jud Byram
- Bonnie Bivins
- Luther Cates
- Floy Castleman
- Mollie Coggins
- Joe Clouse
- Louie Craft
- A.S. Deberry
- Barney Davis
- Woodrow Epps
- Leonard Fail
- Beunice Forrester
- Mae Kelly Ford
- Maggie Franks
- Christopher Gaylor
- Myrtle Gable
- Jessie Cole Guest
- Marcus Gibson
- Maggie Gibbs
- Joe Green
- Ernest Gill
- Maggie Hale
- Cecil Hearn
- Robert C. Jones
- Leonard Kisner
- Elvis Kilgore
- Claudia Lowery
- Minnie Lawrence
- Tommy Lowery
- Essie Ola Moore
- Ida L. Miller
- James Montgomery
- Minnie McCann
- Mamie Noey
- Nealey Provence
- Buster Patton
- Thomas Pettigrew
- Mandy Parker
- Maggie Pendergraft
- Luther Roberts
- Clara Stewart
- Charles Shockey
- Edie Stogner
- Charles Melvin Stew
- Kate Strain
- Burlin Sistrunk
- Mary Francis Smith
- Pearl Smith
- James Thompson
- Della Inez Taber
- Wesley Tucker
- Clyde Thompson
- Vera Vaughn
- Robert Williams
- Bonnie Wims
- Tim Williams
- Larry Watts
- Denton Wilson
- Leonard Wilson
- 1983
- Mattie Bell Arnold
- Vada Alsobrook
- Mary Bonham
- Madge Burns
- Tully Burns
- Myrtle Beggs
- Bill Black
- Frank Brumley
- Catherine Benham
- Nettie Bond
- Nellie Clark
- Patrick Coldsmith
- Susan Carr
- Darcey Cage
- Dovie Collins
- Henry Chism
- Van Cato
- Steve Gray
- Dorcas Gifford
- Edith Grayson
- Flossie Grayson
- Delbert Hood
- Edgar Haddock
- James Haley
- John Ervin Horn
- Myrtle Jackson
- Jess Knowles
- Noba Lovell
- Jim Lee
- Era Little
- Clara Morris
- Oscar Moore

- Paul Mayes
- Tommy Lee Miller
- John Lee Mathis
- Floyd Nolen
- Travis Pettit
- Leon Provence
- Jim Ed Ragsdill
- Mary Davis Rogers
- Lester Strickland
- John Sales
- Minnie Swartz
- Linda Sales
- Kinder Shoulders
- Sally Susan Tipping
- Dixie Wright
- Burnice Webster
- Charlie Whitten
- Betty Williams
- Rufus Ward
- 1984
- Elsia Alsobrook
- Walter Alsobrook
- Oscar Smith
- Coy Aldridge
- Claud Ballard
- Ethel Baron Brown
- Magie Barnard
- Susie Byram
- Elbert Bond
- Anna Belle Branson
- Edsel Brumley
- Ernest Borders
- Fred Coursey
- Charles Cruise
- Jessie Clark
- David Lee Deberry
- Jess English
- John Ford
- Lula Faulkenberg
- Marie Foster
- Lou Nell Freeman
- John Alfred Fleming
- Vivan Gipson
- Barney Gaylor, Sr.
- Net Green
- William H. Herring
- Breezy Hill
- Oscar Horton
- Lewis Hancock
- Harvey Jean
- Shonda King
- Kate Kelly
- Bill Kennedy
- Oscar Kyle
- Oliver Leo Kiker
- Tina Lee
- Lee Langston
- Leonard Mauldin
- Lillie Mauldin
- Deonna Mankins
- Goldie McCarty
- William McAister
- Jewel Pope
- Raymond Prescott
- Annie Pruitt
- Ethel Clara Riggs
- Della Redburn
- Lola Rogers
- Clemmon Ratcliff
- Buster Smiley
- Granville Sale
- Kevin Screws
- James Watts
- Ruby Watts
- David Welch
- Forrest Webster
- Bessie Wicks
- 1985
- David Anderson
- Horace Adams
- Hobert Bell
- Allford Brown
- Marie Bankston
- Lora Brumley
- Audrey Brandon
- Maud Childers
- Ruth Childers
- Gertrude Dunn
- Maggie Ola Dillard
- Jessie Day
- Kitty Evans
- Daniel Elder
- Callie Elson
- Reeta Evans
- Cecil Fleming
- Victor Faulkenburg
- Jimmy Gurley
- Leon Thomas Graham
- Pat Grayson
- Wilma Green
- Mike Glossoon
- Bill Hancock
- Edna Heiman
- Hughie Hanna
- Linda Hancock
- Inez Hinson
- Sam Holder
- Zella Hancock
- Josephine Johnson
- Samuel Johnson
- Clara Jones
- Wayne Kirkland
- Phillip LaMaster
- Carl Loftin
- Alpha Marsh
- James M. Martin
- Mrs. Ike Moore
- Archie McBride
- Ollie Porter
- Robert W. Phiffer
- Jim Pirtle
- John Presswood
- John Thomas Rogers
- Ray Stephenson
- Sylvia Shupp
- Marshall Threadgill
- Mavis Topping
- William Tully
- Tom Underwood
- Jimmy Underwood
- Bertha Wims
- Fred White

- Lottie Williams
- Bill Ward
- Reverence Wilson
- 1986
- Christine and Mary Austin
- Bertha Abernathy
- A.I. Bond
- Hettie Black
- Edgar Burns
- Dessie Corbell
- Hattie Carpenter
- Leslie Coker
- Gladys Clouse
- Burl Duffee
- I.D. Dillow
- Serena Dodd
- Pauline Ennis
- J.L. Evans
- Brandon Fox
- Arnold Harper
- Mack Kennedy
- Dorcas Kelly
- Leroy Lewis
- Amy Larsen
- Coot Mankins
- Dub Montgomery
- Flora Mankins
- Sam Marsh
- Oscar Mayes
- Ruby Northern
- William C. Sheffield
- Gordon Strain
- Pleas Turner
- Linnie Wicks
- Van Dorn Wicks
- Virgil White
- Casey Watts
- Noma Jean White
- Allie Walters
- Georgia Whitten
- Cora Whitaker
- Fauna Wilkerson
- Violet Walker
- W.H. Weddle
- Roy Lee White
- Martha Wilson
- Lois Wilson
- Howard Zimmer
- 1987
- Arthur Allen
- Wesley Askins
- Thelma Allen
- Floita Abernathy
- Joe Albrinton
- Frank Branson
- Gertie Baxter
- Metz Branch
- Ed Barnard
- Kathleen Burns
- Donnie Boliver
- John Baker
- James Belcher
- Dorothy Crowell
- Ed Childers
- Fred Clifton
- Clara Cothren
- Mary Cato
- Loy Lester Cooper
- Stella Davidson
- Bessie Harper
- Ava Lee Harbison
- Beulah Ward Haley
- Arietta Hervey
- Lille Harville
- Martha Huddleston
- Emma Kidd
- Lora Kelson
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- Nora King
- Tobe King
- Anna Vera Langford
- Oren Glenn Little
- Leonard Massey
- Evie Mauldin
- Myrtis Mauldin
- Rufus Moore
- Della Moore
- Bill Northcut
- Virgie Provence
- Arrie Provence
- Kenneth Pirtle
- Marvin Rector
- Dean Rhodes
- Mrs. James Finch Sims
- Williams Howard Sims, Jr.
- Carl Smith
- Effie Thornton
- Herbert Tuck
- Winnie Wright
- Frank Wilson
- Margaret Wilkerson
- Hobert Wilson
- Clovis Whitten
- Frank Wright
- Josie Wilson
- 1988
- Bill English
- Jessie D. Evans
- Bill Ewing
- Minnie Fail
- Moses Duncan Faulkner
- Bob Fleming
- Dwight Gresham
- Clara Harper
- M.P. Hulen
- Hubert Horn
- Robert Hunter
- Milborn Hinson
- Raviiah Howison
- William L. Harbison
- Margaret Hobbs

We've Been Here

Exactly twenty-five years ago today, November 13, 1972, the James Wood Family Depart during their times of grief and sorrow. During these past twenty-five years, we have been blessed with the love, support, and friendship of our neighbors, friends, and business firms over these years and the friendships that have evolved from them.

To show our love and appreciation for your support of us the past quarter of a century, we have organized a Parents Support Group in Paris in Memory of each loved one whose family has been blessed with the love and support of our neighbors, friends, and business firms over these years and the friendships that have evolved from them.

This is but a very small way of saying "Thank You" to the townspeople who have supported us over the years.

- Brenda Maygay
- Jewel Morris
- Joe Mann
- David Mann
- Mildred Mayfield
- Rainey McKinney
- Herbert Pittman
- Clay Phlips
- Paul Pyle
- Mary Pirtle
- Bob Roberts
- Frances Summers
- Melvin Sisson
- Luella Smith
- Ed Smith
- Fannie Sisson
- Roy Thompson
- Bonnie Thompson
- D.C. Williams
- Marion Whitney
- Margaret White
- Fern Warden
- Buddy Walters
- Sara Wilson
- Vola Wards
- Blanch Wickers
- 1992
- Steven Aldred
- Wood Armstrong
- Herman Belcher
- Patsy Barnes
- Jimmie Bond
- Floyd Brumalov
- Mrs. Dean Baker
- Rosalee Baird
- Opal Benham
- Lillie Collins
- Lizzie Clifton
- James A. Davis
- Dixie Dill
- Johnny Deany
- Martha Eilenger
- Nicky Eudy
- Roger Forman
- Josie Farnell
- Pauline Fugate
- Mary Gandy
- Herman Guess
- James Gillip
- Gertrude Gifford
- Tom Gully
- Gordon House
- Stella Howard
- Wesley Hurley
- Albert Harville
- Vera Johnson
- J.C. Lealtrise
- Louie Lindeman
- Joe Lee
- Buddy Lawson
- Mae King
- Charles Morsemann
- Alber
- Jennie Mayes
- Doshie Moore
- Margaret Mitchell
- Katie Mauldin
- Donald Mankins
- Gearlene Maddox
- Kelsie McFerran
- Wanda Phipps
- Loree Roach
- Sylvia Robinson
- Kenneth Stogner
- Joséphine Sales
- Madge Screws
- Homer Scoggins
- Lonnie Tucker
- Eunice Tucker
- Troy White
- Pam White
- Pat Whitebrook
- Marion Whitten
- Tom Watkins
- Eddie Watts
- 1996
- Eska Ayars
- Jewell Barnard
- Baney Barwell
- Pete Brown
- Liddie P. Bowers
- Horace Barham
- Pearl Carlin
- Ernest Cady
- Jackie Gardner
- Doyle Goggins
- Essie Goshaw
- Loyd Cawley
- Doug Cawley
- Wayne Duff
- Bobby Duff
- Thelma Davis
- Aileen Davis
- Billy Flenken
- Mack Glover
- Francis Gibson
- Joe Grier
- Vera Grier
- Lucy Holden
- Norris Hervey
- Fern Howison
- Marvellett Hotubee
- Faye Humphrey
- Sue Hudson
- Kitty Hudson
- R.J. Holt
- Ruth Harrison

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The James Wood Family moved to Bogata to begin serving the people of Bogata and these past twenty-five years, you fine people have raised and educated our own our very special friends. Unbelievably so, almost 2,500 families have selected our home to live here. We have evolved from this to us are the most cherished assets we own.

In the past quarter century, we have made a donation to the Bereaved Home for the loved one whose family we have strived to serve since we moved here.

To the towns, communities and the people that mean so very much to us.



1997

Our Love and Appreciation and God Bless You All

The James Wood Family
James, Dee, Tim, Juli & Denise

- 1994
Herman Adams
G.E. Abbott
Clyde Bankhead
Flossie Ballard
Bob Burton
Audrey Lee Baker
Marshal Bailey
Thelma Bankhead
Edith Bryson
Allie Burks
Larry Bell
Eva Bryant
Curtis Cheatham
Kenneth Claypool
Tessie Chandler
Ann Evans
Oma Mae Henderson
Bessie Haskell
Opal Ham
Ernest Ham
Herman Johnson
Mildred Milsbaugh
Rusy Masterson
Mae McDowra
Maldina Palmer
Linda Presley
Forrest Parks
Dotaree Short
Martha D. Smith
Ruth Read
Betty Jane Thomas
Bootie Taylor
Lemoine Womack
Ruby Westbrook
Carl Wolf
Eva Ola Whitley
Kenneth Varner
Mildred Young

- Branch Massey
Jewel Morris
Joe Martin
David Mullin
Mildred Mayfield
Rainey McKinney
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D.C. Williams
Marion Whitney
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Fern Warden
Buddy Waters
Sara Wilson
Vola Ward
Blanch Vickers

- Gilbert Huddleston
J.N. Lee
Iva Kilgore
Rosie Kirk
Chrisi Morse
Ronald Mankins
H.W. (Jr.) McKinney
Cora Newsome
Rudolph Patton
Mary Parker
Maudie Pittman
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Jimmy Keith Smith
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Mary M. Scoggins
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Opal Watts

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Elder Aubrey
Bill Brooks
Joe Bybee
Talma Cooper
Edwin Cox
John Eudy
A.G. Elder
Will Gifford
Virgil Hulett
Lelia Pearl Hulen
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Sam Harvey
Mamie Johnson
E.E. Kirkland
Tom Kenemore
Joe Murrell
Oscar Martin
Mary McClain
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James Nichols
Mrs. J.S. Nixon
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Otha Pearson
Beth Ripley
Mrs. J.A. Roach
Jim Rollins
Grady Rook
Harold Rogers
Mrs. J.T. Slaton
Fred Smith
Henry Thomas
Wayne Thomas
Jodie Wright
Mary Woodack
Nora Woodall
Mrs. John Young

- 1977
Mrs. Thomas Allen
Mrs. Orville Ashford
Mrs. Otto Baker
Sam Bryson
I.M. Brooks
Sandra Frazier
Mary Grant
Mrs. VOLLIE Gifford
Mrs. J.C. Harris
Mrs. Sam Holloway
R.L. House
Lawrence Hoover
Jack Hulett
Willie Irene Hobbs
Mrs. Zillia Kennedy
Maudie Lattimer
Maxine Marcum
Rebecca Massingill
Earl McHam
William R. Phillips
James Rhodes
Herman Russell
Charles Elbert Smith
Cliff Smith
Jim Shiver
Bill Wommack
Mrs. Hershall Whitt

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Annie Bell
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Guyon Batten
Rob Bryson
Warren Black
Gracie Cornish
W.S. Crockett
Ben R. Cruise
Cora Chandler
Amanda Crawford
Effie Chitty
Ethel Coleman
Delores Cawvey
Guadalupe Duarte
Alice Embrey
John Gossett
Retha Guest
Guy Hawkins
Fay Nell Harvey
Raymond Hamby
Emma Kilgore
Linda Lassiter
Henry Merritt
Wylie Mitchell
William Norrell
Griffin Newman
Beulah Phillely
Ada Pearson
Georgia Rozell
Mable Sugg
Mrs. Harry Slusher
Mrs. Fred Swint, Sr.
Oliver Trussell
Robert Earl Temple
Bertha Thomas
Thornton Trussell
Vernon Westbrook
Erna Lena Woods

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Alvis Allen
Harvey Brown
Lola Bell
Harmon Betterton
Hilda Black Clement
Johnny Clayton
James Elrod
William Evans
Dempsey Floyd
Jessie Griffin
Jessie Gooding
Phillip Hobbs
Jeffery Hurley
Cecile Handley
Charlie Joplin
Susie L. Kunkole
Talma Lamaster
Raymond Lamaster
Frank Malone
Patricia McDowra
Zura Newsome
Emily Young Norton
Annie I. Nobles
William Norrell
Pearl Taylor
Helen Temple
Samuel Woodall
Jack W. Yancey

- 1984
Terry Adams
Patricia Eileen Burks
Mildred Betterton
Thomas J. Basinger
Tommie Betterton
Lyda Bell
Jim Henry Cherry
Waymon Epps
Laura Dunn Gifford
Emma Grant
George Fran Griffin
Walter Gifford
Clarence Grimes
Sid Grant
Erin Hawkins
Bertha Johnson
Lucille Jones
J.B. Lee
Zona Moore
Nellie Mantooth
Shorty Morgan
William H. Matlock
Robert Lee McDowra
Helen Wilson McDowra
David Packard
Clifford Pynes
Maudie W. Pettit
Lillie Alice Philly
Robert Lee Powell
Olga Pearson
Farris Read
James A. Robinson
Allie Mae Rees
Lillie Pearl Stevens
Billy D. Smith
Mildred Spears
Merle Anderson Thompson
Minnie Lou Thompson
Alice Trussell
Gladys Wright
Ruby wood
James Elmer Woodall
Gertrude Williamson

- 1987
Hope Allen
John D. Alley
Glynn Dale Bryant
Marshall Bailey
Jerrill Barham
Albert Ray Bailey
Lydia Betterton
Dulene Clowdus
Russell Cheatham
Maydell Duncan
Tommie Dennison
Austin Eudy
Arthur Fisher
Ara Fuller
Vera Maud Gifford
Gordon Ray Gibson
Richard E. Gandy
James Hannah
Clint Hensley
Elbert Ray Hutson
Mrs. Jack Hughes
Martha Merrell Johnson
Hal Jordan
Harvey Buford Legard
James Ferrell Landrum
Jeff Elmer Mayes
Robert Lee Maddox
Jackson Nixon
Monterey Petty
Laura Ethel Pettit
Cleatie Poe Pepper
E.J. Shelby
Dyke Skaggs
Fred Shuman
Mrs. Myrtle Shuford
Josh Ray Smith
Thomas Vandaveer
Russie Weakes
Bessie Jewell Wilson
Ben Warren
Samuel Westbrook
Jewell York

- 1989
Lucille Anderson
Loretta Allen
Lucy Pearl Barnard
Ruby Bryant
Scott Bryant
Mary Fay Barnes
Nolan Lovell Beard
Mrs. Melvin Bryant
Melvin Bryant
Loys Basinger
Clayde Barham
Mrs. Cecil Carter
V.A. Crump
Albert H. Crosson
Mary Ella Crump
Leonard Cruise
Annie Coffman
Joy Nell Davidson
Carmen Eudy
Marcus Figuero
Billy Joe Francis
Clarence Gardner
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Ruth Holt
Mrs. Bud House
Claud Jordan
Mrs. Dennis Jeffus
Bessie Kelley
Mrs. Crie Kennedy
Willie Lee
Dea Milsbaugh
Thurman Merritt
Gus Nobles
Henry Pomroy
Zad Page
Buford Rivers
W.W. Rose
Cecil Loyd Smith
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Jess Smith
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Ricky White
Richard Herbert Little
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Glynn Clayton
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John Crump
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Ramsey Cooper
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Morris Fisher
Mrs. Verna Griffin
R.B. Hulen
Herman Hoover
Ollie Hunt
O.M. Jenkins
Eddie May Lassiter
Mrs. J.W. Merritt
Arah Middleton
Bob McDowra
William McGill
Barbara McCoy
Bobby Nichols
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C.W. Anderson
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Lee Counts
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Joan Hanley
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Thomas Jeffus
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Earl Murphy
Tommie Miller
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Darrell Evans
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Norman Kuykendall
Amanda Lawler
Joe Ladd
Tommie Massingill
Bryan Mullins
Fannie Edna McCormick
Mrs. Albert Nixon
Mrs. Coy Pomroy
Oscar Rhodes
Kitty Bailey Ray
Thelma Russell
Wylie Stone
Agnes Skaggs
James Tucker
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Martha Francis Wright
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Maudie Mae Smith
Howell Shipp
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Cuthand Church Youth report

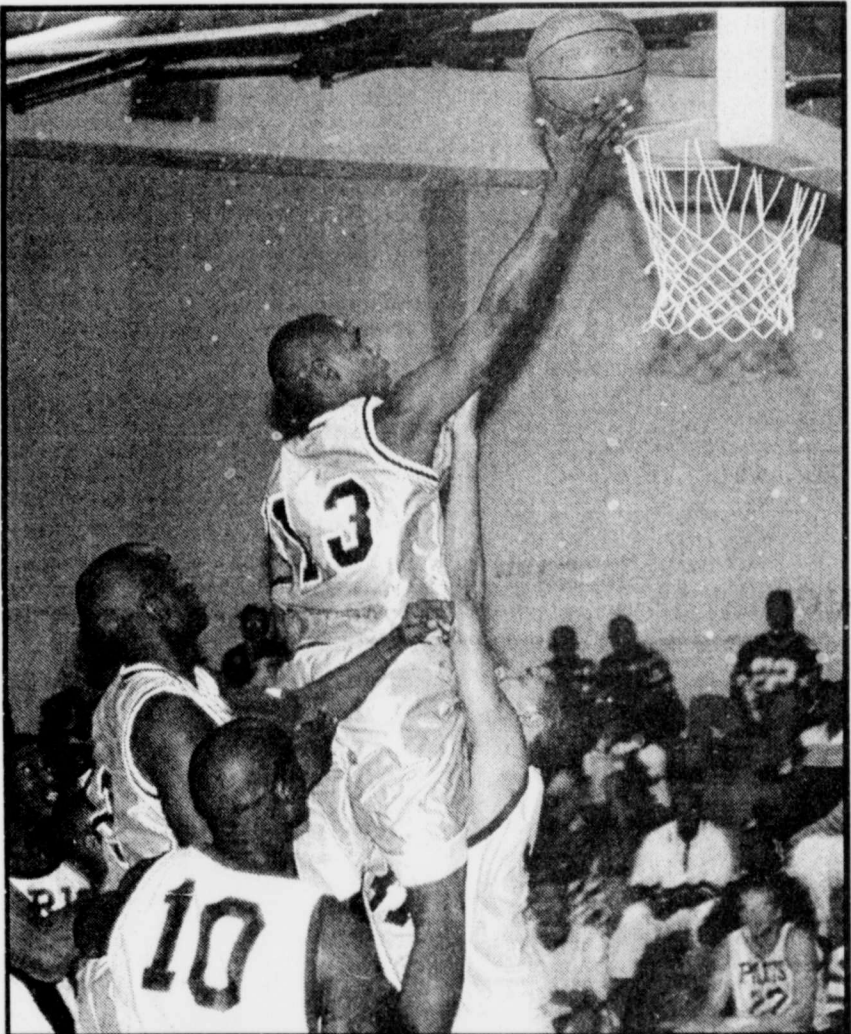
By Donna Jesse
 On October 17 and 18 the children, ages 3 years to sixth grade enjoyed a lock-in at the Cuthand United Methodist Church. They had a hay ride followed by a weiner roast, a dance contest, painting, games and watching movies. The lock-in ended with breakfast the next morning. There were 20 kids and 6 adults attending.
 The Cuthand Youth Bible Study group attended a Drug and Gang awareness program at the Deport UMC on Tuesday, November 4. There were 11 youth in all with 6 adults plus the 2 officers who brought the special messages. The program was opened with prayer given by Zachary Ward. It was very informative and made a big impact on all who attended. The program was ended by everyone locking arms and reciting the Methodist Youth Prayer. A special thanks to Gayle Ward and the Deport Youth for the refreshments and the invitation.

The Cuthand Youth (7th-12th grades) had a lock-in at the church this past Friday night (November 7 and 8). It started with a hayride followed by a weiner roast and games. Entertainment of rock and country music was provided by various youth who performed by playing the guitars and singing. Two movies were watched followed by a candle light worship service at 6:00 a.m. Doughnuts and orange juice were provided for breakfast with the doors opening at 7:00 a.m. 20 youth and 5 adults attended.
 This is the last week for tickets to be sold for the hog raffle. The hog will be raffled off this Saturday night during a stew supper at the Cuthand Church. The stew is \$2.00 per bowl. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations are welcome. All proceeds go to upcoming winter and summer activities. For more information contact Donna Jesse at 632-5946.

Barbara Ward honored Nov. 8, 1997

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Barbara Ward of Bogata by her children on Saturday, Nov. 8, 1997 at the home of Barbara's mother, Maud Webb in Deport.
 Family and friends were served finger foods along with birthday cake and punch. Happy Birthday was sung by all while Barbara blew out the candles. Attending were; Larry, Gail, Lance, Lindsey and Logan Taylor of

Red Oak, Doug, Belva and Chase Byndas of Newalla, Ok., Brian, Pam, Justin and Blake Hollingsworth of Wylie, Marty, Rachel and Dean Ward of Talco, Todd and Jamie Ward of Bogata, Maud Webb of Deport, Ted and Kay Byndas of Bogata, Lisa and Alan Johnson of Pattonville stopped by for a visit also.
 Barbara received many nice gifts.



GOING TO THE HOOP-Ex Rebel Alvin Savage goes to the hoop as he plays for his Grayson College team vs Paris Junior College Wednesday night at PJC. A large number of Talco-Bogata fans were on hand to see Alvin and Jeff Savage play one more time.
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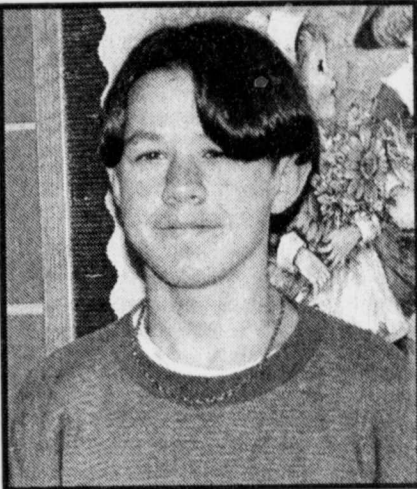
Bogata's new frozen food locker plant recently constructed by Nort Gibson and Sons and representing one of the largest investments made in Bogata in many years, is now in operation, contractors having completed the installation of the plant this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Oliver of Grand Prairie were here from Sunday until Tuesday visiting her brothers, Joe and Roger Kelsey and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Little have purchased the recently completed house in the Castleman-Garrett Addition and will move there to make their home.

Mrs. T.T. Kinsey, Mrs. Lee Little and Mrs. Paul Griffin were in Paris Wednesday to attend a Scout Leaders Training School and Institute at the Blue Bonnet Lodge.

Mrs. Clyde Bell and Mrs. Bill White were in Paris Wednesday.



BAND STUDENT OF THE WEEK-at Rivercrest High School is Brian Cannon. Brian plays the trumpet and has been a band member for 4 years. He is a sophomore at RHS and participated in football this year. Brian's hobbies are playing the guitar and school activities. He is the son of Steve Cannon of Bogata.
 Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Jainaha Srikumar honored with shower

Jainaha Srikumar, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nada Srikumar, was honored with a baby shower recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Travis Kelsey.

Punch and assorted cookies were enjoyed by twenty five guests.

The hostess gift to Jainaha was a high chair. Hostesses for the shower were Martha Bryson, Joyce Buckman, Betsy Chapman, Sherri Cheatwood, Ginger Foster, Kim Kelsey, Kay Legate and Dee Wood.

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Lunch
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 Corn
 Salad
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Tuesday

- Breakfast**
 French Toast & Syrup
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 Nachos With Meat
 Pinto Beans
 Corn
 Cornbread
 Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday

- Breakfast**
 Sausage Biscuit
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 Hot Dogs
 Baked Beans
 French Fries
 Orange Slices
 Milk

Thursday

- Breakfast**
 Cinnamon Rolls
 Graham Crackers & Peanut Butter
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 Turkey & Dressing
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Rolls, Honey & Butter
 Spice Cake
 Milk

Friday

- Breakfast**
 Cereal & Toast
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 Cheeseburgers
 Chips
 Pork & Beans
 Salad/Pickles
 Ice Cream
 Milk

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Two burglaries occurred in Detroit between 5 p.m. Friday, October 10 and Monday, October 13.

A person or persons unknown entered the Detroit Independent School District Administration Building and Detroit City Hall by breaking out the glass in the door and window. Cash was taken from both burglaries.

Sometime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on November 11, 1996, a person or persons unknown shot and killed Alton Douglas Peek Commissioner

Precinct 3. He was killed on County Road 4621 off FM412 near the Boxelder community.

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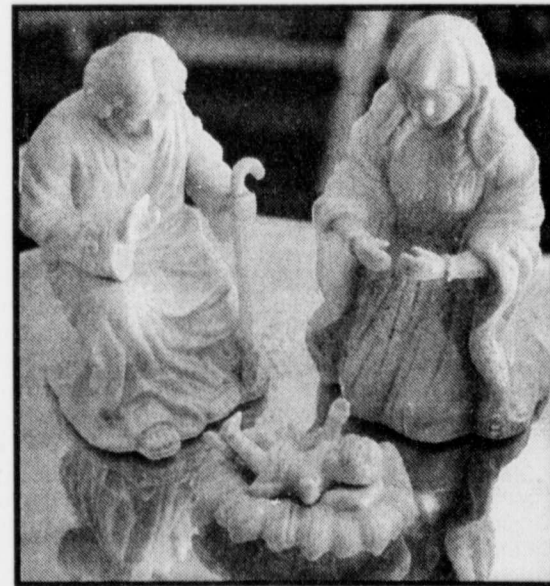


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Happy birthday to Diana Huddleston and Carl Henry Burns.

Sunday Dixie Stringfellow, Vicki Tabb, Dee Tabb and Jeff Moody visited with Paula Ulrick and daughters, Janelle and Jessica, of Aurora, Illinois in the home of her father, Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow of Bagwell. Also visiting were Jack and Beverly Siler of Genoa, Arkansas. Later Dixie, Vicki and Dee visited Linda Stringfellow in McCuiston Hospital. Also visiting with Linda were Jimmy Stringfellow, Joe, Josh and Jake Stringfellow and Ricky Kennedy.

Visiting with Dixie Stringfellow recently were Danny Tabb, Billy Stringfellow, Michael and Amy Tabb, Alvin Rodgers and Vicki Tabb.

Roy M. Moore and Mary Lois Griffin Moore from Las Vegas, Nevada visited Mary's brother, Willie Durrum Griffin and his new bride, Texie Lee, of Paris. Mary Lois's son, James Roy Whitaker, from New Braunfels joined them. James had not seen his uncle in 34 years. They traveled the back roads of Red River County, places where Willie and Mary were born, grew up, went to school, churches, friends and cemeteries. Willie and Mary are the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ell Griffin. The Moores lived in Bogata in 1968 while Mr. Moore served a year in Viet Nam. Mary said the bright lights of Las Vegas sparkle. So do the back roads of memory in Texas.

On October 29, Phyllis and Kenneth Duffer traveled to Great Lakes, Illinois to attend the Pass-in-review ceremonies of their son, E-3 Todd M. Duffer on October 31. Todd's ceremony included 9 divisions with 657 sailors graduating. The Duffers, Todd, his grandmother, Zelma Mauldin, of Bogata, his sister and nephew and

niece, Tricia Bradley, Corey and Casey of Bismarck, Arkansas and shipmate, Chuck Dunn, of Houston spent Friday together after graduating. Saturday Phyllis, Kenneth and Todd spent the day exploring Chicago. Sunday was spent on base as Todd had watch on Sunday night. Phyllis and Kenneth traveled scenic route back home through Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and back home. On Wednesday 11/4/97, Todd was transferred to Meridian, Mississippi where he will now attend school.

Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana Saturday.

Mary Ann and Billie Welch of Blossom visited Chrystine Baker Thursday, and they visited their mother and grandmother, Ruby Corbell at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville. While there they also visited Naomi and Smitty Smith and Glyn Harbison. They all seemed to be doing well.


Mildred Allums and Gertie Choate returned home November 5 after 2 weeks in Phoenix, Arizona. While there they visited their brothers, Hobert and J.L. Allums. Hobert was very ill and he passed away a short while after they left there. He was buried November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Phyllis Duffer and Zelma Mauldin were in Dallas at Baylor Hospital Monday where Zelma's daughter-in-law, Sue Mauldin underwent surgery. She is doing very well at this time.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis, Jennifer and Riley Reeder and Jessica and Danny Hines camped out on Monticello Lake over the weekend and had a catfish fry.

Hayden Holt is back at Children's Hospital in Dallas. He had brain surgery Monday night and seems to be doing well.

Talco Locals



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Celebrating November birthdays are: Elodia Grissom, Bridgette Eudy, Jimmie Sue Simmons, Marta Rhoades, Mayra Clark.

Barbara Ward was honored with a birthday supper at the home of Marty, Rachel and Dean Ward in Talco Wednesday, Nov. 5. Also attending were Todd and Jamie Ward of Bogata.

Latane Roberts was hospitalized at Titus County Regional Hospital this past week with possible stroke. She is reported doing much better.

Several residents of Talco and Bogata traveled to Paris Wednesday evening to see ex-Rebels Jeff Savage and Alvin Savage play with their Grayson College team vs Paris Junior College. The boys team was defeated by Paris but fans enjoyed seeing them play again.

Karen Jones, Marta Rhoades and Elliott Pogue enjoyed supper at TaMolly's in Paris Wednesday evening before attending the Grayson College vs Paris Junior College basketball game.

Visitors at the home of Gene and Cecelia Smith this past week were Charlie and Myrna Lewis and Chris Horton all of Mt. Grove, Mo. On Saturday night they all met James, Betty and Summer Hall of Minden, La., Kyle, Kim, Kaleb and Kaysie Hatley of Canton, Roger and Lou Hall of Talco, Clay and Chasity Francis of Bogata, Susan Jones, Chrystal and Brian Rivers of Winfield, Tony Horton and friend from Austin, Jeff, Melody, Sheridan, Sinjan and Seth Horton of Tyler, Warren, Stephanie and Madelyn Halford and Candice and Alex Beard all of Mt. Grove, Mo. at Two Senioritas in Mt. Pleasant for supper. While here visiting Charlie and Myrna and families attended the Horton family reunion on Sunday.

Sammy Ellis and Jerry Curtis traveled to Dallas on Sunday to attend the Dallas Cowboy football game.

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(NAPS)—Good versus bad: it's a classic lesson in life that parents the world over teach their children. While numerous means exist to make this important point, many parents turn to fun and entertaining videos for assistance.

The quintessential tale of good versus evil can be found in Walt Disney's beloved fairytale, *Sleeping Beauty*. This exciting and timeless story, which has not been available in theaters or on video for almost a decade, makes its long-awaited return to home video this fall for a limited time only.



Bravery and good versus evil are just two life lessons children can learn from the tale of *Sleeping Beauty*.

Sleeping Beauty is the story of the beautiful Princess Aurora and the wicked Maleficent who curses Aurora to prick her finger on a spinning wheel and fall into a deep slumber, before her 16th birthday—able to be awakened only by the kiss of her true love.

To avoid the curse, three good-hearted fairies, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather, agree to raise the Princess in seclusion. Nonetheless, Maleficent finds Aurora and the evil spell is fulfilled. To rescue Aurora from this fate, brave Prince Phillip must defeat Maleficent, who has transformed herself into a fire-breathing dragon, and awaken his *Sleeping Beauty* with a kiss.

Fully restored to its original theatrical brilliance, the return of this breathtaking animated classic is accompanied by bonus programing and a commemorative booklet titled "Once Upon A Dream: The Making of *Sleeping Beauty*," which offers an exciting behind-the-scenes look at one of Disney's greatest films.

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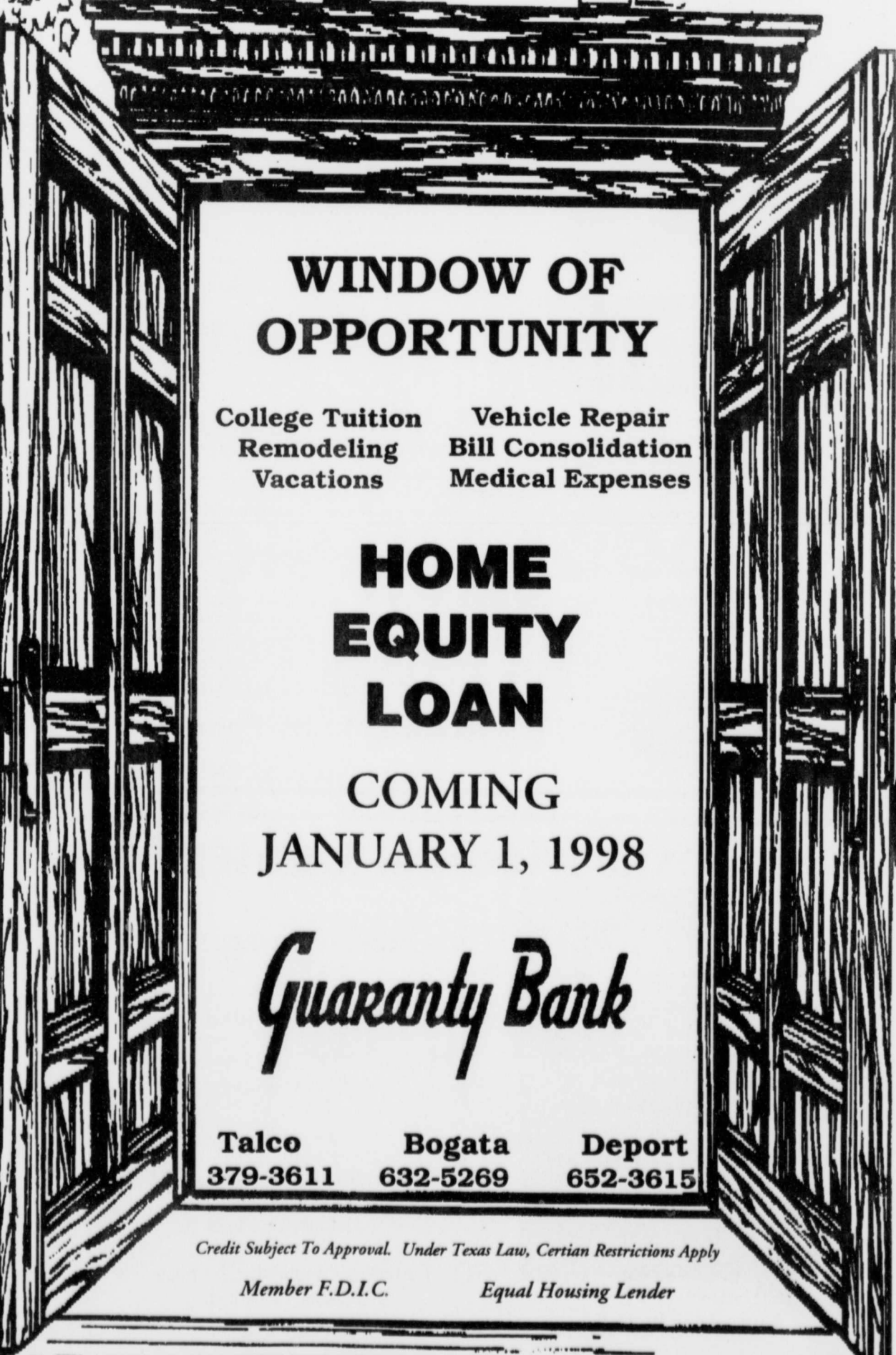
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20	Honey Grove A-B Boys There 5:30
20	Honey Grove A-B Girls Here 5:30
24	Cooper A-B Boys Here 5:30
December	
1	Alba-Golden A-B Boys There 5:30
1	Alba-Golden A-B Girls Here 5:30
4-6	Chisum Tourn. Girls & Boys There TBA
8	Chisum A-B Boys Here 5:30
8	Chisum A-B Girls There 5:30
12-13	Paul Pewitt Boys Tourn. There TBA
15	Lone Oak A-B Boys There 5:30
15	Lone Oak A-B Girls Here 5:30
January	
3	Rivercrest Girls Tourn. Here TBA
12	Como-Pickton A-B Boys Here 5:30
12	Como-Pickton A-B Girls There 5:30
22	Honey Grove A-B Boys Here 5:30
22	Honey Grove A-B Girls There 5:30
26	Cooper A-B Boys There 5:30
26	Cooper A-B Girls Here 5:30
February	
2	Alba-Golden A-B Boys Here 5:30
2	Alba-Golden A-B Girls There 5:30
9	Chisum A-B Boys There 5:30
9	Chisum A-B Girls Here 5:30
16	Lone Oak A-B Boys Here 5:30
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Web Tracks
 By Dave Seber A Column For Those Interested In Or Learning About The Internet


U.S. West Communications recently announced that Phoenix, Arizona, is the first U.S. city to have Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL) available to all residents.

DSL uses existing copper voice phone lines and gives customers their own digital connection to the Internet at speeds up to 25 times faster than 28.8 modem access. Data and voice calls come through the same line with part of the band width split for phone calls. This eliminates the need for a second phone line for Internet access.

Prices vary depending on the customers needs and include no per-minute charges for Internet access.

U.S. West said that the next city to have DSL available is Denver, Colorado, in early 1998.

To be continued:

 **Have A Nice Weekend**

The ETMC Crusade Against Breast Cancer

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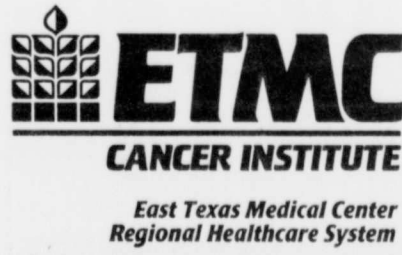

The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 from 12-1 p.m. and Nov. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Breast Care Center, 700 Olympic Plaza Circle, Suite 101, Tyler.

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Old makeup can cause serious eye infections

Cosmetics designed to give women an eye-opening appearance can harbor bacteria, which can cause serious eye infections.

"Eyelashes naturally have bacteria on them and as soon as you use a makeup brush on the eyelash or eyelid, the brush is contaminated," said Dr. Alice Matoba, associate professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and attending physician at the Methodist Hospital.

Over time, this leads to a buildup of bacteria in the cosmetics container, increasing the chance for an eye infection or an allergic reaction with each use of the product.

"Particles of makeup can land in the eyes and cause redness and irritation," said Matoba. "More serious, potentially sight threatening infections can result if the surface of the eye is scratched with a contaminated brush or makeup pencil."

Most cosmetics have long shelf lives, but since they can be contaminated with bacteria after only one use, it is a good idea to keep track of how long you have been using products such as mascara and eye-liners.

While there are no guidelines for cosmetics use, risk of infection can be reduced if you change them out every three to four months.

Also, avoid sharing cosmetics. Cross contamination occurs when two or more people use the same brushes or eye-liners. The primary danger with sharing makeup is passing on an infection, such as viral conjunctivitis or pink eye.

Exposure to even a small amount of virus can lead to a very uncomfortable infection.

If you experience symptoms of a viral infection, including discharge, swelling of the eyelids or inflammation of the white of the eye, an exam by an ophthalmologist is recommended.

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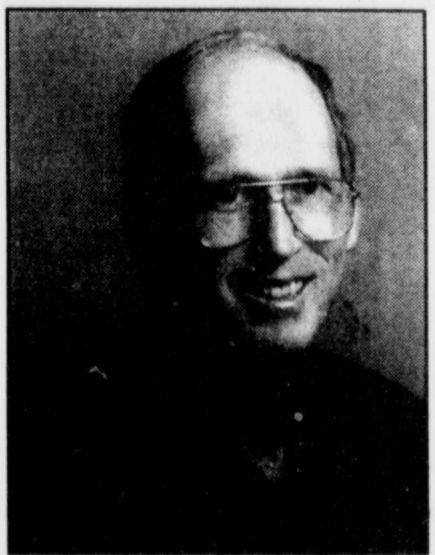
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Cunningham News
By Carol Jean Williams & Lou Hatfield
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Regina Newman, Breanna and Malcolm visited Loretta Pynes for the weekend. Visitors Friday were Blake Newman of Blossom, Andrew BAZhaw of Gilmer and Sue Pynes of Paris. She stayed through the evening meal. Saturday through Sunday Dean Ogden and Janie Hawks of Longview were visitors.

Todd and Mendy Cole attended the cross country meet in Arlington with the students from Prairiland. Lacie and Kelby stayed with James and Pat Norwood. Jase and Erica and Brenton stayed the weekend with James and Pat.

Alma Norwood visited home for the day Sunday.

Velma Cox spent the day Thursday with Dora Hester in Paris.

Glenda Watson visited Audie Reed in the nursing home.

Larry and Pam O'Neal visited his mother, Opal O'Neal in Annona Sunday and ate dinner with her.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Larry and Pam O'Neal were Sunday visitors of Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove.

Bobbie Slusher had surgery on her hip this week. She is doing well and hopes to come home soon.

Norman and Rachel Sain's visitors Thursday were Olie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie. George and Dorothy Green and Francis Thomas visited Friday. David Bell visited with Norman and Rachel Sunday.

Renea Watson's parents, David and Kathy of Texarkana and David's brother from Mississippi spent Friday and Saturday nights with Jarvis and Renea. Jarvis and Renea, David and Kathy, Deana Watson, Brenda Watson ate dinner with Marie Watson on Sunday.

Billie Ford and Lillian King spent Saturday afternoon shopping in Paris. Ryan Ford spent the day Sunday with Leona and Billie Ford.

Sunday Leonard and Billie Ford and Lowell visited Kay Lynn in Denton. Kay Lynn works for Sears and has been transferred to Denton. Leonard, Billie, Lowell and Kay Lynn ate lunch at Apple Dee's in Denton.

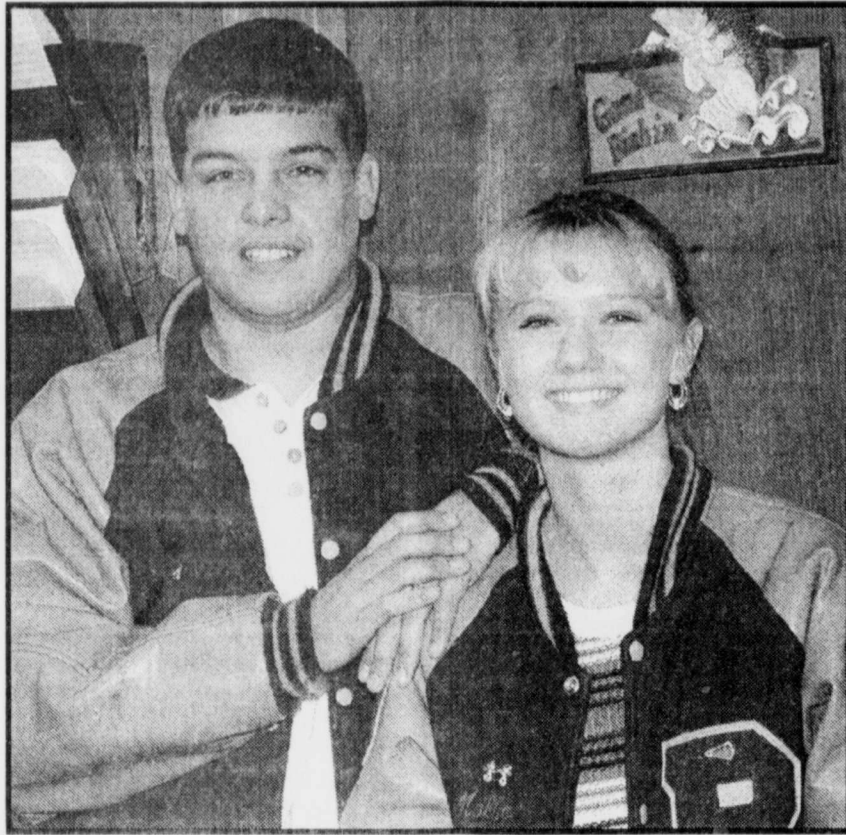
Georgeana Oats had surgery in Dallas last week. She returned home Monday night.

Robert Bills, Melba Baker, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy and a group of friends went to Branson, MO. They saw the Oak Ridge Boys, among other shows.

Jane O'Neal gave a birthday dinner for Sue Jackson. Attending were Murray, Sue Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara, Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal, Weston Drinnon.

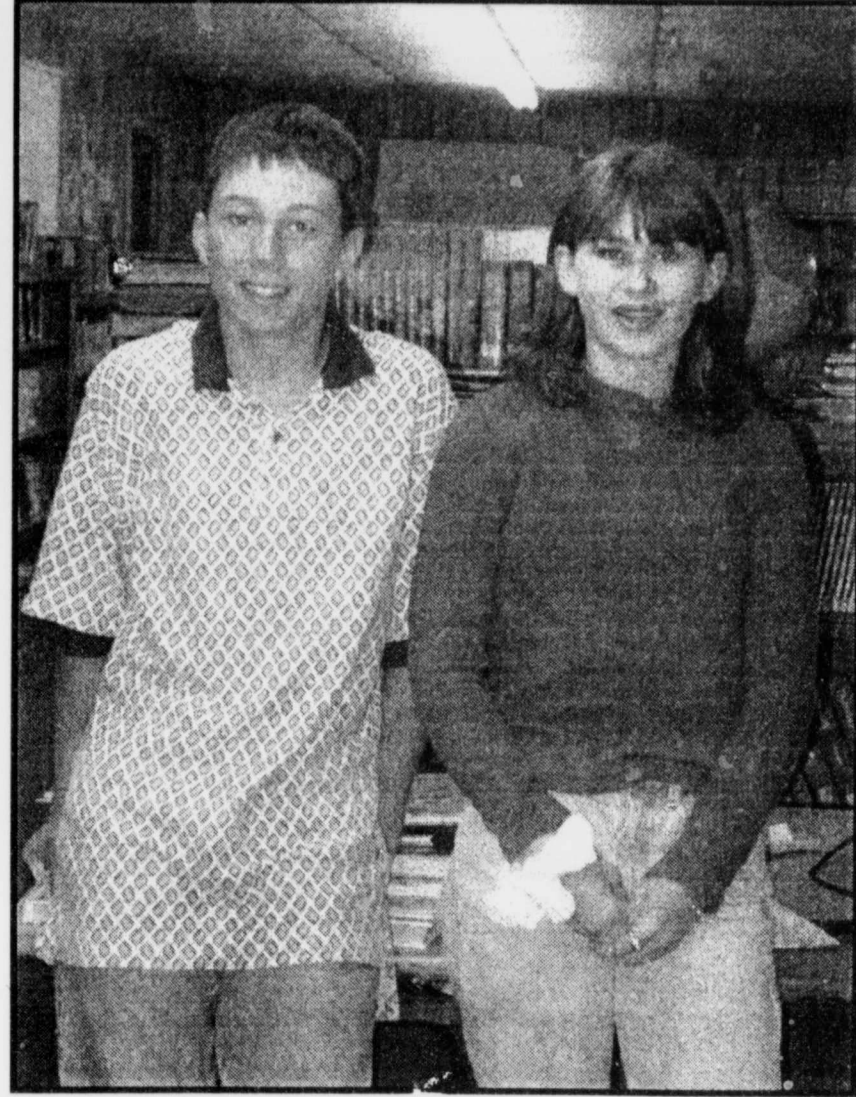
Julie Norwood, Jamie Syrus and their mother went to Oregon to attend their brother's wedding. They have returned home.

Approximately 110 Abundant Life members and guests enjoyed a harvest fun night at the home of Clyde, Gerrie and Chance Bankhead in Cunningham. The evening began with a hayride from the church to Cunningham. Several booths lined the driveway such as tennis ball throw, dart throw, face painting, go fishing, basketball contest, bucket toss, can throw, youth toy walk, teen prize walk and an adult prize walk. Hamburgers and trimmings were served and the night ended with goodie sacks distributed and a hayride back to the church. Everyone enjoyed a fun-filled evening.

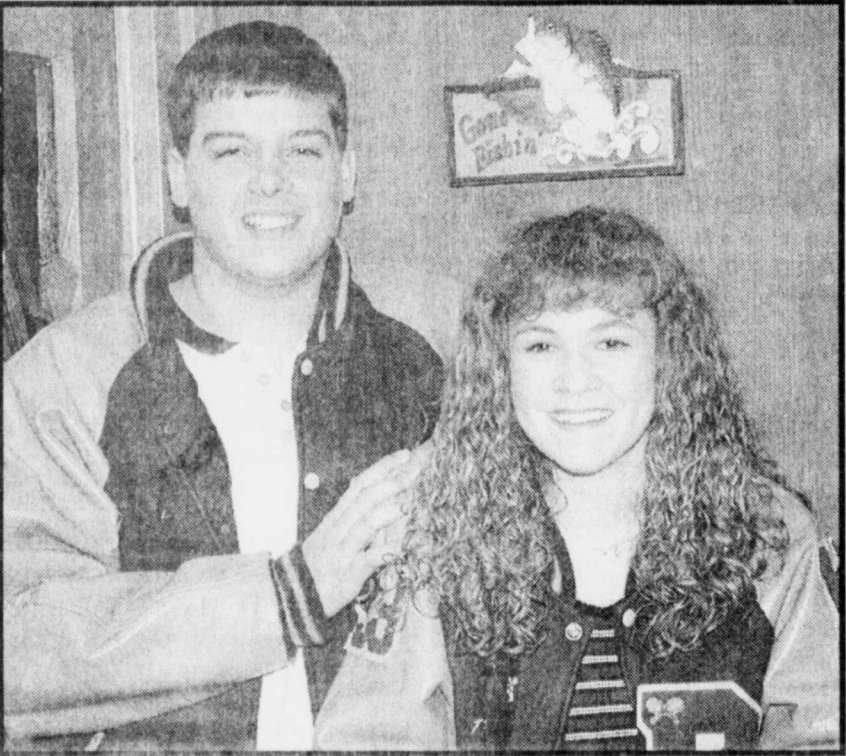


ELECTED-Rivercrest High School Senior class Most Beautiful and Most Handsome are Malory Chaloner and Jerad Guest. Malory is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bill Chaloner of Bogata. Jerad is the son of Tracie Osborne of Bogata.

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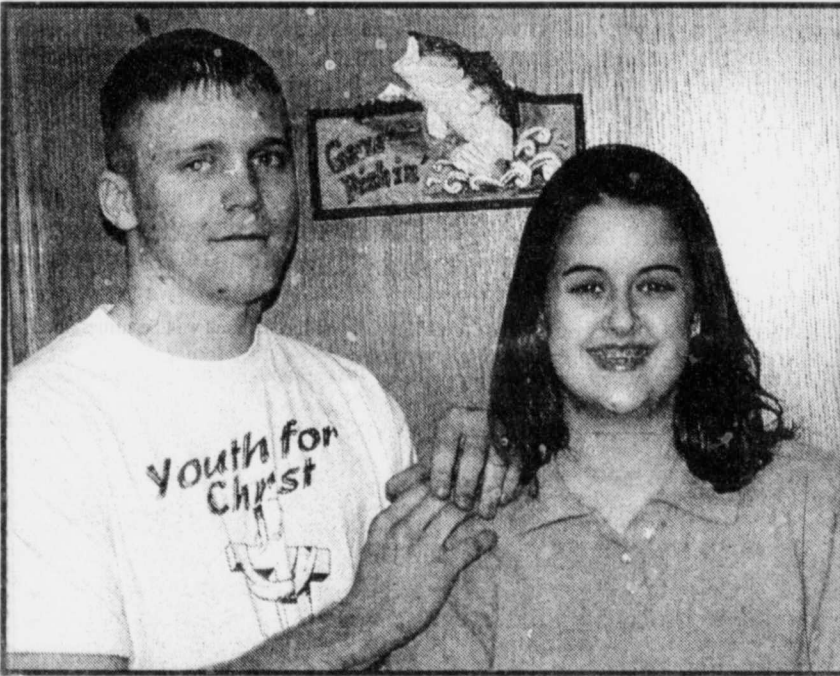


MR. AND MISS BOGATA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL- this year are Ryan Hawkins and Kayla Belcher. Kayla is the daughter of Tim and Doris Belcher and Ryan's parents are Steven and Kathy Hawkins. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)



FIRST RUNNERS UP-to Mr. and Miss RHS for the 1997-98 school year are Jerad Guest and Tasha Brown. Tasha is the daughter of Michelle Brown of Bogata. Jerad is the son of Tracie Osborne of Bogata.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



MR. & MISS RHS and MOST POPULAR at Rivercrest High School this year for the senior class are Jody Gray and Brooke Belcher. Jody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gray of Bogata. Brooke is the daughter of Mary Belcher of Bogata and Sonny Belcher of Cuthand. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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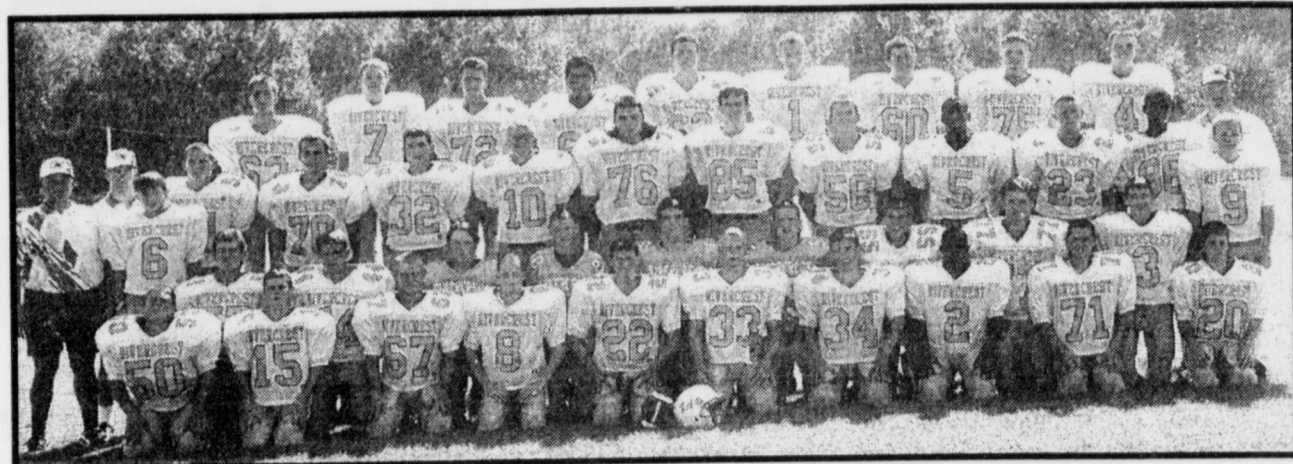
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1997-98 JUNIOR HIGH REBELS-(back row from the left) Chance Wolfe, Kaylon Galloway, Jared Huddleston, Marcus Deming, Brandon Davis, Heath Hinton, T.J. Williams, Jeremy Jones, Clay Craig, Jeremy Tabor and Nathan Carroll;(middle row from the left) Manager Keith Hargrove, Coach Gary Schultz, Stephen Merrill, Mark Webb, Jeremy Grissom, Ryan Hawkins, Brendin Jones, Zack Ward, Dustin Jones, James Baird, Josh Cabell, Gavin Cain and Coach James Daugherty;(front row from the left) Justin Exum, Chauncy Fulbright, Paul Green, Landon Merrill, Zack Perry, Justin Morgan, Wesley McCain, Ryan Newton, Adam Davis, Craig Cannon and Chase Sloan.

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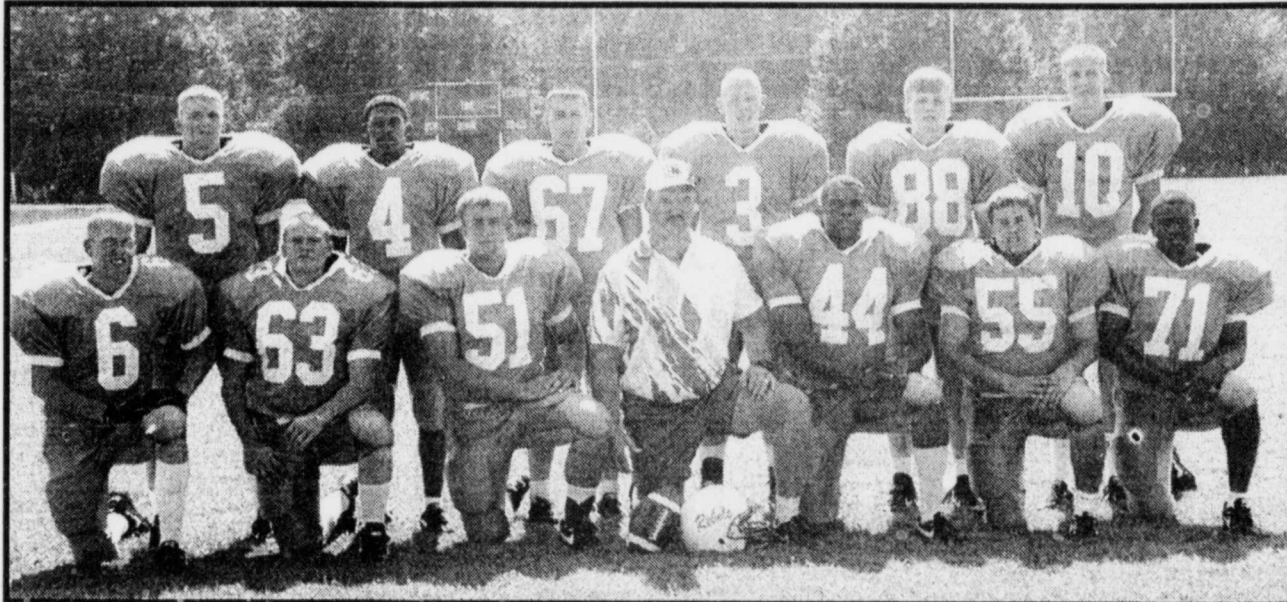
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SENIOR REBELS-for the 1997-98 season are; (back row from the left) Jody Gray, Michael Allen, Derek Belcher, Jody Nolen, Scott Davidson and Brian Giles, (front row from the left) Ryan Giles, Shannon Sessums, Dustin Wolfe, Coach Keith Brown, Broderick Fulbright, Jared Guest and Jeff Brown. Good Luck Rebels!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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No telling what that same guy would have said had he been shopping in Tokyo where - on average - that same jug of milk sells for around \$6 a gallon. The fact is no one in the world pays less of their disposable income for food than Americans.

Sure there are some food items on every grocery aisle that will cost you a little more this year than last. But compared with the rest of the world, a trip to the supermarket in the U.S. is a downright bargain. Consumers in Japan would probably stock up on steak if they could pay \$4 a pound like we do in this country. Truth is they're paying \$26 a pound for that same sirloin.

In fact, of nine items normally found on our supper tables, shoppers in Paris pay close to \$30. Japanese residents pay almost \$60. While here in Texas and the U.S., that same supper will cost you \$16.91.

So before anybody starts fretting about the high cost of eating, we might want to stop every once in a while and think about that high quality, abundant food supply that American farmers and ranchers have allowed us all.

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ELECTED-Rivercrest High Senior class Most Intelligent are-Maribel Prado and Michael Allen. Maribel is the daughter of Bernadina Garcia of Talco. Michael is the son of Donna Allen of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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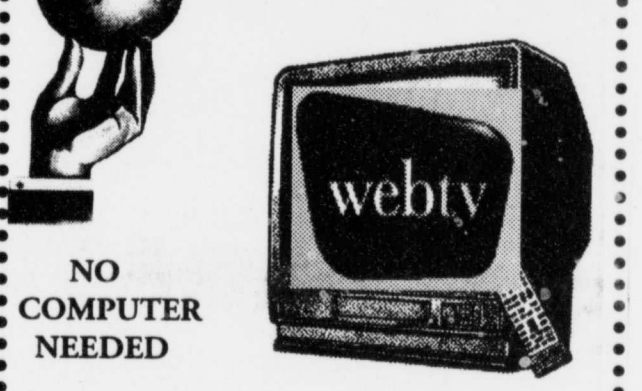
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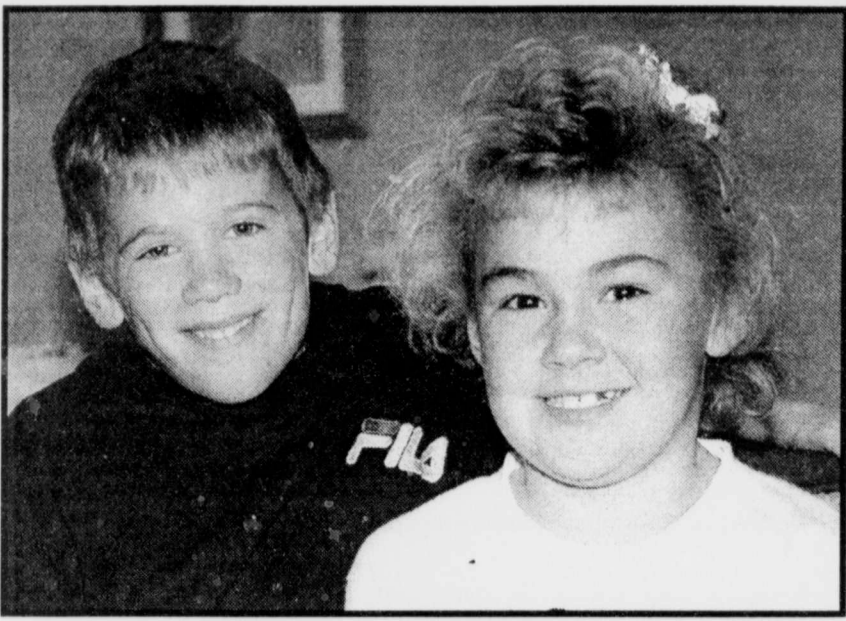
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Staff Photo Nancy Brown



CLASS FAVORITES-in the Talco Eighth grade are; Lacey Edge, daughter of Jeannie Hoffman of Talco and Nathan Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Carroll of Talco.



CLASS FAVORITES-in the Talco Seventh grade are; Danielle Easterling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cabell of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Easterling of Pittsburg and Joshua Cabell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cabell of Talco.

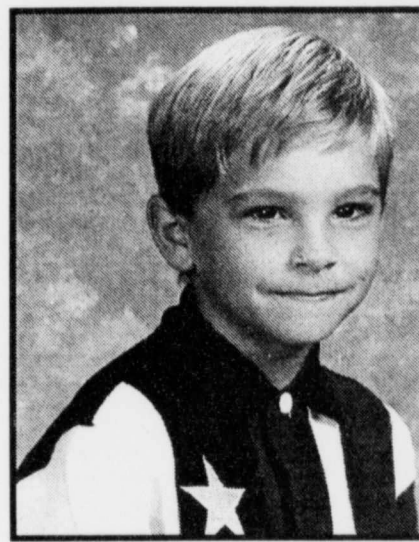
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Region VIII ESC Receives Technology Grant

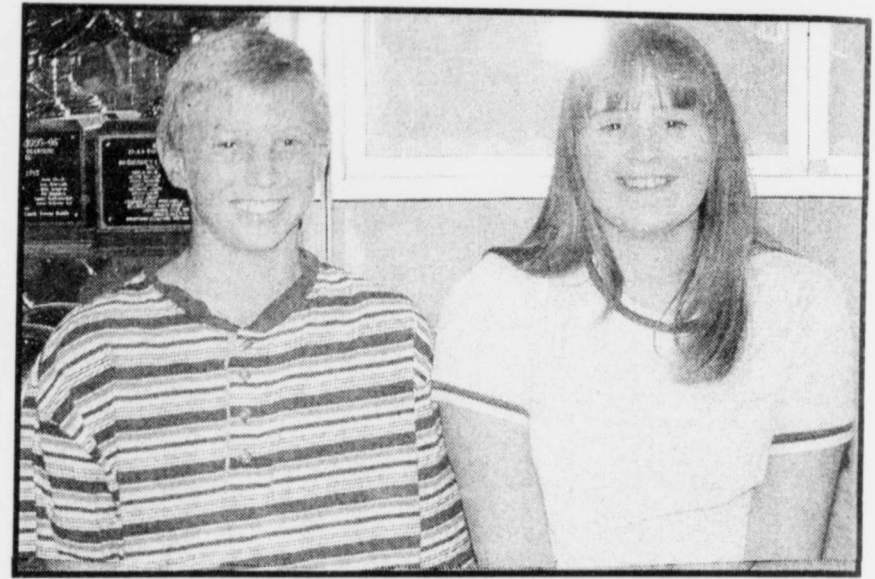
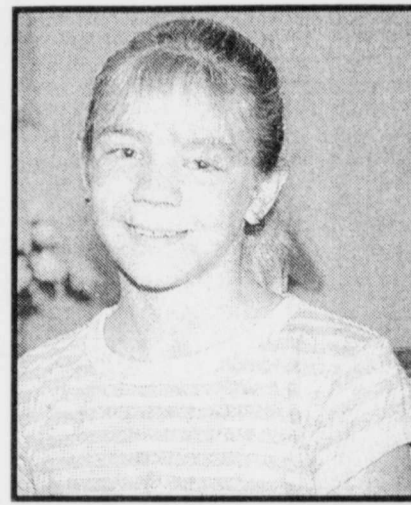
The Texas Education Agency has awarded \$1,652,314 under the Technology Integration in Education (TIE) program, a state initiative funded under the federal Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, to Region VIII Education Service which will use the funds to develop video networking, on-line curriculum, technology training, computer networking and other technology projects. The Initiative was created to advance the goals for technology in education established in the national long-range technology plan called Getting America's Students Ready for the 21st Century: Meeting the Technology Literacy Challenge. The

four goals are: (1) All teachers will have the training and support the need to help all students learn through computers and through the information superhighway. (2) All teachers and students will have modern computers in their classrooms. (3) Every classroom will be connected to the information highway. (4) Effective and engaging software and on-line resources will be an integral part of every school curriculum.

Priority was given to grants from rural areas that had demonstrated need for technology that had a sizeable percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

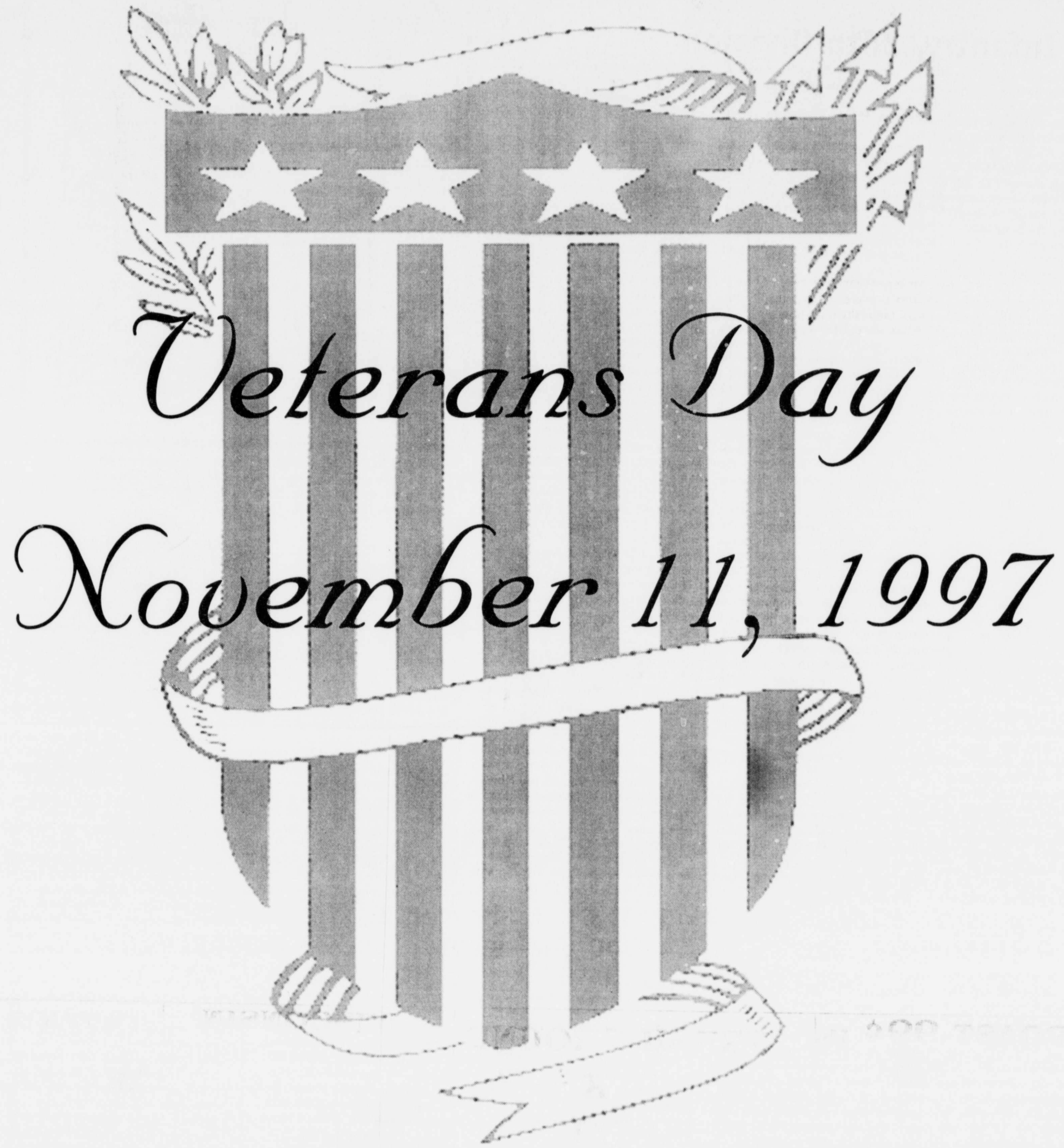


MR. AND MISS TALCO ELEMENTARY- for the 1997-98 school year are; Cassie McCuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McCuller of Sugar Hill and Robert Caul Rhoades, son of Marta Rhoades of Talco and Ricky Rhoades of Oklahoma.



MR. AND MISS TALCO JUNIOR HIGH-for the 1997-98 school year are; Kendall Stansell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kip Stansell of Talco and Chance Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Francis of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wolfe of Paris.

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Section B: Special Veterans Day Edition, Page 1





104th Infantry, 26th Division

May 9, 1945-France. I'm in the replacement system, having left the hospital some time ago. I'm anxious to get back to the outfit to try to find out what my status is: occupation or the Pacific.

June 22-Czechoslovakia. Got a letter today telling me of ME (?) husband going to CBI (China-Burma-India) direct. Lord, what a blow. Don't think I can live to go even after a furlough home but direct--that'd kill me. Truthfully though, it's gonna be a helluva lot harder to finish off the Japs.

June 24. I got a Xmas package today, peanuts (stale but edible), two books, a diary, soap, washrags, shaving cream, gum cigarettes (old but smoke good) candy (unsalvageable). All in all its been enjoyed though. You see, we haven't been eating too good, transportation problems I hear. Ration situation is slowly improving though.

June 28-Czech. Woman, you can't imagine how I feel. Yesterday the Regimental CO told us all Officers with 85 points or over would be transferred soon for eventual separation from the service. Well, there I sat with 83 points. He said anyone with below 85 would stay with the Division and go to the CBI. It seems that all hope is gone. This is the way it figures: Length of service 36, Overseas service 8, Dependents 24, Battle Stars 15 (1 for Bulge; 1 for Central Germany; 1 for Germany west of Rhine.) Anyway you cut it, 's still 83 points. It was close but no cigar I guess.

We have a little problem in a couple of hours...night problem which is to last from 2200 to 0200. Thank goodness it's only a problem, not the real thing. Patrols are my nemesis. Remind me to tell you the time I had to go into a town held by Germans to stay 72 hours or get a prisoner. Those were the times that try men's souls. I thought I was gone.

September 28-Reid, Austria. Gee, I'm glad to see so many of the boys coming home and being released.

Let's see, Jack, Cannon, Lowell, Grant, Mac, Relp and maybe Evans (can't believe yet I'll make it). Yep, you're glad to see home but you really hurt when you think of the boys that won't make it. It isn't really a hurt like I guess a wife or mother would feel, it's not that sentimental. It's kinda like the hurt you feel when your football team fights against a team they haven't a chance to beat. Poor bastards, hey never had a chance. How anyone is coming back beats the hell outa me.

Just got some new poop. There is an officers shipment leaving the 4th. Maybe I'll be on it.

October 8-Bamberg, Germany. Well, I still don't feel any better about the whole situation. They're doing everything possible to drive us insane. We won't leave here until Sunday, 14 October.

October 25-LeHavre, France. Guess it's been more than a week since I last wrote and I'm sure you think I'm just out of NY. To the contrary, I really think we'll never make it home.

It took us about five days in box cars to get here at Camp Phillip Morris. We have tents with floors and stoves but due to a lack of spark arresters, no fires can be built. Another thing that makes our stay here so enjoyable is the fact that before liberation LeHavre was bombed and some 18,000 civilians killed therefore the population greets American soldiers with open arms, we have had only two soldiers murdered since we came here.

November 1, 1945-LeHavre, France. Good news, we are to board ship Santa Paula about one hour. Should take about a week to cross. Then to Ft. Sam and home.

Nov. 4, France. This war ain't bad. Here I sit in my dugout with my platoon guide, runner and medic. Logs overhead, dirt for walls, living with all the comforts of home. We're just about to eat a meal cooked over a little gas stove. Some Frenchman's

other day and we decided not to let it ruin. Occasionally the Germans lob a few 88's and 120 mortars over from their positions some 1,000 yards away, otherwise things are fine. The only trouble is I'm afraid someone will decide we want those German of these days and I'll end up a hero.

6 November-No Man's Land. What do you think about the heading? Yep, me and my platoon are right out about 1/2 way between the Krauts and Americans. The Krauts don't know we are here yet, I hope. We are holed up in an old house and if they haven't found us yet they'll have a hard time from now on. We just heard an American loudspeaker telling the Germans the news and how hopeless further resistance is, but the only answer the Americans got was a helluva lot of artillery. Sometimes education of the German seems to be a hopeless situation. They just can't understand anything. It's quite an experience to have propaganda and shells passing over at the same time. The boys are sitting around eating K rations and raising hell cause there's just about half enough. I don't know how long we will be here or where we'll go from here but I hope it isn't long till this thing is over.

Had quite an experience last night walking in the woods. It seemed every 20 steps there was a fence and every five steps was a stump that looked exactly like a Nazi. Luckily none were. Weather hasn't been too cold but rain every day keeps you miserable. It's got to the point where the barest essentials of living...food...any kind of shelter and dry clothing are the most important things. Of course, the most important thing is being home again.

(Lt. Evans arrived in Tyler, Texas on November 10 where he was discharged.)

Lt. Samuel Lee Evans
(Lt. Evans served in the European Theater of Operations from September 30, 1944 to November 1, 1945.)

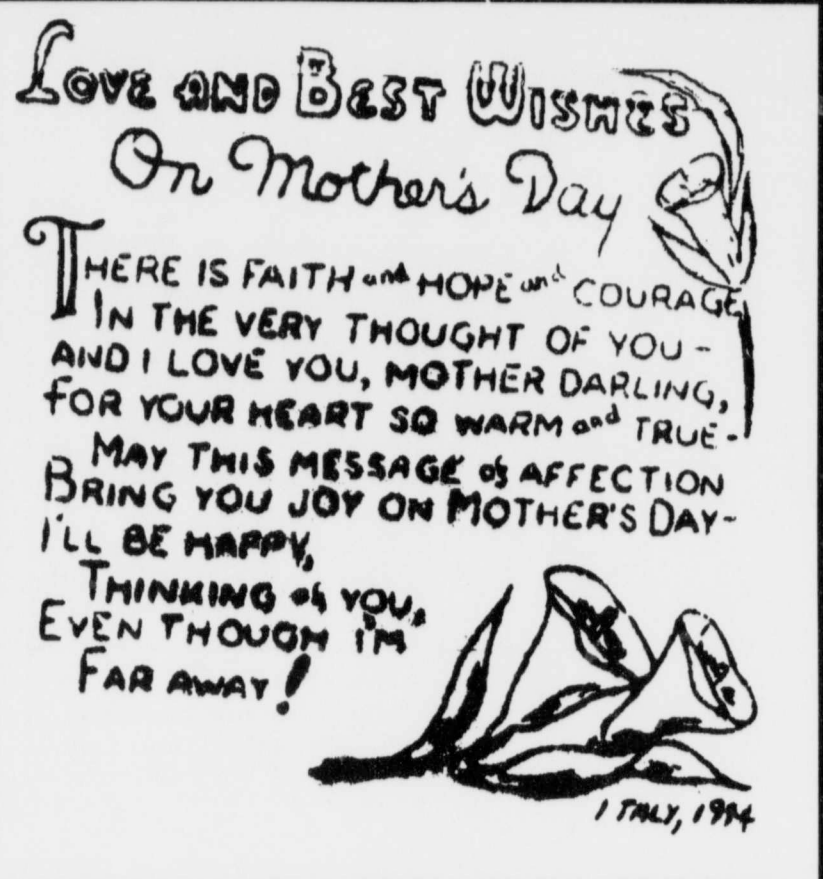
From the Deport Times, Jan. 6, 1944

TSgt. Thurman Singleton, who has been stationed at Alexandria, La., is now in England, according to a letter to his wife, the former Myrtle Ward of Bogata. He is an engineer on B-17 bombers and has been nthe Air Corps for three years.

He wasn't totally ignorant. He knew sheep. We would doze off while he talked sheep. He told us that a sheep's winter coat was always sheared just before the spring lambs came and the dogwood was in bloom--both being sure signs there was no longer the danger of a sheared sheep freezing from being sheared too soon.

After we crossed the Han and took Seoul, we headed back for the ships at Inchon to board for the next landing at Wonsan. We stopped and visited the cemetery in Inchon. I looked up at the hills and wondered if they ever herded sheep up there in quieter times, and would he be able to see them from down here.

54,000 Americans died in the 3-year Korean war. 58,000 Americans in the 10-year Vietnam War. The Korean War is a "conflict," a "police action," and the "forgotten war."
Quinnon Davis



V-MAIL FROM THE TROOPS was always welcome back at home. This Mother's Day message was sent to Mrs. I.H. Hare of Sulphur Bluff by her son, Pfc. Isom H. Hare, Jr., USAFR, who was in Italy on Mother's Day in 1944.

February 17, 1944
Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Davidson have received a cablegram from their son, Charles, Jr., saying he has landed safely overseas.

20th Air Force

I worked on the airplanes that dropped the bombs. Believe me, we had to be very careful because the doors on the bay that held the bombs sometimes would not open properly. We worked hard to be sure that every plane we sent our came back.

However, the happiest day of my life was when one of our B-29's flew over our base and we saw the bomb doors open and it looked like millions of ribbons dropped. The Officer in Charge told us the war had ended in Germany.
Forrest Taylor

From the Bogata News Oct. 19, 1946
Lt. (jg) John D. Latimer, USNR, was awarded the Air Medal along with 40 other officers who were members of Air Group 2, one of the Navy's top aviation units based aboard the Essex class aircraft carrier attached to our Fast Carrier Task Force in the Pacific.

February 10, 1944
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J.C. was drafted in December, 1943. He took basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas at Tyler. During basic training, his arches and metatarsals broke down. Because of his feet, he was transferred out of infantry into the Medical training program at Camp Livingston, LA at Alexandria. He was assigned to 1st Army Special Medical Services, 134th Evacuation Hospital. He served with the 5th Medical Battalion, 5th Division, went to Camp Polk, LA for a short time. From there he went to Camp Kilmer, NJ where he was shipped to New York on a troop train. At New York, he boarded a ship and was sent overseas. The ship docked at LaHavre, France (Camp Lucky Strike). From there he went to Belgium and then to Hallie (pronounced Holly) Germany, just a few miles from Berlin. He was here when the Germans surrendered. He was sent to Reams, France, 20 miles from Paris. This place was called Tent City. There were no barracks, just tents in a field. His next move was to Marseille, France. He was here when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. About 12 or 15 men were killed by wild rifle fire, most of the men just started shooting and hollering when they heard the news. Three days after the bomb was dropped, they boarded the M.V. Noordam, a Dutch luxury liner converted into a troop ship. They were scheduled to go to Manila. Three miles out to sea they were told they to New York an would report there in 17 days. Rough seas caused a change of plans. They went to Norfolk, VA in 11 days. From Norfolk, he went by troop train to San Antonio, Texas for

I'll never be afraid again....

I left the Air Corps in 1945, thinking wars were over, but I was recalled and sent to Korea in 1951. I was in the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Korea when one of my friends, Lt. Owens, came back from a mission with his F-84 plane shot up so bad he didn't dare try to land it. He had good radio communication, I was in the tower with Col. Davenport as Davenport told him that his only chance was to bail out of his plane.

Owens kept his voice calm, but I could tell he didn't trust that parachute 100%. If the chute didn't open, Owens would fall to his death. He said, "Let me fly around just once more." Davenport said, "You have to jump! Your only chance!"

He jumped. The chute opened and he came down safe. That night, across the table from me as we ate supper, he was one of the happiest men I've ever seen. "I'll never be afraid again!" he said to me. "Two more missions and I will get this thing over. I'll get to go back to the Land of Uncle Sugar, be home with my wife and kids. After this, I'll never be afraid again!"

He was happy, confident and happy. Next day he flew another combat mission, and he was shot down and killed.
Lee Somerville

J.C.'s outfit came from France to Dinnant, Belgium when General Patton came up from Italy during the Battle of the Bulge. 134th Evacuation Hospital set up in a school building and took care of casualties from the battle. The 101st Airborne Division was in Belgium fighting all around them.

J.C. and his best friend, Cpl. Queen shared the same birthday. They had food when they started overseas on the boat. Later, their rations were saved for prisoners of war being sent to the states. They did not eat for three days. J.C. and Queen broke into the kitchen and stole raw Irish potatoes and ate them.
J.D. served in Japan. He was a rifleman with the infantry. He was on the front lines when his appendix burst. He rode on a stretcher placed crossways on a jeep for 26 miles to a hospital. He spent the rest of his service time working in offices.

A.J. served in Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. He started with the Texas National Guard. It was turned into the 36th Division. He was a foreign observer with the Field Artillery. He was in Austria when the war was over.
J.C., J.D. and A.J., brothers of Clois Alsbrook

the 223rd.....

Pfc. I.H. Hare, Jr. of Sulphur Bluff spent two years, six months and four days service, of which one year, seven months and 27 days was spent in the European African Middle Eastern Theater.

He was inducted March 29, 1943 in Tyler, TX and was separated from the service in Amendola, Italy on October 2, 1945. He served Hq & Base Sv Sq 528th Air Sv Gp and received a Good Conduct Medal and European-African Middle Eastern Campaign medal with one bronze

star, the African-Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon, Bronze Battle Star, and the Rome Campaign medal. During his service in the 223rd Army Air Forces Base Unit, he served as a truck driver and a rifle sharpshooter. He hauled personnel, supplies and equipment, checked operation of lights, brakes, steering mechanisms and other operating parts. He was responsible for cleaning, servicing and lubricating vehicles.

The Forgotten War.....

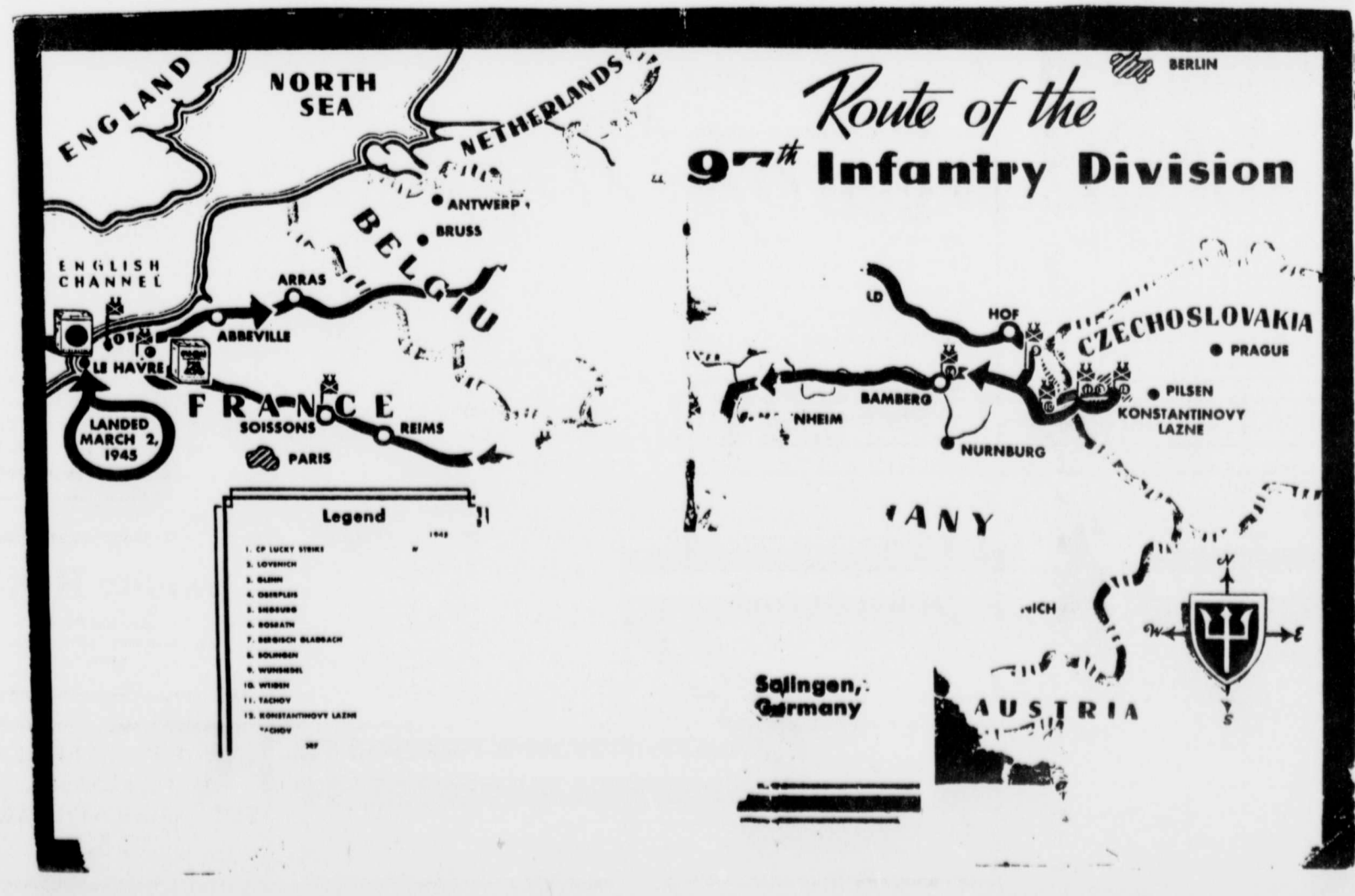
My Marine outfit was up before dawn on September 15, 1950, standing on deck of the attack ship, waiting to go over the sides into the harbor of Inchon on Korea's west coast, just below the 38th parallel at divided North and South Korea.

We were told we were siding with South Korea and we were to shoot only the North Koreans. Such things were important to know. It had been only six weeks since I was wearing civilian clothes and attending classes in St. Louis. Our Marine Reserve unit had been called up on the first of August. We had traveled from St. Louis to Inchon in just six weeks, using one train and two ships. Jet lag hadn't been coined and was decades away.

This young sheep herder from Utah was standing next to me on deck. He had been tending his grandmother's flock only five weeks before. We had

all been on active duty with the Marines before being discharged at the end of our enlistments and placed on reserve status. We were all mad about being recalled just as we were getting used to civilian life again. We were ready to take it out on the Koreans. The North ones, not the South ones. We had to be careful about that.

A British cruiser pulled into the harbor with her guns blazing. The first rays of the sun were just coming over the mountains and caught her flag. It was a sight to behold. He shifted his pack, leaned close and whispered, "What flag is that?" "The Union Jack," I said. "What country?" he asked. "Great Britain," I said, out of the corner of my mouth so as not to embarrass him. "Do they speak English?" he asked. "Yeah, I think so," I said. "Good!" he said. I figured it best not to ask why he thought so. Will Rogers said everybody is ignorant, just on different subjects.



Pfc Clyde T. Crouch, Dunns Station, Pa., platoon aid man; was killed while braving enemy fire in an attempt to administer first aid to one of the wounded. Pfc Donald E. Rappaport, Evanston, Ill., was injured by a concussion grenade when he attempted to rescue Crouch.

Under the leadership of Sgt. Leslie Fishman, Los Angeles, the platoon took up defensive positions in a house inside the factory grounds at twilight. Pfc Maurice T. Stack, Doniphan, Mo., applying his knowledge of first aid, was instrumental in saving the lives of three wounded men.

The night was a long nightmare for the platoon. German 88s bombarded the vicinity incessantly. To leave the building meant death or capture. Members of the platoon repulsed repeated Nazi attacks.
Sgt. Fishman undertook a desperate gamble next

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BOB WILLIAMS-OF AMARILLO TX. served as Adjutant to the 351st Squadron in England during WWII. Williams remembers an awards Banquet held at their base, the Parks Abbott, in the Officers Club. Making the presentations were General Jimmy Doolittle (leader of the raid on Tokyo), and Four Star General Carl Spaatz. After the medals were presented Williams Approached the Celebrities for their autographs. All he had was a dollar bill for them to sign, but they both signed the bill for him.

97 Infantry Division..... APO 445

I was drafted October 1942 and sent to Camp Walters, Mineral Wells, Texas. I was then transferred to Camp Joseph T. Robertson, Little Rock, Arkansas for eight weeks of basic infantry training. Fifty men were sent to Fort Washington, DC for postal clerk school. After six weeks of training, seen were sent to Camp Swift, Bastrop, TX as original cadre for the activation of the 97th Infantry Division, Postal Section APO 445.

The Division went to Fort Leonardwood, MO and then to Louisiana. I had two full truck loads of mail and could not deliver the mail Christmas day because of the weather conditions. The division returned to Fort

Leonardwood, then transferred to San Luis Obispo, CA, and then transferred to Camp Cook, CA for South Pacific training. One day, the Division was ordered to unpack and repack so we could be shipped for the European Theater of Operations. We landed in LaHavre, France Camp Lucky Strike in March of 1945. From there we fought our way to Prague, Czechoslovakia and the war ended. One of the infantry division men fired the last shot in the Theater of Operation.

We were sent back to the United States and spent 30 days at home. I reported back to Fort Bragg, North

Carolina. Arrived on Wednesday and on Saturday departed with the division advanced party to Seattle, Washington. The train had a two hour layover in Prescott, AZ. While we were there, the Japanese offered surrender. After arriving in Seattle, one week later our division was on a boat to Japan as occupation troops. I spent eight months in Japan and shipped back to the United States for discharge.

Overton B. Perry
T4-Sgt. Technician
97 Infantry Division
Division Headquarters
Postal Section APO 445

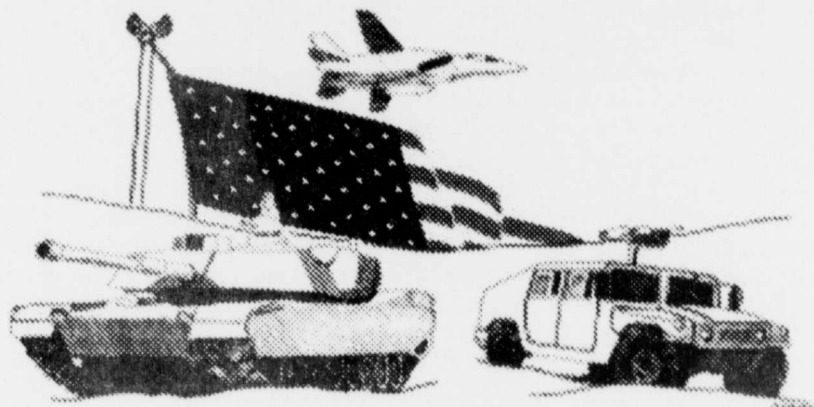
**8th Air Force,
56th Fighter Group,
62nd Fighter Squadron**

We were headed overseas and had to leave from New York harbor on board the Queen Victoria. Because the ship was too big to get up to the docks, we were being transported by a very small ferry from the harbor to the ship. One of my friends, Bill Carrington from Tennessee, had never seen a ship and really believed the ferry was what would take us on to war. The farther from the harbor we got, the more nervous Bill got until he finally said, "John, I could sink the Queen Victoria ship with my 22 rifle!"

By the time we quit laughing, we were within sight of the Queen Victoria, and Bill was very relieved!!

John L. Edwards

TO THOSE WHO SERVED



DESERT STORM

My "War" Story

My oldest brother, Floyd E. Wright, graduated from Deport High School the year I was born, 1939. I remember very little of him my first few years. Since he was only 16 when he graduated from high school and since it was the tradition for the "Wright cousins" to all migrate to Dallas in search of employment when they completed when they completed high school, and since he couldn't get a job until he was 18, Floyd worked at Ross McClure's (Bogata) and Fred Skidmore's (Pattonville) garages awaiting the 18th birthday. Since we did not have an automobile, Floyd lived with these families while learning the automobile trade. He later worked for Mohr Chevrolet in Dallas and ultimately retired with General Motors on the regional management level. Automobiles and what made them tick were in his blood.

World War II whisked Floyd away before he could actually get his career in Dallas on its way. He served in the Marines in the Philippines. One of the few memories I have of the actual war days was that each member of our household received a ration book to buy items we needed.

Oh my, how my Mother would cherish every letter she received from Floyd, reading them over and over. Floyd's letters were censored by the military before they were mailed, and Floyd could only write on one side of the stationary. I remember Mother and Daddy (Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Wright) getting one letter, and

one page had been cut into three pieces, probably cutting out the section divulging his location, or something the U.S. didn't want to possibly end up in the enemy's hands.

I don't actually remember Floyd leaving for the service; I was too young. But I remember one time he mailed us a coconut, complete with the outer layer, one always sees coconuts in the grocery stores with the outer layer removed. The coconut was huge!

After years had passed, we still did not own an automobile. One night "Buggs" Skidmore drove up to our home, got out and came in and visited. Now Buggs is one of the two sons of Fred and Mable Skidmore, who owned the garage in Pattonville where Floyd had previously worked. I was still just a small child, not yet in school. After Buggs had visited probably five minutes, Mother asked him if his wife, Frances, was in the car. Buggs said, "Oh, yes, I forgot, she is out there." Mother raced out of our home to welcome Frances in. When Mother arrived at the car, low and behold, Floyd was sitting there. Well, Mother almost went bananas she was so tickled to see Floyd. She began yelling for Daddy to come out and get a hug also.

That night Floyd came home from World War II is the first remembrance I have of actually seeing and visiting with him.

Sybil Wright Hanson



PFC ISOM H. HARE JR 38475985

To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace.

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J.R. Kelsey

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World War II
memories.

In September, 1942, my oldest brother, J.W. Day, was drafted into the Army Air Corp.

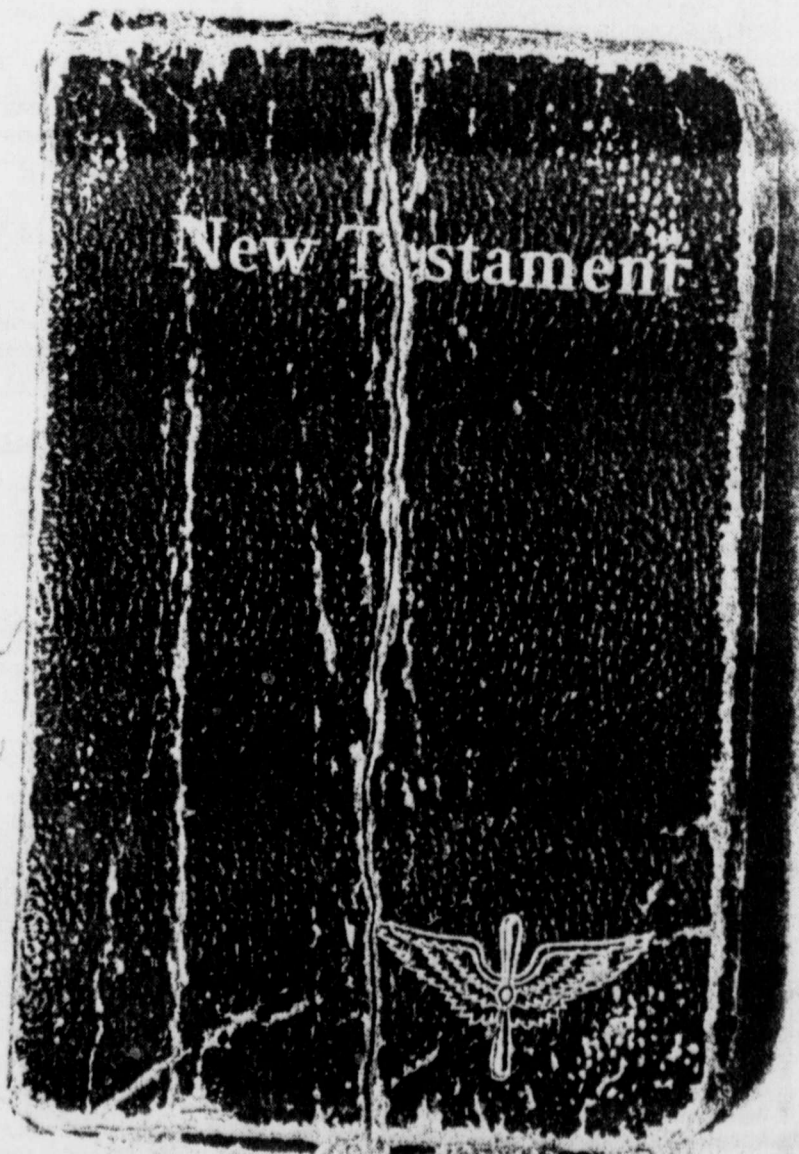
He had never been out of Lamar County, he left a young bride, a mother and dad, six brothers and a sister.

Being the only girl, he always sent me to the milk shed to ask our father for his Saturday night spending money. \$1.50 and he shared \$.05 with me.

I received many cards and letters from him during the next three years and a blue silk handkerchief with "Sister, U.S. Air Corp", and I still have them. He always reminded me, only eight years old, to help our Mother. We never saw him again until October, 1945 but our parents and siblings were glad to have him home again.

He had served in Mississippi, Virginia, Maryland, Iceland and England and died June 19, 1965.

by Ruth Day O'Brien



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THE NEW TESTAMENT- Was issued to all G.I.s by the Commander-In-Chief F.D.R. In the early part of the war according to Pinky Griffin. Pinky recalls carrying his in his left shirt pocket with a silver dollar in the middle of it.

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January 25, 1946 Forty Red River County Men had entered the armed services. Among them were: Charles W. Williams, Deport; Arthur Lee Vickers, Bogata; Jessie B.D. Wilson, Bogata; Louise Charles Coe Detroit; William Lee King, Bogata; Morris S. Mankins, Bogata; Evin I. Rushing, Bogata; Menderson L. Bratton, Cuthand; Travis Scales, Bogata.	From the Bogata News October 26, 1945 Sgt. James R. Gray is now stationed at Hamilton Field, Ca. His brother, S/Sgt. Harley Gray, has recently been sent overseas, somewhere in the European theatre of operations. These boys are the sons of Jack Gray and were reared in Bogata.	From the Deport Times, January 25 1946 A message from the War Department has disclosed that the palne on which Lt. Cliff Reid was on went down over Iwo Jima a Jap-held island about 700 miles from Japan in the Central Pacific. Lt. Reid is the husband of the former Eugenia Nobles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nobles of Deport.
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A sailor of another kind...

While serving aboard the Coast Guard cutter USS Klamath, we had one crew member who was different from the ordinary sailor. His name was Maximilian Talisman (Max) Boatwain's Mate 2nd Class. Max, a Boxer dog, came aboard with an officer.

When the officer was transferred, Max stayed aboard with the crew. Max knew all the 125 member crew. If a sailor came aboard that was not of the regular crew, Max let every sailor know by barking. Klamath's home port was Seattle. She was moored on the waterfront street adjacent to downtown Seattle. When some of the young single sailors went on liberty, they took Max with them. All of the pubs on the waterfront knew Max and would let him come in with the sailors. When the sailors wanted to be alone, probably with a girlfriend, they would call a cab and the driver would take Max back to the ship. Max was taught by the crew to get

himself a drink from the cooler type water fountain. He would stand on his back legs, get his left paw on the button and as the water squirted up, he would lap the water with his tongue.

Two sailors took Max downtown while one was shopping, the other one stood just inside the door. He heard this lapping noise and turned around to find Max getting a drink. He took Max outside the store, afraid civilians would think that Max was unsanitary.

Max, aboard the Klamath, has been to Hawaii, Midway Island, Japan, Adak, Alaska and through one storm with 50 foot waves. The storm was hard on Max as he had no hands to grasp something to hold onto. Max didn't seem to mind, as usually some sailor would hold on to him. Max was still serving aboard the Klamath when I left.

Richard Nance

97th Infantry Division

Nickname: None recorded.
Shoulder Patch: A vertical white trident on a blue shield with a white border. The patch was designed in 1922, when it was contemplated the 97th would be manned by personnel from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.



History
The 97th Division was first organized at Camp Cody, New Mexico, Sept., 1918. It was manned by drafted men from Oklahoma and Minnesota. The organization was never fully effected.

In accordance with the Army plan of allotting inactive divisions to the various service commands (then-1923-corps areas), the 97th was allotted to the 1st Corps Area in 1923. Accordingly, in 1943, when it was necessary to activate the division, it was the commanding general of the 1st Service Command who ordered the division into active service.

Training
The division was activated at Camp Swift, Tex., in Feb., 1943, and assigned to the Third Army. At the outset, the division trained at Camp Swift and at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. It participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers in 1943 and returned to Fort Leonard Wood when they were completed. The division was transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., July 20, 1944, and to Camp Cooke, Calif., on Nov. 1, 1944. The division left for the European Theater of Operations in Feb., 1945.

Commanding Generals
Brig. Gen. Louis A. Craig, Feb. 4 to Dec. 31, 1943; Brig. Gen. Milton B. Halsey, Jan. 1, 1944, to present.
Component Units
(As of Feb., 1945): 303rd, 386th and 387th Inf. Regts.; 389th (M).

A memorable occasion...

President Roosevelt had completed a meeting in Teheran when he flew to Malta and then to Sicily where he had arranged a meeting of all Generals at Castlevetrans which had the only hard surfaced runway on the island.

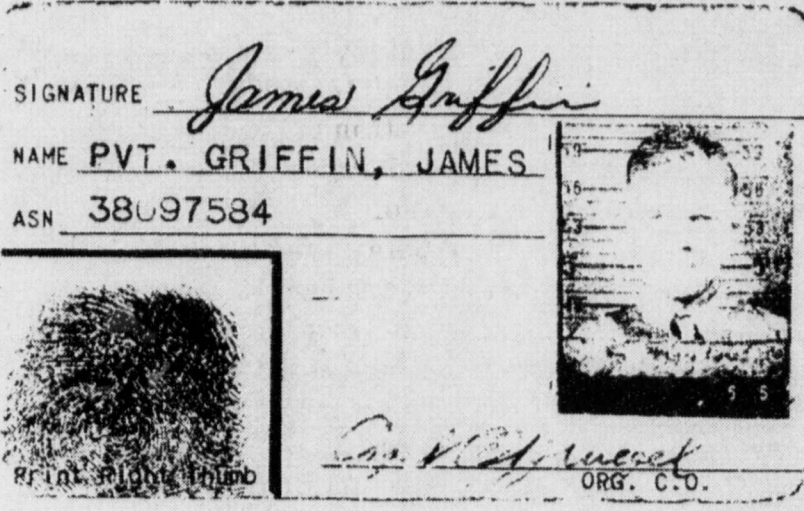
I was stationed there in the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron, 314th Troop Carrier Group. The day of President Roosevelt's arrival, we had been instructed to be in dress uniform. We were to meet near the air strip. So, we arrived early and awaited his arrival. About 10 a.m., Air Force #1 landed. We soon learned it was a decoy. In the meantime, fighter planes flew P51's and P38's flew continuously over us making a cloud cover. It reminded me of a flock of blackbirds. An hour later the decoy plane left the runway and the President's plane arrived.

Accompanying him were Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. George Patton, Gen. Marshall and Gen. Clark. Other dignitaries were heads of Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines.

We were standing in formation with enough space for the jeep to drive through the ranks. With President Roosevelt in the front seat with the driver, Gen. Marshall and Gen. George Patton in the back seat. When the jeep stopped, Gen. Patton placed his right hand on the back of the vehicle and hurred the jeep and when he stopped, he froze to attention.

He was wearing his famous polished boots. I was standing within 50 feet of all the brass and dignitaries. It was certainly an impressive event and one I'll always remember.

Thomas E. Watson



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I.D. CARDS - Were issued to G.I.s and they were required to carry them at all times. The card was shared by Pinky Griffin of Sulphur Springs TX.

First Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Inf. Division

The First Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Inf. Division was in regimental reserve about two miles behind the lines in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains near Coar, France. Early December 1944, cold, snow all over everything, and a bright moonlit night. About 2 a.m. I had finished checking on the perimeter guards as ordered by the A Company Commander. I walked up to the back of a half-track that had been set up with the regimental radios and parked about 50 yards from the command post. The "track" had been rigged up with a canvas top over the bed and I knew it would be warmer in there than anything else around.

A rap on the steel rear door and the man on radio watch pushed one side open. I climbed in and sat down on the floor near the door with my back to the wall. The combination he warmth from the radios (radios then had large vacuum tubes that ran hot) and the soft buzz of the radios and I dozed off.

A knock on the door by my side ought me back to reality, and I unlatched the door and pushed it open. A figure stood there in white coveralls, what we called a "ghost suit", and asked if I had a cigarette. I shook one out and handed it to him and then he asked if I had a light, all in perfect "American". He stuck his head in the door and I lit a match. In the flare from the match, I saw he had a Schmiss machine pistol slung across his chest, their equipment belt with hand gun, and a German steel helmet hung from his canteen. I grabbed for my weapon leaning against the wall and knocked it over with a clatter. Joe is trying to get his pistol bear on the figure but is pointing it at me, and the man said "Hold it boys, I'm here to surrender. I am Major Herman

S. (I never got the last name, sounded like Schiller or Strikler) and I am cold, hungry and tired, and I quit." He passed the Tommy Gun in to me butt first, dropped the steel helmet on the ground, and unhooked the equipment belt and handed it to me, then asked if he could get in the track, he was cold.
He sat on the floor opposite me for a few minutes without saying anything, all of us just looking at each other. Joe notified Regiment what had happened and they advised we stay put until daylight, then bring him in. I asked about his perfect English and he told us he had graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1938, returned to Germany to visit his parents, and had been drafted into the German Army. He said he hoped to be able to return to Wisconsin at the end of the war, that his parents were dead and he had no reason to return to Germany. (Joe and I have wondered for many years if he was ever able to do this.)

Corporal Brooks was relieved about 6 a.m. and we escorted the German to the Regimental Headquarters and turned him over the MP's. The Regimental Commander, Col. Britt, was so pleased to have a high ranking enemy officer that he had us both awarded the Bronze Star medal for "capturing" a high ranking officer, then turned around and gave about three officers and six non-coms a terrible "eating out" for letting an enemy soldier, who was not only able to get through the German lines, but also ours without being challenged, or shot. We were lucky he was not on a raiding mission, the ending of this story would have been very different.

Ed Gardiner, Lt. Col. Inf. USAR (Retired)

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A Soldier, a Sailor & the Family Dog....

My two "big brothers", Elbert Nance and Richard Nance, served our country during World War II. Elbert, a soldier, served in the Army Signal Corp. and Richard, a sailor, served in the Coast Guard.

When Elbert was sent overseas, it was two months or more before we heard from him. Finally when the day came that we got a card stating that he had arrived safely overseas in Cairo, Egypt, our family dog, Ponto, whom we had raised from a pup and was 13 years old, met the mailman, Buck Mathews, down the road, followed him to the mail box and stood there barking until Mother went to get the mail from the box. This was the first time he had ever done this. I really

believe he knew important news in the mail that day.

In April, 1945, we got word from Elbert that he would be coming home on furlough. To our surprise, Richard arrived home on furlough about two days ahead of Elbert. We were so glad to have both of them home at the same time. Ponto was really proud to see them. By this time, Ponto was 17 years old, couldn't hear, had arthritis, and no teeth. Tragedy struck a few days after the boys came home. Daddy got into the car go to town and not knowing Ponto was asleep under the car, backed over him and killed him. We were all sad, but at least he lived to see the "boys" come home.

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The War as I saw it...

It was cold March 3, 1942 and there was snow on the ground. My Dad came in the bedroom and informed me it was time to leave. We left Depot at about five in the morning to catch a bus in Paris headed for the Army reception center in Mineral Wells.

We got all of our gear issued and started our long stay away from home. There were four of us from Depot leaving at the same time, Donald and Esker Westbrook, Budget Marshall and me. We were separated in Camp Walters and I was sent to Camp Crowder, MO. I don't know how to describe the way I felt when I loaded on the troop train, except I was already homesick and scared.

I spent six weeks in Camp Crowder and then went to Orlando, Florida. I was in the Signal Corps and attached to the Army Air Force. I spent the next year training and playing baseball for Orlando. I don't know what part the baseball played in winning the war, but you did what they told you to do. I could have spent the whole war playing baseball but like the "village idiot" I chose to go overseas with my own outfit.

We left Orlando on a troop train going to San Francisco, CA. We were on the train for eight days and arrived in Frisco for departure to the South Pacific.

While we were traveling through Utah, the train stopped and there was a family standing at the depot to see "Pop" Dailey. Pop had five children and was 38 years old and drafted and sent to the South Pacific. I thought it was real good of the Army to arrange this last "goodbye" meeting for old Pop. I began to realize what "goodbye" meant after this meeting.

We shipped out by loading on the Delta Queen, the Mississippi riverboat that is still in operation on the Mississippi, and boarded the troop ship in Frisco on December 11, 1943. It would be two years to the day before we came back to the same place. We went on the Liberty Ship "Sea Barb" to Guadalcanal in the

Solomon Islands. I was sent to Green Island at the tip of the Solomons.

The only contribution I made to the war was going on a P.T. support mission over New Ireland in a P.B.Y. We dropped flares to light up the island so the P.T. boats could shoot up the enemy. I was scared to death all through the mission (the Japs did not even shoot at us) and after about seven hours, returned to Green Island. I was on New Guinea, Numifor Island and then to the Philippines for the remainder of the war.

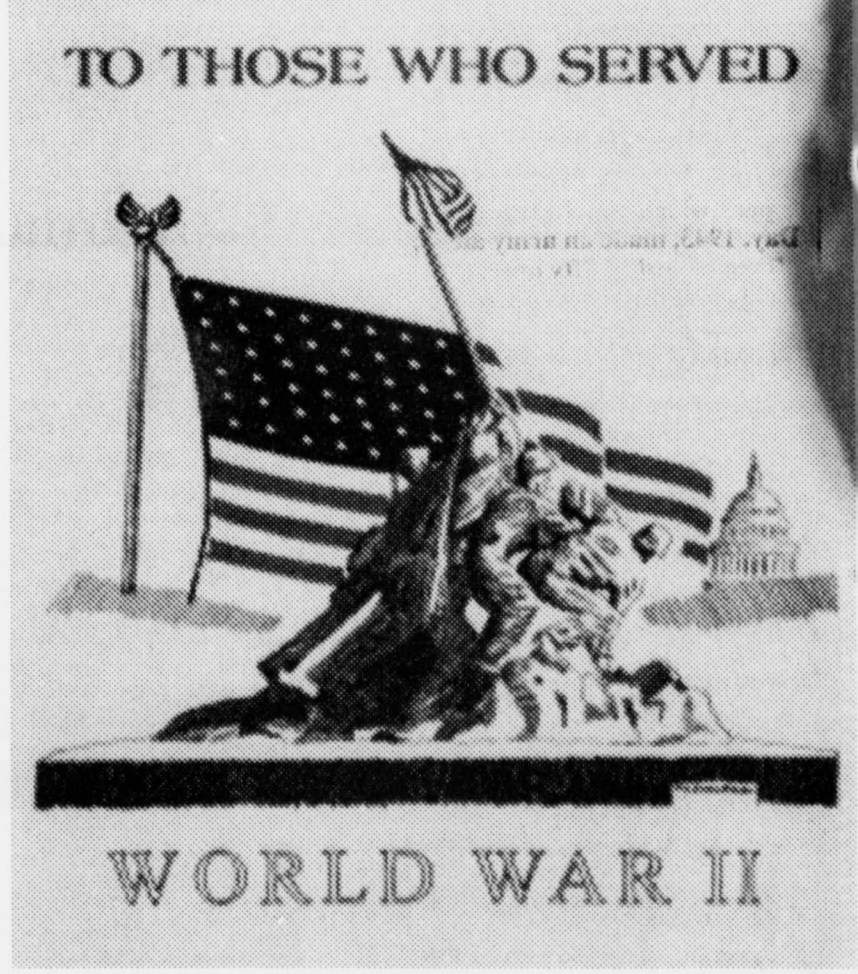
We sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge at almost the same time of day only it was two years later, 1945.

The Army was really good to me and many others. We got a college education for free, and they paid us \$105.00 a month in cash then when you had a child it was \$120.00 bucks a month. I went to East Texas State Teachers College, lived we called the "Chicken Shack" and had it real good. I got a master's degree gratis the Army. I don't regret a day I spent from 1942 to 1945. I do not ever want to have to go through this again, but would not take anything for my experience. I wish I could have been a "hero" like some from Depot, but we all had a job to do and we did it the best we could.

I earned the following decorations and citations while I served four years: The American Theater Campaign Asiatic-Pacific medal with three bronze stars; Philippines Liberation medal with one bronze star; Good Conduct medal; Victory ribbon; one Service stripe; four Overseas Service bars; and "I never even saw a Jap."

My job in the South Pacific was to direct sea planes to pick up "downed" pilots who were in the ocean. Some had been shot down and some had mechanical trouble. I know we were helping win the war with this job, but sometimes I felt like a "sad sack" until a "downed" pilot came by the information center and gave us a "fifth" and said "Thank You".

James A. (Pinky) Griffin



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From the Bogata News
Oct. 19, 1946
Lt. (jg) John D. Latimer, USNR, was awarded the Air Medal along with 40 other officers who were members of Air Group 2, one of the Navy's top aviation units based aboard the Essex class aircraft carrier attached to our Fast Carrier Task Force in the Pacific.

January 6, 1944
Cpl. John Worth Hood had been transferred to San Francisco, California from Tennessee.

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HONORABLY DISCHARGED-This certificate of discharge from the US Army is one of great importance in the lives of those men who saw duty during the world's wars. This discharge is dated March 23, 1949 and is signed by Sam G. Gribi, Lt. Col., USAF.

TO THOSE WHO SERVED
KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

"Victory in Europe has been attained, a cloud of Nazi oppression has been lifted forever. It is with a very real sense of pride and joy and deepest sincerity that I, as commander of the 97th Trident Division, congratulate you, the men of this organization for your loyalty, courage, initiative and determination in combat. Your accomplishments and your high standards are a credit to yourselves and to your organization.

Though the combat history of this division has been relatively short, the part we played in bringing about the downfall of German forces all fronts has been of utmost importance. You, as members of the division, can look back for many years and say, "The Trident was on the march when the bell rang."

Even as we rejoice, in victory, however, there is sadness in our hearts, for the road through the Ruhr Pocket and into Czechoslovakia is marked by crosses bearing the names of our comrades who valiantly and unselfishly gave their lives that the cause of freedom might endure and flourish."

..... Colonel M.B. Halsey, following the victory in the European Theater which ended World War II.



the nation's highest honor....

Paving the way to America's World War II victory in the battle of Manila, Pfc. John N. Reese, Jr. was posthumously awarded the nation's highest military decoration on November 8, 1945.

"Pfc. John N. Reese, Jr. was killed in the line of duty and he and a comrade killed more than 82 Japanese, completely disorganized their defense and paved the way for subsequent complete defeat of the enemy at this strongpoint," read the citation which was signed by President Harry S. Truman.

Reese, from Pryor, Oklahoma was killed February 9, 1945 during the key battle in the Philippines Islands.

He was an automatic rifleman with Company B, 148th Infantry, on February 9, 1945 during the battle of Manila, Philippine Islands, engaged in the attack on the Paco Railroad Station, which was strongly defended by 300 determined enemy soldiers with machine guns and rifles supported by several pillboxes, three 20-

millimeter guns, one 37-millimeter gun and heavy mortars.

On his own initiative, private Reese left the platoon, accompanied by a comrade, and continued forward to a house 60 yards from the objective.

The two men remained in this position for an hour, firing at targets of opportunity, killing more than 35 Japanese and wounding many more. Moving closer to the station and discovering a group of Japanese replacements attempting to reach pillboxes, they opened heavy fire, killed more than 40 and stopped all subsequent attempts to man the emplacements.

While the two men started to return to the American lines, alternately providing covering fire for each other as they withdrew, Private Reese was killed by enemy fire as he reloaded his rifle.

Private Reese, who is buried at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, is one of the many reasons Americans celebrate Veterans Day.

October 19, 1945
Pvt. Gerald Gordon has been transferred from Ft. SamHouston, to Ft. Knox, Ky. His wife and small daughter, Kay, are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Temple for the present.

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October 26, 1945
J.O. Barnett of Blossom had heard from his son, Chief Petty Officer Ray Barnett, who has been on sea duty four years. Barnett said he had arrived in Chicago, having been made instructor in the Naval Air Technical Training Center.



January 13, 1944
Sgt. Malcolm Wright of Bogata was with the flying fortress "Knock Out Dropper" which on Armistice Day, 1943, made an army air force record of fifty operational flights over enemy territory in Europe and dropped a bomb on each flight.

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96th Infantry Division

Nickname: Deadeye Division.
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History
The Armistice headed off organization of the 96th, scheduled for Sept., 1918. In 1923, it was organized "on paper" as a Pacific NW reserve division.

Training
Activated: Aug. 15, 1942, Camp Adair, Ore., assigned to IX and then IV Corps. Other stations: Ft. Lewis, Camp White and Camp San Luis Obispo, Manuevers, Oregon with IV Corps. Overseas: July, 1944 (POA).

Commanding Generals
Maj. Gen. James (Smiling Jim) L. Bradley, from activation to present.

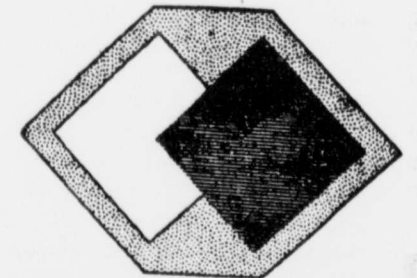
Component Units
(As of July, 1944) 381st, 382d and 383d Inf. Regts.; 363d (M), 361st, 362d and 921st FA Bns. Higher Commands: Tenth Army.

Combat Highlights
First combat action for the Deadeyes came during the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands, where the 96th went ashore with the great armada of units assembled by General MacArthur off that shell-torn island shore.

It was the first Allied smash at the Philippines and the action began Oct. 20, 1944, when elements of the 382d and 383d Inf. Regts. plunged through the surf in their first charge.

Spearheaded by the 382d, the Division quickly moved against spasmodic enemy resistance. Within a period of approximately two months, the Division, along with the 7th and 77th divisions, had liberated the island.

Remaining on the conquered island, the 96th drew new equipment



and supplies and prepared for further drives along the road to Tokyo. It was a period of intensive training.

The Division hit the beaches again Apr. 1, 1945, this time at Okinawa as part of the Tenth Army, newly formed under Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner. Against the fanatical resistance offered by the Nipponese defenders, the Deadeyes carried on like veterans.

Highlight of their action on Okinawa came on May 14, 1945, when the division took two of the toughest defense positions on the island, Yonabaru airfield and Conical Hill.

By taking Conical Hill, situated 2500 yards east of Shuri, the 96th eliminated the chief remaining observation point on Okinawa held by the Japs and its capture was essential to capture of Yonabaru airfield.

A month later, the 96th (June 14) cracked the center of the previously outflanked Japanese defense line on southern Okinawa by capturing 500-foot high Yaeju Hill and pushed on south.

Five days later, Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, assistant commander of the 96th Division, was killed in action, his death following by a few days that of Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, killed by a Jap shell burst. The Okinawa campaign ended June 20. The 96th continued combat activities by taking part in the mopping up of isolated Japanese units.

Marseille, France, World War II

1st Sgt. James Holmes of Pattonville, Texas completed extensive training in Mississippi and Louisiana before sailing to Europe, landing at the Port of Marseille, France during World War II. Just prior to landing, the voice of Axis Sally came over the PA system saying "Tonight we want to welcome the 103rd division to France. We will receive you warmly, very warmly." That was an understated omen.

His unit was the first to land at Marseille, to become a part of the 7th Army. Combat began in the Vosges Mountains, on the outskirts of a village called St. Die. The company commander said "If you live through this day, you've got a good chance." It's ironic, the commander was killed that day. The Mayor of St. Die vowed to name the town square for the 103rd Division. Holmes never saw the named square as his unit pushed on to Alsace and ultimately to the Siegfried Line.

As the attack progressed in the Haardt Mountains, resistance was fierce. Road junctions were well-mined, usually set up with machine guns as supporting fire. Open ground was dangerous as the enemy had all likely routes of approach covered.

It was rough in the hills, slogging along, halt, slog again with weariness beginning. Man followed man, company followed company, slipping, sliding, sweating, swearing, halting briefly as the cold became almost unbearable.

The troops were loaded with equipment, having to drag it up the slippery slopes, through the brush and down the ravines. Carrying your rifle, a belt of ammunition, three bandoliers, a grenade launcher, three or more grenades plus raincoat and sleeping bag, and your rations. The grenades were dangled from your bandolier or rifle strap, stashed in a jacket pocket or else hung from your pockets by jamming the grenade handle through a button hole. The four jacket pockets were the Infantryman's warehouse. Always room for one more thing, hoping clean them out when you got the time, still "stuff" in them from Marseille. The jacket crisscrossed by your rifle belt and the bandolier straps made you bulge like Mae West on the top and flare out like her at the hips.

As you ate your way through your K rations, you'd save the cigarettes, matches, candy, sugar, chewing gum and toilet paper. The toilet paper was crammed into the shock bands of your helmet liner, the rest into a jacket pocket.

You started with a jacket pocket filing system, cigarettes and matches in right breast pocket, gun and sweets

in the left, but you'd find a strap pinning the pocket shut so you'd use another pocket, end up with a conglomeration worse than the contents of a woman's handbag, in every pocket, always hunting in the wrong pocket, finding you couldn't get the pocket you wanted because a strap clamped it shut.

In December of 1944, the unit bumped against the strongest defensive line the world had ever known, the Siegfried Line. The Siegfried was designed as a permanent defensive line, with strong points backing up strong points, each mutually supporting. Fierce fighting attacks and counter attacks including close combat ensued. Heavy losses on both sides were encountered.

The company was short on supplies-re: ammunition and explosives. Holmes, being a farm boy, was selected to take a mule train (18 mules) to deliver supplies and rations to designated areas in the Siegfried Line. After delivery, the mules were to be used to evacuate the killed in action bodies. This proved to be more complicated than anticipated. The mules were reluctant to having frozen bodies attached, causing considerable movement and struggle making them difficult to control.

This melee on the mountain was observed by the Germans resulting in heavy artillery barrages. The health and welfare of the mules was no longer paramount by the person leading the mules. The mules with the KIA's attached became wildly out of control. They came flatulent, kicking, bucking, snorting and running in all directions. The unsupervised exercise resulted in bodies being scattered once again on "Pill Box Hill".

After a lull in artillery fire, the mules caught and their mission was accomplished. One of the mules was wounded and treated at a battalion aid station, likely, the only mule in the Army to earn a Purple Heart!

The unit continued to fight for another three months inside the world's strongest defense positions with losses and replacements, more losses and more replacements. During this period, Sgt. Holmes was given a battle field commission to the grade of 2nd Lieutenant.

In late March of 1945, the unit punched a hole through the Siegfried Line. Holmes' platoon was attached to Task Force Rhine, a completely mechanized unit. It was dusk when tank-riding infantrymen shoved off towards the Rhine River. Moving into enemy territory, instructions were to fire at anything that moved. "Recognition by fire, is the military term.

The Task Force overran and destroyed the German Army that defended the Siegfried Line. Forty miles into enemy territory, the column stopped to refuel. The Task Force came upon a 12th century castle that had been fortified by the Germans and used as an observation post.

Lt. Holmes was ordered to take his platoon from the Task Force and eliminate the enemy from Landeck Castle. His platoon started up the hill towards the castle just as dawn was breaking. The hill seemed to go up to about 70 degrees. The Germans tossed down boulders and hand grenades on the advancing platoon, scattered snipers throughout the woods, making the mission more perilous.

Lt. Holmes took one squad of men up a ravine and struck from the rear, making radio contact with his platoon Sergeant to advance a frontal assault. The platoon, led by Lt. Holmes, killed or wounded 18 of the enemy before the remaining 37 including a Lt. Colonel, raised their hands in surrender.

While securing the castle, Lt. Holmes rounded the corner of the building, meeting a German face to face. Both raised their weapons to fire. The German pulled the trigger first, forgetting that he had not released the safety on his weapon. As the platoon lined up their prisoners, one treacherous German suddenly pulled out a Burp Gun that had gone undetected both cases, Lt. Holmes prevented two Germans from causing damage to the platoon.

The platoon accomplished the mission with minimum casualties. Returning to the base of the mountain, encountering one of his men, Lt. Holmes asked "What are you doing down here? The soldier, shaking and crying responded, "Sir, I just couldn't fight anymore. Something told me that if I went up that mountain, I would die this day." Lt. Holmes gave the Corporal a cigarette and said, "Soldier, I had the same feeling while on top of that mountain."

The unit moved on through Germany, into Austria and reached the Brenner Pass in the Alps with little resistance. On V.E. Day, he thought of all the heroes left behind on the Siegfried, wishing they could have been there to celebrate.

Major James Holmes, Ret. (Major Holmes brother, Roy (Ed) Holmes, son of Clarence and Lula Holmes, attended Pattonville schools graduating from Deport High School in 1942, was killed in action during the attack on Iwo Jima while serving with the 4th Marine Division, March 9, 1945. He was married to the former Geraldine Wright.)

My memories
I served in World War II in 1944, 45 and 46 in the Philippine Islands and in South Korea. While in the Islands, the malaria jungle rot and the Japanese were real bad, but survival is the name of the war game. I thank my God for survival.
While in South Korea, my greatest memory is about getting to try out playing basketball for the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Due to jungle rot on my legs I did not complete the tour, however, I had to spend two months in a hospital in Pusan, Korea getting over malaria and jungle rot temporarily.
Another good memory in South Korea was when I got my Army tour complete and was ready to come home.
I had two brothers serving in the Navy that had finished their tour of duty and got home before I did. Great memories all getting to be home again.
My father served in World War I in France and was gassed so bad his health was never the same, however, he was the best manager I ever knew. Great memories.
Thanks for asking us Veterans to share a few memories with you and others.
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What may have started the Cold War...

After helping commission the USS Sandusky (PF-54) in New Orleans with a shakedown cruise to Bermuda, then back to a shipyard in Philadelphia and then on to Staten Island, New York to escort six troop transports through Panama Canal, a fuel stop at Bora Bora (Society Islands) and 45 days later arriving in Finch Harbor, New Guinea and on to Hollandia, New Guinea. After crossing the equator 12 times escorting convoys that were invading islands as we worked our way to the Philippines and surviving aircraft attacks and one typhoon that sank three Navy destroyers, we headed back to the US with a stop in Hawaii. We arrived in Seattle, Washington and after repairs in a shipyard, headed for Cold Bay,

Aleutian Islands to turn our ship over to the Russians on a lease-lend deal. When we arrived one half of our crew stayed with the ship and half of the Russian crew came aboard. We were to familiarize the Russian crew with the operation of the ship. We could not speak Russian and they could not speak English. There were no interpreters, we used the hands-on type training. We were told not to give the Russians money and they were not supposed to have any American money. One night a Russian sailor motioned me to go with him. We went to the stern of the ship where no one else was around. He motioned to my low quarter shoes and through hand motion, I knew he liked them because they were polished and

shined. Their shoes were of rough leather that couldn't be polished. He indicated that he wanted to buy my shoes by holding up five fingers. I held up ten fingers. He gave me two US \$5 dollar bills. I did not know where he got the money and I did not ask. I pulled off my shoes and gave them to him and walked back to my quarters barefooted. What he did not know at that time, there was a quarter size hole in the bottom of both shoes. When he found out, it may have been the beginning of "The Cold War".

The USS Sandusky was commissioned, manned and operated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Richard Nance,
Gunners Mate 1st Class

September 28, 1945
Pvt. Lowell Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Francis of Deport, is back in France after a month in an English hospital. Pvt. Francis has been in the army since May 19, 1942. He has been overseas since February 1944.



WITH the end of the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket, the 97th was ordered to the Third Army sector along the Czechoslovakian border. Its mission was to protect the left flank of Gen. Patton's spearhead, plunging southward toward the National Redoubt.

The major offensive action for the 97th was the seizure of Cheb (Eger), war factory, administration and communications center, site of a large airport.

Division headquarters moved to Wunsiedel, Germany, and the combat teams took up positions along the Czechoslovakian border. The 97th became operational under XII Corps, Third Army, April 23, 1945.

Two days later, 3rd Bn., 387th, jockeyed into position at dawn. At 0900 the attack on Cheb got under way, spearheaded by Co. I, commanded by Capt. Harold F. Selesky, Rochelle Park, N. J., and Co. K, under Capt. John R. Wilson, Sikeston, Mo.

FLAK!!!

I flew bombing missions as a radio operator/gunner in a B-24 bomber out of Guidonia Field in Cerignola, Italy during World War II. Our main objective was to disable the German war machine factories and the oil refineries which furnished fuel to operate the machines. By August 1944, American planes had carried out many raids on the Ploesti Oil Refineries in Romania which furnished one-third of Germany's fuel. Within days after a raid, these refineries would be up and running again. Three days before my crew flew its first bombing mission, the death blow was struck and Ploesti was gone from the scene. This meant most of the German fighter planes were grounded because of the lack of fuel. In their place were anti-aircraft guns. From then on our bombers passed over the targets amidst terrifying puffs of black smoke from the sting shells from these guns--flak!! At times, flak was so thick we could not see the sun.

On August 22, 1944, our crew was ready to go--our first mission: Blechhammer, Germany. I flew a total of 55 missions over ten countries, but



Blechhammer was to become the most dreaded word I would ever hear. By daylight that day we loaded into the plane and were ready to taxi down the runway, anxiously awaiting the long flight over the Adriatic Sea to Blechhammer. We came home that night seasoned veterans. Seven planes from our group did not return. The plane flying next to us lost a wing. When the crew abandoned ship, only nine parachutes from a ten-man crew were seen. The big bomber went into a deadly spiral toward earth. As we watched and prayed, the plane leveled off for just a few seconds and the tenth parachute came out and opened. Planes were at our wing one minute and gone the next, evaporating into thin air from direct hits from the anti-aircraft guns. Some planes became huge fireballs when their fuel tanks were hit. Some went down with engines burning, no chance for the crew to escape. A few ditched in the Adriatic.

In October, 1944, we flew to Blechhammer again. While over the target, we lost one of our engines to

flak. Flak was so intense that our plane rocked and quaked from the hits and near misses. Our pilot managed to keep the plane in formation until after the bomb run was made and our load of bombs dropped, then peeled sharply away to return to base. Normally, it took two hours to cross the Adriatic Sea, but today while we were crossing, two more engines went out. We were down to a very low altitude and it looked as though we might have to ditch in the Adriatic. We threw everything out that we could get loose from inside the plane to lighten our load: parachutes, flak suits, guns, ammunition--even our top-secret Norden bomb site went into the sea. The pilot barely managed to maneuver the big B-24 onto the runway at the Isle of Vis, a friendly base off the coast of Italy. After landing safely, I climbed from the plane and counted 155 flak holes in our plane, ranging in size from one inch to 18 inches in diameter. I fell to my knees and kissed the welcome earth and thanked God for sparing our lives.

D.A. Willson

(The following is a letter written to David L. Miller from his old school friend, Harold Rodgers. Harold joined the military shortly after high school graduation in 1948. Harold, Bobby Joe Gifford, Dan Barnard and David Miller had a lot of good times hunting and fishing in those days. Times long past but not forgotten.)
Grafenwor, Germany
Tuesday, August 2, 1949
Dear David,

How are you? Fine, I hope. I am doing pretty good except I sure hate having to work tonight. I have to stay up all night. It's now five minutes to one and boy am I sleepy. Say, I've done forgot you wrote last. Was it you or me? I guess you're working in the field hoeing cotton now, aren't you? The last letter I got from home, Dad was trying to chop some cotton himself but he is getting so old he isn't hardly able anymore. Boy, it sure has been hot up here where we are. This is where we have all the big maneuvers in Germany. We have a big one coming up in about a month. Boy, I sure do hate it, too. We'll live in little old tents for about three weeks. Say David, have you been hunting lately? Or fishing? What's old Bobby Joe doing these days? Or do you ever see him? Remember the times we used to go hunting that creek? Boy I really had some fun them days. Didn't you? Roy has my shotgun out there where he is I think.

It's been trying to rain some tonight. Boy we sure do need it. Did you read in the paper where Gen. Bradley was coming over here to Germany? Well we had a big parade in his honor today. I didn't have to go though. There was some jets flying around here, too. Do you ever see any of those around home now? Boy aren't they having a lot of plane crashes. That's about all year about.

Well, I can't think of anything else to write so I'll close for now. Answer soon in a long letter and excuse the typing.
Your friend and buddy,
Harold

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AGAINST THE FATHERLAND

AT 1725, March 28, 1945, division headquarters rolled across the German border a few miles west of Aachen. A short time later, it passed through the streets of the battered city which Hitler once said never would be taken by the Allies.

The division's first assignment was taking up defensive positions along the western bank of the Rhine River opposite Dusseldorf. Here, 97th doughs captured their first prisoners, killed their first Nazi soldiers.

The 389th FA Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Lawrence G. Kiely, Billings, Mont., fired the first round against the enemy. A 155mm howitzer shell demolished an installation in the suburbs of Dusseldorf.

The 303rd, a light artillery battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph W. Redding, Jeannette, Pa., fired on an enemy gun emplacement across the Rhine in Div Arty's first combat mission. One less German gun emplacement was the result of that round. Members of the gun crew were S/Sgt. Sherman Girdler, Somerset, Ky.; Cpl. James K. Allen, Chicago; Pfc Michael L. Nocera, Exeter, Pa.; Pfc Alfred C. Barnow, Boston; Pfc Jack R. Clarke, Inde-

A tribute.....

I am writing this tribute to my brother, Talma Joe Fowler, a Veteran of the United States Army, who served in Vietnam.

In the late 1960's Talma was assigned to go to Vietnam. I was a teenager in high school and had no idea of the terror and harsh reality of war. His stay there lasted around a year. Every now and then he would write to me. At the time I was thinking only of my social life, lacking any real sensitivity to my brother's situation. Because of this lack of empathy, sometimes I would write him, sometimes I would not.

As the year went by, Mom kept the television on any news coverage about the war. Now that I have my own child, I can put myself in her place and realize the agony of that time. As a teenager, I was totally oblivious to what was going on with her.

The night Talma came home from the war, the whole family went to pick him up at Love Field in Dallas. It was during the time they had not invented the covered walkway that extends from the plane to the inside

of the airport. We all rushed to the gate to meet him. I will never forget watching him come down the ladder as he walked out of the plane. He was tanned and in perfect physical condition. He looked so good to all of us. We all gathered around him and cried and laughed at the same time.

From Love Field, we drove on home. Mother had prepared all of his favorite foods. I watched out of curiosity and amazement as my brother's hands shook while he was eating his meal. Even at that point, the realization of what he had been through did not hit home with me. The thought did not enter my mind that it had been less than 2-3 days that he had been in a war zone.

Up until recently he has Talma been able share a portion of what went on over there. We've been able to get a couple of stores out of him, but not many. In one story, he tells of he and his platoon walking into a village that had been taken over. The dead and maimed bodies of men, women and children were stacked up like potato sacks. His wife, Margaret, can tell of

many times he was awakened by a war time flak attack.

I believe God puts you in places and makes you go through things that you do not understand in order that he may use you in the future. Today, Talma is the one we want around during an emergency. He is the one who can withstand the pressure. He is the rock in our family.

Dear Brother, although you and the rest of the guys who served in this war were not given the welcome back that all of you deserved, there is still a lot of people who respect what you did. You have always had high expectations for yourself and because of this, sometimes you have been quite hard on yourself. But, honestly, if you don't do another thing, you've done enough. When the chips are down, you as did many others, stood up and fought, so that people like me could remain free.

For this and many other reasons, I have the ultimate respect and admiration for you. In my eyes, you will always be a hero.

Written by Carol Dorsey



APRIL 7, 1945, 1100 hours: The relative silence was shattered by booming howitzers and a "cloud-burst" of 105 and 155mm shells pouring down on enemy positions across the river from the 386th Regt.'s sector. For 30 minutes all four Div Arty battalions laid down concentrated fire. Then, as suddenly as it started, the preparation stopped.

At exactly 1200, the 386th Combat Team, under the command of Col. Samuel M. Lansing, spurred forward, crossing the Sieg in engineer assault boats. Resistance was light because the enemy's main defenses still reeled from artillery's punishing blows. Casualties were negligible. Training, coupled with surprise, paid off.

Once on the opposite shore, the 386th CT immediately regrouped and pressed the attack northward. The first

Advice on war.....

I could sit down and write my Army experiences in sentences of one word. Like wool uniforms, \$21.00 a month, sea sick, homesick, board the ships, disembark into small beach crafts, airplane rides in C-47's, passes to town, riding a train from Florida to California, buddies we would never see again, radar units that would make you sterile, WACS, Canadian WACS, Daytona Beach, the \$50.00 a month, drilling with 8 3/4 pound rifles, tents, seasick, furloughs back home, buddies being shipped out, the Florida heat, the South Pacific heat and rain, Green Island, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Soloman Islands, Green Island, a Jap sub, Numifore, New Guinea, checkers, cards and card games, sea sick every time we made a trip, my Thompson machine gun I never shot, an extra stripe, K rations, C rations, no rations, fights, poker, drilling, orders from bottom to the top, rumors, more rumors, letters from home, writing letters home, hometown paper, mad at your buddy, mad at all your buddies, mad at the world, air raids, dead Japs and Americans, the road to Tokyo.

Some time back, I noticed an article about a B-24 they had found on Esprito Santo in the New Hebrides Islands. This was the first island we landed on and at the port was Esprito Santo greeted by six Corsairs doing a victory roll over our ship. Why they did a victory roll, I don't know, maybe

they had shot down some Japs or that we were going to bring home a victory.

Many odd things happen to you in the Army. I was talking to a kid in the chow line who had been shot in the arm. He was from Brookston, Texas. He was in a machine gun crew, but he was going get in the mortars as they were way back, like another 20 yards. He came out on the ball field in Paris to see me after the war and the first thing I asked him was "Did you get in the mortars?"

Donald "Whiz" Roach from Bogata was on Guadalcanal and his friend John Norton from Paris was trying to find Whiz. He was walking up a trail in the jungle from the air base and there 8,000 miles from home they ran into each other. Both had graduated from PJC.

I was on several islands but never even saw a live Jap, thank goodness. From Esprito Santo we went to Guadalcanal. From there to Bougainville in the Solomons and on to Green Island, and then to Emeru. We caught a C-47 back to Guadalcanal and on the way landed in Bougainville. The pilot, who must have just graduated from flight school, hit the runway, bounced the 47 up and the wings wobbled up and down, then he straightened it out and landed it. There were 52 scared soldiers that airplane and we threatened to stay on Bougainville rather than fly back with

him. Another time we were flying from Celau to Palowan Island in the Philippines, the pilot went into a cloud. We fell about 2,000 feet and were pushed up 3,000 feet by the updraft again. We all were so scared we could only hold on a cuss and swear we were going to have him court marshalled when we got back.

I keep saying "funny things happen to you in the Army". After a tour of duty on Numifore Island, we loaded up all the tin we could find and all of the wood we could use and loaded them on six landing boats. There were six of the landing boats going back from Numifore to Biak. We were out in the Pacific with no protection and a Lieutenant who was dead reckoning us back to Biak.

It was five or six hundred miles back but we made it without a hitch. The biggest excitement I had in New Guinea was catching beautiful butterflies. What a way to fight a war! Butterflies and Raisin Jack was what kept us going.

I had one job I really enjoyed. We were detailed to unload a L.S.T. that was loaded with beer. Out of a detail of eight, I think we unloaded half the beer and drank the rest. We also ate the scraps (and they were meat scraps) that the Merchant Marines threw in the garbage can. It was good after a year and half of C's and K's and no meat.

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