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THURSDAY, November 1, 1990 Woodville, Texas 75799



PUMPKIN CARVING CLASS— Students at St. Paul's Episcopal School got a lesson Monday on how to properly carve a pumpkin for Halloween. PRE-SCHOOL students shown above are Kyndal Howard, Alyson Rainey, Michael Lang, Rachel Walston, Heather Pilgrim, Jarrod Comte, Michael Hillhouse, Jake Rutherford, Robert Zanotti, Lindsay Collins, Sarah Bennett and Stephen Bell. (K thru 2ND) students shown above include Steven Yearwood, Joel Rawls, Tiffany McCulley, Matthew Bryant, Melissa Tompkins, Cody Rutherford, Issac Rodriguez, Sharena Durham, Brandon Temple, Max Montgomery, Morgan Hatton, Erin Rainey and Casey Clow. Teachers shown above are Sharon Brown and Rhonda Calhoun

Don't Forget To VOTE In The Tuesday Nov. 6th General Election



PRESENTS AWARD— Gulf States Utilities President Dr. E. Linn Draper is shown at right presenting a President's Lifesaving Award Monday to GSU Employee Gordon McCabe for saving the life of his 12-year-old son Justin, center. Shown also in the photo are brother Marcus and wife Maritlyn. McCabe rescued his son by using the Heimlich maneuver which he learned during a GSU safety class.

Fund Established At Bank For Officer Matkin Family

A well-liked Woodville Police Officer died, apparently of a heart attack, while on duty Tuesday, October 23, while responding to a family disturbance about 2 miles south of Woodville at about 10:30 p.m. Police reports indicate the call was the second to the residence; the earlier call being made about 8:30 p.m. The second occurrence reportedly involved a gun. Officer reports indicate that Sergeant Robert Earl Matkin, age 43, arrived at the scene followed by another officer who saw him slump over in the front seat. Reports indicate Matkin was still breathing but unconscious. He died later at Tyler County Hospital. Persons are asked to make contributions to the family at Citizens State Bank in Woodville. (Funeral details Pg. 2-A)

DETTA Will Focus On 300th Birthday Of "Old San Antonio Road"

Deep East Texas residents can expect a variety of commemorative functions next year when Old San Antonio Road celebrates its 300th birthday. That's the assurance of Dr. Archie McDonald, chairman of a state Tricentennial Commission charged with planning the year-long celebration. McDonald spoke to a meeting of the Deep East Texas Development Association in Hemphill. Among the events planned are: The construction of eight new public interest points, with historical information panels, along the highway from the Sabine River to San Antonio. *Special signage with a new logo about every 25 miles. *Commemorative certificates for landowners who own property along the route. *An April caravan of the Tricentennial Commission along the entire route with stops in participating communities to focus attention on local celebrations. *A statewide speakers bureau. *A new brochure detailing the history of Texas' oldest road. *Educational packets for Texas school children. *A history book based on the road and its history. *Articles in magazines, newspapers and on television. McDonald said Deep East Texas communities interested in participating in the tricentennial should contact Nancy Kennutso of the Texas Historical Commission in Austin. A history professor at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, McDonald said the road has been known by various other names, including the Old King's Highway, El Camino Real, the Old Spanish Road and others. "The road was blazed by early Indians and then developed by Spanish troops and missionaries who started exploring East Texas in 1691 as part of an effort to protect their frontier from French migrations from what is now Louisiana," said McDonald. A major effort of the tricentennial observance, said McDonald, has been a detailed effort by engineers from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation to pinpoint the exact location of the road in some places. "As part of this effort, it has been established beyond a doubt that the road was actually several different routes, not just one, that ran in a northeasterly direction from the Rio Grande," said McDonald. Many of the markers still exist, said McDonald. "In other business DETDA approved a resolution urging the U.S. Forest Service to name a professional forester to succeed Mike Lannon as supervisor of the Texas National Forests. Lannon recently left the position to accept an assignment in Arizona.

Colmesneil Extension Club Christmas Craft Fair Nov. 2&3

The Colmesneil Extension Homemakers club will sponsor their 12th annual Christmas Craft Fair, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, 1990. Hours will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. The Fair will be held in the Colmesneil Community Center building on Hwy. 69 and 256-W (Directly behind City Hall). Local and Southeast Texas craft people will have for sale many useful and desirable items to help you with your Christmas shopping list. Some items for sale will be antique picture frames, soft sculpture and porcelain dolls, beautiful quilts, counted cross-stitch, hole painted items, watercolor and oil paintings, wooden calendars and refills, Christmas decorations, crochets, ceramics, unpainted wooden items and much, much more. Come for lunch! The Colmesneil Eastern Star members will have charge of our foods. They will be serving chicken gumbo both days, as well as sandwiches, cake, cookies, coffee and tea. This event has provided twelve years of service as well as good fellowship for our community with neighbors joining us from Woodville, Spurger, Jasper, Silsbee, Beaumont, Cleveland, and some from Louisiana. Come join us! Door prizes will be given at intervals during the day (These you must be present to win); with a larger door prize to be given at the end of our fair which you do not have to be present to win. These door prizes are donated by our participating artists. We look forward to a better than ever Craft Fair. See you there!

Sue Tortello Is Named TFA

'Communicator Of the Year' Report Lists 20 Accidents

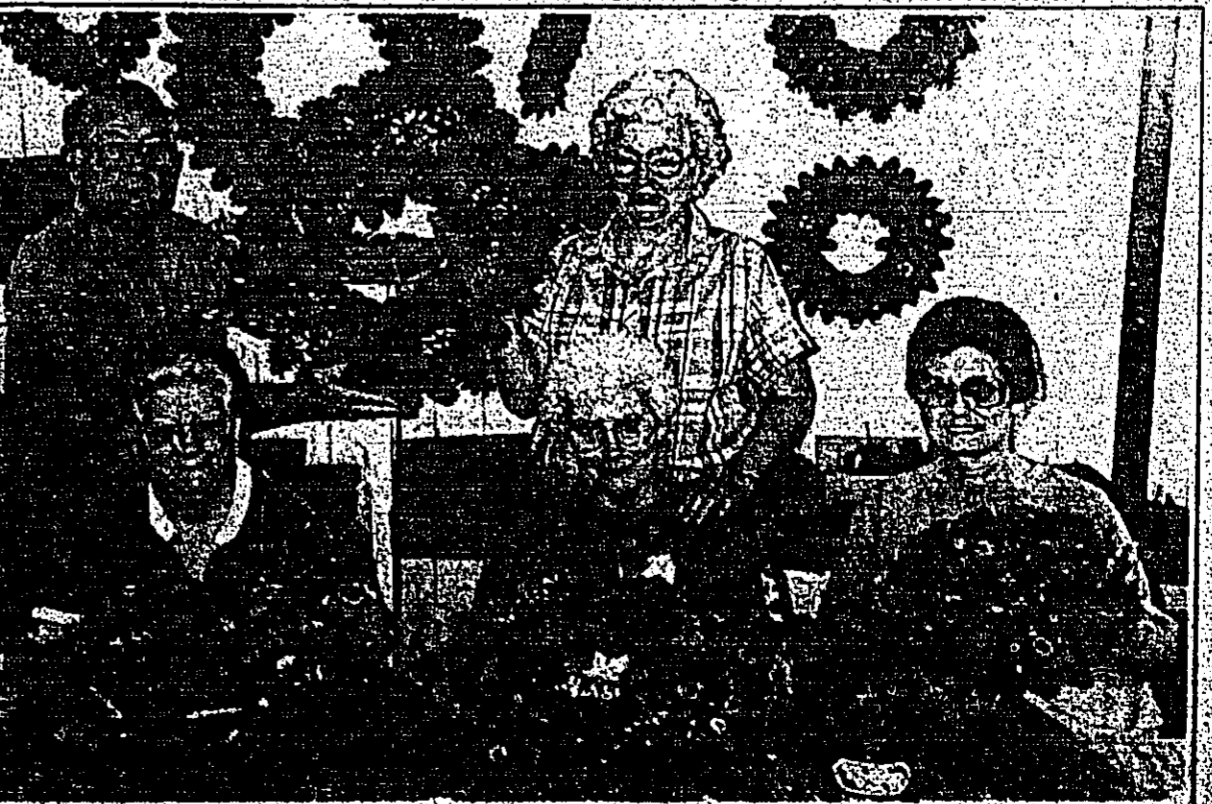
TFA - The Texas Forestry Association announced the winner of the 1990 Communications Award at their annual meeting in College Station, Oct. 10-12. Sue Tortello of Woodville was chosen as the Outstanding Communicator of the year. Tortello, a Senior Forester for Champion Industries in Woodville, was chosen for her efforts to promote the message of forestry. Tortello is Chairperson of Woodville Clean and Green, a volunteer for Tyler County Council Program, member of the TALL T Program (Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership), a Project Summer Reading Program. She also speaks every Friday and Saturday morning on KVLL radio's "Five Minutes Forester," where she discusses topics of interest and/or concerns relating to the forest and the forest industry. She is active in civic organizations and the City Council, frequently dealing with issues of recycling and the environment. She has written numerous newspaper articles (pertaining to the environment as well). Tortello is a graduate of Paul Smith College in New York State and also a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a B.S. in Forestry degree.



Sue Tortello

Report Lists 20 Accidents

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated a total of 20 rural traffic accidents in Tyler County during the month of September, according to Sergeant Ray D. Henry, supervisor of Highway Patrol Area 2B-4. As a result of these accidents, Troopers reported 12 injuries and no fatalities. Thus far in 1990, Troopers have investigated a total of 163 motor vehicle accidents in Tyler County, resulting in 106 injuries and 3 traffic deaths.



PREPARE FOR ST. PAUL'S BAZAAR— A few of St. Paul's helpers are shown above Monday busily preparing for the holiday season by making the popular wreaths and accessories for holiday decorating. The girls are getting ready for the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bazaar set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 & 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Shown from left to right seated are: Jan Galbreath, Dot Muller and Betty Payne; Standing are: Dick Galbreath and Jean Riddle.

Obituaries

Robert Earl Matkin

Robert Earl Matkin, 43, of Woodville died October 23, 1990 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held October 26 from the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with W.E. Peterson officiating.

A native of Beaumont, he lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a sergeant for the Woodville Police Department, former chief deputy for Tyler County Sheriff's Department and a Vietnam War U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Harris Tolar of Crosby; sons, George Michael Tolar of Houston, John Ronald Tolar of Tomball and Judson "Sandy" Tolar of Seattle, Wash.; daughters, George Ann Tolar of Hoffman and Kerl Green Tolar of Crosby; parents, Monroe and Willie Ruth Tolar of Warren; brothers, Billy Tolar of Nederland and Robert Tolar of Valerino, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arthur Henry Bumstead

Arthur Henry Bumstead, 78, of Warren died October 18, 1990 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held October 21 at First Baptist Church in Warren with the Rev. Kenneth Cauthen officiating.

A native of Fletcher, he lived in Warren most of his life and was a retired salesman.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil Estelle Blair Bumstead of Warren; daughter, Brenda Gayle Causey of Alvin and Maxine Major of Warren; and six grandchildren.

Survivors also include his sons, Albert Bumstead of Warren, Bumstead, W.A. Read, J.H. Hall, Carl Dallas Spurlock, Paul Major, Benjie Major and Travis Spurlock.

Myrtie Johnson Cruse

Myrtie Johnson Cruse, 96, of Woodville, passed away October 24, 1990 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 26 at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ernest Martin officiating.

Interment followed at the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Colmesneil under the direction of Edwards, Daniels and Stanley Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, J.L. Cruse, Jr. of Woodville; daughters, Bill Cruse Davis and Maggie Cruse Davis, both of Woodville; brother, Harry Johnson of Woodville; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Cora Ellen Sinclair

Services for Cora Ellen Sinclair, 90, of Zavalla, were held October 27, 1990 at Concord Baptist Church with the Rev. Jackson Colwell officiating.

Funeral services were held October 27 at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren with the Rev. Larry Shires officiating and assisted by Rev. Bill Fabrizio.

Interment followed in Allison Cemetery in Warren under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Harris Tolar of Crosby; sons, George Michael Tolar of Houston, John Ronald Tolar of Tomball and Judson "Sandy" Tolar of Seattle, Wash.; daughters, George Ann Tolar of Hoffman and Kerl Green Tolar of Crosby; parents, Monroe and Willie Ruth Tolar of Warren; brothers, Billy Tolar of Nederland and Robert Tolar of Valerino, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

CRAFTERS

Join Encore and GC Fabrics for a Christmas Arts & Crafts Show. Call 283-7585 for details.

"The Birthday Cake"

by Patsy Duke

Every bride wants to make a good impression on her in-laws, but "Oh what a sticky web we weave when first we practice to deceive!"

It was November, 1949. Frank's eldest sister, Audrey, and her husband, Sam, had invited us to their ranch home to celebrate Sam's mother's 70th birthday.

On the appointed day, I rushed from work to the bakery. In the showcase sat "my cake."

"I'll take that one," I told the man behind the counter.

"Oh no, you do not want that," he said in broken English. "Why not?" I asked.

He said something in Spanish that I didn't understand, but I wanted that cake. It was the right size, the right shape, the right

color and I was in a hurry. "Please," I said. "How much?" "One dollar and twenty-five cents," he said. I paid. He boxed the cake and I left the bakery en route to Frank's and my tiny apartment to put spun-sugar decorations atop the cake. It would be a race for my time as dinner was planned for 6:30 and the ranch was 35 miles north of town.

Since the icing had hardened, I attached each letter with a drop of honey. "Lovely," I thought as I surveyed my masterpiece. While I finished dressing, I asked Frank to put the candles on the cake. I should have known something was wrong when he walked through our tiny dining room and found Frank bent over the cake drilling holes in the icing with his pocket knife.

"That's not the way to do it," I said firmly and took the tiny metal spike topped with its sugary holder complete with candle and gently pressed downward on the icing - and pushed a little harder.

With a little more pressure, the spike bent against the unyielding icing.

I cleared my throat and put the candle, holder and bent spike back into Frank's hand, "You're doing fine!" I said and treated to put the finishing touches to my make-up.

"The cake was lovely in spite of a few small craters in the icing around the candleholders.

We arrived with only a few minutes to spare. I carried Mrs. McBee's. Sally!

Don't Forget To Vote Tuesday Nov. 6th

Sunny Dell News

by: A.T. Sturlock

I have heard of Jay Gould all my life not knowing who he was or anything about him. I read that he

was the wizard of Wall Street back in the late 1800's. In 1882 he visited the town of Jefferson, Texas in hopes of extending his Texas and Pacific Railroad and making Jefferson his headquarters for the time.

He wanted the community to provide free land for his tracks but they refused to do so saying they wanted the land he could afford to buy it. When Jay heard about this he came out of the hotel where he was staying but he stopped at the register and wrote, "End of Jefferson!" He also predicted that grass would grow in the streets and bats would roost in the houses.

Today the city of Jefferson charges people to view Jay Gould's 88 foot long private touring railroad car. I have never been to Jefferson but the sav-

ing the Texas and Pacific Railroad and making Jefferson his headquarters for the time. He wanted the community to provide free land for his tracks but they refused to do so saying they wanted the land he could afford to buy it.

Eleot FRANK MALONEY JUDGE

It is time again to vote in Tyler County and I, Henry Earl Sawyer, would like to ask for the continued support from you voters of Precinct 4.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear members of the Woodville Garden Club, I would like to thank each of you for your dedication in keeping the courtyard grounds in good shape.

The pastimes you planned today will certainly enhance the beauty at the entrance to the courthouse.

You have all worked so diligently in the past, donating your time and money on our behalf and I want you to know I, and those who appreciate the beauty of the courtyard are grateful to you for your efforts.

Sincerely, Jerome Owens County Judge

SPEC. SCOTT REMILISTS ARMY AND AIR FORCE - HOMETOWN NEWS - Spec. Scott D. Vaughn, son of James D. Vaughn of 2861 Hwy. 190 E. Woodville, and P.J. Jackson of Rt. 1, Kirbyville, has reallocated in the U.S. Army at Wiley Ratnicks, San-John, Oklahoma, for four years.

Vaughn is an artillery fire support specialist. He is a 1987 graduate of Woodville High School.

DOGWOOD COUNTRY

Rileys Mark Golden Anniversary



Reverend and Mrs. J.T. Riley of Colmesneil will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary November 9, 1990. A reception in their honor will be held Sunday, November 11, 1990 from 2 until 4 p.m., at the Woodville Inn, Woodville Texas.



JENNY'S ANTIQUES & THE HEN'S NEST Cordially Invite You To Our CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE On Saturday, November 3, From 10:00 to 5:00 Located on Hwy 69 North Woodville, Texas

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LaFoy Enlists

William Guy LaFoy of Box 25 White Tail Ridge, Woodville, Texas son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. LaFoy both residing in Woodville, Texas enlisted in the Air Force today.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week Basic Military Training Course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Mechanical AI area.

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Sheltered Workshop Annual Fall Salad Tasting Tea November 2nd

The Sheltered Workshop will have their annual Fall Salad Tasting Tea, Friday, Nov. 2, 1990 at the Workshop. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The price is \$5 per person.

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EYE CARE advertisement for East Texas Eye Associates. Includes text about eye exams and services, and a list of locations: Lufkin, Livingston, Crockett, Jasper, San Augustine.

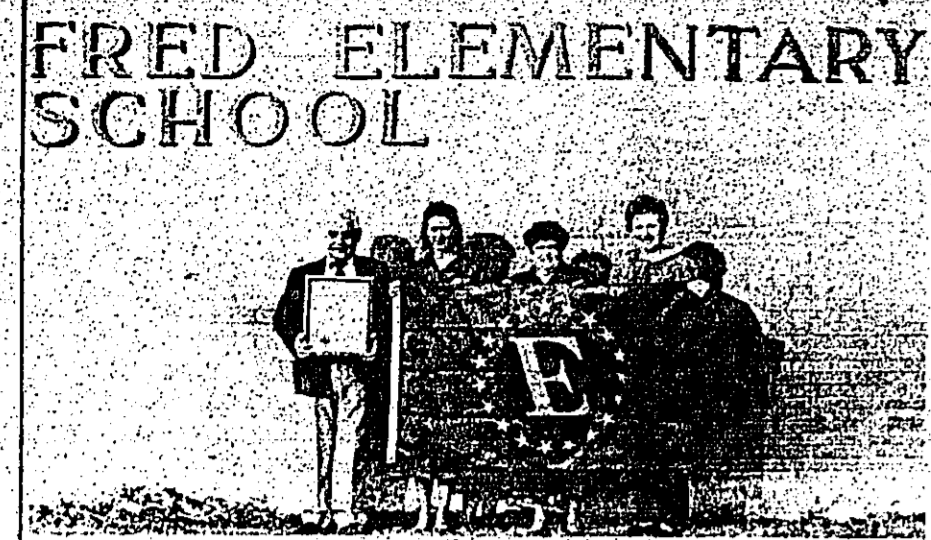
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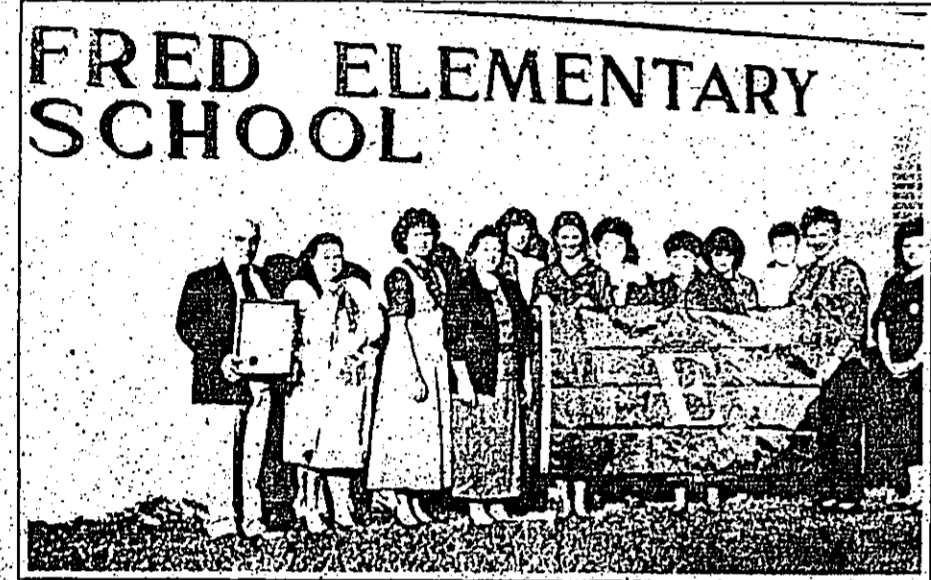
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STAY WITH SUCCESS RE-ELECT JEROME OWENS COUNTY JUDGE advertisement. Lists achievements and contact information for Jerome Owens.



FRED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL... Principal Allen Mitchell is shown holding the Award Certificate presented to Fred Elementary School Saturday, Oct. 20, 1990, in a ceremony at the



Fred Receives \$10,000 Check... Principal Allen Mitchell and teaching staff proudly display the award certificate and flag they received in a ceremony at the Texas State Capitol Saturday, Oct. 20, 1990.

Spurger Homecoming

Spurger's 1990-91 Homecoming celebration will be held Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. The Homecoming... Spurger High boys' basketball team will be the guest of honor.

Spurger Mini-Camp Nov. 3

The Spurger High School cheerleaders are having a mini-camp on grades 4-5 on Thursday through 8th grade.

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By Dr. Gary Tutum
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Bulldog Grows By: Vicky Woods & Danesa Wilkinson

This week at CHS things are still going great and busy students are beginning to work on UIL events and working on other special activities.

The highly Bulldogs did not come home with a trophy, but played a terrific game against Butterfield. They will play the High Island Cardinals in High Island at 7:30 p.m. Good luck guys.

Congratulations on a superb job to the Girls Cross Country Team who won district. The team consisted of: Ari McKinney, Amy Gulloy, Michelle Dicherson, Katrina Dubois, Rachel Bean, and Denise Harrison.

Tyler County Schools NEWS

Academic, Scholastic & School Club News With Columns Submitted By School Journalism Reporters. This Page Compiled by Melvin Houston.

Warrior Whoop

Pat Overstreet and Trent Stockton, Warren Middle School students, won an essay and poster contest sponsored by the Texas Right To Life of Southeast Texas. Overstreet placed 1st and won \$25 and Stockton placed 3rd and won \$10.

Warren High Honor Roll

- Freshmen: Jennifer Bourque, Mandy Carter, Kelly Drinkard, Joe Duke, Clay Sater, Farla Spell, Sophomore: Benji Martin, Todd Read, Juniors: Rachelle Downs, Troy Stockton, Holly Watkins, Seniors: Kelly Bruidgen, Brandi Dewlin, Kelly Duke, Chrissa Franklin, Casey Harris, Michelle Michael, Mariëgenla Sampao, Brandi Wensbacher.

Spurger Honor Roll

- First Grade: Black-shear, Honor Roll: Leslie Barnes, Ashley Connor, Stephanie Redmon, Deanna Williams, Lance Jones, A&B Honor Roll: Heber Odum, First Grade-Horton-A Honor Roll: Susan Hatton, Kelly Holcomb, Bradley Mott, Ginger Segrest, A&B Honor Roll: Jimmy Grissom, Melinda Price, Lucinda Redmon. Second Grade: M.Williams-A Honor Roll: Denise Cunningham, Carrie Princes, Nicole Robbe, Denita Miller, Emelie Odum, Amber Benton, A&B Honor Roll: Richard Gill, Carlton Jeffcoat, Michael King, Third Grade: Wheeler-A Honor Roll: Joshua Redmon Clint Jones, A&B Honor Roll: Therese Jordan, Therese Blanton, Amber Garlasca, Ashley Laurant, Corsan King, Justin Dumesnil, Jeremiah Sparlock, Third Grade-Williams-A Honor Roll: Nicole Baggett, Jennifer Odum, Leah Odum, Keith Winkle, A&B Honor Roll: Kyle Chapman, Chris Hanks, Paul Lofun, Ryan Heim.

N.H.S....Favorites

The class favorites for 1990-91 are: 12th-Carol Line, 11th-Deranda Roberts, 11th-Deranda Gill and Dewey Eddins, 10th-Christie Herndon and Willie Robinson, 9th-Christy Ford and Lynn Sprylock, 8th-Erin Drennan and Chuck Crain, 7th-Jenny Walters and Alan Boudeaux, 6th- Amanda Sheffield, Raymond Callaway, 5th-Rena Powell and Rusty Eddins, 4th-Brook Chapman and Jason Barnes, April Locher and John Nugent, 3rd-Therese Jordan, and 2nd-Micelle Robbe and Michael King.

Magnolia Lodge Hold Its Meeting Nov. 6th

Magnolia Lodge will hold its November meeting on Nov. 6 at 8:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. to let Precinct #2 use the banquet room for a voting place.

HARRIS SUPPORTS SAWYER

I, Thomas Harris, would like to thank all my family and friends and supporters that supported me in my campaign for Commissioner Precinct 4. I would like to ask all the voters that supported me to turn your support to Henry Earl Sawyer.

Tyler County Booster Sports

by Melvin Houston, Sports Editor

Eagles Overwhelm Bulldogs 45-20

Seek Playoff Birth Against San Augustine

An explosion is defined in Webster's Dictionary as a sudden and violent outburst of emotion... In the second half of the game, Friday night, Woodville seemed to light a fuse on some sort of explosive device.

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Melvin's State Rankings

Class 3-A: 1. Woodville, 2. Crockett, 3. Southlake Carroll, 4. Vernon, 5. Ballinger, 6. Seal, 7. Navasota, 8. Newton, 9. Odem, 10. Gladewater. Class 2-A: 1. Groveton, 2. Post, 3. Warren, 4. Warren, 5. Farmertown, 6. Pilot Point, 7. DeLeon, 8. Malakoff, 9. Schulenburg, 10. Grand Saline. Class A: 1. Munday, 2. Italy, 3. Garden City, 4. Warren, 5. Fairwell, 6. Thoradale, 7. Colmesneil, 8. Spur, 9. Fannindale, 10. Edna.

Young Eagles Power Over Bulldogs

The Woodville girls grade team used a strong offensive performance, and a steady defense to overcome the Corrigan Bulldogs 36-26, in an offensive battle Thursday night.

Spurger Cross Country

The Boys Cross Country team won district Saturday, Oct. 27, with a convincing victory over its district opponents. This is the first district title in Cross Country ever won in the history of Spurger High School.

Twilight Golf...Elvira vs. Goblins

What a week! First round matches are over with 2nd round matches scheduled for completion by Sunday, Nov. 4.

Warriors Destroy Pirates 68-0

The Warren Warriors won an awesome ground outback to run over, through, and around the Deweyville Pirates 68-0 in prep action Friday night.

Spurger VS Goodrich

The Spurger Lady Pirates' district play by defeating Sabine Pass on Oct. 15. Next, the team will play Goodrich for Bi-District on Nov. 2 at Big Sandy at 6:30 p.m.

Bulldogs Come Up Short 26-0

The Colmesneil Bulldogs played the Burkerville Mustangs in district play Friday night, and came out on the short end of the stick 26-0.

Penalty Kick

TYLER COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER-Division 3 Soccer Players shown above demonstrate how to make a penalty kick. Weston Bryant got the honors, but the kick was too high.

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Kirkley House finds haven in Warren

by Dottie Johnson

"One of the premier architectural landmarks of Woodville and Tyler County" has been lost to the city, but will live on in the county, thanks to Anna and Vester Mullins of Warren, Texas.

The quotes are those of restoration architect William T. Scale of Bevilport and Alexandria, Virginia, after viewing the Kirkley-Lee-Hyde home on Bluff Street more than a year ago. A native of East Texas with strong ties to Tyler County, Scale was concerned about the future of the historic home as were members of the Tyler County Heritage Society.

According to Maxie Kirkley, who grew up in the house and was the great grandson of the builder, he was always told that this was the oldest house still standing in Woodville. He believes the first part was built in 1866.

And so it is with a mixture of deep regret and profound gratitude that the town saw this beautiful Victorian home moved from Woodville to Warren, where its new owners are dedicated to restoring it as close to the original as possible.

In his evaluation of the home, Scale wrote, "its importance to the east-west streetscape makes it irreplaceable in the overall town scene. Such a decorative example of the wooden vernacular is very rare in East Texas, and to some extent in most of the country." How true, but how much sadder had it simply been torn down, as has happened to so many of Woodville's early treasures.

That's exactly how the Mullins felt after seeing the Barclay home disappear almost overnight. They had looked at it many times.

The couple, who moved to Warren last January after Vester's father died, had been thinking about adding on to the family home on FM 1743, since it had a history of its own, having been moved from the old Sun Oil camp at Harmony.

In anticipation, the Mullins started

collecting Victorian trim from other old homes as they were torn down. But the Barclay demise got to them, and they decided to try their utmost not to let the same fate befall the Kirkley home.

Thanks to their determination, their interest in preservation and their inex-

haustible research, the 10-room home, which made its way to Warren in three sections, will come together to provide the county with a true showpiece.

So dedicated are these two that they bought an old Beaumont house of the period that was due for demolition, tore

in down themselves and brought the timbers to Warren to be used to replace rotting timbers in the Kirkley house.

As can best be determined, the house was originally built as a two-room triangular dog trot by William Thomas

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HISTORIC HOME MOVES TO NEW SITE—The third and final section of the historic Kirkley-Lee-Hyde home makes its way down Bluff Street in Woodville on its way to a new home near Warren.

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In the smell of hot wassail and Christmas cookies, inviting you to warm the cockles of your heart before venturing forth for another helping of

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Kirkley House

Hyde (1823-1886), who came to Tyler County from Maryland with his bride Theresa Cecilia Kaldenback in 1850. They are listed in the census of 1860, but not that of 1850.

William Seale wrote that additions were probably made about 1890, while evidence found in taking the house apart indicate major additions and/or improvements were made around 1909. It's quite possible both are true.

Maxie Kirkley remembers his grand-mother saying that whenever they sold some land or had a good cotton crop, they added to the house.

Maxie's grandmother was Dora Cecilia Estelle Hyde, the daughter of Thomas E. Hyde, who was willed the property by his father in 1878. Her mother was Nannie Louise Gilder. Dora married K. W. Lee, Woodville's first undertaker. And it was to them that Maxie's mother, Pearl Estelle Lee Kirkley, returned after her husband Maxie Glenn Kirkley had a stroke in 1945, when the younger Maxie was just two years old. Mrs. Kirkley continued to live in the home until two years ago, when she moved into a retirement home in Angelina County.

One of the stories about the house that seems to ring true is that part of it was moved from Hyatt, when that sawmill closed down. Hazel Hyde Gray, the daughter of Amos Hyde, Dora's brother, was born in Hyatt. She recalls that some additions were made to the house sometime between 1909 and 1911.

And that's where Vester Mullins thinks certain areas of wood they uncovered came from, because they were backed with wallpaper of a design found nowhere else in the house.

The entire house with the exception of the kitchen and bath were wallpapered, even the ceilings. Anna Mullins plans to frame a piece of wallpaper from each room and hang it there as a reminder of how the house once looked.

Four different kinds of siding were found on the house. All walls, both inside and out are single. When a new room or rooms were added, they were simply butted up to an old inside wall. And the Mullins saw to it that their precious find was taken apart the same way it was put together. No sawing of rooms in half. It made the moving possibly more difficult, but they wanted the integrity of home left intact.

Another difference was found in the nails used to build different parts of the house. What is assumed to be the original or older parts were put together with square nails. Newer parts combined square nails with round, the latter not being made until 1901.

But probably the most significant signs of differing ages can be found under the house, which stood high off the ground in the rear on brick pilings. Maxie Kirkley said he used to play under there as a child and remembers seeing the different sills without understanding what they meant. The original part of the home was built on hand hewn log sills, while newer parts rest on milled timbers, bringing up the question as to when there was first a sawmill in Woodville.

There is also the difference in ceiling heights, the older parts having 10 1/2' ceilings; the newer parts 8 1/2'.

Five bay windows were also added to the house, not all at the same time. And the front porch trim and shutters and bay windows were obviously added at a later date.

Improvements that all improvements were made of a material like the wall-to-wall pressed carpeting in the front parlor. The Mullins took that up themselves, preserving as much as they could. It still had the original tags on it, one dated 1866, the other showing it had been shipped to T. E. Hyde by Wells Fargo, Houston. The carpeting was laid over a padding consisting of two layers of brown paper, lined with shredded cedar.

Carpeting in the left bedroom, however, confirmed a later date. Because of leaks in the ceiling, this carpeting was completely rotten. It had to be shoveled up. But below the padding, covering the wide plank pine floors were newspapers dated in 1909. And they are in surprisingly good condition. Most were copies of the Tyler County Messenger of that year. But the real shocker was the *Colmesneil Weekly*. It is dated November 20, 1909, the editor listed as S. R. Nicks.

Further investigation showed this to be Samuel Rayburn Nicks, a printer, who was said to have lived in Woodville. Most people today have never heard of a newspaper in Colmesneil.

Vester Mullins admits that a lot of what he believes to be true about the house is pure deduction, but when you have been as intimately associated with the day-to-day taking apart of an old house as the Mullins have, and have studied the facts and researched the history, these conclusions have got to be more right than wrong.

ED. NOTE: The Echo would appreciate any information pertaining to the Colmesneil Weekly, which seems to be a real surprise to everyone. No one has ever heard of it, although Faye Margaret Fortenberry has a glimmer of a memory that it once was. And that, of course, brought up one of Faye's wonderful stories. As a small child, her mother took her to the Colmesneil Store in Colmesneil (which runs on all in that easy way we use) to get her a pair of black shoes. Mrs. Neely pointed out a pair of light blue shoes that she thought would delight the child, but another told her, "They would get dirty too fast. She wanted black shoes. Well, Faye said she threw a real fit, she wanted those blue shoes so badly. And guess what? When Faye and Mrs. Neely left the store, Faye was wearing those little blue shoes."

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Happy Thanksgiving

Tyler County Community Calendar

NOVEMBER 2-3: COLMESNEIL EXTENSION HOMEOWNERS CLUB'S 12TH Annual Arts & Craft Fair. 9-5 Fri, 9-4 Sat. COLMESNEIL EASTERN STAR Chapter 1068 will serve chicken gumbo, sandwiches, cakes and cookies, coffee and tea. Colmesneil Community Hall.

NOVEMBER 3: SOUTHEAST TEXAS MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, hosted by Tyler County Heritage Society at Woodville Inn. Registration 9:30, meeting 10-11:30, lunch at Pickett House, tour of Heritage Village Museum. Public invited. \$10 covers all activities.

NOVEMBER 9-10: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SPURGER. Garage Sale. Chicken or Shrimp Gumbo Dinner with all the fixings. \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12. 8-5 Fri, 8-1 Sat. Take-outs available. FM 1013, block west of FM 92 in Spurger.

NOVEMBER 10-31: HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM. Month-long exhibit, showcasing our veterans and featuring special display of Shivers family memorabilia, on loan from Robert M. Shivers of Patterson, La.

NOVEMBER 10: TYLER COUNTY JUNIOR HISTORIANS host South Texas historians at Heritage Village Museum.

DECEMBER 1: HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM. Gathering At The Forge, East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance, 10 am. Topic: Making a hammer.

DECEMBER 8: ANNUAL TREE OF LIGHTS. Court House Square, Woodville.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES, sponsored by Woodville's Federated Women's Clubs. Three historic area homes will be open to the public from 1-4:30 p.m. Cost for tour \$3. Tickets available at area businesses and each home.

ANNUAL TWILIGHT TOUR OF HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM. Village will be filled with the spirit of Christmas Past from 5 to 9 p.m. Free admission.

DECEMBER 23: WOODVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Ecumenical Choir singing the Messiah. 8 p.m.

Tyler County Chamber of Commerce Grand Opening:
Circle P Feed Store—Hillster—Jerry Presley, Owner
LaVera's Gifts & Things—Woodville—LaVera Caruthers, Owner
Recognition Award went to the Woodville Inn for maintaining one of the best kept grounds in the County over the years.

New Members:
LaVera's Gifts & Things
Church's Chicken
We certainly want to welcome these new members and wish them well in their business endeavors.

Our next meeting will be November 26, 1990, 12:00 Noon in the Heritage Room of the Woodville Inn. We will announce our new directors and elect our slate of officers for the 1991 year. Please come and join us.

Nominations are now being requested for the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen Award and Honorary Outstanding Citizen Award. Have your nominations in the Chamber office by December 14, 1990. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Duck, 283-2632.

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Veterans to be honored at Village



Veterans who have defended our country during the past 150 years will be honored in a special month-long exhibit at Heritage Village Museum beginning November 10.

Highlight of the exhibit in the Village Exhibition Room will be a collection of Shivers family memorabilia, from the Civil War to the Korean War, on loan from Robert M. Shivers of Patterson, La.

The Civil War portion of the exhibit

will feature Robert M. "Fighting Bob" Shivers, the son of Nancy Tolar Shivers who served in the Confederate Army from 1861-1865. He was the grandfather of the late Governor Allan Shivers and the great grandfather of his Louisiana namesake.

The words by which "Fighting Bob" was always remembered were "He never deserted the Confederacy" and likewise the second Robert M. Shivers has never deserted his dedication to the memory of

Letter to the Editor: Futch was Emilie Postmaster

ED. NOTE: It's letters like the following that make us glad to be part of the Tyler County Heritage Society and its dedication to preserving the past. Anyone who can help Mrs. Clamon with some of the questions she has asked can reach her at (409) 969-2264.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Clamon, who recently lost her husband, is anxious to get out and get involved, and fortunately for us, she would like to become a working member of the Heritage Society. She has much to offer, and we would love to have her. Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the East Texas Echo and Mrs. Oma Minyard for the Emilie Locals from the 1905 paper.

I was really glad to see news of my family, S. L. Futch was my father. He was postmaster at Emilie, and I would like to know when and how many years he served.

I have an old ledger that shows he bought and sold cotton in 1908. From the names recorded in that year, I believe he was still at Emilie. In 1911, he was at Baytown.

I also have Tyler County Treasurer's document for payment to him for election services in 1902. It is signed by County Clerk A. G. Reid, deputy E. F. Reid and County Treasurer A. W. Williford. It is for \$2. On the back, it is cut to \$1.50. This might have been a Chester election.

I also have some old books. If the Village or Heritage Society are interested in seeing these things, let me know. Thank you. Bessie Myrtice Clamon



READY FOR UNEXPECTED GUESTS—The dinner table was always set and ready at the Tolar Cabin, which now can be seen at Heritage Village Museum. The entire Village complex will be open throughout the Thanksgiving weekend.

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Heritage Village Museum

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- Boardin' in the Thicket: Reminiscences and Recipes of Early Big Thicket Boarding Houses By Wanda A. Landrey
- Scapels and Sabres: Nineteenth Century Medicine In Texas, By Sylvia Van Voarst Ferris and Eleanor Sellers Hoppe
- Texas Toys and Games, Edited by Francis E. Abernethy

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Summer Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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Women's Clubs to open Three beautiful homes

Three beautiful Woodville area homes will be open for the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 8, from one to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets for this celebrated event can be purchased from Woodville merchants or at any of the participating homes. Cost for the tour is just \$3 for all three homes.

Sponsors for the festive tour, which had its start in 1978, will be the three Federated Women's Clubs of Woodville: The Study Club, which dates back to 1924; The Reading Club, now celebrating its 50th year; and The Civic Heritage Club, organized in 1964.

Funds created from the tour and the homemade crafts and edibles, on sale at each home, are used by the clubs for scholarships and needed community projects.

The Study Club
The Woman's Study Club of Woodville was organized and federated in 1924 with 9 charter members. Mrs. J. B. Lewis was the first president, and the theme was "Recent American Drama." Green and white were chosen as the club colors, the rose as the club flower.

Over the years, the club has supported the cultural life of the community—theatre, music, dance and the fine arts.

In keeping with their current theme "Preserve History, Study the moment to shape the future," the Woman's Study Club will sponsor as their 1990 Christmas offering the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Fetter in the historic Harmony Community.

Located off FM 256 South, this cedar board and batten home was built by the Gant family in 1850 on the old road that once led from Peach Tree Village in Tyler County's northwest corner, south all the way to Wallisville and Anahuac and the Spanish Mission Orocoquisac on the Gulf.

When Mr. and Mrs. Millard Moor of Beaumont bought the home in 1955, it still had an open dog trot running through the center. Over the years the Moors enlarged the home on two different occasions, while preserving the look and the feel of the original.

The home was purchased by its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Fetter of Houston, in 1987.

Woman's Reading Club
Fifty years ago this past September, eight ladies met at the home of Mrs. Pat Haralson in Woodville and organized the Woman's Reading Club. Members of

two fostering clubs also attended, and Mrs. Haralson was named the first president.

The first home this club sponsored when the Tour of Homes originated in 1978 was that of Dr. and Mrs. Jim Jinette, for which club members made 100 homemade ornaments.

Through the years, the club has made substantial donations to graduating seniors, the library, the hospital and many other civic projects.

This year, in celebration of their 50th year, the Reading Club will present as their Christmas offering the Tyler County home of the late Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers, Magnolia Hill.

Built in 1939 on the site of the original homestead of the Governor's great grandmother, Nancy Tolar Shivers, the log house, built from trees cut on the grounds and surrounded by giant Magnolia trees, overlooks a small spring lake. The chimneys were built of Rockland stone, the roofing shingles from cypress logs.

Civic Heritage Club
With a commitment to service in the community, the goal of the Heritage Civic Club is to "illuminate the past in order to enrich the future." With this in mind, they will sponsor as their Christmas offering the home of Mrs. David Provost overlooking Deer Lake on FM 1746.

This recently built home had historic beginnings with much of the interior wood, original pegs and poured nails having come from two pre-civil war structures near Cooksville, Tennessee. Civil War musket balls were found embedded in some of the wood.

The architecture of the Provost home is based on early Western Louisiana designs, giving it an authentic "add-on" style of stucco, brick and wood. It is accented with old shutters and turn-of-the-century hardware.

The public is invited to come and enjoy this early Christmas event.

Refreshments will be served at each of the tour homes, where homemade crafts and Christmas goodies will also be on sale.

Following the home tour, Heritage Village Museum invites visitors and homemade alike to make their day of Christmas past complete with a Twilight Tour of the Village, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.



MAGNOLIA HILL, the favorite retreat of the late Governor Allan Shivers and his wife, will be decked out for Christmas and Woodville's 13th Annual Tour of Homes on December 8.

East Texas is spectacular

East Texas has its own splash of fall foliage each year, beginning in late October and reaching its peak around Thanksgiving.

Mingled in among the towering pines, the golds and yellows, the deep reds and purples put on a show, worthy of a special weekend drive. A call to the East Texas Tourism Association in Longview (214) 757-4444 can provide the latest information from foliage spotters in a 45-county area of hardwood and pine forests.

For a printed foliage update, the official East Texas Heritage Trail Map, a publication that includes a map, calendar of events, lodging and dining listings,

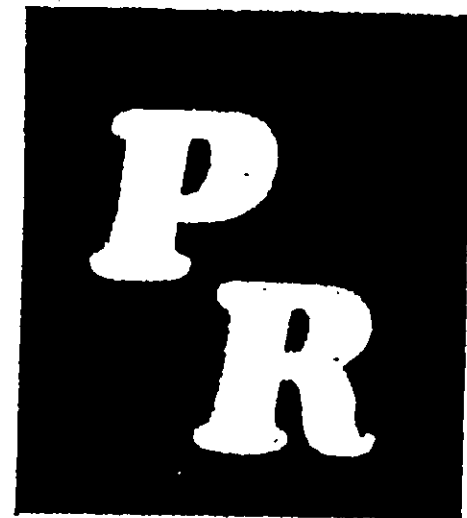
travelers should send a self-addressed envelope with 45 cents postage to ETTA Foliage Report, Box 1596, Longview, Texas 75606.

According to ETTA, the region from the Red River south to the Big Thicket exceeds New England in the number of species of trees which turn color, with five distinct varieties of maple, 14 species of oak, six species of hickory, plus sweetgum, dogwood, sumac, sassafras, birch and walnut.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY—The Heyward Fetter home in historic Harmony will be just one of the three open to the public on December 8, when the Federated Women's Clubs of Woodville celebrate the season with their 13th Annual Tour of Homes.

Cherokee Church remembered

—Second in a series—

By Donnie Johnson

ED. NOTE: This is the second in a series about some of the people whose lives were intertwined with the history of the Cherokee Church, which was built in 1911. The first article, "Through the Years," was published in the October issue of the Woodville Echo. It was written by Donnie Johnson, who was the church organist.

After they were married, the younger ones would sit in buggies and "spark," he says. It was on one of these occasions in a buggy belonging to the Hinchbaugh family that he proposed to Gladys Cruse, who was the church organist.

Gladys accepted, and they were married in the home of her parents, Frank and Dora Bingham Cruse, on July 11, 1915. He was 20, she just 14.

Herman also remembers the Josey Parties in the Cherokee community. There were at least one or two every week. Some times musical instruments were used, but most often they just sang the familiar songs and danced to them. Josey parties were always held in people's homes, and he recalls one time when there were so many young people in attendance that they broke the sills of the house. But that didn't stop them. The fellows just got out and fixed the sills, and the dance went on.

After they were married, Herman built Gladys the home where he and his daughter Gladys still live, about a mile from the church. Here he farmed, raising cotton among other things, while they raised their daughter and a son, Jack, who now lives in San Antonio.

Typical of the times, Herman remembers one year when he got \$50 credit against his crop from the Fain Store in Doucette. When his crop came in, he had \$5 credit left. He also remembers carrying water from the Cruse place a few miles away and Gladys doing the family wash "down at the Branch."

Gladys, who was born at her grandmother Cruse's home in 1919, remembers picking cotton as a child. She attended school first at Cherokee, when classes were held in a two room building on the church grounds, then Woodville and later Sam Houston State Teachers College. Her first teaching assignment was at Cherokee, where she taught second grade. When the school was consolidated, she continued to teach in Woodville for several years before coming home to stay.

Both Herman and Gladys remember there being quite a settlement in the Cherokee community in the thirties. There was the Post Office, a saw mill, a cotton gin and a general store.

But during that same time, the Methodist congregation of Cherokee Church dwindled down to just two or three families. The church was in debt, and Perry Mason of Doucette held the note until wanted to foreclose. That's

when the Baptists in the area got together, raised the money and bought the Cherokee as their own. And it remained their own for the next 50 years.

Their first conference was held in the church on August 9, 1936. Since only a few who attended had their letters, the meeting was adjourned until September 20, when 30 people presented letters, showing themselves to be eligible to join in the forming of a new and independent Baptist congregation. Acting as clerk was that first meeting was Ernest Martin, who became the only Baptist pastor the church ever had.

In 1945, Gladys Pool, who was now enjoying life back on the farm, became clerk of the Cherokee Church, a post she held for the next nine years, then again from 1962 until the church closed its doors in 1986.

Heritage Village Museum and the en-

tire community, which the Tyler County Heritage Society and Herman Pool, not only for their part in giving this historic church to the Village, where it will be used and preserved, but more recently in turning over all the records the church kept during its Baptist days. Included are the original minutes from 50 years of meetings, minutes from the New Bethel Baptist Association meetings dating back to 1964, all filled with important historical information, plus letters from various members who joined the church during Gladys' time as clerk.

All of these precious papers will be placed in the Whitmeyer Genealogy Library at the Village. The minutes will eventually be placed with other memorabilia from the church in a protected display area in the church foyer.

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Beaumont Heritage Society's Annual Sale will be held Nov. 3-4

BEAUMONT—The Beaumont Heritage Society's 21st Annual Antique Show and Sale will take place November 3-4 at the Beaumont Civic Center. The Preview Party is scheduled for Friday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. Hours for the Antique Show will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November

4. Admission will be \$3. "Musical Memories," the theme for the show, will feature a special exhibit of antique instruments, old sheet music and related memorabilia. Among the 35 participants will be a print dealer, a collector of English antiques and a dealer specializing in rural collectibles of brass and copper.

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Notes from the Village:



Marjorie Schultz

As we put up the last vestiges of our successful Harvest Festival, plans are already under way for next year with many of our demonstrators promising to be return for our Fourth Annual.

It was a wonderful weekend, in spite of the rain on Sunday, and a grand time was had by all. And so we thank everyone who worked so hard to make it come off, everyone who came and participated and said nice things. We love you all.

As you probably know, the Cherokee Church was dried in, in time for the Festival. And the CCC Camp bell that Paul Walker donated, though not in place, was used to call the faithful to worship and later to hear the Martin Family singers.

Well, we're happy to report that the bell is now in place in the church steeple and the original flooring of the church laid. "It went back in just like it came out," according to Village staffer John Castilaw. And that's just about the way the church has been rebuilt at the Village, back the way it was.

But back to that bell. According to Paul, it came from the old CCC Camp, which was located on the site of today's VFW Hall and Nutrition Center. It hung in the headquarters building and served as an alarm or assembly bell, when they wanted all hands to assemble. This was in the late 30's and early 40's. Later it hung in the Boy Scout Headquarters, where Paul salvaged it after the building was demolished.

Except for a short period, in which it was used by the Rockland Church, the bell has been in storage waiting for the right place to ring again. And Cherokee Church has given it that place. Thank you, Paul Walker. The Village, the community and all those who come to visit will benefit from your gift.

And less we forget, thanks to Champion Paper for once again coming up with those wonderful shopping bags that made it so much easier for our Festival visitors to tote their goodies home. We love the new bags. They look great in our Village. Thank you, thank you for the donation.

And so we're back to normal, more or less. And the kind of normal we love is when we have groups of school children coming to the Village to learn about their history. This past week, a group of fourth graders from Silsbee toured the Village, and we set up a mini-living village to give them a real feel of what life was like for their ancestors. This is the third group of youngsters from the same school, so we must be doing something right.

Which is as good a time as any to remind our schools right here in Tyler County that those kids paid to come in

Harvest Festival, Boo Y'all Huge successes

Children from Tyler County schools are admitted free. We've had school groups from Houston, even San Antonio, who have come all this way and paid to tour the Village. School groups from Tyler County are admitted free. What a shame if our own kids miss the chance to learn their history first hand, just because the Village is in their own back yard. Think about it.

Ghostly Evening A Success

We were delighted with the turnout for our first "Boo Y'all." Nearly 200 men, women and children toured the darkened Village, led by flashlight carrying ghostly guides to six different buildings, where ghost stories of Texas past were told in dimly lit surroundings.

The stories were fascinating, mostly true, extremely well told and often scary. *Woodsmen* editor Gloria Ross, who conjured up the idea, told of pebbles on the roof at Peach Tree Village, while publisher John Yearwood, held surgery as Dr. Roberts in the Physicians office. Charlene Nichols of the *Woodsmen* scared the daylight out of many a small child with her ghostly tales in the school house, after being pressed into service early in the evening, when Mayme Brown's laryngitis took over. Dave Bordelon, the voice behind the Dogwood Festival, talked of the eerie Saratoga lights from his spot in the Depot. And a still unidentified ghostly figure dressed in white spooked visitors with her story of lost love in the Music Store.

It was a wonderful evening with Lorraine Yearwood and Ruby Dickmeyer offering hot spiced cider and steaming hot gingerbread to all comers before and after the story telling.

It was a good one. And in answer to the question we were asked many times, yes, we hope to do it again next year.

Florence Vidette Remembered

Right out of the small world department, Clytus Caskey came to the Village recently on his way back home from a trip to Louisiana.

Now you might not know Clytus, but you should, because it was his family business, Caskey Bros. of Florence, Texas, who shipped the Village windmill to Clyde Gray a number of years ago. The Caskey brothers had a plumbing business, and they also assembled and sold windmills.

Clytus wanted to know if we still had it. And he went out to look at it.

But that's only half the story, since the Village is also home to another famous item from Florence, Texas. That's the printing press from the Florence Vidette, which was once used to put out papers at the Village but has been stored away in the Big House for many a year.

Well, plans have been under way for some time to resurrect that old press and have it on display in its own building where folks can see it. And John Yearwood, publisher of the *Woodsmen* newspaper, wants to sponsor this endeavor.

So what good fortune to talk with Mr. Caskey. Not only does he remember watching them set type by hand at the Vidette newspaper office in Florence, his mother has written a book on the history of Florence, which includes a lot of information about the Vidette. And Clytus Caskey is going to send us a copy of that book.

Genealogy

For all you genealogy buffs, who seem to have run into a brick wall, Frances Pennington of Houston has finally decided to put her vast knowledge of Tyler County history and her computer full of family histories to work for anyone who is interested. In other words, she's gone commercial.

In her brochures, which you'll find at the Village, she offers to research your family in libraries, courthouses and state archives, to go anywhere to do this research and to print out that research, organize and index it. And a whole lot more.

Frances, as many of you know, was the lady who started our Genealogy Register at the Village. It has been a great help to a lot of people. Her husband, Bobby Pennington, was raised in Woodville and is kin to a lot of the folks here, so her interest in genealogy has been well fed.

The way we look at it, if it's any where to be found, Frances can find it. Or chances are, she's already got it in her computer. One thing for sure, she's been a lot of help to us.

So if you're serious about this research business and have hit a stumbling block, it might just be a good idea to give Frances a call in Houston. (713) 729-8618.

Donations To Village

Christine Sanders, who has been busy busy of late writing letters to foundations

for grants to help us develop our Nature Center and Big Woods trails, brought in two generous donations recently. Although disappointed that these foundations could not give us the large sums asked for, we are more than grateful for the two generous checks we received from the Hobby Foundation in Houston and the McDermott Foundation in Dallas.

In the letter that accompanied the Hobby check, mention was made of the close ties Governor W. P. Hobby had with our area. His first wife was Willie Cooper, daughter of Bronson Cooper, a Woodville lawyer who went on to become a noted legislator on both the state and federal level. Hobby's parents lived in Woodville at one time and built a home on Bluff Street, but moved to Moscow in Polk County before the late governor and publisher of the *Houston Post* was born.

Video Award

We were glad to hear from Glen Ely, who produced the Pioneer, Village and Junior Historian videos using Tyler County sites and citizens. He reported that sales are going well, that the schools really like them and that the Texas Historical Commission has given his Forest Glen Productions an award for historical preservation for his five Texas History Programs, which include the Pioneer Video. Our congratulations to Glen. His work is tops, and he deserves it.



Allan Shivers Library And Museum NEWS

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| 12:30 p.m. | Friday, November 2, 1990 |
| | —St. Paul's School |
| 9:15 a.m. | Wednesday, November 7, 1990 |
| 10:00 a.m. | —Pre-School Film |
| 2:00 p.m. | —Day Care Center Film |
| | —Little Eagle's Nest Film |
| 12:30 p.m. | Friday, November 9, 1990 |
| 2:00 p.m. | —St. Paul's School |
| | —Books delivered to both Nursing Homes |
| 9:15 a.m. | Wednesday, November 14, 1990 |
| 10:00 a.m. | —Pre-School Film |
| 2:00 p.m. | —Day Care Center Film |
| | —Little Eagle's Nest Film |
| 6:00 p.m. | Thursday, November 15, 1990 |
| | —John Gray Institute Program |
| 12:30 p.m. | Friday, November 16, 1990 |
| | —St. Paul's School |
| 9:15 a.m. | Wednesday, November 21, 1990 |
| 10:00 a.m. | —Pre-School Film |
| 2:00 p.m. | —Day Care Center Film |
| | —Little Eagle's Nest Film |
| 2:00 p.m. | Friday, November 23, 1990 |
| | —Books delivered to both Nursing Homes |
| 9:15 a.m. | Wednesday, November 28, 1990 |
| 10:00 a.m. | —Pre-School Film |
| 2:00 p.m. | —Day Care Center Film |
| | —Little Eagle's Nest Film |
| 12:30 p.m. | Friday, November 30, 1990 |
| | —St. Paul's School |

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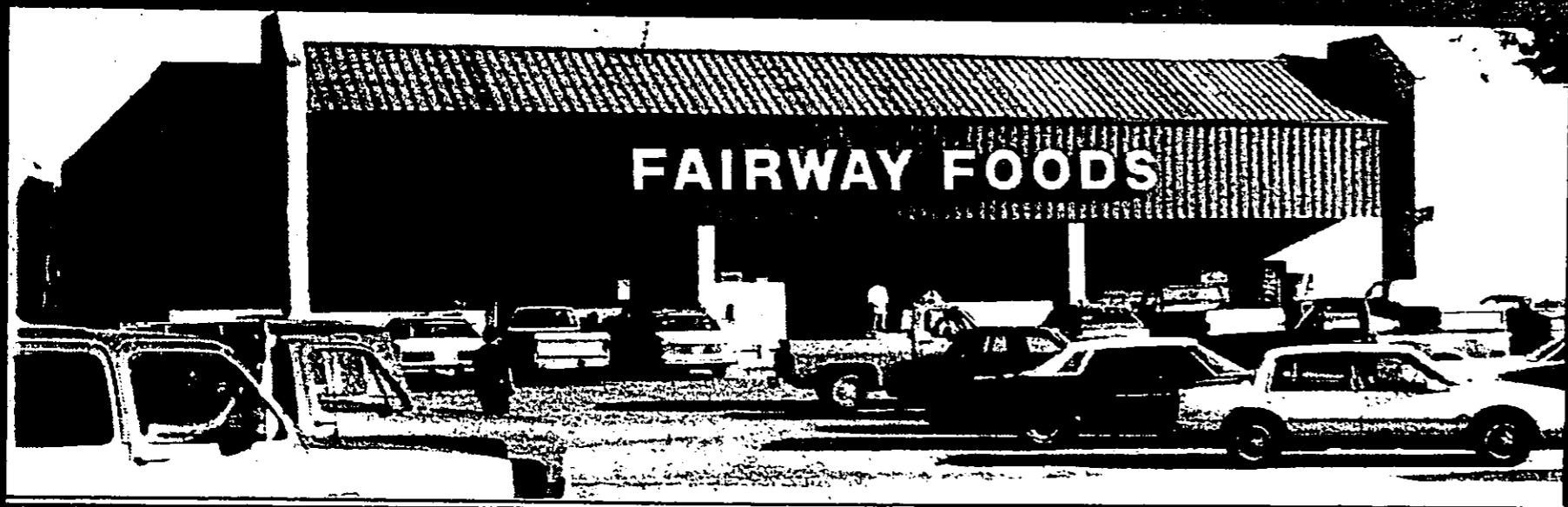
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Junior historians to host hundreds at local meet

A smaller version of the recent Harvest Festival at Heritage Village Museum is being planned by the Tyler County Junior Historians on November 10. On that day, the local group will turn out in period dress to host over 200 of their peers, mostly from the Houston area, for a day of hands-on Deep East Texas history and hospitality.

The day will start off with the dedication of the historic log utility crib, which the Tyler County youngsters helped dismantle and rebuild at the Village. The visitors will then be divided into smaller groups, each led by Village-trained Junior Historians on a tour of the Village, a hike along the adjoining Big Woods trails and a bonding house lunch at the Pickett House, which is part of the Village complex.

In the Village, the visiting historians will be treated to demonstrations of primitive wood carving by Pat Barton of Stephen F. Austin, shingle splitting by Ewell Wood, stained glass and pottery by Judith Hanes, blacksmithing by Charlie Schultz, and in each case, the youngsters will be given the opportunity to try it themselves. They'll even be able to split rails, just as their ancestors did.

Big Thicket National Preserve Park Rangers Leslie Dubey and Beth Houseman will be in the Big Woods with Heritage Society member Keelin Parker to lead the group along the trails and talk about the diverse ecological mix that makes this part of the state so unique. Jackie Gardner of the Cottage Rose

will show her vintage roses and tell something about them. Village Jeweler John Kilian will let the visitors try their hand at making jewelry, using the lost wax process. Irma Hickman will show a quilting bee to show the students the work that goes into making a fine quilt. And Leroy McGowen will be at his familiar easel, showing how he has recorded many of Tyler County's

historic landmarks in years. To make the day complete, Alvin Prockend has put together a program of music that should set all those young feet a-tapping. They'll hear the Tyler County Sacred Harp Singers, Eldridge Crook on his fiddle, John Robichaux and his bluegrass players and more. Josh David will show some of his farm animals at the Village's 1940 contest-

ing hour, and the Luffkin Zoo will bring a selection of East Texas critters for the students to see and identify. Another Christine Sautter on the day of the session from Houston will be Heritage Society members Janie Ashworth, Peggy Barrow, Mildred White and Jack Whelan.

1991 membership drive starts

In launching its 1991 Membership Drive, the Tyler County Heritage Society is urging all citizens of Tyler County to show their support of its efforts by joining the society or renewing their memberships for the coming year. In the Society's last newsletter, individual members (\$15 a year) were asked to increase their memberships to Family Memberships at just \$25 a year. Family members were asked to consider a Small Business Membership at \$50 a year. And everyone was urged to make an additional donation to the Society's Endowment Fund, which will provide additional earned funds for preservation over the years. This fund is also an ex-

cellent recipient for memorials for loved ones. The Society's goal for 1991 is to double its membership and double the involvement of its members in the preservation of Tyler County history through Heritage Village Museum.

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"Tail" tells tales of early days in Woodville

By T. E. Phillips
ED. NOTE: It took the Border Patrol to change T. E. Phillips' childhood name from "Tail" to "Felipe." The boy got along the Rio Grande River. After returning to Tyler County, Phillips served for 24 years on City Magistrate for Woodville, thereby earning him the title of "Judge." It is by this name that everyone knows him at Heritage Village Museum, where he presides over the Justice of the Peace Office and spins his tales of the Border Patrol for Village visitors.

Since I have been associated with Heritage Village Museum, and my memories of life in the Border Patrol have been published in the East Texas Echo, the question I'm most frequently asked is whether or not I am a native of Woodville or at least Tyler County. There is no way to prove whether I am or not. I thought I was born on April 24, 1903, in the sawmill community of Hyatt, south of Woodville. Later records showed me to have been born in 1902 in Cut 'N' Shoot in Montgomery County. Whatever, let's just leave it that I was born and start from there.

My earliest memories are of my days in Woodville. I remember that we lived in several houses, none of which we own today. The one that offers me the clearest memories was on Cobb Mill Road. My grandparents lived there, and we moved in with them. The house is still there, at the top of the hill on your left as you drive up from Hwy. 69. It's a dilapidated old building now, just waiting to decide which way to fall. I remember we were living there in 1910, when Haley's Comet was visible for the first time this century.

There were three of us boys, Fletcher, Gabriel and me, the youngest. Our place seemed to be the gathering place for so many of the Woodville boys: the Patzes, Johnsons, Smiths, Wrights and many more. Maybe that was because my oldest brother was so good at building things to play with or maybe it was because of my Dad's watermelon patch. One of the things my brother was especially good at making was a "Flying Jimmy," which is one of the best ways for a small kid to get hurt that was ever invented. As the smallest, I was always the one to try out each new Jimmy. Since my mother died when I was so young, we were sort of an unsupervised group. Our field went down the hill to the street, and we had a big old barn

where we played, sometimes playing hookey from school. But, since my Dad farmed and did public work too, we were not always idle. Another place I remember living was in back of AEM Motors. The house is gone now, but I remember living there with Aunt Charity, a former slave, who took care of me for I don't know how long. Those were happy times for me with Aunt Charity, Uncle Dave and their dog.

After my Dad remarried and my stepmother had little ones of her own to take care of, she would always insist that my older brothers take me with them wherever they went. That's how I got my first nickname of "Tail." My brothers and all their friends called me that. My first schooling was in Woodville. Ruth Gillespie and I started the first grade together. Our teacher was Miss Myrtis Triplett. Another girl I knew lived in the old Barclay house, which was recently torn down, and I remember going to her ninth birthday party in that house.

Friends of my Dad were Judge Mooney and Rev. Rhodes. They went fishing and on other outings, and we kids would go along in an old wagon. One place we would go was Mooney's Mill Pond, later known as Fain's Twin Lakes. It had a grist mill with a water wheel and, of course, a big lake for fishing and swimming.

Then there was the Poor Farm, a large area west of town that took in some of the land where Heritage Village Museum now stands. Sometimes poor families were sent there by the county, when they had no place else to live. In our case, my Dad, who served as a deputy sheriff for many years, leased some of the land for farming and raising livestock. And this is where Dad and Judge Mooney quickly went into and out of the hog raising business. They went to Lufkin and bought some pigs that had the cholera and, of course, all of our hogs died. Shortly after this we moved to South Park in Beaumont, then on to Port Arthur. That's where I joined the Border Patrol that took me to the Rio Grande Valley for 24 years and earned my second nickname of "Felipe." Finally, on Ground Hog Day in 1955, my wife Bobbie and I returned to Woodville, where I served for another 24 years

as City Judge, a title that earned me my present nickname of "Judge." One of my greatest joys since retirement has been the opportunity to share some of my experiences in the Border Patrol. This I do at Heritage Village

Museum, through my stories in the Echo and as a speaker for school and civic groups throughout the county. I think people like my stories. I certainly hope they do.



TOP OF THE HILL—T. E. Phillips lived in this house on Cobb Mill Road the first time he saw Haley's Comet. That was in 1910, when the "Judge" of Heritage Village Museum was either 7 or 8 years old. His exact age depends on when and where he was born, and he's not quite sure.

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Southeast Texas Museum Association meets Nov. 3

"The future of Heritage Village Museum through the involvement of our children" will be the theme of the Tyler County Heritage Society will set forth when they host the quarterly meeting of the Southeast Texas Museum Association on Saturday, November 3.

The Board of Directors of the Heritage Society will kick off the gathering with a sawmill supper at the home of Christine Sanders on Friday evening.

The meeting will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and last until 11:30, at which time the group will adjourn to Heritage Village for lunch at the Pickett House.

Following lunch, the visitors will be given a tour through the Village, where members of the Tyler County Junior Historians will demonstrate ways in which they have become involved in the

programs of the Village, where they were trained.

These youngsters will explain how the dismantled and rebuilt the log utility site. They will be at work in the Blacksmith Shop and splitting shingles with Ewell Wood. They will show how Village Jeweler John Killam taught them to make silver jewelry, using the lost wax process.

Aloha Freeland will stage a scene from her original outdoor historical drama "Whispers In The Wind," in which Junior Historians appeared.

All members of the Heritage Society and others interested in Tyler County history are urged to attend this get-together of museum professionals. \$10 payable at registration will cover coffee and doughnuts, the meeting, lunch and the Village tour.



Pecans And The Holidays

Serious cooks know it's not coincidence that the beginning of the holiday season and the pecan season coincide. No one ingredient is more essential to foods we in the South associate with good eating and good times.

Mamie Billingsley's Persimmon Cookies

1 cup sugar 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup shortening 1 tsp. soda
1 egg 1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups flour 1 cup persimmon pulp
1 tsp. cinnamon 1 cup chopped nuts

Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg. Beat well. Add persimmon, flour, salt, soda and spices. Add nuts and raisins. Mix well. Dough will be thin. Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 300 degrees about 15-minutes or until done.

Joan Shield's Spicy Fondant Coating

In a saucepan, stir together 2 cups sifted powdered sugar; 1 teaspoon nutmeg; 1/4 cup evaporated milk; 2 tablespoons each butter and light corn syrup; and 1/4 teaspoon orange extract. Heat to boiling, stirring. Remove from heat, color as desired; beat until thick. Use to coat walnuts or pecan halves.

Eanice Smallwood Stutzman's Fruit Cake Cookies

Mix:
1 cup butter or oleo; 1/2 cup sugar. 3 eggs; 1 tsp. soda; 1/2 tsp. vanilla.
Add:
2 tablespoons water; 3/2 cups flour; 4 cups pecans; 1 lb. candied cherries,

chopped; 1 lb. dates, chopped; 1 lb. white raisins.

Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes, at 350 degrees. Do not brown too much. Makes 10 dozen. These keep for weeks.

Anna Belle Bratton's Persimmon Date Nut Pudding

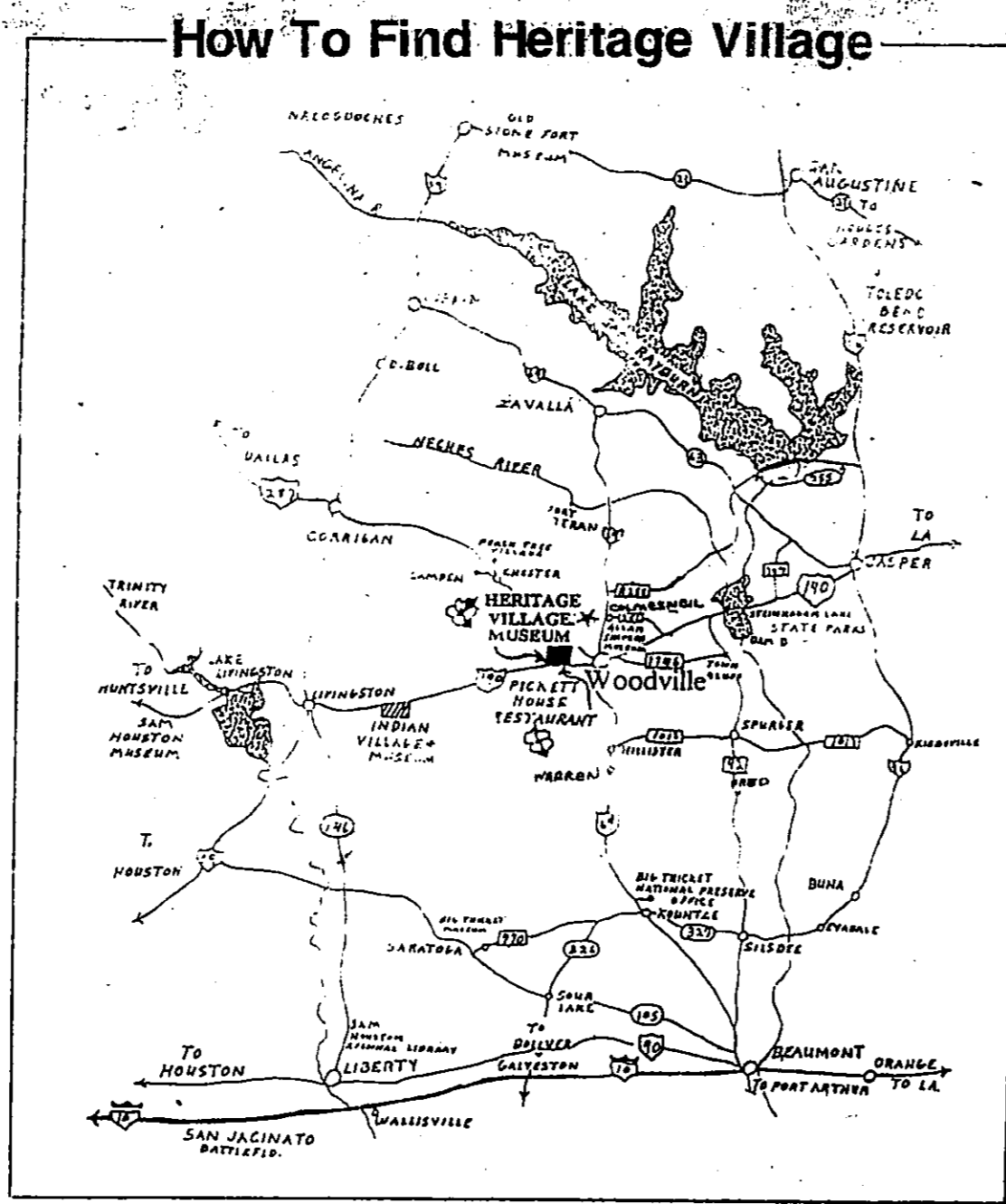
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 2 cups sugar
2 tsp. soda 2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs
3 tbs. melted butter 1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups persimmon pulp
2 cups chopped dates
2 cups chopped pecans

Sift flour with sugar, soda, baking powder and salt. Stir in bread crumbs. Combine melted butter with milk and vanilla; add to dry ingredients and mix until blended. Stir in pulp, dates and pecans. Pour into greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Thelma See's Date Loaf

1 lb. candied cherries 1 cup sugar
1/2 lb. candied pineapple 1 cup flour.
2 pkg. dates (chopped)
1 lb. pecans 2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla 4 eggs

Beat eggs separately. Beat egg yolks with sugar then mix with fruit, nuts and dates that have been mixed well with flour. (Do not chop pecans or fruit). Fold in egg whites stiffly beaten. Bake one hour.



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2.—WHITMEYER GENEALOGY LIBRARY: Research your Tyler County roots right here at the Village. Share information through our Genealogy Register, use our microfiche and microfilm readers, browse through our growing collection of family histories and books.

3.—EXHIBITION ROOM: Monthly exhibits are shown in this room to further explain the history of Tyler County that is being preserved in the Village.

4.—KILLAM JEWELRY SHOP: Talented jewelry designer John Killam demonstrates early methods of jewelry making for visitors, while operating his custom jewelry business. Many of his designs are found exclusively in the Museum Store.

5.—JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: The JP's duties once included assaying minerals, performing marriage ceremonies and handing out punishment to criminals. Former Woodville City Magistrate and Border Patrolman T.E. Phillips offers interesting evidence of his colorful careers for Village visitors.

6.—PAWN SHOP: Old time mechanical money banks in the window invite visitors inside, where a wide variety of treasures can be found that stir memories of days gone by.

7.—WAGON SHOP: Plans are under way for reworking this area into a wagon shop and Tack Room.

8.—TEXAS DINNER BELL FACTORY: The traditional triangle, which rang across pioneer lands both as an alarm and a chow time "come and get it", is made here for sale at the Museum Store. The bells are also sent out on special order to specialty shops from coast to coast.

9.—POST OFFICE: There really was a Pluck Post Office, and Willie Reinhardt was the last Postmaster for the little mill town near Corrigan in Polk County. Inside fixtures are all authentic to the original.

10.—BARBER SHOP: If you wanted a Saturday night bath, this century old barber shop could accommodate you in the back room. The 1836 copper tub once belonged to a Jefferson, Texas, blacksmith. The century old fixtures of the shop included two chairs, which could be laid back and revolved, but not raised or lowered.

11.—SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL: Every town had one, of course. The Village's offering is a replica of the type of facilities one might have found in early Tyler County days.

12.—BLACKSMITH SHOP: In use in Commerce in the late 1800's, this shop is now the home of the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance. Village Blacksmiths fire up the forge whenever a touring group is expected, inviting them to share in what was once one of the most important businesses in any town.

13.—CANE GRINDER AND SYRUP MILL: Horses or mules were used to turn the grinder, through which sugarcane was squeezed before the slow process of cooking the juice to produce a delectable syrup. In the shed beyond is an old wagon donated by the late Gov. Allen Shivers, a famous Woodville son.

14.—TOLAR CABIN: Built by Robert Tolar for his bride in 1866 and donated



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by his ancestors, the cabin, where family members cooked sumptuous meals over the open fire well into the 1950's, was moved intact from near Hillister. It was awarded the medalion of the Texas Historical Commission in 1964. On the way to the Railroad Depot, you can close your eyes and envision the Cherokee Church which will soon fill this spot.

15.—RAILROAD DEPOT: Materials for this depot came from the 1890 station in Hillister. The hoop hanging on the outside wall held the Order Stick, which the Station Master would hold out to a passing train so orders, information and outgoing mail could be picked up without the train having to slow down.

16.—COLLIER STORE: Much of the original materials and furnishings are included in the reconstruction of this general store, built in Town Bluff in 1863 by Zacharia Cowart Collier. No visitor to the Village should miss this fine collection of interesting 19th century items.

17.—TURKEY CREEK INN: A reconstruction of what an early roadside looked like in Tyler County. Furnishings being assembled to accompany the handsome spruce piano donated by Phoebe Armstrong and her sister.

18.—LAWYERS OFFICE: Every so often, every one in town needed a

lawyer, and it wasn't unusual to find him officing off the lobby of the local hotel.

19.—SALOON: Even a little town like Woodville once had a saloon. In fact at one time, it had several. But our Village will have only one, off the hotel lobby and behind the Apothecary.

20.—APOTHECARY SHOP: In an old time drug store, only prescriptions and home remedies were sold. The prescription counter found here is from a drug store in Rockland, which was once a thriving mill town and the terminus of the railroad from Beaumont.

21.—PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE: Dr. and Mrs. Gayle Burton of Woodville are currently researching early Tyler County physicians to authenticate the refurbishing of this office.

22.—SEAMSTRESS SHOP: Recreation of an 1875-85 Shop, which was in its day a great way for a lady to earn a living, this shop offers a delightful look into the past world of fashion. Many original pieces of clothing and other items from a century ago can be found here. Joseph Gernets and his mother, Martha Stark, of Houston are responsible for the research and furnishings of this shop.

23.—OPEN DEMONSTRATION AREA: Opening up the entrance to the Village, this area is being used for a

variety of demonstrations.

24.—MUSIC SHOP: Musical history memorabilia from the collection of Bubba Voss of Orange, who spent many years in a circus band, has been increased to include old sheet music donated by Fred Bennett of Woodville.

25.—CHAIR FACTORY: Dallas Miller operated this chair factory in Burkeville until 1964, when it was donated to the Village by his family. Besides being the best chair maker in this part of the country, Miller was also a genius in fabricating the machinery he needed to make those chairs.

26.—INDUSTRIAL AREA: Soon to be the home of the Mattress Factory, Seed Separator and other early machinery needed to keep an early Village operating.

27.—LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE: Typical of the one-room school houses where all grades were taught by one teacher and older students were pressed into service to help the younger ones with their lessons. Nestled in the woods next to the school is a picnic area, where visitors who wish to "brown bag it" can relax and enjoy.

28.—THE VILLAGE STILL: Once shamefully located right outside the school building, the Whiskey Still has thankfully been moved up into the woods, where it can turn out its output without corrupting young school rooms.

29.—SHINGLE SPLITTING: Under the overhang of the log utility shed you'll often find Buck Woods, one of the Village's most faithful volunteers, who splits shingles to the entertainment of Village visitors.

30.—LOG UTILITY CRIB: Dismantled by the Tyler County Junior Historians and then reassembled log by log by this same group of history-minded youngsters, this sturdy log structure comes from the Pleasant Hill Community near Spangler, southeast of Woodville.

31.—CANTILEVER LOG BARN: This 140-year old log barn once belonged to the family of famed timber and oilman, John Henry Kirby, at Peach Tree Village near Chester. It was moved log by log to the Village by a team of volunteers.

32.—DEMONSTRATION BARN: Since old time craft demonstrations are the life line of the Village, this open sided pole barn offers a perfect spot for large demonstrations, outdoor gatherings and workshops. Most recently it saw dozens of portable forges in action during a statewide meeting of blacksmiths.

33.—THE COTTAGE ROSE: Antique and miniature roses surround this delightful little shop, which is located outside the Village proper, up the hill from the Pickett House Restaurant. Outside, you'll find a profusion of beautiful concentrated plants for sale. Inside, dried flowers, dried arrangements and floral potpourri fill the air with delightful and aromatic gift ideas.

34.—PICKETT HOUSE: Country cooking abounds in this world famous restaurant housed in a turn of the century school house.

35.—HAMM HOUSE: Donated by the Hamm Family of Town Bluff, this century old home will soon be restored as a Nature Center at the head of the Big Woods Hiking Trails.

36.—BIG WOODS HIKING TRAILS: The 11.5 acres of well-marked hiking trails offer most of the treasures that can be found in the Big Thicket.