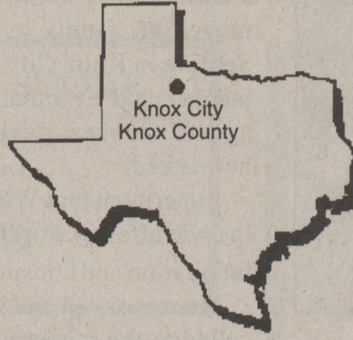


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New changes in downtown Knox City

By Dave Thompson

After a lot of hard work this past holiday week, our office for *The Knox County News* is all moved and we are open in our new location as of this past Monday.

Located right next door to where we used to be at 110 North Central, the *News Office* is now in the building that used to house *Appearances* at 108 North Central. Our facility is now much roomier and should serve us well for a long time in the future.

In order for the move to go smoothly, a lot of people helped us out. The biggest help came from our son Scooter, who is home on his semester break from ACU in Abilene. His girlfriend, Tara Timmons of Paducah, also helped out quite a bit. Two local high school students, Carlos Ruiz and C.J. Bruce showed up to help move some of the heavier items. Their help was very timely and most welcome as I am not able to do a lot these days. This bum leg prohibits me from anything relating to heavy lifting and Scooter needed the help.

Norman and Johnny from Jerry's Plumbing were a big help in getting some plumbing requirements squared away and Ronnie Bruce from Santa Rosa Telephone Co-Op was right on the ball when it came to getting our phone lines and internet connections squared away in the new building. When we filled up the dumpster out back with stuff that was no longer needed, Amber Lowe at City Hall was just a phone call away and took care of that for us.

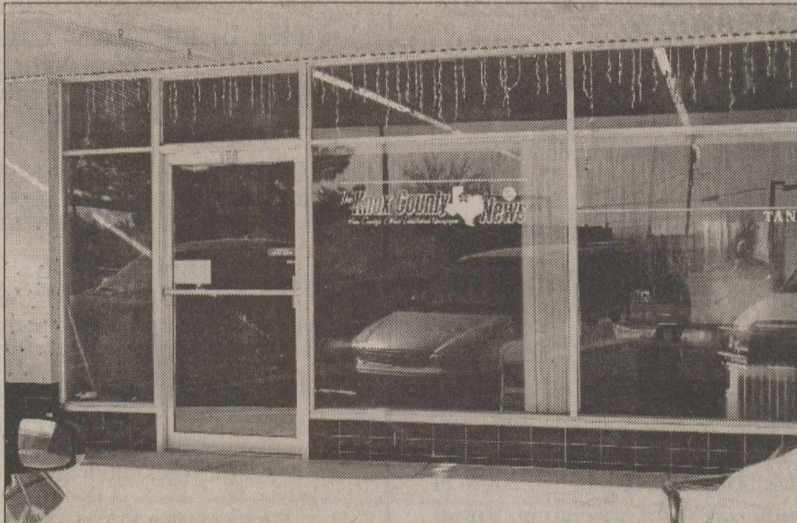
A part of this venture will be somewhat new as far as a newspaper office goes.... we will continue to operate the three high quality Wolff tanning beds that were formerly housed in *Appearances*. All of the tanning customers will see friendly faces as Billye Bess and Stacy take care of their tanning needs.

As a part of this move, barber Wilma Hogan and nail tech Karen Marshall will also have a new location this week. Wilma has purchased a custom made building that is being moved this week

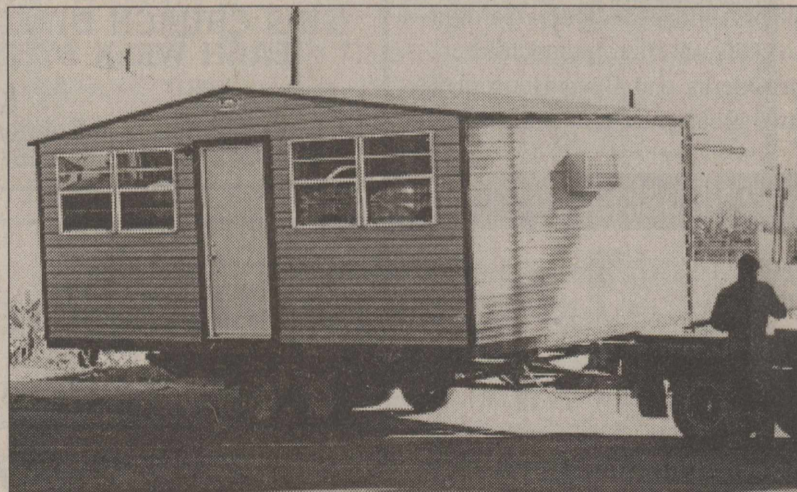
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CLOSING ON DECEMBER 31, Appearances is no longer in business in its downtown location at 108 North Central. Opened by Billye Bess and Buddy Angle back in 1995, the salon and clothing store provided a variety of services to Knox City customers over the years, including barber and three tanning beds, beauty shop, nail tech, massage therapist and the sale of new and consignment clothing. Owner Billye Angle retired and will work on a part time basis for *The Knox County News*. (NEWS Digital Photo)



MOVING INTO the building formerly occupied by Appearances, *The Knox County News* is now open for business at 108 North Central, one door South of the old location at 110 North Central. (NEWS Digital Photo)



MOVING A NEW BUILDING into the vacant lot next to Merchants Parking Lot in downtown Knox City, workers from Clyde, Texas delivered the building on Tuesday of this week to Wilma Hogan, who will open her barber and beauty shop in the building by the end of this week. Wilma will be joined by nail tech Karen Marshall, who also worked with Wilma at Appearances. The new phone number for Wilma and Karen is 940-657-4011 and the building's physical address is 111 North Central in downtown Knox City. (NEWS digital photo)

Get ready, it's stock show time! Local and county shows to be here next week

Next week marks stock show time in Knox City!

Thursday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. the Knox City local show will get underway in the school bus barn on the Knox City campus.

Then on Friday and Saturday, Knox City will host this year's Knox County Junior Livestock

Show also at the school bus barn also on the Knox City school campus.

Friday, January 16, the schedule will be 8:00 a.m., weigh market swine and rabbits, 10:00 a.m., weigh lambs and goats; 10:30 a.m., broiler show, followed by rabbits; 1:00 p.m., lamb show followed by goat show.

Saturday, January 17, 8:00 a.m., market swine show; 12:00 p.m., steer show; 3:00 p.m., premium auction.

Judges for this year's 2004 Knox County Junior Livestock Show will be rabbits and poultry, Ed Blankenship; sheep and goats, Lee Wiley Burch; and swine and steers, Ray Dean Sites.



MEMBERS OF THE KNOX CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. are shown with the donated cooling fan from the First United Methodist Church and Danny Lewis. Shown back row, from left, are Harry Steen, Al Rios, Fred Ledesma, Buddy Curd, George Gross, Jackie Sanders, Mike Plume, Terry Butler and Lonnie Vincent. Front row, from left, are John Maingot, Alvie Overmyer, Teddy Espinosa, Bud Reynolds, and Aaron Lewis. (NEWS digital photo)

Knox City Volunteer Fire Dept. elects officers

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department have elected officers for 2004. Those members named are Chief - Alvie Overmyer, Asst. Chief - Aaron Lewis, President - Fred Ledesma, Vice-President - Jackie Sanders, Secretary - Al

Rios, Treasurer - Teddy Espinosa, Sergeant-At-Arms - Mike Plume, Public Information Officer - Terry Butler, Captains - Harry Steen, Buddy Curd, Mingo Garcia, Bill Stewart; Safety Officer - Jackie Sanders.

Fire Dept. members gratefully accepted a donation of a cooling fan from the First United Methodist Church and Danny Lewis.

The KCVFD responded to a call at the First United Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Matt Munsell is graduate of DPS academy

Knox City High School graduate Robert Matthew Munsell graduated September 5, 2003, from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 125th Training Academy.

Matt is the son of former Knox City residents Beverly and Bob Munsell, who now reside in Odessa.

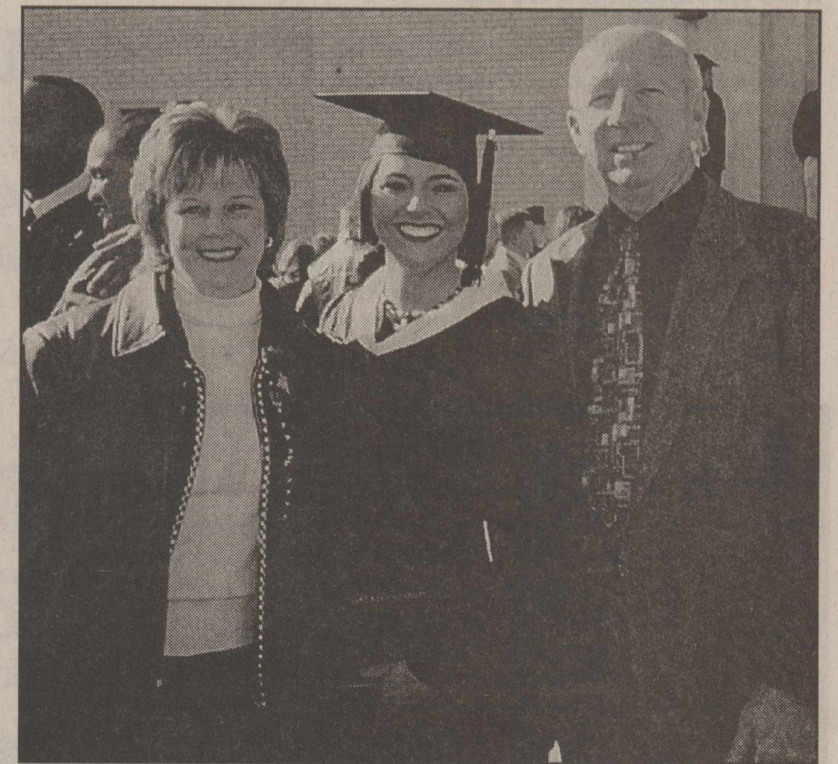
Texas State Senator Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, addressed the graduating class at Shoreline Center in Austin. Lt. Col. David McEathron, DPS assistant director, also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas and one of the longest in the nation.

Cadets entered the Academy in March and completed 1,214 hours of instruction - more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

Students receive instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedure, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects, as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal setting skills.

Trooper Munsell has been assisted to the highway patrol in Plains.



Sara Dillon is McMurry graduate

GRADUATING DECEMBER 13, 2003, from McMurry University in Abilene was Sara Dillon, shown with her parents, Tammie and Jim Dillon. Sara, a Knox City High School graduate, received her degree from McMurry's School of Education, Multi-Disciplinary Level I. Commencement was held at Radford Auditorium on the McMurry campus. Sara is also the daughter of Melanie Dillon of Abilene. (Courtesy Photo)

County contests draw races

With the March 9 primary approaching, two Democratic races on the ballot in Knox County will be contested.

Five have filed on the Democratic ticket for County Judge. Four of those have authorized The Knox County News to announce their candidacy. Those four are Jules Rizan of Knox City, Joe Lowe of Munday, Dwayne

Bearden of Munday and David Kuehler of Munday.

Three are seeking the office of Knox County Tax Assessor/Collector on the Democratic ticket. The only one to authorize the *News* to announce their candidacy is Kay Sheedy of Benjamin.

One Republican has filed for County Judge as has one for Knox County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Obituaries

Betty Claire Pray Williams

Funeral services for Betty Claire Pray Williams of Knox City were held Friday, January 2, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Claude McKiddy and Rev. Steve Pepper officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams, 82, died Tuesday, December 20, 2003, in the Munday Nursing Center.

Born November 21, 1921, in Fort Worth, to the late Rollie and Una Pray, she graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth and later graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in economics and journalism.

She worked for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram until she married Cidy Williams on February 14, 1943. Cidy was a World War II pilot.

After the war, they moved to Benjamin and then to Knox City in 1947. She was a member of the First Christian Church for 51 years and was presently a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by



BETTY WILLIAMS

her parents, her husband Cidy in 1994, and a granddaughter, Laci Williams in 1996.

Survivors are sons, Eddie Williams and wife Joan, and Phil Williams and wife Cyndy; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Munday Nursing Center Activities Fund, 421 West F, Munday, TX 76371; or to the First United Methodist Church, 406 South Second Street, Knox City, TX 79529.

Superintendent Leon Ward

Funeral services for Superintendent Leon Ward were held Tuesday, December 30, 2003, in the First Baptist Church in Knox City.

The son of Eli and Ethel Ward, Leon was born on August 31, 1917, in Sacul, Texas. At the young age of nine, his father passed and he had to become the man of the family.

He married Nettie Mae Henderson and to that union six children were born. In 1942, he moved his family to West Texas. Settling in Knox City, he became a butcher and eventually was manager of the meat market for which he worked.

Superintendent Ward was active in civic affairs - working for school integration and housing. He was a member of the Knox City Lions Club.

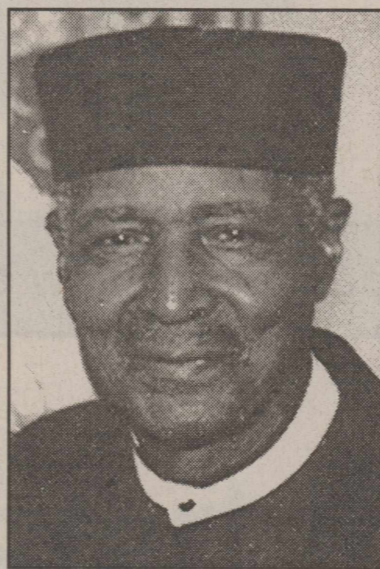
He was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in 1948 and later was called to the ministry. Superintendent Ward was appointed pastor of Aspermont COGIC where he built an edifice from the ground up. He later served as pastor of Rule, Munday and Liberty COGIC. With God's help, he led the construction of a new edifice in Knox City. He was appointed Superintendent of the Abilene District. At that post, he served as Administrative Assistant to the Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop W.H. Watson. Because of failing health, he asked to be emeritized in 2002.

From October 2002, he spent his remaining days with his children in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There he was appointed Associate Pastor of Faith Temple COGIC by his pastor, Superintendent, Doctor Samuel Gilmore.

He will be remembered as "Dad Ward" -- one of the kindest of men, as a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, relatives, friend and man of God one could ever wish for.

Superintendent Ward transitioned to glory from his bed at home on December 24, 2003. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nettie Mae; five children, Leon W., Lee, Gene, Marie and Gerald; 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, a number of adoptive children and a host of relatives.

One child, Leon Jr., preceded him in death.



LEON WARD

Corrie Ledford Hamilton

Corrie Ledford Hamilton, 104, of Lubbock, formerly of Knox City, died Wednesday, December 24, 2003, at a Lubbock nursing home. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 27, 2003, at the Knox City Foursquare Church with Rev. Paul Chambers, Sequoyah Reynolds and Chaplain Ken Horn officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in Knox City.

Mrs. Hamilton was born June 4, 1899, in Troupe, Texas, the daughter of the late Albert Ledford and Mary Berry Ledford. She married Charlie Hamilton March 24, 1914, in Troupe, Texas. He preceded her in death October 1977. She was a former and charter member of the Knox City Foursquare Church and a member of the First Nazarene Church in Gun Barrel, Texas. Corrie had lived in parts of three centuries.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charlie Hamilton, five children, two sisters and two brother.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by two sons, Jack Hamilton and wife Betty of Idalou, Chester Hamilton and wife Loretta of Mount Pleasant; three daughters, Judy Cox of Harlingen, Ida Strickland of Mabank and Nell Watson of Mabank; 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Imogene Mosqueda

Imogene Mosqueda, 95, of Knox City, formerly of Clovis, New Mexico, died Friday, December 27, 2003, in a Knox City nursing home. Mrs. Mosqueda was cremated.

Imogene was born July 9, 1908, in Fort Worth, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Sterling Smith and Elizabeth Wilkes Smith. She was a homemaker.

Survivors are her son, Oscar Sterling Smith; and granddaughter, Katherine Null of Clovis, New Mexico.

Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in Knox City was in charge of arrangements.

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The Family of Betty Williams
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 Eddie, Joan, Phil and Cyndy Williams

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Bobby King, Pastor
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City
Tex Cox, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City
Paul Chambers, Pastor
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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Claude McKiddy, Pastor
 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie
Matt Harrington, Pastor
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CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin
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Jan Sutton Burditt

Jan Sutton Burditt, age 56, entered heaven from her home in Ocean Park, Washington, on December 8, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on June 16, 1947, in Knox City, she was the daughter of Eugene and Norma Coats Sutton. She grew up in Knox City, where she graduated from Knox City High School in 1965. She attended McMurry College and graduated from Mary Meek School of Nursing in Abilene in 1978. She began her career in nursing in Abilene as an OB/GYN nurse at Hendrick Hospital. In 1981, she began working for the Red Cross in Ramslein, Germany. In 1984, she was awarded the coveted Clara Barton medal for Outstanding Achievements in nursing.

In 1985, she and a friend purchased the Bear Claw Gallery in Ruidoso, NM. She became known for her landscape photography and sold photo art throughout the area. She was also head nurse at a prison near Lincoln, NM. In 1990, she helped establish the medical department at the new Columbia River Corrections Prison in Portland, OR. In 1991, she became Director of Nurses at Dover Living Center in Long Beach, WA.

Together with her dear friend, D.J. Pogue, Jan wrote and published the book "How to Cope with Aging Parents", and gave seminars throughout the State of Washington.

Jan was a member of the Ocean Park, WA United Methodist Church, the Emmaus Community, Peninsula Arts Association and the Willapa Bay Woo Gatherers. She won several ribbons and awards for her creative arts with leather and feathers.

Ms. Burditt is survived by four sisters, Sherry Calvin of Round Rock; Jacki Dean of Brady; Sandy Espinosa of Knox City; and Debbie Wood of Austin; and two brothers, Barry Sutton of Montgomery, NY and Rob Sutton of Georgetown as well as several nieces and nephews and two great-nieces. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Pattie (July 1972) and her mother (January 2003) and her father (March 1997).

Jan's life was honored and memorialized at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 27, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City with Sequoyah Reynolds officiating.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the donor's favorite charity.



JAN SUTTON BURDITT

Simone Nicole Sealy

Simone Nicole Sealy, 41, of Knox City - O'Brien, died Friday, January 2, 2004, in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, January 4, 2004, at Johnson Cemetery in Munday with the Rev. Tex Cox officiating. Mansell-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born July 19, 1962, in Leesville, Louisiana, she graduated from Knox City High School in 1980 and from Jessie Lee's School of Cosmetology in Lubbock in 1981. She owned her own business in Knox City.

The family requests that memorials be made to cancer research, American Cancer Society.

Simone is survived by one daughter, Chere' Pierce of Seymour; mother, Mrs. Genie Holcomb of Knox City; father, Jerry Cobb of Munday; maternal grandparents, L.C. and Amerolis Guinn of Knox City; and her closest companion, Tony Urbanczyk of O'Brien.



SIMONE NICOLE SEALY

Noah Project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet at KP's Restaurant in Haskell on Friday, January 9, 2004, at noon.

All members are asked to attend to plan for the annual Dinner Theatre.

Deadline for News is Mondays at 5:00 !!



A1B JACOB ECHOLS

Locals' grandson completes training, reports to Fort Hood

A1B Jacob Echols, son of Aaron and Jeannine Crawford of Hamilton and Mike Echols of Bridgeport, has successfully completed Basic Training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio on August 8.

He then went on to complete TACP Candidate School at Hurlburt AFB in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

From there, Jacob traveled to Spokane, Washington. In Washington, he completed SERE Survival School. Jacob reported to Fort Hood on January 5 and train with the 1st Calvary.

Jacob is the grandson of J.C. and Janice Eaton of Knox City and Buster and Francelle Echols of Goree.

News renewals are due by February 1

February renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

Subscription prices are \$22.00 for Knox and adjoining counties, \$25.00 elsewhere in Texas and \$28.00 out-of-state.

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Jules Rizan announces County Judge candidacy

Jules Rizan of Knox City has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce his candidacy for the office of Knox County Judge in the upcoming March 9 Democratic primary.

Rizan will issue his formal statement to the voters of Knox County in a future edition of the *News*.

Joe Lowe seeks election to office of County Judge

Joe Lowe of Munday has announced his candidacy for the office of Knox County Judge and has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce his candidacy for the March 9 Democratic Primary.

A formal statement by Lowe will appear in a later issue of the *News*.

Dwayne Bearden running for Knox County Judge

Dwayne Bearden, a resident of Munday, has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce his candidacy for the office of Knox County Judge on the Democratic ticket in the March 9 primary election.

Bearden's formal statement will appear in a later issue of the *News*.

David Kuehler seeking County Judge's office

Munday resident David Kuehler has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce his candidacy for Knox County Judge. He will be running on the Democratic ticket in the March 9 primary.

A formal statement by Kuehler will appear in a later issue of the *News*.

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Wilma and Karen's new phone number will be 657-4011

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DOWNTOWN
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into the empty lot right across from the News office, they should be seeing all their customers as soon as everything is all set up.

The move was necessitated by Billye Bess Angle (Stacy's Mom) wanting to retire and slow down a bit. At 82 years old, her daily schedule at Appearances was wearing on her a bit. With this move and *The Knox County News* taking over the tanning beds, Billye will be able to relax a little. She will help out with the tanning beds on a part time basis as she does not want to stop working altogether.

When I start physical therapy on my leg next month, I'll be gone quite a bit to Abilene during the week. Billye will also be helping Stacy with *News Office* customers and is looking forward to getting back into writing articles for the paper. One of her new projects will be to write a weekly column of personal interest notes for Knox City, similar to Audie Johnston's 'O'Brien Happenings' and Gladene Green's 'Benjamin News' that appear each week. Billye owned the newspaper for many years and trained both Stacy and myself, so we look forward to having her back with the *News*.

Our phone number will remain the same, (940) 657-3142, plus we will be using the old Appearances phone number of (940) 657-5301 as our exclusive computer line with the new DSL system installed by Santa Rosa Telephone Co-Op. If you try to dial that number, it will ring, but it will not be answered because it is for computer use only and no phone is hooked to it.

The business climate in Knox City is uncertain at best, but we hope to have the newspaper here for as long as we have the support of the community and the businesses.

This last year has been a tough one for us because of my accident back in April and the long recovery process from such extensive injuries. Along with my improving condition, our new location has helped to spur our interest and enthusiasm once again. We have always felt that we put out a pretty darn good weekly newspaper, and we look forward to making *The Knox County News* even better in the future.

Come by and see us when you're downtown, the coffee pot is always on and we'll be glad to see your smiling face !!

Go Hounds and Houndettes!

Aging center lunch menus

January 12th thru 16th

Monday, January 12 - Baked chicken, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, dessert.

Tuesday, January 13 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, broccoli and rice casserole, salad, biscuits, cobbler.

Wednesday, January 14 - Sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, hot rolls, cake.

Thursday, January 15 - Bar-b-q beef tips, blackeyed peas, potato salad, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, January 16 - Tuna casserole, salad, hot rolls, pudding.
(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Boys Will Be Boys - There was a knock at the door. It was a small boy, about five years old. Something of his had found its way into my garage, he said, and he wanted it back. Upon opening the garage door, I noticed two additions: a baseball and a broken window sporting a baseball-size hole.

"How do you suppose this ball got in here?" I asked.

Taking one look at the ball, one look at the window and one look at me, the boy exclaimed, "Wow!" I must have thrown it right through that hole."

Here and There - Joe Banner visited with his brother Cliff over New Year's. His nephew Kevin Banner and family were also visiting from Lott, Texas. Cliff hurt his leg at work and called for help to get him home from the hospital. Kevin and Joe went after him.

Billie Walker spent Christmas with the Dale Sanders family of Amarillo then flew to Shreveport to meet her sister, Mary Beth Seney. They departed December 26 for Birmingham, Alabama, to get Mary's granddaughter and take her to Garden City, Georgia, to spend time with her dad, Jack Seney. After returning to Birmingham, Billie and Mary drove to Auburn, Alabama, to visit Mary's daughter and husband. Much hopping and eating later, they left to dine and shop through Mississippi, then on to Minden for the night and a visit with Sally Burkhalter. Two thousand miles later, Billie left for Amarillo and a New Year's Dinner to celebrate Fred Cole's birthday at the Sanders' residence. After more shipping and dining, visiting daughter Laura and husband, friend Carolyn Hunt, Billie left for O'Brien.

Gayle Nunn of Petersburg and Jill Bennett of Albany and Susan Emerson of Knox City came by and visited with me a while Friday and did I ever enjoy them. After you get as old as I am and a few young ones come and visit, it's wonderful.

Lowell Rowan and wife of Denton came and spent the night with his mother Bernice Rowan one night last week and they enjoyed visiting and going out to eat.

Visiting with Beatrice Ellis last week was her son-in-law, Grady

Murry of Plainview and on Saturday night her daughter Sandra spent Saturday night and they enjoyed attending church here on Sunday.

Veeta Reid enjoyed a good Christmas with her daughter Angela and husband and her two children. They enjoyed lots of good eating and playing with the children.

Visiting Adelle Herring over the weekend were Doris Herring and Ken Herring, Alan and Rebecca and Sam Herring of Junc-

tion, Charlene Brothers of O'Brien and Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday and Claudia Reid of Rochester.

Recent visitors with Rose Marie and son Jimmy were her daughter Shirley and husband and daughters and her brother Babe Banner and wife Jean of Lubbock.

Visiting Bro. Milton and Rhonda and Laci Sunday were friends Mark and Vicky Chapman and son of Terrell.

We in O'Brien are happy to have a new neighbor. She is Sherry

McGough, ag agent of Knox County and her office is in Benjamin at the county courthouse.

Hounds win consolation at Jayton holiday tournament

Jayton Tournament-January 1 Girls- KC - 32, O'Donnell - 43 Sophia Gutierrez - 7, Nikki Moss - 4, Jessica Albus - 4, Brittany Hawkins - 9, Samantha Gutierrez - 8.

Boys-KC - 37, O'Donnell - 55 Jeremy Saxton - 2, Riley Spells - 9, Quentin Spells - 9, Derrick Magana - 4, Rick Gonzales - 2, Carlos Ruiz - 11.

January 4, 2004-Varsity Girls KC - 52, Meadow - 53 Sophia Gutierrez - 17, Nikki Moss - 13, Jodi Chambers - 3, Jessica Albus - 8, Brittany Hawkins - 6, Samantha Gutierrez - 5.

Boys-Consolation KC - 47, Rule - 45 Riley Spells - 4, Quentin Spells - 13, Derrick Magana - 9, Carlos Ruiz - 21.

**KNOX CITY - O'BRIEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003**

	SSA				Total
	General Fund	Special Education	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$775,708	\$4,990	\$19,659	\$49,455	\$849,812
State Program Revenues	1,680,686	412,405	0	324,324	2,417,415
Federal Program Revenues	16,917	28,962	0	721,211	767,090
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,473,311	\$446,357	\$19,659	\$1,094,990	\$4,034,317
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	\$1,309,648	\$93,552	\$0	\$455,917	\$1,859,117
Instructional Resources and Media Services	19,725	0	0	3,109	22,834
Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	14,328	0	0	77,148	91,476
Instructional Leadership	0	157,642	0	8,437	166,079
School Leadership	192,566	0	0	12,187	204,753
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	19,447	98,713	0	81,269	199,429
Health Services	506	0	0	0	506
Student (Pupil) Transportation	51,748	0	0	4,373	56,121
Food Services	2,695	0	0	135,556	138,251
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	186,417	0	0	0	186,417
General Administration	201,637	0	0	3,287	204,924
Plant Maintenance and Operations	329,798	20,847	0	14,678	365,323
Security and Monitoring Services	0	0	0	150	150
Data Processing Services	0	0	0	0	0
Community Services	56	0	0	0	56
Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	38,605	38,605
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	0	0	35,000	319	35,319
Capital Outlay - Facilities Acquisition and Construction	12,606	0	29,632	0	42,238
Intergovernmental - Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	77,552	0	0	76,409	153,961
Intergovernmental - Payments to Other School Districts	0	0	0	132,988	132,988
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,418,729	\$370,754	\$64,632	\$1,094,432	\$3,948,547
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$54,582	\$75,603	(\$44,973)	\$558	\$85,770
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Capital Related Debt Issued	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Transfers - In	0	0	0	945	945
Transfers - Out	(945)	0	0	0	(945)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(\$945)	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$945	\$1,000,000
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,069,974	302,688	0	654	2,373,316
FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	\$2,123,611	\$378,291	\$955,027	\$2,157	\$3,459,086

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Happy New Year! 2004 is here and everyone seems to be happy to be sort of back to their regular goings on. School re-opened Friday and I imagine there were a bunch of sleepy-heads early that day. Being out since December 12, I bet there was a lot of "sleeping in".

Most of my news this week is more Christmas "doings". Thank goodness for that because if not, there would be very little to report.

Belated expressions of sympathy to the family of former resident, Bonnie Terry Tomlinson, who passed away just before Christmas. She was living in Seymour at the time of her death. Graveside rites and burial was here at Benjamin on December 22. Also sympathy to the family of Leon Ward of Knox City. Leon was a friend to everyone and tho his health had been failing for a while, as often as you would see him, he always had a few kind words to say. He had been living in Albuquerque several months.

And also sincere sympathy to the family of Simone Cobb Sealy, who passed away on Friday in Wichita Falls. Simone also had lived here in Benjamin at one time. Her funeral was Sunday.

And sympathy to the family of Betty Williams, who passed away last week. Her funeral was Friday in Knox City.

Ball news - Last Monday night, the Mustangs and Lady Stangs hosted the Newcastle teams and both were victorious and they were very good games. The girls won by a score of 56-46. Scoring were Kaitlyn Kuehler with 7, Jessica Moorhouse 5, Britney Sheedy 2, Nancy Siemens 6, Maggie Seidenberger 4, Shaylee Propps 13 and Cassie Lyles 19. Games this week are with Harrold, there, Tuesday; and Crowell, here, Friday.

The boys won in OT, by a score of 66-60. Scoring were Seth Kuehler with 4, Matthew Cartwright 6, Chance Propps 14, and Tyler Collins and Ricky Acevedo with 21 each.

Tonight (Monday), the Jr. High traveled to Megargel and played their first game since before the holidays. Both the boys and girls won. The girls remain undefeated for the season and the boys have not lost very many. Not sure of the exact number of wins and losses but do know they have done well, also. And are hoping they will continue their winning ways. Next week, Megargel comes here for a repeat match.

Here 'N There - Christmas and New Year's guests of Omitene Barnett were Wynelle Holloway of Fredericksburg, Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barnett of Baytown, Annette Elliott, Mark and Mycal of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riggs of Elk City, Oklahoma, Randolph and Judy Barnett of Alvin (and Benjamin), Nan Gilbert of Seymour, Lorene Powers of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnett, Pete and Elissa of Woodland

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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's. Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant called ApoE are at risk before age 70.

Park, Colorado, and Debbie Clower of Benjamin.

Visiting in the home of Bobby and Daniel Hudson during the holidays were Wade and Tabitha Pierce and Floyd and Katrine Pagel of Round Rock, Marilyn Mayberry, Laura, R.J. and Heather of Munday, Tom Brooke and Glenna Hudson and Clyde and Velma Voss of Knox City and Debbie Ebraheim and Nafeesa and Lynda Brooke Hudson and Tib Burnett, all of Benjamin.

Christmas guests of Gary and Janet Reed and family were her brother John Broach and family of San Antonio, her mom Edith Broach of Lubbock, Betty Poe of Knox City, Blaine Bradley and family of Seymour, Leo and Mary Reddell of Seminole and the Benjamin kids, Jimmy and Michele Barrientez, Caleb, Jolyn and Madison.

Teresa Patterson of Childress visited Mike and Debbie Moorhouse Saturday night.

I talked to Doris Bufkin on Saturday. She said Sonny is still taking chemo and will for about two more months but is doing real well. This is a preventive measure and so far everything is showing up clear. They need our continued prayers and they make these trips to Abilene.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse are in Dallas to be with grandson, Dillon, who will undergo surgery tomorrow (Tuesday) for implants around where the artery in his spine is bleeding. He will have radiation in four or five weeks in an effort to stop the chance of further bleeding. Enroute to Dallas, Debbie and Mike stopped in Wichita Falls to visit his dad, David, who is in the hospital there. He's having some pretty hard days. Please remember both in your prayers.

Christmas week guests of Odessa Cox, Linda Cox and Reba and Charlie Morrill were the Morrill's daughter, Leslie of Houston. Also Jim Cox of Corinth and the Dale Cox and family of Forney.

Sylinda Meinzer said she and Wyman had a houseful Christmas and on Christmas Day, they had 37 for lunch. Too numerous to name for fear she would leave someone out.

Terry, Deann and Chase Cartwright of Plano were Christmas week visitors in Benjamin.

Kathy and Chad Rainwater and

sons took several days off during the holidays to visit relatives. They visited his dad, Max, at Runaway Bay, his mom Mary in Nocona and her parents and sister, Tommy Joe, Patti, Amanda and Jessica Bufkin at Roanoke.

Penny Eaton spent part of her holidays in Colorado.

Joe and Sherry Tennison and family spent the Christmas holidays with her family in El Paso.

Tibb Burnett is now a resident of Benjamin. His wife, Georgeanne, passed away last June. He spends a lot of his time writing poetry and presenting it at different events. Following is a brief history of Tibb's life.

Taken from The Southwest Cowboy Poets Newsletter - The country Tibb answers to is that wide strip below the Texas caprock. There's the Pitchfork, the Sixes and Waggoner's and a slough in between. He says he was overjoyed to have sprouted and grew ripe in that wild and snagged land of rainbow colored breaks and canyons.

Burk Burnett started the Sixes (four-six ranch); and though his family was of much less means, Tibb is Burk's great-nephew. He was cowboying for most of his first 18 years, and a whole lot since. At the risk of sounding like a full idiot, he says that his heart and soul doesn't even want to be rescued from drowning in the depths of that land.

Tibb feels as if he has two biographies; a technical one, and one that counts. He has lived in the city but didn't like city life. He went back to obtain a degree in Canyon, Texas (mostly to be near Palo Duro Canyon), and later taught at Southwestern University (mostly because he could camp out on the San Gabriel River, and share ideas with students while doing so). See the implication? He was meant to be a cowboy, horseman and poet.

To the extent that for the past thirty years, he has done the following things: Out at the campsite on the ranch where he largely grew up, he built a dugout in the top of a fifty foot red bluff, and camped there for seven years frequently. He drug lumber with a horse and built his wife a camphouse.

Earlier, by hand, he built a rustic rock and log slab house in the hill

country on a small acreage.

There and elsewhere he has written about a two-foot stack of poetry. His interests have been so non-public (ranch and horse oriented) that he has promoted very little.

Thanks to the Elko people and others, he is finding a crowd with a mutual spirit and he says it's like being reborn. Their words are the music that make you prance Cowtown. He is especially obliged to Buck Ramsey for recommending him.

Burnett has continued for 6 years going to gatherings such as the Lubbock Symposium (five times), Nara Visa (six times), Mineral Wells, Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City, Johnson City and numerous others.

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SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and bowl representatives.

Observando a Texas

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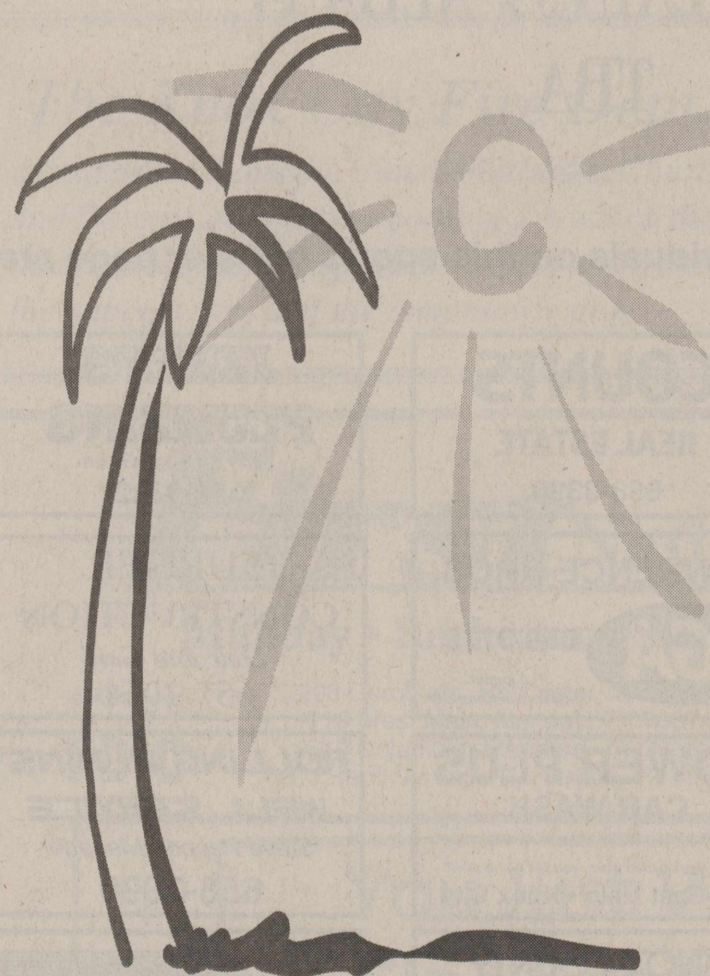
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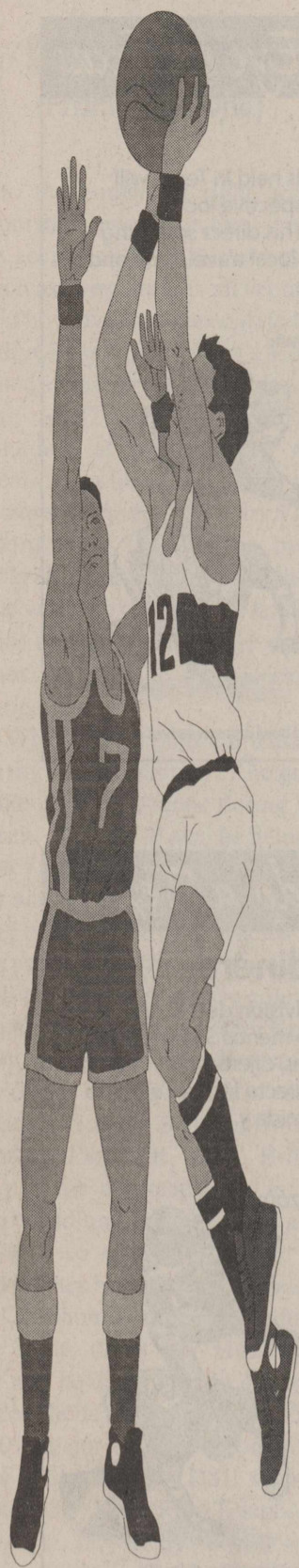


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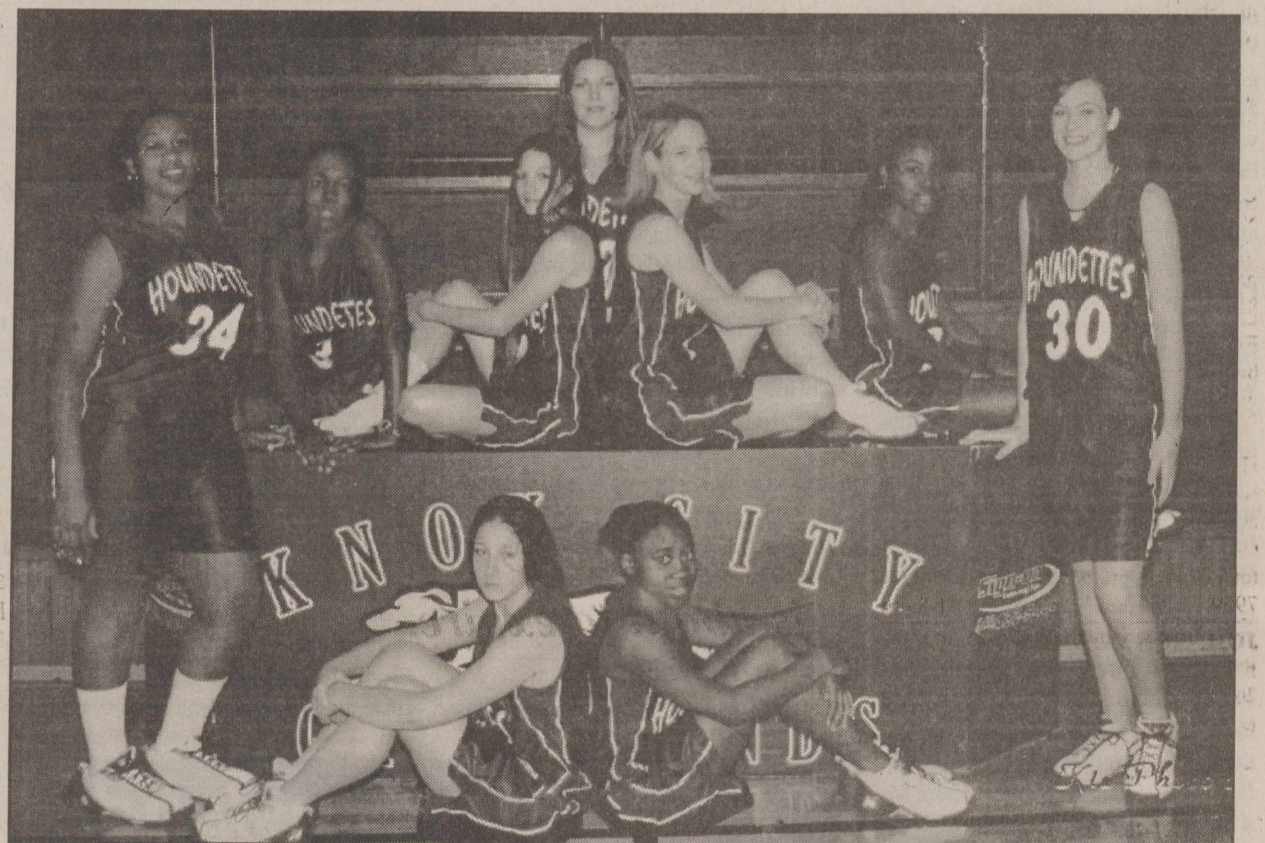


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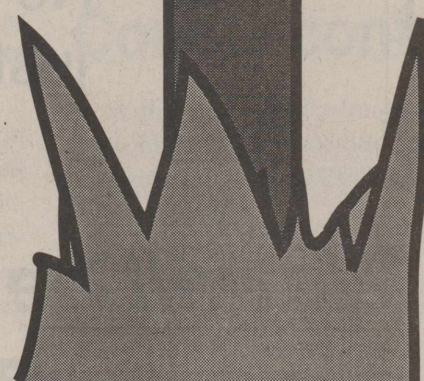
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