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Over 200 register for Homecoming '98

With Homecoming '98 history and the register book tallied, over 200 exes from Knox City High School "signed in" during the three day event.

Those registering at the school cafeteria and their place of residence is as follows:

Louise McNellie Grady, Springtown; Shirley Yarbrough Oler, Athens; Joyce Yarbrough Williams, Carrollton; Betty Lewis Hart, Chico; Jerria Land Worthen, Houston; Earline Lewis Ritter, Fort Worth; Zola Mae Barnett Smith, Irving; A.P. Denton Jr., KC; Rayford Barnett, KC; Virginia Griffin, Wylie; Jane Arledge, Grand Junction, CO; Mary Beth Waldrip Sharp, Abilene; Paul Burt, Plano; Rowena Johnson, Bryan; Leonard Burt, Baytown; Reba Yarbrough Henderson, Washington, Texas & Arizona; Leta Large Mangis, KC; Oscar Mangis, KC; Dorothy Jackson Shepherd, Mountainburg, AK; Lydia Cash, Joe Cash, Lake Charles, LA; Margaret Jackson Urbanczyk, Goree; Carolyn Crownover Collinsworth, Plano; Bobby D. Burnett, Munday; Genie Guinn Holcomb, KC; Charles McAuley, Lamesa; James Mahan, Warsaw, MD; Jim Dutton, Earth.

Also, Joe Clonts, KC; Mark Clonts, Sugarland; Doris McNulty, KC; Jim McNulty, Wichita Falls; Dwight E. Faulk, Deborah Elston Faulk, Marble Falls; Ernestine Teaff Sellers, Lubbock; Jack Teaff, Austin; A.Z. Thomas, Snyder; Pearl Buchanan Clark, John Clark, Tristen Credd, Fort Worth; Doris Jones, KC; Margaret Howell Goss, Carmen, OK; Guy T. Robinson, DeSoto; Fannie King Carlisle, Kress; Patsy Robinson Bateman, Jim Bateman, Denton; Ruby Thompson Robinson, KC; Jim Robinson, Lubbock; John Montandon, Palos Verdes Estates, CA; Wynelle McGee Hencke, Fort Worth; William B. Lewis, Everman; Ginny Branham, Big Spring; Jolly Bill Whitten, Granbury; Ronald G. Bruce, Temple; Martin Lewis, Clovis, NM; Lynelle Tankersley Williams, Abilene.

Also, 'G' Headen, Plano; Zena

Renner, Lee Renner, Winnsboro, LA; Zena and George Wall, Childress; Debbie Wall Williams, Georgetown; Frank McAuley, KC; J.D. and Betty Rowell, Amarillo; Jack and Jean Hill, Arlington; Jo Chafin Castle, Saint Jo; Bob Jenson, Fort Stockton; James R. Jenson, Slaton; Bill Baker, KC; Frankie Baker, KC; Lois Denton Bruton, Olney; Dexter and Cyndy Whitaker, Graham, Sue Marion, Roland Marion, KC; Judy Smith Leaverton, KC; Jerry Johnston, Strawn; John and Josephine Atterbury, College Station; Frances Rowell, Navasota; Frank and Karen Griffith, O'Brien; Jan Kilgore, Bill Tweedy, KC; T.C. Lewis, Betty Lewis, Perryton; C.L. Whitten, Lubbock; Peggy Guinn, KC; Benny Bales Lain, Millard Lain, Livingston;

Also, Tommy and Lea Montandon, Lubbock; Tommy Mangis, KC; Ray Penman, KC; Belva Gruden, Arlington; Samantha Graham Anderson, McGregor; Jack Acosta, Missouri City; Greg Clonts, KC; Pansy Wilcox Hale, Rochester; Debbie Bishop Wilde, KC; Cliff Ray, Haskell; Karen Michalik, Austin; Benton Bolin, Spring Valley, CA; Adam White, Coppell; Twyla Standlee, Amarillo; Eddie Williams, Lewisville; Phil Williams, Collinsville, OK; Romain Stubbs, KC; John M. Covey, Craig Weatherly, Stephenville; Eddie Martinez, Pflugerville; Betty Bailiff, KC; Laura White, Lubbock; Ruth White Cook, Lewisville; Wesley Melvin, Lubbock; Adrian Gonzales, Austin; Pam Darr Mongrain, KC; Judy Meinzer Logsdon, KC; Danny Fisher, Dallas.

Also, Jackie Fisher, Waco; Richard Melvin, Midland; Jean C. Bachman, Denton; Ronnie Verhalen, KC; Paul Prater, Bowie; Jerry Don Anderson, Hewitt; Doug Bradley, Seymour; Sally Jo Gatewood Wernette, Austin; Bobby Driver, Slaton; Dell Driver, Slaton; Donna Ricks, Ransom Canyon; Richard P. Barnard, Midland; Pat Shannon, Austin; Ron Worley, Kerrville; Carroll Kobernus, San Antonio; Max Bradley, KC; Laval Verhalen, Stillwater, OK; John Cogburn Gertsey, Vernon; Willie Marie Cogburn Meinzer, Aus-

tin; Rick Reid, KC; Melanie Verhalen Mitchell, Caddo; Sam Bolin, Abilene; Rance Marion, Rio Rancho, NM; David N. Perdue, KC; Mary F. Reeder Shannon, KC; Sandra Abbott, James M. Abbott, Abilene; Glenda Green, Maypearl;

Also, Patti Lain Currie, Hawley; Rebecca Smith Huzzey, Midland; Don Caussey, Houston; Sarah Scarbrough, San Antonio; Edna E. Travis Graham, Abilene; Pat Allred, Lubbock; Jan Worrell, Sweeny; Wade Arledge, New Braunfels; Christell McHam Magness, Hamilton; Betty Gale McHam Hamilton, Idalou; Brett Boone, Melinda and Sarah, Fort Worth; Beverly James Campsey, Vernon; Bobby G. Robinson, Ruler.

Also, Michele and Clark Baker, Dallas; Joan Shaver Muller, Tyler; Joe and Claudia Tidwell, Munday; Tommy and Norma Herring, Graham; Brack Shaver, Fort Worth; Dellbert and Brenda Dutton, Grand Prairie; Kathy Verhalen, Arlington; H.M. Wheeler, Denton; Pat Denton Mendenhall, Abilene; Bill and Dell Groves, KC; Belinda Coates Tidwell, Bellville; Carol Hitchcock Gaines, Abilene; Mary Hitchcock Reeves, Odessa; Joe Reeder, Fort Worth.

Also, Flint, Christy and Christopher Richardson, Burkburnett; Faye Yarbrough Shaver, KC; Billye Benedict Angle, KC; Stacy Angle Thompson, KC; Annie Culp Osborne, Fort Worth; D.L. (Bud) Reeves, Merkel; Rhonda Albus, Big Spring; Hoyt Lovelace, Canadian; Penny Meinzer Baker, Odessa; Marion Clonts Perdue, KC; Margie Paul Huemmer, Dallas; Edith James Brown, Wichita Falls; Bobbie Dodd Wells, Garland; Katie Hosea, Quitman; Virgle Landreth, San Antonio; John Clark, Fort Worth; Don Bible, Santa Anna; Renella Watson, Wayne Watson, KC; Irene Morrow, Hawley; Rip Collins, Austin; Mondell Mills, Crosbyton; Brian Correll, College Station; Andy Correll, Portales, NM; Donald and Kay Johnson, KC; Wretha Fitzgerald, KC; Jimmy Tankersley, KC; Robert Harrison, KC; Joe and Peggy Smith, Justiceburg; Tammie Helton Hosea, Quitman.

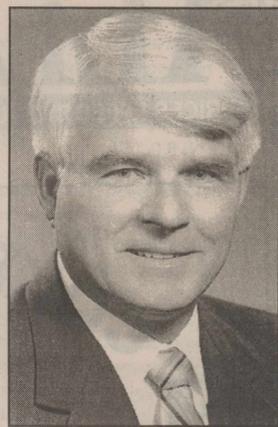
Rep. Counts stands up for constituents against powerful electric, utility industry

AUSTIN—State Representative David Counts, D-Knox City, was one of several members of the House State Affairs Committee who questioned claims that residential, small business and farm and ranch consumers would benefit from competition in the electric utility industry, during a public hearing the committee held on Monday. The Texas Legislature is expected to consider opening electric utilities to competition when it convenes in January, a step that California and several other states have already taken.

Counts closely questioned Jonathan Day, a Houston attorney representing Texas Industrial Electric Consumers, an organization that includes petrochemical, oil refining, steel and other large manufacturing and industrial users of electricity. "We support retail competition," Day said. "We also believe it will be very good for residential and commercial customers."

Day said he could not guarantee any rate cuts as a result of competition.

"I don't think my constituents are going to believe this 'trust me' business," Counts said, referring to Day's assurances of lower rates.



Rep. David Counts

"I've got to show them something."

Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, asked Day whether large industrial users would be willing to pay all of the so-called "stranded costs" as a way to resolve one of the major sticking points in the effort to restructure the electric utility industry. Stranded costs are the debt that utilities incurred in building uneconomical nuclear power plants.

Day said his client would decline to pay all the stranded costs, which he earlier had said were "going down rapidly." The Pub-

lic Utility Commission (PUC) recently estimated that stranded costs would total about \$4.5 billion if competition began in 2001.

Counts complained that when Day was insisting that competition would be good for residential customers, he minimized the size of stranded costs, but when asked whether the big industrial users would be willing to pay them, he characterized them as enormous.

Counts also chastised PUC Chairman Pat Wood for published remarks in which he threatened the state's electric cooperatives for talking to their legislators about PUC actions. "This is absolutely wrong, because I listen to my constituents," Counts said, "because that's the only way I know what's going on. I hope you don't plan to punish them for talking to me as you have stated in your published remarks." In addition, Counts accused Wood and his agency of getting ahead of the legislature on the electric restructuring issue. "I think at times that you overstep your authority, and I have some problems with that," the Knox City lawmaker said. "I hope you'll be more cautious in the future and leave public policy to the legislature."

Services held Wednesday for longtime Knox City resident Audrey P. Denton, 99

Funeral services for longtime Knox City resident Audrey P. Denton, 99, were held Wednesday morning, June 24, at ten o'clock in the First Baptist Church.

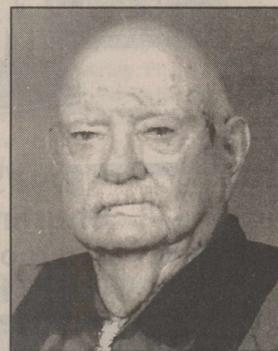
The Rev. John Gillespie and the Rev. James Patterson officiated.

Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Denton died Sunday morning, June 21, in an Abilene hospital on his 99th birthday.

Born June 21, 1899, in Eastland County, his parents were the late Elihu B. and Martha Jane Denton. He came to Knox County with his parents in 1909. He married Ruth Moreland on October 1, 1927, in Benjamin.

Mr. Denton was a farmer and had owned and operated Denton Grocery Store and Station in Knox



Audrey P. Denton
1899-1998

City for over 50 years before retiring.

Mr. Denton was a member of the Knox City Lions Club, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist Church. He had also served as a member of

the City Council.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Birdie Turner, Virdie Denton and Margaret Poore Lambert.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of Knox City; three sons, A.P. Jr. of Knox City, Burt and wife Nancy of Houston and David and wife Gay of Arlington; three daughters, Ruth Pridgen of Tigard, Oregon; Lois Bruton of Olney and Lou Vail and husband Jack of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons Danny Denton, Donny Denton, David J. Denton, Tim Denton, Tom Denton and Randy Bruton served as pallbearers.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Brazos Valley Care Home Activity Fund, Knox City, Texas 79529.

KC Chamber's Yard Of The Week....



The Chamber of Commerce sponsored *Yard Of The Week* for this week belongs to Bill and Betsy Allen. Located at 901 South East 5th Street, the home is surrounded by well groomed yards accented with flowers and bushes. The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will select a *Yard Of The Week* each week throughout the summer. (NEWS digital photo)

Fund is established for Shannon Parker

A fund designated as the Shannon Parker Medical Fund has been established at Citizens Bank in Knox City.

Shannon, a former Benjamin resident, was critically injured in

an automobile accident approximately three weeks ago at her home in Rome, Italy.

According to County Judge David Perdue, both of Shannon's parents, Linda and Jerry Parker,

who are presently with her, are county employees. This fund has been established to help defray with the costly expense of transporting her to Texas, Judge Perdue said.

Alzheimer's workshop set for Friday in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas will present a workshop for caregivers on Friday, June 26, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Activity Building at Minter Lane Church of Christ, 2502 Minter Lane in Abilene.

The workshop, entitled "A Breath of Fresh Air," will be presented by Bill and Lyn Roche, both children of Alzheimer's vic-

tims. The Roche's unique program is non-technical and user friendly! They share and deal with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in a practical, realistic way designed to uplift family caregivers and validate their memory-impaired loved ones.

There is no charge for the workshop, and no advance registration is required. Attendees will receive a ten-page handout contain-

ing reality checks, networking resources, self care considerations, time-outs, and things that work. In addition, participants will receive other helpful literature from the Alzheimer's Association.

Though the workshop is designed primarily for family caregivers of dementia patients, healthcare professionals and other interested persons are welcome to attend.



WORKING ON THEIR monochromatic colors in Sandy Chappell's art class at the end of the year were Ricky Dale Smith, Josh Hunt and Jon Burt. Others participating in the project were Erica Nevarez and Drew Barnard. (NEWS Photo)

New Arrivals

It's a girl!

Ashlee Jonelle Whitten
Sandra and Greg Whitten are proud to announce the adoption of their daughter, Ashlee Jonelle Whitten, who was born May 20. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke were in Austin Wednesday and Thursday of last week to get acquainted with their new granddaughter. They attended the adoption ceremony uniting Ashlee with her parents which Peggy described as "beautiful". Both grandparents say their new granddaughter is "beautiful and precious".

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"There is a group of young mothers at my church who get together some mornings. Their group is listed on the church calendar as HELP - "Handling Energetic Little People."

Here and There - Visiting Sunday and having Father's Day dinner with Coy and Loretta Hewitt were Vicki Daniel of Abilene; Tony, Toni, Ashton, Andrea and Aubrey Neal of Wichita Falls; Allen, Rhonda, Kelli and Casey Moeller of Haskell and Mitchell Payne of Haskell.

Spending the weekend with Ranzy and Adelle Herring were their grandson Andy, Tami, Haleigh and Austin Hines and daughter Pansy Hines and daughter Julie and Stephanie Keeling and Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Munday and Tamara McGaughey of Knox City.

Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview spent last Thursday night with me. They also visited Ken's mother Nina Roberts at Lake Kemp. They went on to Lake Palo Pinto to visit several days with Ken's brother, Jimmy and wife Johnetta and then on to College Station to visit their son Randy and wife Angie and sons Hayden and Tristin.

Spending the weekend with Vivian Hendrix and helping her celebrate her birthday were LaNear Phillips of Wichita Falls and her daughter Heather of Denton. Pretrecia Kinzer and

granddaughter from Grandfield, Oklahoma and her daughter, Kristy from Chiska, Oklahoma. Frances Howell from Canyon Lake and John Hendrix and Roseanne Riggs of Gilliland.

Sunday afternoon, Vondell Reynolds of California, Sandra Childress and Beatrice Ellis visited them to help celebrate Vivian's birthday party.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot spent the weekend in different parts of Arkansas and East Texas visiting friends and relatives.

Ava Covey of San Angelo spent the weekend with her parents, L.A. and Eva Covey and enjoyed celebrating Father's Day.

Visiting Beatrice Ellis and sister Vondell Reynolds of San Pedro, California, over the weekend were Sammie Murry of Plainview, Gaye and John Mayes of Arlington, Julia Childress of Dallas and Barbara Currie of Childress.

Spending the weekend with Eddie and Claudia Bryant were their son Jon and daughter Jennifer Hicks of Levelland. They all attended with wedding of Trish Roberts and Tim Johnson Saturday at O'Brien Baptist Church.

People of O'Brien were all very pleased to find out that C.H. and Linda Underwood will get to remain in their home here since they will be teaching school in Benjamin.

Attends Convention - Janoma

Stephens has just returned from New Orleans, Louisiana, along with some 1,000+ other women from the USA and six foreign counties.

All states were represented except Hawaii at the 107th annual International Convention of Federated Women's Clubs, held in the historical Fairmont Hotel.

GFWC is composed of volunteers who give of their time, talent and resources to endorse so many worthy causes such as arts, conservation, education, international affairs, home, life and public affairs. One of Janoma's favorite GFWC projects is Outreach for Children which is sponsored by Operation Smile.

Dr. Bill and Kathy Magee, co-founder and chairman of Operation Smile, are planning to head a group of volunteers to the Philippines where they will perform surgery on children with several facial defects. The reward comes with that first smile following the surgery. Since this project began, ten thousand of children worldwide have benefited from this worthy cause.

Following a short sightseeing tour and a cruise (2 1/2 hours) up the Mississippi River among other outings, Janoma and 26 other women from Texas attended the installation of new GFWC officers. Janoma commented that the 1,000+ women in one room was a lot of ladies.

'On A Wizer Note'

By Paul Weiser, County Extension Agent - Ag

This edition of "On A Wizer Note" has several different topics located within it. If one idea or topic is not of your interest please 'Fast Forward' one or two paragraphs to the next item of discussion.

To start off I hope to answer a few questions that may develop. Since late May, I have visited several farms, greenhouses, and

homes looking at what appeared to be dying plants. Several of these had the same problem-thrips.

Thrips are a very small insect. They range in color from a yellowish-white to almost black. Thrips will get on people and bite. For such a small insect they carry a powerful punch. Those who wish to control the thrips should try chemicals like malathion, diazinon, dimethoate, Orthene and others. Most chemicals that work on aphids will control thrips. Whatever product is used, be careful to check that all directions on the label are followed and that it is labelled for that particular plant or crop.

Thrips have been a problem in blackeye peas, onions, watermelons, tomatoes, trees, shrubs, and flowers. I have not scouted any cotton fields. I believe that with the over abundance of thrips so far this year, they will soon hit cotton fields in strong numbers.

Methods of control in cotton include Di-Syston, Furadon, Orthene, Temik and Thimet at planting. Foliar applications include Bidrin, Bimethoate, Cygon, Cythion, Metasystox and Orthene.

In order for good control you must positively identify the pest - whether it is thrips, aphids, boll weevils, etc. The Bayer Corporation has graciously mailed me ten cotton insect identification and control guides along with the pocket magnifying glasses. The combination of these two can help with proper insect pest identification. Contact the Extension office in Benjamin if you would like one of these.

One distinctive characteristic of thrip damage is leaves that appear to be wilting. However, if drought is causing the leaves to wilt they will curl down. If thrips are a problem the leaves will curl upward. Look on the bottom of these leaves and some nearby healthy leaves and you should find some tiny yellowed colored insects.

While on the subject of cotton insects, lets look at this years boll weevil trap counts. I have been checking these traps since 1993. Here is how the week of May 30 through June 5, 1998 compares to the first week of June in 1993-1997. This year I trapped a total of 6 weevils in eight traps for an average of 0.75 weevils per trap.

In 1997, I trapped 1404 weevils in six traps (average of 234). In 1996 I trapped 72 (average of 9); 1995- 934 (average was 116.75); 1994 - 1328 (average of 166); and 1993 - 505 (average was 63.13). As you can tell, 1998 is the lowest year that I have trapped.

Well, I didn't quite get to everything that I had hoped to cover. Maybe what is left will fit in next weeks article. Anyone interested in the cotton insect guides or the small magnifying lenses should give me a call (454-2651) as soon as possible. I only have ten and they will go fast. If you are interested in the boll weevil trap counts please let me know. I check traps (normally) on Friday mornings. Call my office Friday after lunch or on Monday and I should have the numbers calculated. I also have some copies of "Suggested Insecticides for Managing Cotton Insects in the High Plains, Rolling Plains and Trans Pecos Areas of Texas - 1998" available. These are updated annually by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and are a good cotton insect pest control guide.

For more information about the contents of this article, please give Paul Weiser a call in the Knox County Extension office at 454-2651.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Summer sure must be here! The past few days have been very warm and with the wind blowing it just makes it plain miserable. We keep hoping for rain and maybe that will happen before long. So far, we just get a few. Sprinkles now and then but when that does happen we all sure get excited!

News of known ill - Mabel Moorhouse is having some good and some 'not so good' days. She's up and down but surely isn't up to herself yet. I think Mabel would appreciate a cherry card from friends.

Danny Hudson underwent knee surgery Wednesday in Lubbock. He's out and around on crutches but will be several days before he will be able to maneuver around like he would like to.

Bill Ryder seems to be feeling better. He was out and around town, something he's not done much of lately.

Shannon Parker may be coming home soon. It was thought she may not be able to sit in a seat in a plane for the trip but now her doctors say that she may be able to after all. It will take a few days to see if sitting is going to bother her. When she does get in, I believe she is to have more surgery but they feel they can cope with that if they can just get her home. Her dad, Jerry, returned home Tuesday night but Linda stayed until Shannon is able to make the trip home. A fund to aid the Parkers in their endeavor to get Shannon home has been established at Citizens Bank in Knox City for anyone wishing to help.

Debra Moorhouse continues her chemo treatments and adds some radiation therapy beginning tomorrow (Monday). The radiation treatments will be daily for four weeks and chemo will still be one week then off three. She should be through with all of it by mid-July. She feels good except for being a little tired. She takes her treatments in Wichita Falls.

City Park News - Seems over this way we always have a project going and the latest is the desire of many to get our City Park in shape for reunions, picnics and just a good place for kids to play. Of course, there will be lots of planning to do and many will be called on to do various tasks when the "ball really gets rolling". So be thinking about what you can do to help. We need water first, then go from there. It will take a while to get it like we want it but we know it can

be done. Think the city has designated the recycling money as a park fund, so please recycle. That will help. Maybe not a great deal but every little bit will count and we can go from there.

Here 'N There - There's still more homecoming news this week.

In addition to her daughter, Patti Tavernia of Frederick, Maryland, Earlene Meinzer had Bob and Marie Meinzer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bob Meinzer Jr. of San Jose, California, Sheryl Meinzer of San Diego, California, Newt Millhouse of Lubbock, Tommy and Julie Thomas of Buffalo Gap, Mandy Coody of Haskell, Rick, Patsy and Trapper Meinzer of Rhineland and Wyman, Hunter and Pate Meinzer of Benjamin. Bob and Linda Moorhouse of the Pitchfork Ranch also visited.

In listing Hazel Stockton's guests last week, I somehow missed Bob Brannan of Lubbock who was here with his wife, Stephanie. Also, Camille, a friend of theirs accompanied them to Benjamin. Bob and Stephanie also visited his mom Gertrude. Also visiting Mrs. Brannan was a daughter, Ann Roddy of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The Benson kin here for the Homecoming weekend were Kenneth and Ila Mae of Wichita Falls, Jerry of Knox City, Tommy of Abilene and Wanda Joyce Benson Jennings of Wichita Falls.

Sammy and Barbara Pierce's guests were Jeff and Missy Pierce of Snyder, Keith Pierce and Betty Jones of Abilene and Jimmy Pierce Jr. and daughter Katy of Vernon.

Visiting Bo Milson were her kids, Kathy Woolley of Spur, Kelly Slade of Austin and Shane Milson of Duncan, Oklahoma, and their families. They also visited their dad, S.L. Milson.

Among those attending the homecoming but not mention last week were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Albright, Norman, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Parker, Kansas City, KS; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Parker, Stanton; Billy Crenshaw, Anna Mae Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steadman, all of Savoy; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glen Crenshaw, Amarillo; Fred L. (Screwdriver) Crenshaw, Abilene; Buddy Crenshaw, El Paso; Dorothy Crenshaw Johnson, Silverton; Buster and Angie Redwine, Jayson and Jenny Bowman, Joe and Peggy Nolan Dillard, Charles and Linda Griffith, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Reed Jones, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Taylor, Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. Newell Looney, Truscott; Lynn and Patsy Nolan Stevens and Eddie Dean Stevens, Roswell, NM; David and Dolores Dikes, Fort Worth; Peggy Adkisson Shropshire, New Deal; Brenda Conner Johnson, Houston; David and Sue Ryder Oxford, Sylwyn Oxford Easterling, Rochester; Jim Bob Bisbee, Wichita Falls; Grace Bisbee, Haskell; Claudia Meinzer Winthrop, San Augustine; Donald and Kim Cash Miller, Lubbock; Jim and Patsy Bateman, Denton; Glen and Carl Clower Large, Knox City; Ruth and Ray Skidmore, Llano; Reba Cox Morrill, Humble; Harry Cox, Mt. Calm; Larry and Glenda Cox Bearly, Colorado; Shirley Griffin Thompson, Waurika, OK. I know I have missed many but just no way to get them all listed.

Judy Conner had open house for the Classes of '64-'71 on Saturday afternoon. Those attending and their year of graduation are Danny Fulton, Coppell, and Janis Hall Hunt, Vernon, Class of '65; Carolyn Petty White and husband Nathan, Graham; and Patti Meinzer Tavernia, Frederick, MD, Class of '67; Judy Roberson Conner, Class of '68, and her guests, Jeff, Stacie and Cheyenne Conner and Jim Bob Conner, Lubbock; Mary Barker Bohannon, Benjamin; Gayle Chilcoat Morgan, Munday; Cathy Clower Tomlinson, Argyle, and daughter Penny; Jan Barton Ralston and husband Homer, Knox City; Brenda Conner Johnson, Houston, all Class of '68; Wyman Meinzer, class of '69; Jack Barker, Tucson, AZ; and Judie Ryder Whitten, Benjamin, Class of '71. Others stopping in to visit were Shirley Griffin Thompson and a friend Tammy Russell of Waurika, OK and Roger and Betty Bohannon, Bonnie and Taylor Bohannon, Jamie and Sabra Bohannon and Janice Daniel Tolson, all of Benjamin.

I end this week's news on a sad note. Just tonight I learned of the death of A.P. Denton Sr. of Knox City. He was a faithful reader of this Benjamin News as long as he could and always had a kind word for me when I would see him. He liked reading about people over here. He will be missed by many. I'm glad to say he was my friend and I extend sympathy to his family.

Also sympathy to another family. The family of Daniel Ramirez of Munday, Daniel, too was my friend and he will, also, be missed greatly.

Aging center lunch menus

June 29th thru July 2nd

Monday, June 29 - Meatballs with mushroom gravy, garden salad, buttered noodles, green beans, hot rolls, birthday cake.

Tuesday, June 30 - Chicken strips and cream gravy, green salad, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Wednesday, July 1 - Taco casserole, lettuce-tomato salad, Spanish rice, Mexican corn, cornbread, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, July 2 - Make your own sandwich, lettuce-tomato-pickle-onion, potato salad, seasoned beans, brownie.

Friday, July 3 - Holiday - no meals served.

(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is very important to notify the site manager in advance so that the visit will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen.)

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Whitten-Sheldon wedding is July 11

Judie and Jack Whitten announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda, to Dustin Sheldon of Sidney, Iowa.

Dustin is the son of Sharon and Bill Sheldon of Percival, Iowa.

Rhonda, a 1992 graduate of Benjamin High School, attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine and is presently attending Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska. She is employed as equine director for Medicine Bow Outfitters and the Great Plains Girl Scout Council in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dustin is a 1989 graduate of Sidney High School in Sidney, Iowa. He received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Northwest Missouri State University. He is employed by Sheldon's Farms in Percival, Iowa.

The wedding has been planned for July 11 at the First Baptist Church in Benjamin.



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Powells enjoy annual reunion

June 13 and 14 were the dates of the fifth annual Powell family reunion held at the Little League.

Sixty-two family members enjoyed the hospitality of Troy and Mary Powell.

Ernie McClousky, a nephew, held church services at the First Baptist Church in Knoxville on Sunday.

Nelda Powell was organist and her daughter Laura Trobridge was

pianist. Other family members participated in the choir. Soloists were Kathy McClousky and Amanda Trobridge.

Also visiting Troy and Mary have been daughter Barbara Oliver of Front Royal, Virginia; and Mary's sister, Charlotte Bailey of Princeton, West Virginia.

The Powells entertained Mary's family the weekend of June 20 and 21.

July activities for center

The Knox County Aging Center will be closed on Friday, July 3 for observation of Independence Day. Meals will not be served.

The Monday group has a game night on July 7 in the Perry Patton Community Center. Frances Cypert reminds everyone to bring a favorite food and a friend and come for games. The time is 6 p.m.

The Knox City Center is open every Thursday night for games and fellowship. The games begin at 5 p.m. and a pot luck is served during the evening.

Director, Penny Winchester invites the senior citizens of the area to join any of the five sites for lunch. Meals are served Monday through Friday in the Knox City

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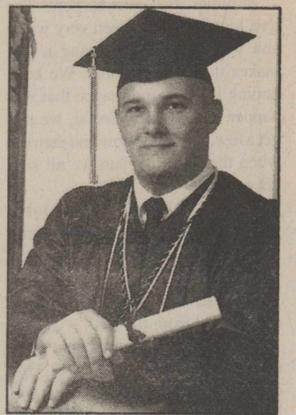
Bradford's grandson is Midland graduate

Former Knox City resident Benjamin P. Roberts graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, on Saturday, May 23, 1998.

Benjamin is a Texas Scholar and a member of the National German Honor Society and graduated in the top 20 percent out of 629 students. He was in Who's Who Among American High School Students for two years and was secretary of the German Club and went to regional and state competition in German. Benjamin will be attending Midland College in the fall on an Abell-Hanger Scholarship.

His parents are Chuck and Yolonda Roberts of Midland and grandson of Lorene Bradford and the late Kenneth Bradford of Knox City and the late Evelyn and Woody Roberts of Goree.

Attending the graduation were Lorene Bradford and Bennie Bradford of Knox City; Robbin, Peter, Chris and Brooke Rocha of



Benjamin P. Roberts
Graduates from Midland High School

Munday; Carolyn Bettes of Wylie; Nanette Kelley of Sherman; Page Britton of San Marcus; Jan Roberts of Atlanta, Georgia; and Randy, Candice, Brad and Ryan Roberts, Kimberly and Amanda Bettes and Corey Engleson all of Midland.

Dyess appreciation day is Aug. 22

Dyess' Big Country Appreciation Day is Aug. 22. Gates open at 9 a.m. More than 100 air and ground demonstrations and displays are planned and organizers say people of all ages should find something of interest.

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Card of Thanks

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Parents of the couple wish them the best of luck.

Karla McKinney receives McM degree

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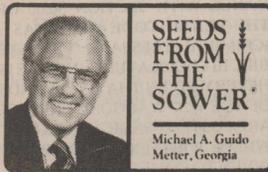
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"A truck came along," answered the first frog, "and I had to."

Do you find yourself having to do things you don't seem to have the strength to do? Then call on the Lord.

That's what Paul did. He found in Him measureless might. And he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

The condensed version.....

By Dave Thompson



This column is written with a different and somewhat personal perspective about what is happening around the area.

Tony Romero
...an inspiration to me

This past week and a half, I've been gone from the News office, gone from Knox City, and gone from my family and just about everything I know and feel comfortable with. On vacation? No. I flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be a patient at the Veterans Hospital while having a brand new knee installed in my right leg. The one previously put in back in 1991 had worn out, and it was time for 'new parts.'

While there, I had a wide variety of experiences, ranging from the pain and discomfort of the surgery, to meeting some of the nicest people I've ever met in my life.

The surgery was not an easy one, and a full recovery is sure to take quite some time. The uncomfortable time following the operation was made easier by being around a wonderful group of Doctors, nurses, therapists, and fellow patients. The professional staff at the Albuquerque VA Medical Center is second to none. Their dedication, compassion and kindness was something I have never experienced in the VA system before.

A brilliant therapist (Lynn) in the Physical Therapy unit was assigned to me and it was her task to get me up and walking once again. Hers was not an easy task, I assure you. The pain worsened with movement, but she knew how to get me past the pain to work the knee. Her positive attitude wore off on me and won out as I progressed fast enough to be released from the hospital and come home faster than expected. Thanks Lynn.

Despite the pain and discomfort, I never once had a chance to feel sorry for myself. A few of my fellow patients saw to this. My

roommate was a man in his late 50's who had suffered a stroke. Tony Romero was one of the biggest inspirations I have ever had in my life. Here was a man who was having a hard time using one side of his body, was fighting to regain control of his speech, and in my opinion, had every right to be mad and be asking 'why me?' Yet Tony never did this, he never looked back to why he was there, he just accepted it and went on with his life. His sense of humor was always present as he pulled off one prank after another - against both nursing staff and fellow patients alike. More important than his humor though, was Tony's dedication to his Christian beliefs. Tony wheeled around the hospital with his one good leg and good hand propelling his wheelchair from one patient to another, either reading his bible or offering prayers. He explained his mission to me this way: His stroke had happened while he was in church. The church was right next to a fire station where the paramedics were located. Since Tony had his bible with him in church, it went to the hospital with him in the ambulance. Tony then figured that God wanted him to have his bible there in the hospital since it happened that way, so he'd better do God's will and use it!

Tony had a profound impact on me. Seeing what he could do in his condition made me realize what I had to do - without any complaining. He introduced me to his family, and what a wonderful group they are. This man was indeed blessed to be a husband, father and grandfather.

Tony was a blessing to me, helping me through recovery sooner than expected, and helping me to square away a few things with God. My faith was renewed, and some questions were answered, all by a man who was in worse shape than I, yet who never let his mission for God falter because of a hindered physical condition.

While I left for Albuquerque with mental reservations about this surgery, I returned with both a new knee and a renewed spirit. Thanks to Tony Romero, that is quite a bargain!!!

Guys & dolls tourney results

A Guys and Dolls tournament was held June 20 at the Knox City Country Club.

Results are as follows:
Championship Flight - 1st - Todd Austin-Frieda Fly, 59; 2nd - Bruce Skiles-Rhonda Thane, 61; 3rd - Troy Nuckols-Stacia Cook, 64; 4th - Bill and Betsy Allen, 65.

First Flight - seven teams tied at 70 - 1st - Cameron Clinton-Michelle Hedgecok, 2nd - Benny

and Belle Grill, 3rd - Durwood and Margie Graham, 4th - Nefro Gonzales and Jan Wilde.

Second Flight - 1st - Weldon and Estelle Skiles, 72; 2nd - Lynn and Mary Smith, 72, 3rd - Carla Marquis and Jerry Garcia, 72; 4th - Charlie and Ann Brumley, 73.

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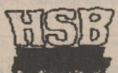
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