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By Nanalee Nichols

Who says Americans are lazy?
How often do we hear about Americans being decadent and lazy? Well, guess what...Americans are actually the hardest working people in the civilized world!

New statics show that we have leaped out ahead of even the industrious Japanese in hours work, and also in stress.

In Europe, the average work week has been lowered to 36 hours per week.

The American working person's hours are increasing on the average of 100 hours a year more each year for several years.

Their pay has not kept pace with this, either.

How many people do you know that are involved in stressful, high tech jobs that demand hours and hours of no-pay overtime? I know several.

I know that like most self-employed people my husband and I seem to spend more and more hours on the job. There is no extra compensation for this, of course.

Farmers and ranchers spend more time not only working at the physical part of their jobs, but they now demand more hours of planning, paperwork and research than ever before.

Plant workers are frequently faced the choice of more work and fewer people to do it as many corporations cut back on the work force.

In recent interviews it was astonishing to hear that many Americans say they would happily settle for less pay if they could have less hours to work!

Some companies are actually offering a four day work week with shorter lunch hours and an hour longer day. People working there seem to love it.

So, the next time you think about the "typical American worker" you might want to remember that he or she is working longer hours than any other worker in the civilized world! So much for our lazy, unproductive image!

Center to hold Christmas Party

By Jack Dodd

There will be a Christmas Party at the Rosalie Community Center-Volunteer Fire Department December 9 at 7:00 p.m. with gift exchange to follow. Gifts should not exceed \$10.00 and should be for either gender (2 per couple).

All are welcome and the only thing required to be a part is a covered dish and a present. Let's start the holiday season off with an old fashioned covered dish and gift exchange. See you at 7:00 p.m. the 9th.

No notices will be sent during December

Remember, no notices will be sent telling subscribers if their paper is due in December. Since there are literally thousands of subscribers due in the "sale" month, the only notice will be stamped on the paper at the end of the month. If you know your subscription is due during this month, please renew. You will still have the chance to take advantage of the sale price when you receive the notice at the end of the month, though.

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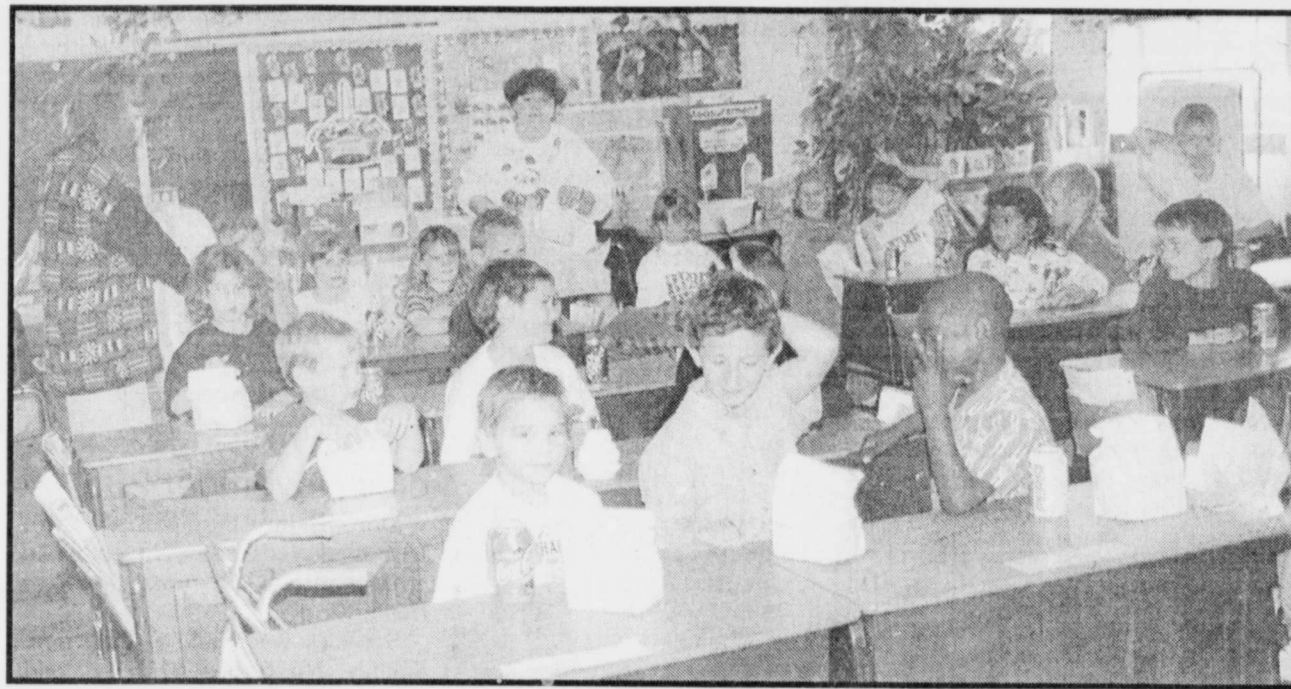
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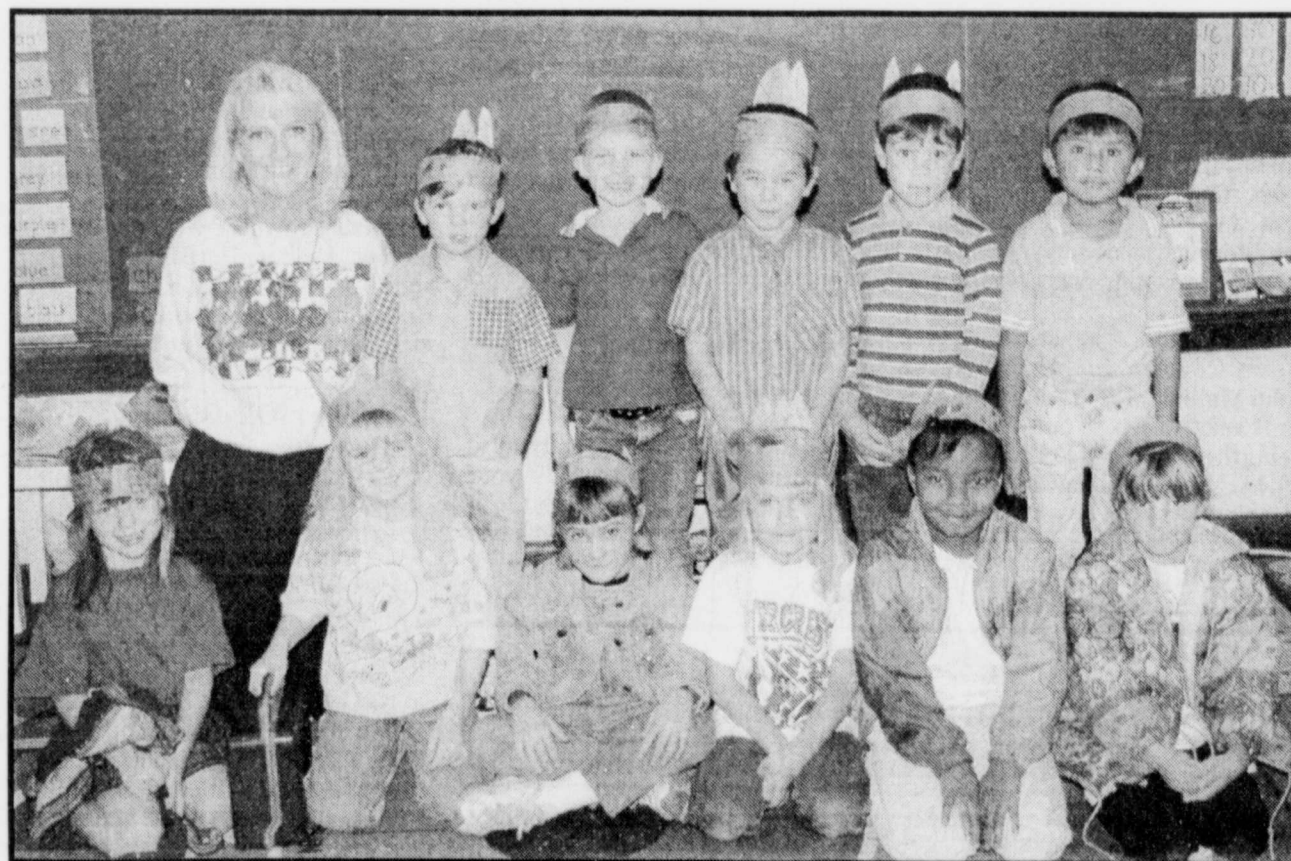


POPCORN PARTY-The Talco School third grades and teachers Staci Hinton and Debbie Ingram enjoyed popcorn and a movie on Tuesday, Nov.25 in celebration of Thanksgiving. The students not only shared their popcorn but shared what each child was thankful for.



INDIANS- were prepared to share a Friendship fruit salad with the Pilgrams at Talco School Tuesday, Nov. 25. The Indians were actually students in Mrs. Stephanie Wright's Kindergarten. The students brought all the ingredients for their salad and enjoyed making and eating it.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



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Rivercrest Ag Boosters to hold fund-raiser

The Rivercrest Ag Boosters Scholarship fund-raiser and stew supper will be held Monday, December 8, at Rivercrest Cafeteria at 5:00 p.m.

The four wheel drive Yamaha 4 wheeler will be given away along with door prizes to those who are present that have purchased a 4 wheeler ticket. You do not have to be present to win the 4 wheeler. Drawing will begin at 6:30 p.m. 4 wheeler

tickets can be purchased at the Rivercrest Ag Department and will be sold up to drawing time December 8. Only a limited amount of tickets will be sold. Many nice door prizes will be given. For more information call 632-5989 or 632-4233.

Please come and enjoy the stew and support the Ag Boosters with this Scholarship fund-raiser for the Rivercrest Ag Students.

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.

The Talco-Bogata Junior High 8th grade Rebels will travel to Chisum for tournament play at the High School gym on Dec. 4-5-6. On Thursday the team will play at 5:30 p.m., on Friday, 7:45 p.m. and on Saturday 9:40 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the teams.

The Talco-Bogata Junior High 8th grade Lady Rebels will travel to Chisum for tournament play at the High School gym on Dec. 4-5-6. On

Locals involved in Civil War monument dedication

A number of local people have been involved in the dedication of a Civil War monument.

More than 100 years ago, the McConnell, James and Privett families last gathered at Gethsemane Cemetery in Caddo, Oklahoma to lay to rest Civil War veteran Lee A. Privett, the maternal grandfather of the late Will McConnell of Red River County. On Saturday, November 1st Privett's descendants and Civil War re-enactors from his unit, the 34th Texas Calvary, dedicated the first headstone to mark his grave.

Rick Baird of Cuthand, Privett's great-great-great-grandson, originated the idea to secure the military marker. Rick is very interested in the Civil War period and is an active member of the Sam Bell Maxey Chapter of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The dedication began with the opening prayer offered by Vernon McConnell of Talco. The Confederate honor guard was called to attention by Lt. Tom Stewart of Flower Mound. Melanie McConnell Klein of Whitehouse welcomed family members and friends and then spoke of Lee Privett's family life and military service, based on research from Rick Baird.

Lee Privett was born near Springfield, Illinois in 1832 and married Nancy Ann James in 1857 in Ladonia, Texas. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army and was mustered into service in Tallequah, Indian Territory. Privett served in the 34th Texas Calvary until the end of the war and

saw action in the Trans-Mississippi area. He returned to Caddo and operated his family farm for almost for almost 30 years before his death in 1896.

Following the program, Lt. Stuart ordered young Shane Nolen of Terrell to begin a drum cadence that signaled the military volley given to honor Privett's service. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Lt. Stewart and the re-enactor's for their interest and dedication to this historic period. These groups take great care to outfit themselves in authentic 1860's dress were Cindy Stuart of Flower Mound and Judy Nolen of Terrell. The honor guard was composed of Lt. Stuart, John R. Mackey of Terrell 2nd Sgt. James Ogletree of Farmers Branch and Jeremy Stuart of Flower Mound. A special certificate of appreciation was presented to Rick Baird.

Family and friends present included Ruth and George Alspaugh of Columbia, Tennessee, Wanza McConnell Person of Ft. Worth, Eva Blalock, Kathleen and James Davis from Breckenridge, Eva Thornton of Durant, Mary Etta Peters and Hilda Wood of Caddo, Melanie McConnell Klein of Whitehouse, Vernon McConnell of Talco and Judy and James Foster and Garrett Thomas of Mt. Pleasant. Attending from the Bogata area were Rick Baird, Elaine Baird, Barbara and Jim Branch, Gracie Bankston, Ginger Foster and Sammie and Sam McConnell.

Please share your Christmas memories with readers



Please send us your memories of Christmas. This is the third year for this. We publish various memories from Christmas' past that people sent in. They received a wonderful response. Again this year we are offering.

First place winner will receive a photograph album and certificate of achievement, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. First through 4th places will be published and all others will be published if the space is available.

The memories do not have to be very far in the past...last Christmas would be just fine! They do not have to be long, or dramatic, just a recollection of a favorite holiday past.

Please send them in, you might win a prize, and certificate, and you will definitely bring pleasure to readers.

Send your memories by December 8th to:
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Papers on sale now

December 1st is the beginning of the annual paper sale. The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale through December 31st at \$2 off their regular price.

That makes the already inexpensive papers even better value.

They make a great Christmas gift, to parents and grandparents with kids in school, to the elderly who want to keep up with what is going on in the immediate world around them, and, of course, to yourself.

At less than 29 cents a week, locally, or 34 cents a week elsewhere it is a tremendous value.

See the full page ad elsewhere in this publication for complete information and a handy ordering blank.

Blossom Charter subscribers are entitled to an additional \$1 off their paper.

All gift subscriptions will be published in the paper during the big Christmas edition.

PEOPLE N THINGS



Thursday the team will play at 4:15 p.m., on Friday, 6:35 p.m. and on Saturday 8:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the teams.

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Varsity will travel to Detroit on Dec. 4-5-6 for tournament play. Game time on Thursday will be 10:00 a.m. for the Lady Rebels and 11:30 a.m. for the Rebels. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

The Rivercrest Rebels B-C boys teams will host a tournament at Rivercrest on Dec. 4-5-6 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Rebel C team will play at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and the

Rebel B team will play at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel JV team will travel to Mt. Pleasant for tournament play on Dec. 4-5-6. On Thursday the girls will play Texas High at

7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

The Talco-Bogata Junior High 7th grade girls and boys will travel to Chisum for tournament play on Dec. 4-5-6. On Thursday the Lady Rebels will play at 6:35 p.m. at the Elementary gym and the Rebels will follow at 7:45 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support our youngest Rebel teams.

There has been a change in the Lady Rebel game time for Dec. 9 at Rivercrest gym. The varsity and junior varsity will play New Boston beginning at 5:30 pm instead of 4:30 pm as set.

The Rivercrest Rebel A-B-C boys will travel to Paris on Dec. 9 with games beginning at 4:00 pm. Come out and support the Rebels in pre-district play.

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

Heat up the oven and get that fresh bread starting to bake. I have come across some great recipes this week that would go great with a fresh loaf! In fact, these flavored butters will taste good on anything from fresh bread to hotcakes to various types of potatoes.

Simple to make—just get softened, spreadable butter and mix with your favorite flavors! Butter is a tasty spread, mainly for bread, but can be used also to fry or used in many baked goods.

In the United States, people use butter made from the milk of cows. In some countries, however, butter may be made from the milk of goats, horses, sheep, low and behold, reindeer or other animals. Several products are made from butter. These products include butter oil and whipped butter. Butter oil is a liquid used in cooking. Whipped butter has air mixed in it to make it lighter and easier to spread.

Throughout history, people have used butter for various purposes other than for food. In ancient Rome people used butter for hair-dressing and also as a skin cream.

Butter comes from butterfat, which is present in milk and cream in the form of tiny droplets. Butter is churned from cream because cream contains about 10 times as much butterfat as milk does. When cream is stirred rapidly at a certain tempera-

ture, droplets of butterfat form particles called butter granules. Churning turns these particles into butter. Creameries make butter in a process that has three steps: (1) pasteurization, (2) churning and (3) packaging.

Pasteurization—Cream must be pasteurized before churning as this process kills harmful bacteria and prevents butter from spoiling. There are two types of pasteurization—*batch* and *high-temperature short-time* pasteurization. In batch, the cream must be heated to at least 165 degrees and held at this temperature for at least 30 minutes. In high temperature short-time, the temperature must reach 185 degrees for at least 15 seconds.

Churning involves beating or stirring the cream to turn butterfat to butter. Before churning, cream must be kept in storage tanks at 40-50 degrees for several hours. During storage, a process called tempering occurs, which makes cream easier to churn.

Creameries make two chief types of butter. One is *sweet cream* and the other is *sour cream* types. Most butter made in the United States is the sweet cream type. Sweet is made from sweet (fresh) cream. Sour cream butter is made from cream that has been soured.

Lactic acid is used to ripen (sour) cream. This improves the flavor of

butter and helps to preserve its freshness. Salt may also be added to help preserve either type.

Creameries may add color with various food dyes while churning. The natural color varies from pale to deep yellow, depending on the breed of cow and the feed that they ate. A feed consisting of fresh green grass makes butter a deeper yellow that does a feed made up of grain or hay.

Wisconsin has the highest annual butter production with 295,600,000 pounds. Next is California with 228,800,000 pounds, Minnesota at 156,000,000 pounds, Quebec with 94,400,000 and last is Washington with 84,500,000 pounds.

Historians do not know when people first started making butter. People from India churned butter from the milk of water buffaloes as early as 2000 B.C.

So this week's recipe has a flavor for everyone's taste and we hope you enjoy them and can use some of these during your holiday preparations. Thanks and we will see you in the kitchen!

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

Obituaries

Sam Taylor Jones dies November 24

Sam Taylor Jones, age 84 of Paris died Monday, November 24 in Paris Nursing Home.

Services were held for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with Haskell T. England officiating. Burial was in England Cemetery.

Mr. Jones was born October 8, 1913 in Bogata, a son of Labe Lee Jones and Edna Earle Turner Jones. He attended school in Bogata and on October 26, 1934 he married Lallie M. Lee in Paris. She died July 6, 1996.

He was a member of the Bonham Street Church of Christ, a former member of the Breakfast Optimist, and the Odd Fellows Lodge where he had served as Vice Grand and Noble Grand. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Surviving are three daughters, Peggy McMakin of Norman, OK, Yvonne Endsley and Ann Miller Moree, both of Paris; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Granville Jones of Commerce; a sister, Mary Edna Poole of Crane; and a sister-in-law, Willie Jones of Houston. He was preceded in death by a brother, Laban Earl Jones; and a sister, Aileen Pinson.

Ending as bearers were Mike Endsley, Greg Endsley, Daniel Roach, John Janes, Jackie Wheeler and Keith Mitchell.

Honorary bearers were members of the Odds Fellows Lodge.

Katharine S. Ballard dies November 22

Katharine Shuford Ballard, age 81, died November 22, 1997 in Port Arthur, TX.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on November 25 at Central Baptist Church in Port Neches with Dr. David Broussard and Terry Woodall officiating. Burial followed in Oak Bluff Cemetery in Port Neches under the direction of Pat Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ballard was born March 5, 1916 in Lamar County, a daughter of William Judd and Ethel Giles Shuford.

She is survived by children and their spouses, Charlexa and J.R. Smith, Billy Roy and Jenny Ballard, Margaret Sue and Jon Tally and Larry Duane and Felicia Ballard; four grandsons; one granddaughter; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Ernest Ballard; a son, Rodney Lee Ballard; her parents and all of her brothers and sisters.

Bearers were Readus Price, Norman Ballard, Gregory Tally, Christopher Tally, Kelly Wilkie and Andrew Jordan Abshire.

Dorothy Risinger dies November 26

Dorothy Inez Risinger, age 75 of Paris died Wednesday, November 26 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 30 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Shovan officiating. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery.

She was born October 25, 1922 in Woodland, to Willie Frank and Charlot Allen Hinsley. She attended school at Woodland and married Jack Everett Risinger on May 13, 1941. He died March 1, 1995. She was a member of Woodland United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jackie and Gloria Risinger of Paris and Larry and Diane Risinger of Madera, CA; two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Mickey Huggins of Paris and Beverly and Glen Coleman of Detroit; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gus and Corene Parks of Paris; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Neil Risinger in 1984.

Bearers were Gary Armstrong, Bud Dobbis, Charles Owens, Rickey Walker, Billy Parks and Gary Huggins.

Louise Smith dies November 25

Louise Smith, age 64 of Royce City, formerly of Bogata, died Tuesday, November 25.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 28 in Bogata Assembly of God Church with Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial was in Whiteman's Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born August 26, 1933 in Bogata, the daughter of Jack and Julia Smith Harper. She married Ollie Dale Smith on August 29, 1954 in Red River County. He died February 13, 1987. She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Linda and David Armstrong of Balch Springs and Juanice and Ronald Clark of Royce City; two stepsons, Robert Dale Smith of Mineola and Daniel Moore of Sacramento, CA; a sister, Ida Mae Brown of Mt. Pleasant; a brother, Delbert Harper of Bogata; and six grandchildren, Kimberly and Kelly Smith, Lisa Moore, Carl Thomas, Timothy Sharp and Stephanie Clark.

Lowell Homer Parsons dies December 1

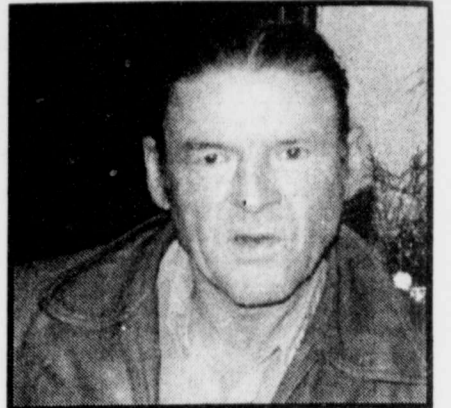
Lowell H. Parsons, age 70 of Longview died Monday, December 1 in a Shreveport hospital.

Family burial services were held Tuesday at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant under the direction of Welch Funeral Home.

He was born October 29, 1927 in Burnsville, NC a son of Charles and Ruby Parsons. He was a graduate of Talco High School and Paris Junior College. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a lab technician at Lone Star Steel Company from 1956 to 1964.

He was well known in the Dallas area for his radio work in classical opera on stations WRR and KERA. He studied under the Metropolitan's Jan Pearce and sang in the New Orleans and Dallas opera companies. He had been retired for several years.

He is survived by his sons, Bryan Parsons of Longview; Michael C. Parsons of Gilmer; daughter Jan Mhire of Lake Charles; brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Sue Parsons of Longview; brother John W. Parsons of Greenville; five grandchildren; a nephew, John W. Parsons, Jr. of Durham, NC; niece and husband, Patti and James Christian of Longview; two aunts, Ollie Redwine of Bogata and Maphry Cairns of Baltimore. Memorials may be made to Kilgore College radio station KTBB or a charity of your choice.



Billy H. Wright dies November 25

Billy H. Wright, age 66 of Cuthand, died at his residence Tuesday morning, November 25.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 28 under the pavilion of Cuthand Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Cuthand Cemetery.

He was born March 26, 1931 in Bogata, the son of Sidney Delmar and Winnie Delmer Jones Wright. He is survived by a daughter, Charlotte Crow of Bogata; two sons, James Harold Wright of Waco and Robert Glen Wright of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Wanda Henley of Cuthand and Ruth Hornbuckle of Tucson, AZ; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bonnie Johnson dies November 28

Mrs. Bonnie Lorene Johnson, age 78 of Deport, died Friday, November 28 in Deport Nursing Home.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 30 in Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Deport with David Farmer officiating. Burial was in Springhill Cemetery near Novice.

Mrs. Johnson was born January 10, 1919 in Detroit, the daughter of Bynam Elmore and Tommie Gertrude Harris Dougan. She married Jay Clark Johnson on November 11, 1944 in Blossom. He died December 21, 1989. She was a lifetime member of Blossom Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jimmie and Sharon Johnson of Deport; a daughter and son-in-law, Modene and Jack Lentz of Carrollton; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred Allen of Tyler.

Vernon Paul Nobles dies November 19

Vernon Paul Nobles died in Dallas November 19, 1997 at the age of 92.

He was born May 13, 1905 in Deport to R.O. and Callie Pirtle Nobles. He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Edna Earl Hight Nobles, in 1986.

Surviving are children, Nancy and David Ferlitta of Beaumont, Greg and Anne Nobles of Atlanta, GA and four grandchildren.

He was the youngest of 12 children, all deceased. He had 30 nieces and nephews of which only 13 survive.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. on November 22 in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas. Rev. Robert Thompson conducted the memorial service.

Mrs. Linda Jo Dill dies November 30

Mrs. Linda Jo Dill, age 56 of Bogata, formerly of Childress, died Sunday, November 30 in an accident near her home.

Services were held on Tuesday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the Childress Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

She was born February 22, 1941 in Tucumcari, NM, a daughter of W.O. and Nina Myrhl McCoy Keel. She married G.W. (Runt) Dill on July 22, 1957 in Tell, TX. He survives today, as does her daughter, Deloise Kays, and her son, Roland Dill, both of Bogata; two sisters, Phyllis Crawford and Cynthia (Cindy) Robison both of Paris; four grandchildren, Danielle Dill of Van Buren, AR, Crystal Dill of Blossom, DaShauna Kays of Bogata and Delisha Kays of Pensacola, FL.

She was preceded in death by a son, Nathan Luther Dill.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, flowers and food since my surgery. All your acts of kindness are greatly appreciated.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols

Cunningham Christmas program planned

The Christmas Story will be presented through scripture, drama and singing at the Cunningham Community Center (Weather permitting) Sunday night, December 14, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. You are invited to join your friends in Cunningham for a cup of hot chocolate and merriment as we celebrate the reason for the season.

Card Of Thanks

The family of **Goldie DeBerry** would like to thank each one for the cards, flowers and donations to the cemetery.

Thanks again, Her family

Card of Thanks

Special thanks to Diana Hutchings, Lisa Wright, Doris Elmore, Johnny and Gail Farmer, Deport Nursing Home, Wood Funeral Home, David Farmer, Kathy Blasingame, Angie and David Wolf, the pallbearers and everyone who brought food and for the prayers, to the employees of the nursing home for their care and love they gave Mrs. Johnson.

The Family of **Bonnie Johnson**

Card Of Thanks

The family of **Linda Hodges** expresses their thanks and love to our many friends and family for the flowers, cards, calls, prayers, visits and food during Linda's stay in the hospital and her passing from this life into a better one.

Thanks for a beautiful service Benny Cogburn, Bud Upchurch and John Mullins.

Thanks to the Wood family for being there for us. Also Dr. Trout and Dr. McLemore and staff at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Beulah Fleming & Jennifer Hodges

Attend The Church of Your Choice This Sunday

Bereaved Parents group decorate tree

The Bereaved Parent Support Group of Paris has decorated their Memorial Christmas tree as part of the winter Christmas event at Bywaters Park in Paris. The park is located three blocks south of the square.

The tree, located in the northeast corner of the park, contains red bows and ornaments placed in memory of deceased children. All parents and

family are invited to place a remembrance on the tree, keeping in mind that the ornaments and decorations should be for outside use and may not be returned. Names may be written on the bows with permanent marker pens. Ornaments and bows will be removed on Saturday, December 27, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. or may be picked up after Christmas.



Happy 16th Birthday
CARA MORGAN
We Love Ya!
Mom, Dad, Callen & the rest of Your Family

December 4, 1997
Butter Recipes

For each desired recipe: Stir recipe ingredients into 1/2 cup butter, softened; cover and chill 8 hours.

Lemon-Anchovy Butter
2 teaspoons anchovy paste
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Serve on seafood.

Lemon Pepper Butter
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Serve on chicken, fish, steak or shrimp.

Sesame Butter
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
1 teaspoon grated lime rind
1 teaspoon dark sesame oil
Serve on shrimp, sweet potatoes or grilled chicken.

Cranberry Butter
2 tablespoons cranberry sauce
Serve on sweet potatoes, waffles or ham.

Bourbon Butter
2 tablespoons bourbon
Serve on pork chops, ham, toasted pound cake, waffles or sweet potatoes.

Pesto Butter
2 tablespoons pesto
Serve on chicken breasts, baked potatoes, assorted steamed vegetables or pasta.

Blue Cheese Butter
1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
Serve with crackers or as an hors d'oeuvre or on a baked potato.

Chili Butter
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
Serve on warm tortillas or stir into refried beans or rice.

Blackberry Butter
2 tablespoons blackberry jam
Serve on waffles, pancakes or ham.

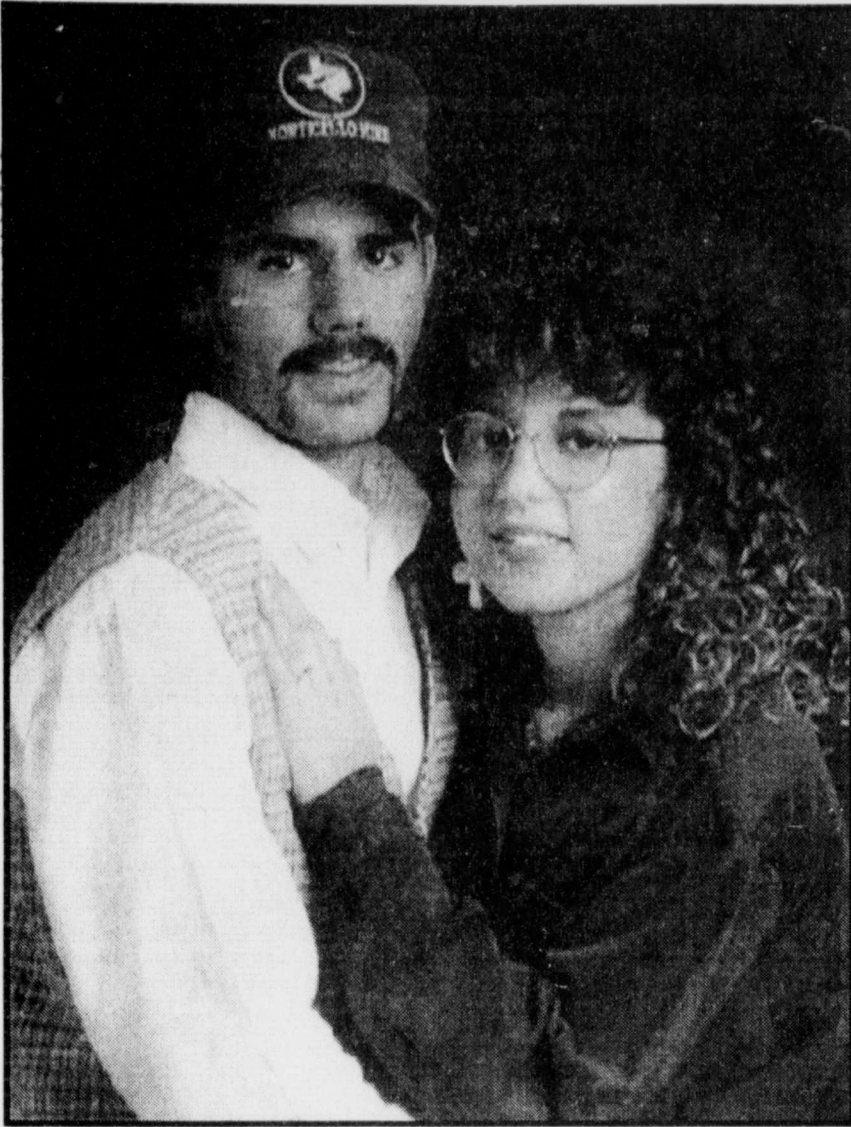
Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
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Mrs. Kyle King of Reno spent Wednesday with Jimmie King. Bonnie Ruth Huddleston of Bogata visited Jimmie King Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ray Morris of Fairfield Bay, AR visited his aunt, Jimmie King, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King of Reno had supper with Jimmie King Saturday. Mrs. Bernice Thomas of Boyd and Sue Burgess of Dallas spent the weekend with Betty Rodgers. Other visitors were Monte Rodgers, Sonny Roberts and Melissa Arriaga. Jimmie King had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Danny and Diana Eudy of Sulphur Bluff with other members of her family and friends. There were about 35 present. Randy Osburn of Midlothian spent Thursday night and Friday with his grandmother, Jimmie King. Dicky King of Paris spent Saturday with Jimmie King.

Karen Baker has been attending her father, Worth Baker, who is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris undergoing tests. The Fulbright Community had a Christmas party at the center Monday night. A covered dish meal and gift exchange was held. The children in the community were in charge of the program and did a good job. Visitors Thursday of Ethel Epps were Charles and Rhea Epps, Dana and Clint Tabbs and son, Wyatt, William and Tonya Epps and children, Dalton and Lauran. Harold Epps visited his mother, Ethel Epps, Saturday. Betty Rodgers, Bernice Thomas and Sue Burgess visited Monte and Shelley Rodgers Saturday and went to Soper, OK. Mrs. Marie Legate moved to the housing authority units in Bogata last week.

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Kimberly Rena Sheffield & Joseph Paul Jackson

Sheffield-Jackson engagement announced

Kenneth and Kay Sheffield of Cuthand are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Rena Sheffield to Joseph Paul Jackson, son of Buddy and Brenda Jackson and David and Patricia Allen all of Paris.

Kim and Joey would like for all friends and relatives to join them for the double ring ceremony on December 24, 1997 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremony will take place at the Bethel Temple Church located on Loop 286 in Paris. No invitations will be sent.

Who's Who list released

The following is a list of students from the area who are featured in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students 1996-'97: Carmen Pryor, Sarah Halenkamp, Shannon Smith Alecia J. Harbuck, Pearis Abernathy, III, LaTasha Brown, Angela DeBerry, Jill Foster, Katherine R. Hare, Jamie Jeans, Cara Morgan, Tiffany Shupp, Christina Vaughan, John White, Melissa Williams, William Allen, Amanda Cruise, Daniel Denison, Jody Gray, Alan Hudson, Latisha Miles, Tami Reynolds, Amber Spencer, Natasha Vickers, Marla Williams, Bonnie Benton, Teleshia Coleman, Denise Ervin, Kent Gooding, Julie Horton, April Kuhl, Jon McCoy, Keandra Moore, Kim Moore, Alisha Nix, Deborah Person, Shakea Polk, Ryan Ragan, Sunny Slaydon, Gina Taylor, Melissa Wells, Jamie Bryant, Rosaland Dennis, Bridgette Fowler, Amanda Hall, Ryan Hudgens, Matthew Kuhlengel, Christina McEntire, Kevin Moore, Christopher Parris, Bonnie Phillips, Erin Porterfield, Ammie Reed, Joshua Stamper, Jason Weemes, Kembre Baker, Kim Brown, Tim Peoples, Jeff Brown, Courtney Jordan, Jason Neaves, Jared Phifer, Jill Owens, Michael Richardson, Jerrell Barnwell, Deidre Gaddis, Kristi Hines, Jody Nolen, Maribel Prado, Joanie Swartz, Leanda Bass, Alicia Diggs, Clinton Gage, Jeremy Jones, Carolina Prado, Sam Stanley and Jonathan Taylor.



MIRACLE-A SINGING GROUP, will minister in music at the Lone Star Methodist Church Sunday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.



Mr. & Mrs. Haskell Peek

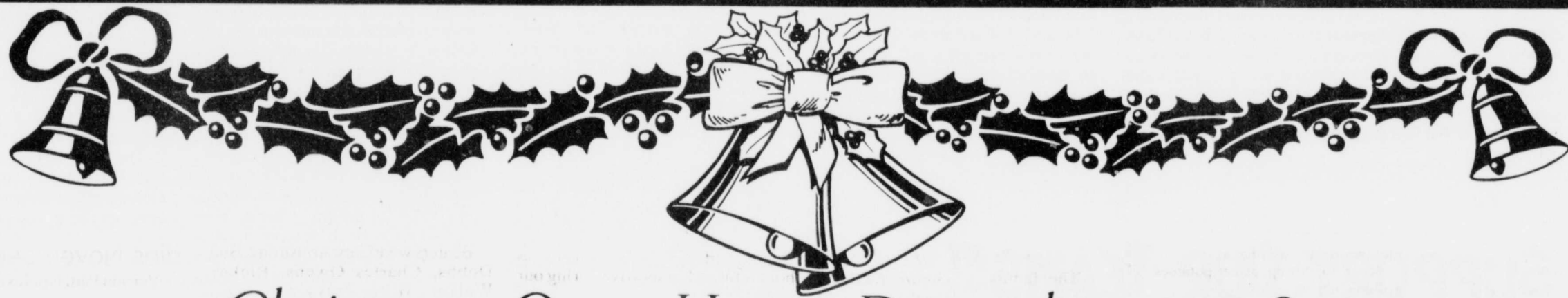
Peeks celebrate fiftieth anniversary

Vivian (Jackie) Rhea and Haskell Peek were married December 12, 1947, in Fulbright. The Reverend L.J. Stotts performed the ceremony.

Haskell taught school in Red River County for a number of years and was County School Superintendent before moving to Mount Pleasant where he retired from the Mount Pleasant ISD in August 1972, with forty years of teaching service. Vivian (Jackie) retired from Mount Pleasant ISD as a cafeteria worker in 1977.

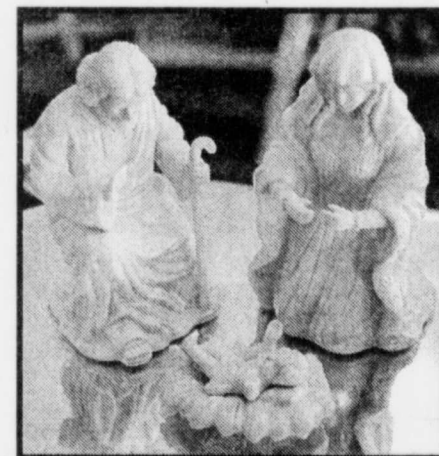
She was also a nursery co-ordinator at the Mount Pleasant First Baptist Church and retired in May of 1995.

In honor of the couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary a reception will be held on Sunday, December 14, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the Villa Residential Care Home, 1714 North Edwards in Mount Pleasant. All family and friends are invited. Your presence is a treasured gift, none other is requested.



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Rivercrest "C" boys fall to Mt. Pleasant

The Rivercrest "C" boys team paired up with a stronger and taller Mt. Pleasant team in action at Rivercrest gym Tuesday night and were defeated by a score of 42-23. The young Rivercrest boys fought a good defensive battle, but Mt. Pleasant's height proved too much to overcome. Mt. Pleasant started the scoring for the night and were up by four when Bubba Abernathy hit a jumper from the side to put points on the Rebel board. Carey Posey and Clinton Cheatwood's aggressive defense helped to get the ball back in Rebel territory, but bad Rebel passes and cold shooting did not put the ball in the basket. The end of the first quarter found Mt. Pleasant on top 10-2. Mt. Pleasant hit three back to back shots to frustrate the Rebels, but Cody Wolfe soon connected at the free

throw line for one of two, but three minutes into the second quarter, the Tigers had a commanding 14-3 lead. Ryan Case soon drove the ball down the lane for two and Mitchell Jean began taking some rebounds from the taller Mt. Pleasant boys. Again, bad Rebel passes and cold shooting at the goal hurt the Rebs and at the end of the half, the score was 19-7 in favor of the Tigers.

Case pulled down a rebound at the beginning of the third, found Wolfe open under the Rebel goal and was fouled but connected for both his penalty shots. Abernathy soon drove the side for another two points on the Rebel scoreboard. Mt. Pleasant then began a full court defensive press, which caused some problems for the Rebels, but Kris Hall connected on

two free throws, Abernathy again hit from the side and drove the lane for another two points after a good assist by Case. Abernathy once again took a basket from the outside for the final points of the quarter, end of three 31-19 Tigers.

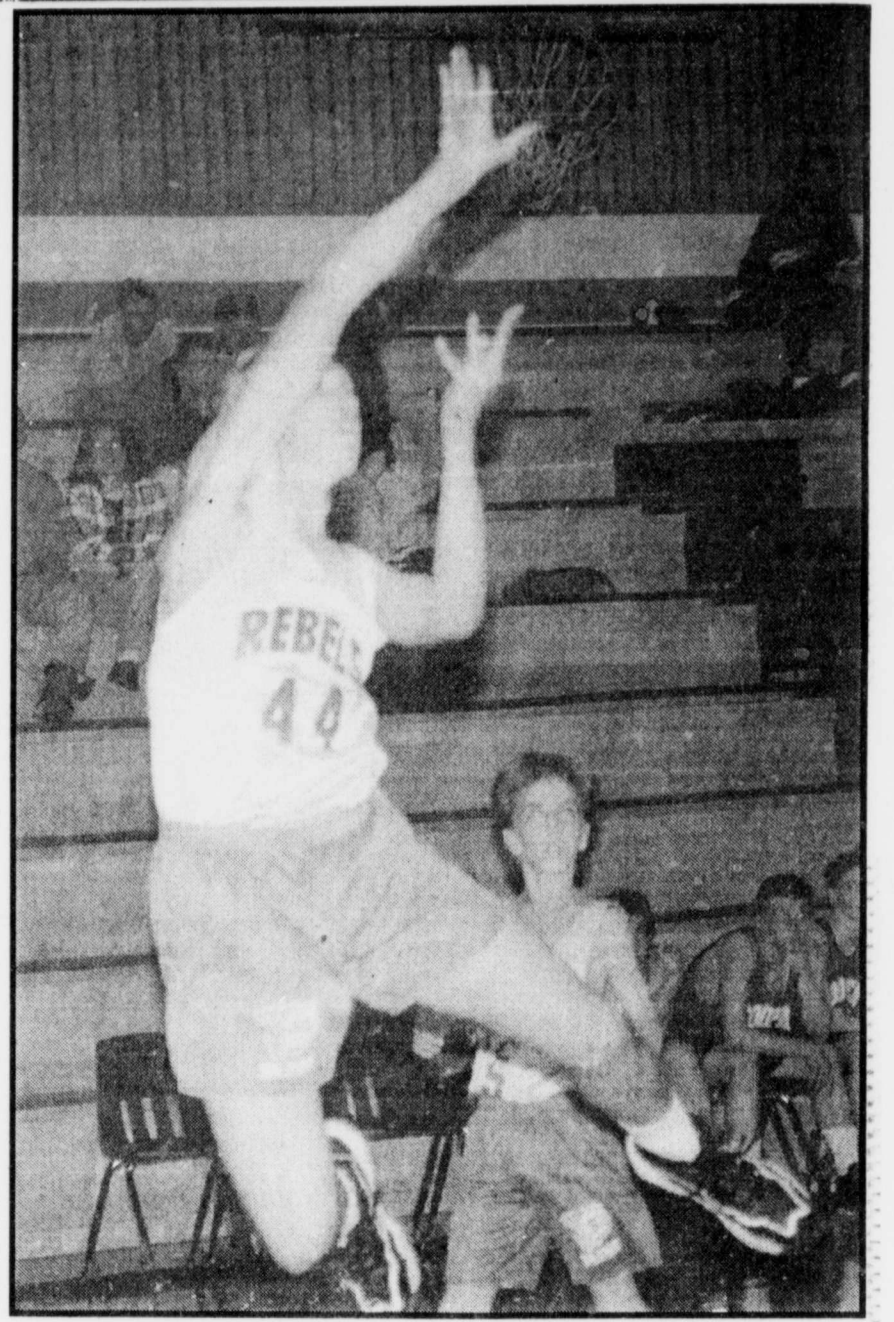
Posey was fouled at the beginning of the fourth putting a shot back up and he connected on both his free throws for the first points of the fourth quarter. The Tigers continued with their defensive press and this combined with the bad passes of the young Rebels kept the ball on the Tiger end of the court. Josh Posey, Clinton Cheatwood, Kris Hall, Mitchell Jean and Sam Stanley added some great defense for the Rebels, but the lack of rebounds hurt the Rebs. Final score was 42-23 Tigers.

Junior High Rebels host Cooper

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Rebels played host to the Cooper Bulldogs on Monday, Nov. 24 at Rivercrest. The seventh grade teams started the evenings action. The Rebels were outsize by the Bulldogs and were held to only 3 points during the first half of play. Score 24-3. This second game of the season was a hard one on the young Rebs but in the third quarter the team came out determined. Josh Cabell, Chauncy Fulbright and Jared Huddleston went to the hoop for scores bringing the team to a 12-34 score at the end of the quarter. In final play Cabell and Chase Sloan added points and the Rebel team worked on a comeback. Sloan shot 100% from the free shot line while Cabell shot 99%. The time ran out leaving a score of 45-24 Cooper. Posting high score for the Rebs was Josh Cabell. Also scoring were Chase Sloan, Chauncy Fulbright, Jared Huddleston and Justin Exum.

The 6 members of the Rebel 8th grade took the floor to also face larger boys but good hustle and teamwork saw the half time score at 28-14 Cooper. Although the Rebels are small in numbers the team played to their fullest against great odds. Final 45-25 Cooper. High scorer for the Rebels was Nathan Carroll with 13 points followed by Brendin Jones with 10 points. Also scoring was Brandon Davis.

The Rebels will travel to Chisum for tournament play on Dec. 4-5-6. On Dec. 8 they will play host to Chisum at Rivercrest beginning at 5:30 p.m. Go Rebels!!!!



AWKWARD SHOT-Eight grade Rebel, Brendin Jones gets the shot up and off as the Rebels must Cooper Monday, Nov. 24 at RHS. The Rebs were defeated but hustled every minute of the game. Final 45-25.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Rivercrest "B" boys down Mt. Pleasant

Boys action continued on the Rivercrest gym floor as the "B" team took on the Mt. Pleasant "B" team Tuesday night. Mt. Pleasant took the opening tip off to score first. Coleman Brown was soon at the penalty stripe for the Rebs and connected one of his two. Josh Posey started a long streak of good rebounds for the Rebs and soon connected with Michael Ray Galloway who took a jumper in the lane for a Rebel score. Keith Hines soon had two under his name after driving the lane for a jumper, but Mt. Pleasant answered with their own two from their own lane. Three minutes into the game saw Mt. Pleasant ahead by three, 10-7. Posey nailed one of his two free throws then big Jared White pulled down the other missed free throw and dropped in back in the Rebel basket to tie the game. A great pass from Chad Holland to Jared White under the Rebel goal put the Rebs up by two, but the Rebs then fouled the Tigers and sent them to the line where they connected on both free throws to tie the gain again. Keith Hines then hit a wide open Joey Taylor for a quick Rebel score. Mt. Pleasant then made a goal on the wrong end of the court to add another two for the Rebels, but then sank one in the right goal to even

out the mistake. The end of the first quarter found the scored tied 16-16.

The Rebels began second quarter action but after multiple shots, no basket. Holland soon opened up the Rebel scoring after taking the ball the length of the court. Brown grabbed a shooting foul and connected on his free throw for a three point play. Holland was soon at the line and connected on both to send the Rebs ahead 25-20. Taylor put a rebound back in for another Rebel score and was followed by a good defensive steal by Myron Ellis for another two. Brandon Bell took the rebound off a missed Tiger free throw to send the ball back to Rebel territory. Mt. Pleasant's multiple fouls soon had the Rebels at the line for two shots each time and Chad Holland and Michael Ray Galloway connected on free throws. The half ended with Rebels up 31-24.

Mt. Pleasant had first possession after the half, but Brown started the scoring connected on two free throws. After that, it was a score for the Rebs, a score for the Tigers until the Tigers soon hit three in a row to pull within three of the Rebels 39-36. Holland and White hit nice baskets for the Rebels, but Mt. Pleasant hit the last

basket of the quarter and ended it 45-40, Rebels.

Mt. Pleasant hit the first shot of the fourth, stole the ball back and added another two points to put the score at 45-44, Tigers. The Rebs soon connected for four points of their own before Mt. Pleasant answered with a three back to back goals to give them the lead at 50-49. White and Brown then connected to put it back at a one point game. Mt. Pleasant soon sank a quick jumper, but Holland was fouled under the Rebel goal and connected on one of the two. Holland then hit from the side to tie the game 56 all. Holland was again sent to the penalty stripe where he connected on one to put the Rebs up by one. Foul trouble soon took Keith Hines of the game, and the defensive pressure on both sides increased. Brown took a great defensive steal into the lane for a Rebel basket then a technical foul on the Tiger coach sent Holland to the line where he connected on two of four shots. Tigers fouls sent Myron Ellis and Holland to the line where they connected for a total of five of six, with one basket taken away for a line violation. Mt. Pleasant had a nice three pointer at the buzzer, but it was not enough as the Rebs won 65-59.

Lady Rebel junior high teams defeat Alba-Golden

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebels played host to Alba-Golden on Monday, Dec. 1 at Rivercrest. Tina Carder served as team captain for the team and on the first jump of the ball the Lady Rebels drove in to score and set the pace for the evening. Although the team trailed 4-5 following the first quarter, by the half time buzzer the team held a 24-13 lead behind scores from Molly Hare, Rachel Case, Erica Williams, Jessica Rose and Jazz Barnett.

Coaches Debbie Williams, Tammie Case and Tana Screws played three sets of five Lady Rebels throughout the game and each set of girls held their own with good hustle and team play. In the third quarter Case, Tina Carder, Williams and Barnett added

points to hold the lead 36-23. In the final quarter the team lost Molly Hare to foul trouble but the Lady Rebels continued to control the Alba-Golden team. Williams and Khrystal Valenzuela added points and the Lady Rebels took the win 43-29. High scorer for the team was Erica Williams followed by Molly Hare and Rachel Case.

The eighth grade team took their first win of the season in a big way. The team held a 16-2 lead behind the shooting of Brittany Barnett, Melissa Waller, Erin Miller, Charla Hines and Kayla Sears. Every combination of players from the Lady Rebel bench worked. By the half the girls had taken a 32-4 lead behind the shooting of Barnett, Misty Tucker and Molly Moles.

In third quarter action Kendall Stansell, Melissa Waller, Erin Miller, Molly Moles and Brittney Bull added points and the Lady Rebel coaches tried to back their team off. Score 42-8. The coaches slowed the team in the fourth but scores were still added by Barnett, Hines, Stansell, Tucker and Sears to end the game with a 55-12 win. Posting high score for the team was Brittany Barnett.

The Lady Rebels and Rebels will travel to Chisum Dec. 4-5-6 for tournament play. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the teams.

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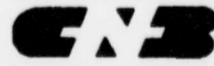
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ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT- from Rivercrest High School in District 17 AA football are; Michael Allen, Derek Belcher and Jeremy Jones. Michael and Derek are Seniors and Jeremy is a Junior at RHS. Congratulations boys!!

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ALL DISTRICT OFFENSE- from Rivercrest High School in District 17AA football are; (back row from the left) Keith Hines-Honorable Mention, Eric Aldridge-Honorable Mention, Derek Belcher-Honorable Mention, Will Noey-Honorable Mention and Rebel Coach, Keith Brown; (middle row from the left) Jerad Guest-Second Team, Scott Davidson-Honorable Mention, Jeremy Jones-First Team and Brian Giles-First Team; (front row from the left) Michael Allen-First Team, Jody Gray-Second Team, Paul Billingsley-Honorable Mention and Jody Nolen-First Team; (front) Dustin Wolfe-First Team. Congratulations Rebels!!!!

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Lunch
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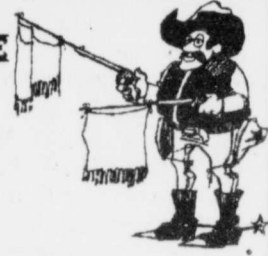
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Cunningham News

By Carol Jean Williams & Lou Hatfield

Life Tabernacle Church Christmas party will be at Carol and George Newberry's in Paris on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a Mexican dish and a Christmas ornament.

Thanksgiving at Bro. Joe Merrill's was attended by David and Karen Griffin, Gabriel and Jonny Rodriguez, Michael and Benjamin Griffin of Dallas, Mona and Owen Griffin and George Merrill of Houston and Johnathan Newman.

Visiting Lou Hatfield for the Thanksgiving holiday was granddaughter, Ginnie Jhole of Austin.

Donna Sue Gifford and Trea of Deport, Lisa Slagle and Madison of Euless were guests of Lorette Pynes Wednesday.

The annual Thanksgiving day diner guests of Lorette Pynes were Buddy Pynes, Sue Pynes, Darwin and Gidget Pynes of Paris, Dean Ogden, Mike, Janie and Alicia Hawkes of Longview, Lisa Slagle and Madison of Euless, Kenny, Donna, Fair Shea and Trea Gifford of Deport, Brandon Moore of Deport, Jessica Semple of Deport and Andrew Bazhaw of Gilmer.

Erbert D. Hime spent two days in the hospital last week and returned home Saturday.

Murray and Sue Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara, Aaron Palmer and Lisaa, Dewayne, O'Neal, Weston Drinnon ate Thanksgiving dinner with Jane O'Neal.

Carol and Bobby Airington of Gilmer, their children, Ron and Joyce Yezell and children of Gilmer, Tracy Kendall and Lynn, Lillian King of Deport, Kay Lynn Ford of Denton, Tommy and Sherlene Owens of Rosalie, Drew and Matthee Owen of Bialstie, Tommy and J.D. Barnes of Rosalie, Thomas and Pat King and grandchildren of Brook King, Chad and Caroline Cleere and children of Paris and Ruby Sanford of Direct ate Thanksgiving dinner with Leonard and Billie Ford.

Burl Dean and Glenda Watson's children and grandchildren ate Thanksgiving dinner with them Saturday.

Davy Jo Williams guests for Thanksgiving dinner were Charles, Carol, Mike, Jay, Dee Williams,

Johnathan Arnold, Lou Hatfield, and Virginia Yhole, Doug took Joe Williams dinner to him.

Roy Boy Davis spent Saturday night with Dee Williams and Johnathan Arnold at Charles and Jean Williams home.

Sheila Norwood visited Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood for Thanksgiving. John and Dell Walker visited Thursday afternoon.

Bill and Shirley Page visited Terry and Sandra Brehm for Thanksgiving. Zarinska Morton, Linda, Charity, Nelta Musgrove went Christmas shopping in Dallas Friday.

Johnny and Fran Patterson, their children and Connie McKnight enjoyed Thanksgiving with Pete and L'Wanda McKnight.

Cathy Williams visited Joe Bailey

Williams Friday.

Jase Norwood, Tod and Mendy Cole, Lacy and Kelly had dinner with James and Pat Norwood Sunday.

Alma Norwood enjoyed Thanksgiving with her family at her home after spending time in the hospital. She spent the day at home again Sunday.

Olie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthre visited Norman and Rachel Sain Thursday. Mary Briscoe visited that afternoon. Saturday Olie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthre, Larry and Virginia Bell visited. Sunday Larry and Virginia Bell visited.

Bush and JoDell Cooper visited Weldon and Joyce Smith Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Cooper and children, Bush and JoDell Cooper had Thanksgiving supper with Brett and Anaya Phillips.

Barbara and Delano Dunlap spent two weeks in Cunningham visiting Lucy Fowler, Talma and Margaret Fowler, Carol and Jennifer Dorsey, Mike Fowler and Barbara Ashbury ate Thanksgiving day dinner with Lucy, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Moore and children visited in the afternoon. Barbara and Delano spent the day Saturday. Carol and Jennifer Dorsey visited Sunday.

Zarinska Morton, Jenny Brown, April McMichael went shopping in Dallas Saturday. Saturday night they went to Arlington to see the Christmas lights.

Linda Musgrove and her mother, Laura Miller, went shopping in Texarkana Saturday.

Jarvis and Renea Watson's friend, Robert James of California spent the weekend with them.

Bruce and Brad Watson have gone to Atlanta, GA to work.

Harrold Dean Watson, Brenda Watson, Deana Legate, Brooklyn and Dillon, Brad, Bradley, Brett Watson, Bruce Watson, Marie Watson, Robert James ate with Jarvis and Renea Watson Saturday.

Robert James was special singer Sunday at Life Tabernacle in Cunningham.

Cunningham Christmas program will be at the Cunningham Community Center on December 14 at 6 p.m. with a live nativity, Christmas carols, hot chocolate and apple cider.

Larry and Pam O'Neal had Thanksgiving dinner in Annona with his mother, Opal O'Neal.

Taylor Ladd, his children and their families gathered at T.L. Ladds for Thanksgiving dinner.

Marie Watson's Thanksgiving day visitors were Geneva Norwood, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon Oats, Amanda Durock, Georjeana Oats, Brad Nutt, Frankie and Julie Norwood and children, Scotty and Treda Norwood and children, Nelta and Johnny Musgrove, Stacy, Linda, Stoney, Charity Musgrove, Zarinska and Shane Morton, Dean Watson, Jarvis and Renea Watson, Brad Watson and sons, Bruce Watson, Vicki Davis and children, Gene and

Cornelia Frierson, Tony Duncan. Everyone enjoyed the day.

The Clyde Slusher and Charles Taylor families Thanksgiving gathering was held at the Taylor cabin at Lamar Point.

Due to personal obligations, Lou Hatfield and Jean Williams will no longer collect the Cunningham News.

We greatly appreciate their efforts in the past and we hope you will continue to support the Cunningham News with your locals. Linda Anderson will now be gathering the news at 652-3502 or 652-2059.

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Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Charline Black were Bill, Faye and Waylon Perdue, David and Cathy McCullen and Crystal all of Kilgore, Lance and Rodin Swanner of Marshall, Mark and Carla McClanahan and Roger Harrell of Dallas, Justin and Gina Kirkland of Amarillo, Jackie Fowler of Mt. Pleasant, Jolee and Nate Barrett of Longview, Danny Black of Paris, Frankie and Maxine Harrell, Katie and Cassie Stinson and Linda Wisinger all of Talco and Stephanie Davis and Stoney of Mt. Pleasant.

Holiday weekend guests at the home of L.D. and Francis Richeson were Sylvia Edge of Ft. Worth and Lisa and Wade Smith and children of Marshall.

Visiting pastor at the Talco Assembly of God Church Sunday was Bro. and Mrs. Mark Wohlwend of Saltillo. Everyone enjoyed the services.

Enjoying Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hawkins and Tonya were ReDonna Holden and Raven of Dallas, Rhonda and Jimmy Taylor, Carey and Kenneth Johnson, Tony Cline and Ashley all of Omaha and Nina Gentry of Talco.

Thanksgiving guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watts and Tawala Padgett of Bryan, Tx.

Thanksgiving guests at the home of Dorothy and Cecil Stockton were Yvonne and Glen Harris and Darrell and Jean Stockton.

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ottinger, Brian and Kevin were Dale, Elodia and Torrie Grissom.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Pittman were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wisinger and Shari, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Eudy, Haley and Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Davis and Stoney, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lou Damron, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hamala, Kasey and Tonya and Mr.

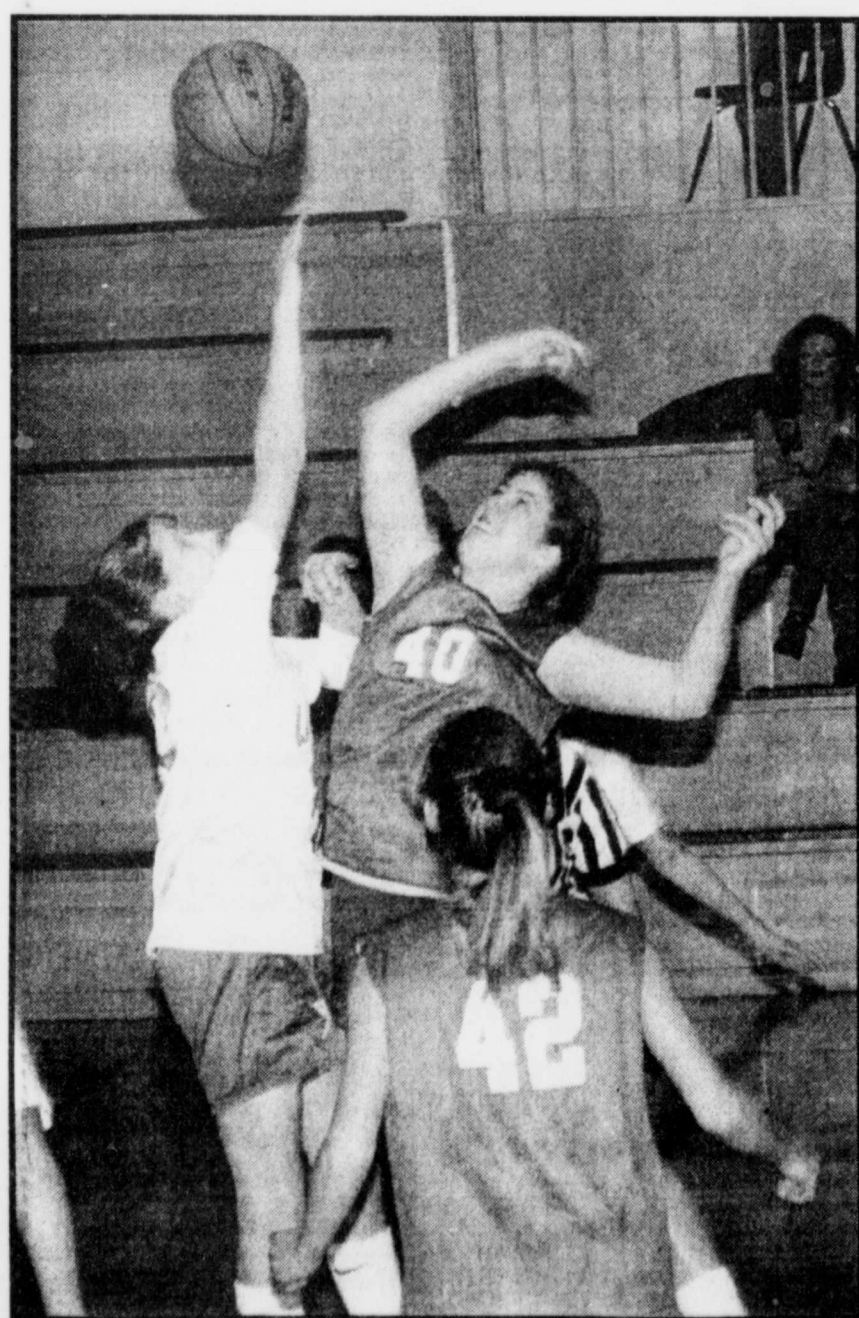
and Mrs. Buddy Damron of Bogata. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kuhl and Kristin and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Kuhl and boys of Snyder visited over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Kuhl, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Hom, Mrs. Ruby Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Howard, Ashley and Callie and other friends and relatives.

Celebrating Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and Carl E. in Mt. Pleasant were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack, Carl Antone, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Minor, Jamie and Katie of Overton.

Visiting with Stanley and Cynthia Jones and Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Richeson during the Thanksgiving holidays was Charles Jones.

Enjoying Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Presley and Paul were Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail. Following lunch they all traveled to Kilgore to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fail and their visitors, Bobby and Lisa Beard, Shawnalisa, Ferrier, Kevin and J.D., Bubba Fail and Ashley and friends Laura, Leitson and Elizabeth.

Celebrating December birthdays are; Sandra Milner, Gerald Tate, Bennie Crocker, Paul Presley, Ashley Bruce, Kevin Mercer, Ashley Fail, Ronny Fail, Dean Cabell, Kayla and Will Johnson, Ricky Richeson, Shalina Richeson, Phyllis Finch, Edward Deaton, Patty Jones, Imogene Lewis, Janice Blackwell, Sandra Morgan, Deidra McClanahan, Chris Eudy, Haley Eudy, Cody Howell, Rhonda Taylor, Wade Cline, Barbara Smith, Charles Graf, Marilyn Graf, Stacey and Tracey Howard, Jerry Pittman, Tawala Padgett, Carol Laing, Jeremy Absheir, Jesi Navia, Destry Nolen, Michelle Johnson, Bradley Smith, Russell Smith, Rachel Leithead, Vera Pittman and Pam Fenner.



UP AND ABOVE-Seventh grade Lady Rebel, Rachel gets the tip as the team met Alba-Golden Monday, Dec. 1 at Rivercrest. The team took a 43-29 win.



EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK at Talco School is Mildred Birchfield. Mrs. Birchfield is a custodian at Talco and has been for the past 17 years. She along with her partner, Mrs. Lewis have kept the school in tip top shape over the years. Mrs. Birchfield and her husband, Richard raised 7 children, Don, Rodney, Larry, Rita, David, Ronny and Johnny all of which graduated at Rivercrest High School. The Birchfield's have 10 grandchildren. Mrs. Birchfield's hobbies are taking care of her critters and watching her grandchildren grow. She received a card and flowers from Backroom Floral Designs in Bogata.

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Rivercrest "A" boys take win

Courtney Huddleston led the Rivercrest A boys team to a 74-57 win over Mt. Pleasant Tigers at Rivercrest on Tuesday night. Mt. Pleasant

took the first basket of the game, but Huddleston soon began his scoring on the Rebel end. Michael Allen soon connected for his first points of the

game and Brian Giles' defense helped put the Rebels on top. Ryan Giles added points for the Rebels. Kyle Stansell soon hit from the side after a good Jody Nolen pass. Mt. Pleasant hit a nice three pointer from the side then out hustled the Rebels defensive press for another two to end the half with a score of 14-13 Rebs.

Broderick Fulbright had the first score of the second quarter and Michael Allen soon sank a nice three pointer from the left corner. A good pass from Kyle Stansell to a wide open Fulbright added another Rebel score, plus a foul by the Tigers on the play on which Fulbright connected made it a three point play. Early foul trouble soon had Fulbright on the bench. Jason Freelen and Jody Gray turned up the Rebel defense which helped keep the ball in Rebel territory. The Rebels, behind Brian and Ryan Giles and Jody Gray dominated the boards for rebounds. The Rebels soon started their full court press which frustrated the Tigers and caused many turnovers. The Tigers tried to press but the Rebels handled them easily. With seconds left in the half, B. Giles netted a goal and sent the

boys to the locker room with a 34-23 score in favor of the Rebels.

Mt. Pleasant had the first score of the third, dropped another basket and narrowed the lead to 7. Huddleston opened up a scoring drive for the Rebels scoring seven unanswered Rebel points including a three pointer from the left side. Fulbright connected for points under the Rebel goal and the defensive press continued to cause repeated Mt. Pleasant turnovers. Huddleston found a wide open Freelen for a nice Rebel pay soon after which Freelen nailed two at the free throw line. Stansell then hit a jumper and R. Giles was fouled on a basket and connected for another Rebel three point play. Third quarter play ended 56-37, Rebels.

Fourth quarter action had points on the board early by Fulbright, B. Giles and Allen. Mt. Pleasant made an eye catching pass for two which seemed to spark some life into the weary Tigers, but Huddleston soon extinguished it as he, Freelen, R. Giles and Gray chalked up Rebel scores. Trey Gee cam in to add some defensive hustle. Mt. Pleasant hit a nice three pointer with 45 seconds left in play, stole the ball back and hit for another two, but soon fouled Stansell who hit one of his two at the line. Final score was 74-57 Rebels.

Scorers for the Rebels included Huddleston 18; Fulbright 13; R. Giles 11; Allen 10; B. Giles and Freelen 6 each; Stansell 5; Gray 3 and Nolen 2.

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TNMP's Customer Connection program matches customer and employee contributions two ways. Money that customers voluntarily contribute to the program when they pay their bills is pooled together by geographic region and matched dollar for dollar. Customer Advisory Groups then help select which of the customer-nominated projects receive

the funding each year.

The second type of matching operates more like a challenge grant. When a project nominated by an employee or customer is approved for the type of funding, community groups are responsible for raising half of the funding up to \$5,000. TNMP then will match the money the group raises.

To date, TNMP has contributed \$82,950 to communities in Texas and New Mexico this year. Paired with the money raised, these dollars have helped buy items from birthing tables for hospitals to playground equipment for children, and have built fences, bleachers and volleyball courts. Drug education programs, libraries and educational societies also have benefited from the matching program. Customer Connection funding allows TNMP to put in place projects that otherwise might be impossible. By the end of December

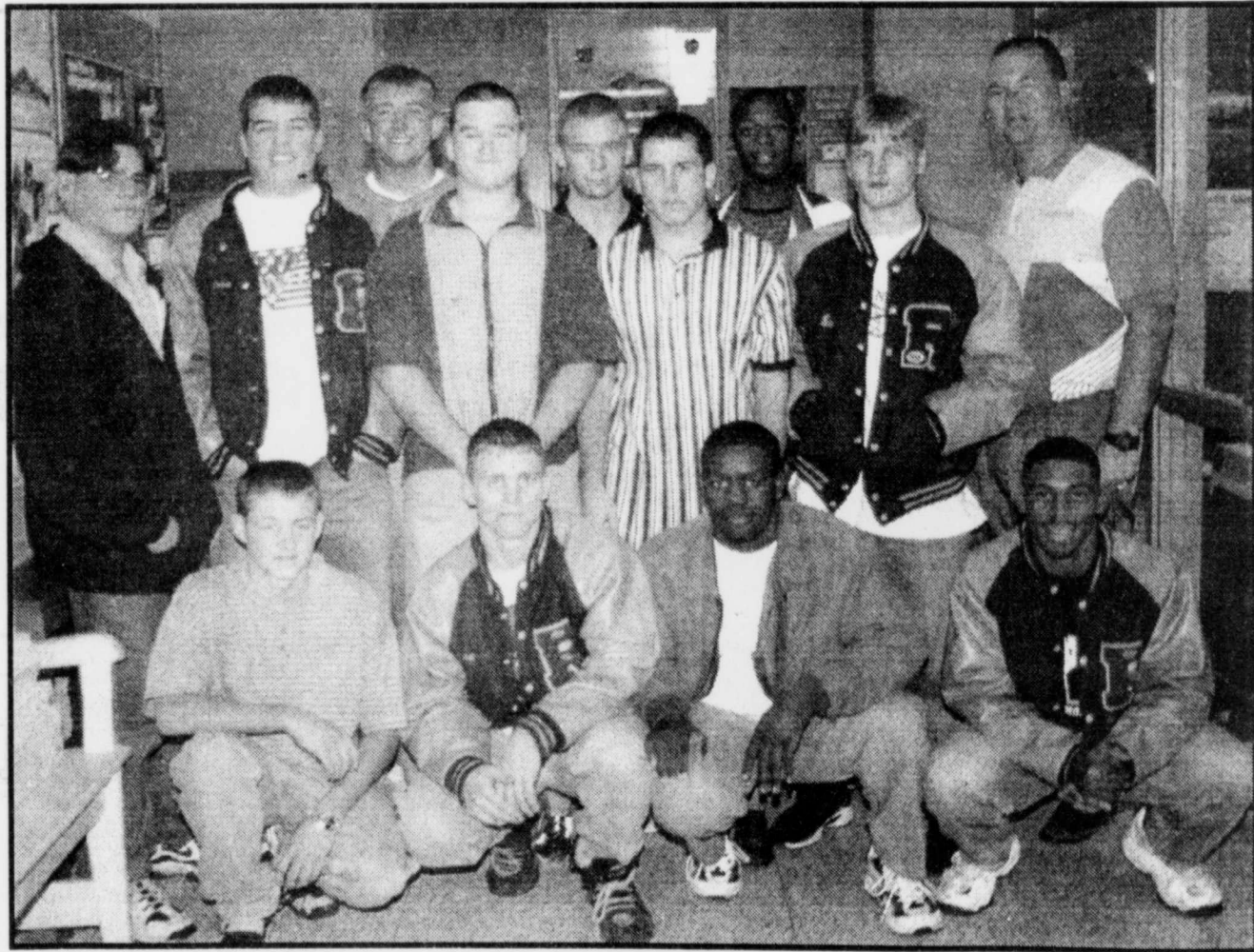
funding period, TNMP hopes to have disbursed the entire balance of funds available. Communities are encouraged to initiate projects for consideration.

TNMP employees have been instrumental in some areas for getting their cities involved. In other instances, residents or city leaders have instigated efforts and approached the company for matching funds.

To learn more about the Customer Connection program, the variety of projects funded or how to receive matching dollars, contact Petty at 1-800-962-7895 or call 1-800-435-2822, ext. 323. Texas-New Mexico Power Company provides community based electric service to 85 cities and more than 220,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico. It is the principal wholly owned subsidiary of TNP Enterprises, Inc.



WINNING CLASS- Mr. Ken Swinford's first period class were the winners in the Student Council sponsored food drive held at Rivercrest High School. The class turned in 249 and will be rewarded with a pizza party next week. The food was taken to the First Baptist Church in Bogata where it will be distributed to needy families for the holidays. Pictured are; (not in order) Laci Taylor, Miranda Gibson, Chris Tidwell, Jayme Haley, Dewayne Young, Daniel Lee, David Guzman, Chris Middleton, Lance Black, Dale Alsup, Michael Smith, Eric Posey, Andrea Palmer, Brooke Belcher, Katie Hare, Joanie Swarts and Ken Swinford.

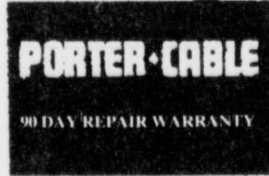


ALL DISTRICT DEFENSE-from Rivercrest High School District 17 AA football are; (back row from the left) Luis Torres-Honorable Mention, Jerad Guest-Second Team, Dustin Wolfe-Honorable Mention, Aaron Martin-Second Team, Scotty Goodwin-Honorable Mention, Derek Belcher-Honorable Mention, Keith Hines-Honorable Mention, Scott Davidson-Honorable Mention and Rebel Coach, Keith Brown; (front row from the left) Jason Freelen-Second Team, Jody Gray-Honorable Mention, Jeff Brown-Second Team and Michael Allen-First Team. Congratulations Rebels!!!!

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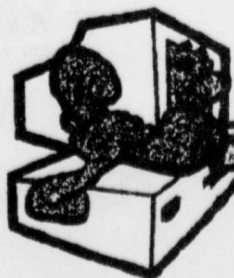
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Red River County hands down indictments

The Red River County Grand Jury has handed down the following indictments as of December 2, 1997:

Annazetta Dickerson, Clarksville, tampering with a governmental record.

Connie Tucker, Detroit, tampering with a governmental record.

Shirley Marie Wyatt Ricks, Clarksville, tampering with a governmental record.

Germarcus Delane Williams, Clarksville, indecency with a child.

Gwen McCarver, Clarksville, injury to a child.

Thomas McCarver, Jr., aggravated sexual assault of a child x 6.

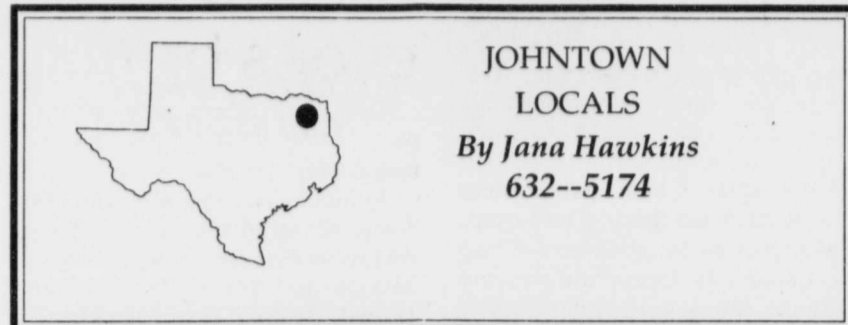
Charles Matthew Whitaker, Clarksville, possession of prohibited weapon.

Eva May Cook, Clarksville, aggravated assault.

Paul Avert Phelps, Avery, burglary of habitation.

Tracy Allen Harris, Sr., Clarksville, possession of controlled substance.

Larry Glenn Marcy, Clarksville, delivery of controlled substance x 2.



JOHTOWN LOCALS
By Jana Hawkins
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Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten spent the Thanksgiving Holidays in Abilene, Midland and Ruidosa, New Mexico. They stopped in Abilene to visit an aunt, Bill Hightower, who has recently moved to a nursing facility, an uncle, Leo and Louise Davis who have recently moved from

Washington State. In Midland they visited their daughter, Lisa Graham and family. They were joined in Midland by their son, Larry and children, Rex and Amanda. From Midland they all spent four days in Ruidosa at the Graham Home there. In DeLeon they visited their grandson, James Cotten and family.

Poet to present program at Rivercrest High School

On December 12, Brod Bagert will be at Rivercrest High School. A popular children's poet, a modern day Johnny Appleseed, Brod travels America to spread a simple idea. Brod Bagert writes poems that are fun to read out loud, convey the thoughts and feelings of children and represent a powerful source of self-expression. "Poetry shapes the human soul," says Brod Bagert. "And the best poetry comes out when poems are performed out loud, one human being to another."

He has written four humorous collections of poems that explore the joys, fears and dilemmas of childhood for Boyds Mills Press: The Gooch Machine; Poems for Children to Perform, Elephant Games and Other Playful Poems to Perform and

Chicken Socks; and Other Contagious Poems, Let Me Be The Boss: Poems for Kids to Perform.

A practicing attorney in New Orleans for more than twenty years, Brod Bagert graduated from Loyola University, where he also earned his juris doctorate. He served on the New Orleans City Council and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Brod Bagert now travels around the country performing his poems and offering teachers an array of practical techniques to develop their students' natural attraction to poetry.

This all began when daughter, Colette, seven at the time, asked him to write a poem that she could act out to make everybody laugh.

The poet lives in New Orleans with his family.

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Cuthand Youth give away hog

Cuthand United Methodist Church Young People had a drawing for a hog November 15. The winner was Ann Duffee. The young people raised \$683.70 selling chances on the hog and they are very thankful for everyone who bought tickets. The children of the church (6th grade and younger) will receive \$100.00 of the money for activities and the young people over the 6th grade will receive \$583.70 to use for a rafter trip to Colorado next summer.

News from Cuthand

Visitors in the home of Wanda and James Henley on November 28 were Shirley and Clinton Henley of Ennis, Jimmy Wright of Waco, James, Penny and D.J. Wright of Fairfield, Roger Wright of Wichita Falls, Charlotte Crow, Sandra Woodall Bush, Russell and Jim Ann Ward, Larry and Teresa Galyean, Ralph Watson, Jerald Moore and Brenda Vickers and Corporal Jason Reed of Tustin, California.

Precinct I Commissioner reports

By Ricky Daniels

November was a fairly productive month for us. We got a lot of odd and end things done that needed to be done. We hauled a lot of small loads off the yard to patch several mud holes where we couldn't get our big trucks to. It was also dry enough the first part of the month that we were able to pull some ditches. We were also able to run our tree trimmer some. I'm hoping in December we can do some repair work on Cuthand Cemetery road it is in pretty bad shape. It's a long road so it will take some time.

In November we hauled 3 loads of white rock to the yard. I also had several loads hauled in to the yard.

We hauled 6 loads of white rock to roads, one load of red rock and 4 loads of railroad rock. We also hauled 33 small loads to different roads. We installed 4 culverts this month also.

In commissioner's court for November we approved a request for grants from Thomas Almond for the Regional Controlled Substance Program, approved amending Sheriff's budget for jail administrator. We also voted to relinquish our delegation to regulate on site sewage facilities. We approved a contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas for Group Health Insurance, accepted bids for two cars for Sheriff's Department.

If you have any comments or questions feel free to call me.

Red River County Sheriff's Report

November 23-29

November 23: Report of DOA in Mancheste;r burglary on FM 1159; burglary on FM 412; welfare concern in Detroit; prowler in Bogata; burglary of habitation in Whiterock; phone harassment in Detroit; male arrested for public intoxication and no driver's license.

November 24: Prowler in Avery; cattle complaint on FM 2573; disturbance in Bagwell; assault at ETMC; welfare concern in Rugby; fire west of Detroit; assault by threat in Bogata; male arrested on warrant for revocation of probation.

November 25: Report of DOA in Cuthand; criminal mischief in Detroit; cruelty to animals in Bogata; major accident.

November 26: Terroristic threat in

Avery; telephone harassment in Detroit; burglary of habitation in Avery; possible DWI on FM 410; cruelty to Animals in Avery; civil matter in Detroit; dog bite victim; burglary of habitation; cattle complaint on Hwy 82 west.

November 27: Open door in Detroit; minor accident on Hwy. 82 west; cattle complaint in Dimple; night hunters at Lanes Chapel; aggravated assault in Johtown; civil matter in Post Oak.

November 28: Theft in Rosalie; dog bite victim at ETMC; structure fire in Bogata; burglary in Bagwell.

November 29: Minor accident in Annona; burglary; possible DWI in Detroit; 911 hangup.

Rebels-Lady Rebels average well

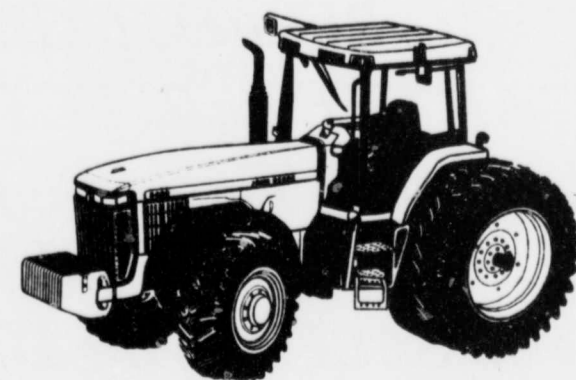
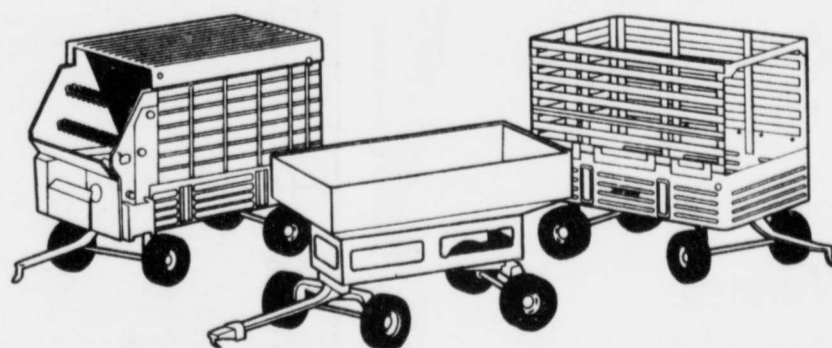
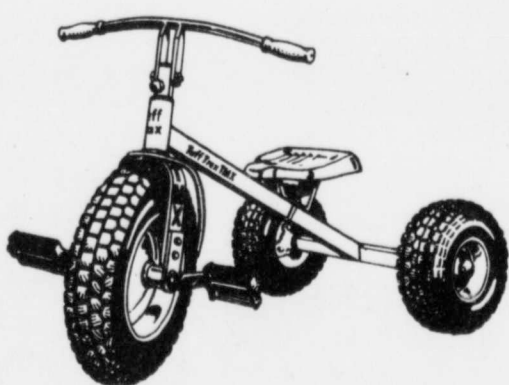
The Rivercrest Rebel and Lady Rebels had an over all good week of play last week. The Lady Rebels traveled to Grand Saline for a double win. The JV team took a 74-40 win while the varsity grabbed a 57-53 win. In action vs DeKalb the Lady Rebel JV won 49-43 and the varsity suffered a 10 point loss, 70-60.

The Rebels traveled to Mt. Pleas-

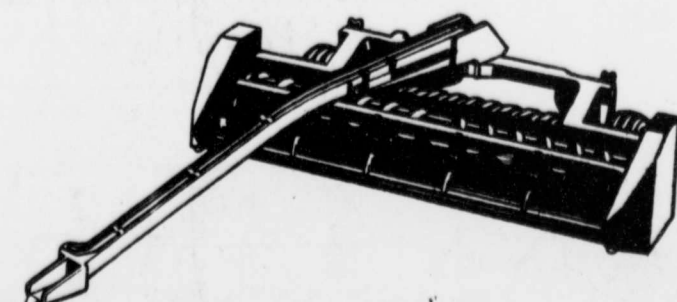
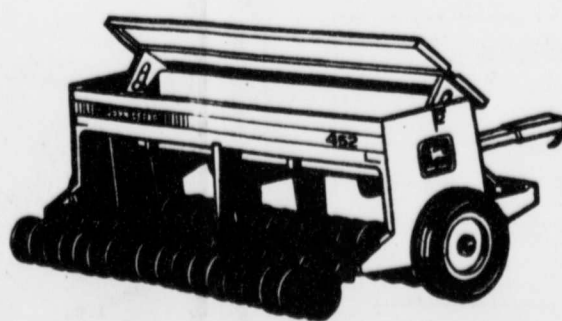
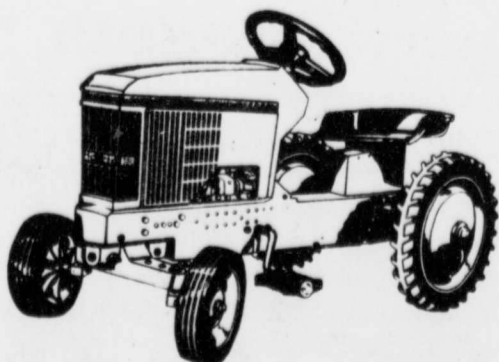
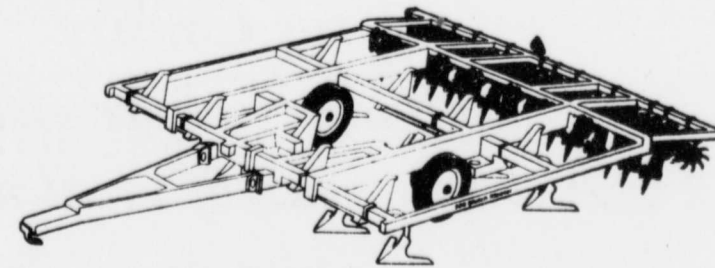
ant for play and the Rebel C team were defeated with a score of 53-40. The Rebel B team took an exciting 41-40 win and the Rebel varsity defeated the Tigers by 10, 58-48. On Saturday the Rebel varsity and B teams hosted Commerce. The B team took a 62-57 win and the varsity won 73-60. All in all a good week for all teams. Go Lady Rebels and Rebels!!!

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Loyce and Ed Huddleston were in Lewisville last Saturday for an early Thanksgiving Dinner with their son, Ronnie Huddleston and family. They went back Wednesday night and had another Thanksgiving Dinner with Andrea and Jeff McKenzie and family and Annette and Mark Hudson and family and Jim and Nadine

McKenzie on Thursday. On Friday they were guests of Jim and Nadine McKenzie for another Thanksgiving Dinner.

Having Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday with Philip and Susan Roach at Milton were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana, Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach, Mike, Lila, Bren Kara and Hali Screws, Johnnie War-

ren and John, Cokie and Michael Roach of Deport, Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris and Lelan and Opal Stringer from Tyler.

Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana. Chris and Jerry Guerra picked them up Saturday and stayed for lunch.

Thanksgiving Day, Dixie Stringfellow accompanied Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow to Paris for supper with Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow. Also enjoying the meal with them were Joe, Jack and Jake Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica White and Paul and Payton Stringfellow.

Recent visitors of Dixie Stringfellow were Lucille Childers, Vicki, Danny and Dee Tabb, Sandra Benson, Shirley Smith, Tana Guest, Billy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Billie Nolen, Buddy and Mark Stringfellow, Amy Tabb and Felina White

Sunday Vicki and Dee Tabb and Dixie Stringfellow visited with Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow at their home in Bagwell. Also visiting the Stringfellow were Mark Stringfellow of Chicago, Illinois, Mary Nell Hendricks of Bagwell and Beverly Siler of Genoa, Arkansas.

Happy December birthdays to Mary Nell Hendricks, Leon Tuck, Kathy Stringfellow, James A. Freelen, Rusty Screws, Susan Ray, Bobbie Cawley, LaNell Franklin, Susan Roach. Happy anniversary to Jack and Joyce Rhodes.

Jackie and Anita Couch spent Thanksgiving Day with their son and his family, Tommy, Vicki, Roxanne and Philip of Waxahachie. Also visiting with them were Tresa Couch, M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd, Jack and Ruth Couch of Bogata, Trenton, Patti and Ladona Couch of Paris, Mark, Kelly, Garrett and Tyler Couch and Johnny and Nina Couch of Welsh, Louisiana, Danny and Sharon Dodd of Watauga, Billy, Michelle and Brandon Mayes of Fort Worth. The 60th Wedding anniversary of Jack and Ruth Couch was also celebrated. Their children and grandchildren's families presented Jack with a watch and Ruth with a gold necklace. Johnny and Nina visited in Bogata until Saturday when Jack and Ruth returned



Bogata Locals

By Judy Screws
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home with them for a visit.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner at Jerry and Gerlyn Gray's were Margaret Davis, Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Jessica and Danny Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather, Heath and Hayden Holt, Jessie and Willie Mae Gray, Jackie, Linda, Marty and Jody Gray, Willie Gray and Bob and Jitter Thornton of Artesia, California.

Sunday Dinner guests and Willie Mae and Jessie Gray's were Willie Gray, Danny and Jessica Hines, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Jackie, Linda, Marty and Jody Gray, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Sandra, Duane and Kim Benson, Brandon Williams, Shirley Smith, Dorie and Ike Roach, Billie Jo Hancock, Raymon Mauldin and Bob and Jitter Thornton of Artesia, California.

Bob and Jitter Thornton of Artesia, California surprised their families with a visit during the Thanksgiving holiday. They spent time with Jitter's mother, Evie Smith and sister, Mary Ruth of Talco, Raymon Mauldin and Billie Jo Hancock at Red River Healthcare Center and Bob's sister, Shirley and Donnie Smith and family of Bogata, Sandra and Duane Benson and family of Clarksville. They returned home Monday.

Hayden Holt was a special guest at Jerry and Gerlyn Gray's Thanksgiving Thursday. This was the first time Hayden has been visiting and the family feels it is a real milestone in his life. Hayden is seven months old now and is recuperating nicely from his last surgery some 3 weeks ago.

Visitors for Thanksgiving Lunch at the home of Tommie and Glenda Corbell were: Randy Corbell, of Commerce, Steve, Becky and Whitney Corbell of Mount Pleasant, Melinda Rychlik of Tyler, JoAnn, Laryn and Lyndsey Hanes of Paris, Lauren Corbell of Paris, Mike and Angie Corbell, Sam and Carol Ward, Jason and Shannon Ward all of Bogata.

On Friday, November 28, visitors in the home of Charlotte Crow were Jimmy Wright of Waco, James, Penny and D.J. Wright of Fairfield, Roger Wright of Wichita Falls and Sabre Moflle of San Antonio.

Corporal Jason E. Reed of the USMC of Tustin, CA came home on November 25 for a ten day leave. He will be returning to California of Friday, December 5.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Henry and Patty Barton Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Hobbs of Huntsville, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Miller and Ramsey of Humble, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Howell of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barton and Kim Richardson of Munson and Helen Williams of Bogata.

Helen Williams spent Thanksgiving Day in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Jones at Commerce. Other guests were Tim, Kyle and Robert Jones of Commerce.

Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce visited with Helen Williams Saturday afternoon. They attended basketball games at Rivercrest.

Visiting in the home of Beulah Fleming the week of Thanksgiving were Bud and Juanita Upchurch from Bisbee, Arizona. Myra Wooten of Queen City, Ted and Billie Fleming, Carolyn and Richard Siler, Kenny Hodges from Odessa, Mary and Glen East from Fort Worth, Billy and Kathy Page from Garland, Jimmy and Chris Conway, Harold and Peggy Hervey, Jennifer Hodges, Amy and Cliff Cosby from Dallas, Opal Conway, Doris and Wanda Hervey, From Paris. Loads of friends all attended the memorial service for Linda Hodges.

Thanksgiving Dinner guests of Beulah Fleming were Bud and Juanita Upchurch, Opal Conway, Nellie Jane Williams, Ruby Legate, Johnnie Kyle, Lee Hood and Mary Ann Williams.

Phyllis Duffer and Zelma Mauldin were in Arkansas Saturday to attend the wedding of Billy Fowler and Susie Meredith.

Mike and Jill Mauldin Hatfield from Garland visited with his Nanny, Zelma Mauldin, and aunt, Phyllis Duffer last Wednesday.

Yvonne Powell and Ray from Carrollton visited with Jettie Minshew on Friday.

Visiting Laverne and George Thomas for Thanksgiving Holidays were Jimmy, Brenda and Heather Osborne, Paul, Sherry and J.C. Gaines from Euless, Jerry, Ricky, Michelle, Courtney, Caitlin, Elana and Jordan Thomas from Fort Worth, Andy, Brandie, Zackery from Booneville, Arkansas, Jerry, Jr. Chris and son, Cassidy, Justin and Tina Thomas from Irving, Dewayne, Daphane, Brittney and Dalton Baker, Bobbie Ruth and Johnny Sport from Tawakoni, Willie Rector and Aurelia Mitchell from Bogata.

Mary Ann Welch of Blossom came and took Christine Baker for Thanksgiving Dinner with Billie and Horace Welch at Blossom.

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

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

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-at Rivercrest High School for November are Kim Shirley and Hollis Grimes. Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shirley of Bogata. She is a Freshman at RHS, a member of the Lady Rebel cross country team, plays basketball, is a member of the Spanish Club and is an honor student. Hollis is the son of Linda and John Childres of Bogata. He is a member of the Rebel cross country team, football team and track team. Hollis is a sophomore at RHS. Congratulations Kim and Hollis.
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RHS student council reports food drive successful

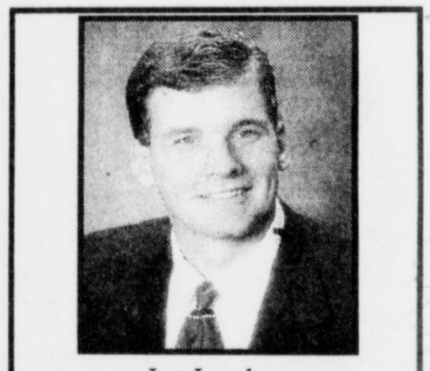
The Rivercrest High School Student Council sponsored a food drive to help the needy during the holidays. The group collected 1000 items which were taken to the First Baptist Church in Bogata for distribution.

The class winning a pizza party for bringing in the most items was Mr. Swinford's first period class at RHS who had a total of 249 items.

Also donating were Mrs. Gage's class with 218 items, Mr. Stockton's class with 119 items, the Rivercrest

office with 117 items, Mrs. Hays's class with 68 items, Athletics and Coach Weddle with 52 items, Mrs. Denison's class with 39 items, Mr. Lum's class with 28 items, the Cafeteria staff 19 items, Mrs. Russell's class with 18 items, Coach Hill's class with 13 items and Mr. Rogers's class with 6 items.

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Applications for the program may be placed at the Housing Authority Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

There is no charge or fee to apply for housing. All registration and applications procedures are handled without charge. Only when you are leased a unit will an applicant be required to make any payment to anyone. Your security deposit and first month's rent are to be paid to the Executive Director.

Apartments become vacant from time to time and are filled from the waiting list. The waiting list is made up of applicants determined by the Housing Authority to be eligible. All persons are invited to apply for housing and are processed without regard to race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicapping condition or national origin.

The Housing Authority of the City of Talco is interested in you and your housing needs. Please contact the Housing Authority at 379-2841 if you need more information.

There are currently vacancies and a very short waiting list. 12-4

PUBLIC NOTICE
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The following areas of materials assumed to contain asbestos are present:
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Surveillance of all areas is done every six months and reinspection every three years. You will be notified periodically by letter of all relevant activities.

An Asbestos Management Plan has been developed and was approved by the Governor's Representative. A copy of this plan is available for inspection in the Office of the Superintendent at Rivercrest High School during regular business hours. Gary VanDeaver, Superintendent Talco-Bogata CISD 12-4

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Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul and Mayra Clark, Jesi and Luke spent Saturday shopping in Dallas.

Ruby Horn was admitted to Titus County Hospital Saturday evening with a possible heart attack. She is reported doing well.

Dennis, Tova and Jordan Smith of Mesquite and Jimmy and Gaylene Smith of Arlington visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and family.

Tina and Sue Nolen enjoyed the Canton Trade Days on Saturday.

Wanda Graf and Katherine enjoyed shopping in Tyler on Friday.

The Maple Springs Church enjoyed a covered dish lunch following morning services Sunday, Nov. 30. In the afternoon all enjoyed the 5th Sunday singing.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Richeson were Ann and Nubbin Deaton, Lorry and Ricky Richeson and children, Cynthia and Stanley Jones, Sheila Keel and Shannon Richeson, Shaunda and Dean Tiffie and children, Joe Dan Richeson, Mark Richeson, Leslie and Missy Gentry, Amanda Jones, Corutney and Samantha and Missy Carroll.

Tina Nolen, Destry and Chris and Wanda Vickers enjoyed shopping in Longview Friday.

Celebrating Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Price were; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Russell, Melanie and Aaron Smith, Vickie and Frank Mezzacappa and Dillon of Denison, Sandy and Gene Cox, Kerri and Kristen of McKinney, Janna and John Melvin and Joshua of Denison, Bobbie, Jeremy and Lyssa Price of Sugar Hill, Elsie Walter of

Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Smith, Chad, Zack and Josh of Elysian Fields, Vickie Craig and Joshua of Mt. Pleasant and Jimmy and Gaylene Smith of Arlington.

Sharing Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Justin, Rachel and Susan was John Graf.

Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Currey and Zeke in Mt. Pleasant were Mark, Elizabeth and Baley Currey of Tyler, Donnette, Matthew, Croix and Dakota Parrot, Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades, Troy and Derek Morris, Mayra Clark, Jesi and Luke, Cassandra Norman, Mona Wright, Michael Wright, Laura, J.P. and James Paul Kernan of Dallas, David Jones, Ann Rose, Alan, Logan and Alex, Camellia and Freddie Stephenson, Clint and Amber Stephenson, Michelle Zachery, John F., Kim, Kara, Kent and Klay Stephenson, John D. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parrot of North Carolina.

Thanksgiving guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, Michael and Ricky were Ricky, Sue and Jody Nolen, Julie Weatherall, Jerica and Jessica, Buford Nolen, Sandra Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Smith, Dalton and Dakota, Kim McGee, Shane Murray and Randy, Tina, Destry and Chris Nolen.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Melanie and Aaron attended the Elysian Fields vs Lexington playoff football game Friday in Jacksonville. They met Mr. and Mrs. Brad Smith and Sally and Leon Dunn at the game. Elysian Fields won 20-14 and will go on to play Alto in the semi-final game next week.



CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Via's Second grade class at Talco School are Heather Bui and Jeffery Brooks. Heather is the daughter of Debbie Marshall of Talco. Jeffery is the son of Sandy Brooks of Talco.

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CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Hinton's Third grade class at Talco School are Danica Easterling and Destry Nolen. Danica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cabell of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Easterling of Pittsburg. Destry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen of Talco.

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CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Ingram's Third grade class at Talco School are Torrie Grissom and Andrew Deaton. Torrie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grissom of Talco. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deaton of Talco.

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CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Orrill's Fourth grade class at Talco School are Jesi Navia and Daniel Brown. Jesi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Clark of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Pookie Smith of Bogata. Daniel is the son of Mark Brown of Talco.

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