

Looking Back McNairy County Independent 1949

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Note: Selmer Basketball teams were usually the only one listed as other school teams did not send their news to the paper. Sometimes a team would be listed under the community news. W. T. Greer wrote the articles in some of the papers, just do not know if in 1949. Who ever wrote the articles had a great sense of humor and the articles were good, however due to the length only abstracts were taken. The first names of the players were rarely given.

Some have asked why I didn't include their community in the news. Some communities didn't send their news to the paper; all sent were included. To be included in my abstracts it had to be more than 'The Jones family visited the Smith family.'

Friday, January 7, 1949
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McNairy County asks for second \$1,000 grant to properly take care of children in McNairy County who have Polio. Infantile Paralysis is one of the most expensive diseases to fight both in its acute state and in after-care according to March of Dimes Chairman, J. S. Hurst. Epidemics during 1948 exhausted funds.

Selmer Basketball: Selmer met Bolivar on January 4 in Bolivar. Girls lost 14 to 27. Boys won 38 to 18.

Judge Walker assures Attendance School Law will be enforced in McNairy County. Lester Moore is Attendance teacher. Penalty for failure to send a child to school is not more than \$10 and not less than \$2 a day.

Senior 4-H'ers Elect Officers at High School: Officers for 1949 are:

President, J. B. McCullar	Vice-pres, John Nelson Ray
Sec-treas, Joyce Mitchell	Reporters, Jerry Barron and Betty Jo Hurst

Song leaders, Wayne McClain and Betty Steele.
Adult leader Mrs. R. G. Prather.

Selmer Junior 4-H Club Select Officers for '49:

President, Emma Lee Rinehart	Vice-pres, Fay Carol Thrasher
Sec, Mary Frances Meeks	Reporters, Anne Claire Wright & James N Osborne

Song leaders, Jimmy Shelton and Lola Bess Basinger.
Adult leader, Mrs. Allen Wooten.

According to Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick, one complete whiskey still was captured and confiscated on January 4th north of Chewalla.

J. E. Hamilton, prominent in business and civic affairs died at a hospital in Jackson on Wednesday, January 5, 1949. Services held at the Presbyterian Church on January 6, burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Bertie Hamilton; two daughters, Mrs. S. L. Haynes of Jackson, Miss; and Miss Edris Hamilton of Selmer; four sons, Dewitt, Joe and James of Selmer and Marvin Hamilton of Obion, Tenn. Two brothers, Ira Hamilton of Gracemont, Okla and Otis Hamilton of Sheffield, Ala. Three sisters, Mrs. Annie Foster of Adamsville, Mrs. Minnie Hopkins of Boswell, Okla and Mrs. Bessie Carroll of California.

PFC Floyd W Snider, age 26, who was killed in action in France on October 13, 1944, was returned to this county for burial Dec 30, 1948. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Snider of Finger. Services were conducted at Roby church and interment in the Roby cemetery. Besides his parents, he was survived by five brothers, Lloyd, Alton and Buford of Finger, Glynn of Henderson, Raymond of Nashville. Three sisters, Burnice Walker and Lynda May Snider of Finger, and Nell Taylor of Meadon, Tenn.

The McNairy County Quarterly Court met in regular session in the court house here last Monday. The following Magistrates were present:

M. C. Etheridge	J. O. Mitchell	W. E. Floyd	E. G. Harris
A. F. Higginbottom	R. M. Gean	M. C. Martin	M. B. Melton
J. P. Whitley	J. R. King	H. K. Maness	G. R. McCormack
L. E. Scott	Earl F. Jones	J. T. Stanfield	Haven Garner
Lit Wilson	W. G. Minton	W. R. Steadman.	Absent: I. M. Meek

Judge R. Carter Smith presided and Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick was officer in charge.

The main item of business was obtaining a lot suitable for the state to build a \$40,000 building for the National Guard. No action was taken. School Superintendent J. C. Taylor explained that

something would have to be done within the next few years toward providing added educational facilities for the children of this county. Esq. W. G. Minton asked for \$1,000 to be appropriated in the next budget to build suitable road bed and repair 3 miles of road by the Oak Grove School, this request was tabled.

McNairy County AAA: McNairy County has been allotted \$102,392.00 for the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program. Cotton crop insurance offered to farmers again. Applications for 1949 cotton crop insurance are: H. L. Foster, G. B. Hooker, Tony Plunk, Aubrey Whitaker, Jack Harris, Troy Lockman, O. L. King, T. L. anderson, C. L. Crabtree, Carthel Crabtree, Earl Willis, David Foster, James Foster, J. C. Kerby, H. G. Wallace, Ted Martin, Hugh MacArthur, O. L. Walker, Roy J. Luttrell, J. R. Woods and Mollie D. Steele.

Auction, Monday, January 17, 1949: J. E. Wiseman Place, Martin Camp Road, near Purdy at 10:30. Items to be sold: Wagon, team of mules, plow tools, 250 lb capacity electric chick brooder, household goods, including breakfast room suite, new range stove and many other items. 103 Acre farm for sale or rent and two houses.

Sewing Machines Repaired: also Washing machines. T & C Furniture, Warren and Second St.
Notice to Creditors: Estate of U. T. Harris. E. B. Gardner, executor.

Notice to Creditors: Estate of J. R. Harris. Zaida Harris, R. L. Rankin, Administrators.

Card of Thanks: For kindness during the illness and death of our mother - Mrs. Etta Forsythe.

Signed Willie Forsythe, John Forsythe, Mrs. Grady Saxton, Mrs. Dan Cobb.

Posted Land: to all hunters: Allie Hurst, F. E. Higgingbottom, John Higginbottom.

Posted Land: on my land in the old 13th civil district, Mrs. Effie Weatherford.

Posted Land: in the old first district, six miles west of Ramer, O. C. Steadman.

Showing at the RITZ, week of January 9, 1949: Mexican Hayride, Blondie In The Dough, Hazard, Phantom Valley, You Gotta Stay Happy. Admission 10 and 30 cents.

Ramer Carriers Announce New Rates: the postal rates on most everything but ordinary First Class mail will go up.

Jordan's announces news prices in an ad.

Television can be seen and heard in McNairy County. For complete information contact Gordon Jones at Firestone Store, Adamsville, Phone 112.

Call 206-J for quality laundry, cleaning, pressing, alterations. Amos Cleaners.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Home Freezer Demonstration, Thursday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m. at Grady Counce & Son.

Electrical Appliance Repair see Clarence Green, 125 N Eighth St, Selmer. Phone 132-W.

District Singing convention meets Sunday, Jan 9th at McCalips Chapel. L. C. Ingle, President.

Keep Tractors Running Smooth: Latta Tractor & Implement Co.

Sewing machine repaired at Selmer Furniture & Appliance Co.

For Sale: Six-eye coal or wood range with hot water front. Phone 72. Eber Greer.

Wanted: Dry Corn. See me before you sell. T. A. Roten, Stantonville. Phone 404.

For Quick Sale: 100 upland farm at \$9.00 per acre. Electric line to house. 1 mile from Beauty Hill Church. See Harvey S. Greene.

Lost: thin, black, flop-eared hog about 250 lbs. Last seen between Smith's Store and Guys. Opal Gray.

Rooms for Rent at 170 W Cypress Ave. Phone 219-J. Mrs. Susie Smith Meeks.

For Rent: 3 good farms. Good houses and barns. John L. Littlefield. Phone 62.

For sale - One good Jersey Cow, gives 3 gal milk per day. Two mare mules, smooth mouth. Also good wagon and other items. John Alexander, Highway 64 at Browder's Store.

For Sale - Untrained beagle hound puppies at 354 Pharr Ave. Richard Brown. Phone 108.

Mt Zion Community (on Hwy 142): news: Mr. & Mrs. Mansel Crabtree have moved to Somerville. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown announce a new baby girl, Sandra Lynn, born at Humphrey-

Phillips Clinic on Jan 2.

Beauty Hill: news: On Dec 30th, little Ima Jeanette Johnson arrived in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson, to take up her abode there. Rev. Clovis Turnbow, the pastor of Beauty Hill church and his sister Miss Esther Turnbow were injured in a serious auto wreck at Hohenwald Saturday night.

Selmer Bank & Trust Co shows assets of \$2,617,446.15. M. E. Smith, Cashier, R. B. Gooch, R. P. Phillips, John R. Swaim, Directors.

Buy at Horner's - Jewelry, Hardware & Furniture Store. Phone 260.

Free Flour Saturday to given away at A & G Market. Phone 115-J

Seller of coal - Selmer Gin Co. Telephone 119.

Coming Jan 22, New Chevrolet for 1949 at Sibley Chevrolet Company. Phone 205.

All Farmers are Invited to John Deere Day: Jan 13 at 10 AM, at the Ritz Theatre. 'The Sugar Plum Tree,' is the feature Hollywood production. In addition, several other brand new, all-talking pictures will be shown. T. W. McBride, local John Deere Dealer.

George Haynes, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Haynes died in Sheffield, Ala.

Snow, Sleet, Cold. Winterize Special at Latta Motor Co for \$6.00

Chambers Style Shop After Christmas Sale Continues.

Ed Shaw's Café, Shiloh Park, is closed for repairs from Dec 24, 1948 to March 1, 1949. news: January Clearance Sale at J. H. Bigger & Son.

Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Jones of Corinth, former Selmer residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan 1. Present were: Children - Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Michael, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Jones, Mr. & Mrs. John Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Novie Jones, Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy.

Grandchildren: Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Jones, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Jones, Mr. & Mrs. T. K. Page, Gordon Michael & Minnie Lou Russom, J. Robert Murphy, Herbert Jones, Verneal Jones, Dorothy, Bobby and Mae Jones, J. T., Bobby, Shirley and Billy Jones, T. L. Michael and Elsie, Buddy, Wanda, Brenda, Shirley and Jerry Jones. Four great grandchildren: Patricia Ann and Dale Wilbanks, W. C. Page, Judy Jones and James McCrary. January 3 was T. L. Jones' 74th birthday.

Baptist WMU new officers (Selmer First Baptist) President, Mrs. T. E. Murdough; vice-pres - Mrs. W. A. Barksdale; 2nd vice pres - Mrs. Farris Wilkerson; sec - Harry Winters; treasurer - Mrs. Shy Browder; community mission chairman - Mrs. H. S. Browder; mission study chairman - Mrs. V. L. Robinson; young people's leader - Mrs. Richard McComie; prayer chairman - Mrs. R. J. Wood; B.W.C. chairman - Mrs. Forrest Williams; Y.W.A leader - Mrs. Lee Jaggars; Sunbeam - Mrs. W. J. Fletcher, Sunbeam; asst - Miss Inez Kirk; reporter Mrs. Wayne Littlefield.

Grazing live stock in the woods is both poor timber land management and poor livestock management.

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Funeral services for Mr. J. Fount Harris, age 66, was held January 4 at London Funeral Home in Lewisburg, Tenn. Mr. Harris is the father of Mrs. John Sharp of Guys.

Selmer Basketball Teams lose over the week end. Selmer met Baldwin in the local gym on Jan 7. The Baldwin teams were Mississippi State Champions last season. The girls lost 22 to 34. Reeder was high scorer with 15 points. The boys game was tough and rough all the way. Final score 26 to 36. Weatherford high point man with 11 points. Saturday night the local teams went to Adamsville. The girls came out on the little end of the stick 46 to 18. The boys played a hard game but lost by three

points. Final score 33 to 30. Christopher and Milford carried high point for Adamsville with 9 points each. McClain was high for Selmer.

Sgt. Maurice F. Hamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Hamm was selected Airman of the Month for the 3rd Finance Disbursing Unit of the 3rd Air Base Group at Yakota Air Force Base in Japan.

News from Sheriff's office: Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick and officers E. M. Young and R. B. Leonard confiscated one complete whiskey still on January 8, located 4 miles west of Ramer. Officers poured out 980 gallons of beer.

Pine Seedlings available at \$3.00 per 1000. County AAA will pay \$5.00 per acre for setting trees at 6½ feet apart.

McNairy 4-H Club met Jan 4 with 27 members present. Song led by Virginia Blagg and Dorothy Kizer. Devotional by leader. Pledge to the flag by Marlene Tull. Miss Sams gave a discussion on table setting and Mr. Walker gave a demonstration how to measure beef cattle. Jean Patterson and Eleanor Henry, reporters.

March of Dimes opens 1949 drive on Friday Jan 14. Funding is needed because the summer of 1948 had a devastating polio epidemic. Mrs. E. B. English tells what March of Dimes means to her. Her son Sammy English was stricken in 1948 and remained in isolation over 4 months. Selmer Mayor Will Tom Abernathy makes proclamation for appeal to give to March of Dimes.

J. B. Huggins resigns as Gravel Hill correspondent because he failed to report the death of Mrs. D. R. Latta.

Pebble Hill: Mr. Tom Wilds passed away Monday at his home January 10, 1949.

Showing at the Ritz week of January 16: You Gotta Stay Happy, The Winners Circle, The Babe Ruth Story, Chip of the Flying U and A Southern Yankee.

New Want ads since last week:

For sale 1940 Model Tudor Chevrolet. Phone 2840 Mrs. Ross Hockaday, Route 2 Selmer.

For sale or will trade for stock - 1937 Ford - runs good - good tires. See me in town or 4 miles west at Moore's Schoolhouse. Albert Lott.

Rocky Knob: Bro O. R. Rainey met with the church on January 9th. It was voted unanimously to keep Bro Rainey another year. Changed from afternoon services to morning services. Sunday School will begin promptly at 10:00 o'clock and preaching at 11 o'clock on the first and third Sundays in each month. Several went to the Browder brothers funeral at Sweet Lips Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy from near Humboldt are new residents.

Take the Wheel - Try The New Ford Feel at Latta Motor Company.

Now Open: Swain's Café - Hwy 64 West - Selmer. Just inside city limits. Specializing in pit barbecue. Curb service. Operated by R. Hall Swain.

Get the extra big Frigidaire 7" refrigerator at Sibley Chevrolet. Phone 205.

Wilkerson's Liberty Cash Grocers - Low Prices Every Day.

See us for wire, asbestos siding, mule-hide shingles, Pittsburg paints, doors & windows, 6 inch well tile, kiln dried lumber. Standard Lumber Co.

When Sickness Strikes You - see your doctor then see us. Selmer Drug Co. The Rexall Store.

Volunteer Now for the New National Guard. Co D, 117th Infantry, Selmer, Tenn.

Financial State of County Highway Department from Dec 16, 1947 to Dec 1948. Total disbursement \$120,015.14. Total Revenue \$112,060.30. Ervin C. Hester, Commissioner.

Bethel Springs 4-H Club met January 7. Song leader Barbara Plunk. Willie Jo Hurst reviewed members on the meaning of club emblem and motto. Pledge to the flag was led by Sammy Tull. Sue Nell Hendrix said the Club Creed. A report on 'last year's work' by Judith Walker and a talk on 'how to raise chickens' by Patty Martin. Anna Dickson, reporter.

Gravel Hill: Rev. M. M. Ayers resigned last Wednesday night to accept a call to the Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Ala. Miss Nellie Pearl Sims had an operation for appendicitis.

December 25, 1948, Mrs. D. R. Latta passed to her reward at the home of her daughter Mrs. W.

T. Gooch. Known as 'Aunt Quinnie,' she was 87 years old and a Primitive Baptist. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McCoy. Surviving her are sons: Orland of Corinth, Earl of Selmer, Henry of Ramer and one daughter Mrs. W. T. Gooch of Michie, and one brother J. W. McCoy.

Notice To Creditors: Estate of J. S. Howard. T. A. Howard, Adm.

Death of Mrs. Rosa Smith Sheffield, age 80 at her home in West Palm Beach, Fla on January 11. She is the sister of J M Smith, formerly of Selmer and Tom Smith of McNairy.

Leonard Phillips and Miss Mary Parrott were married in a quiet ceremony in Corinth, Miss on Jan 5, 1949. Leonard is a progressive young farmer of the Crooked Creek Community and Mrs. Phillips is an employee of Brown Shoe Company.

Frank Piefer Roofing Company apply all types roofing, siding and insulation.

Woodmen of the World, Life Insurance - Sid Burks, District Manger.

Hamilton Cleaners where quality work becomes a habit. We deliver. Phone 6.

Friday, January 21, 1949

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McNairy County Quarterly Court was called into extra session last Friday morning to reconsider the resolution of Company D of the National Guard, wherein they requested the Court place in its budget the amount of \$5,000 to buy a lot for the erection of a Storage Room. The resolution passed 13 to 5.

March of Dimes chairman J. S. Hurst tells the story of Gwendolyn Yancey, nine year old daughter of L. A. 'Doc' Yancey, who suffers from the effects of polio.

New Chevrolet on Display at Sibley's Saturday. Chevrolet's "Balanced Design" Adds Beauty and Comfort.

Selmer Lions Gain Two, Lose Two. Selmer Lions met Ramer in their gym Jan 14. Girls lost 25 to 23. Boys lost 27 to 26. Tuesday, Jan 18, Selmer played Grand Junction. Girls won 32 to 19. Boys had an overwhelming victory of 61 to 23.

The second Selmer High School Alumni Banquet for graduates of Selmer Hill School will be held on Friday, March 18. Mrs. Alton Scott, Pres; Will Terry Abernathy, Vice-Pres; J. Louis Adams, Sec-Treas.

John J. Ray, Sr., former McNairian, who moved to Texas in 1876, celebrated his 103rd birthday. He was born in Orange Co, North Carolina Sept 2, 1845. They moved to McNairy County then to Prairie County, Arkansas and in 1876 moved to Dublin, Texas. In 1913 the Ray family moved to Fort Worth. He is a Mason.

Governor Browning was sworn in as Governor of Tennessee, January 17th.

McNairy County AAA: The rate of payment for approved terraces has been increased from \$1.00 per linear feet to \$1.80. The local county office is closed on each Thursday.

News: Thomas Jefferson Wilds, age 76 died at his home in the Needmore community January 10, 1949. Pallbearers were Charles Ray Nichols, Hershell Nichols, Clyde Boswell, C. C. Boswell, E. E. Boswell, Mayford Kennedy, John H. Sims and Charlie Burns. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Tennessee Wilds; two daughters, Mrs. Rodie Boswell of East Prairie, Mo; Mrs. C. E. Nichols of Guys, Tenn and one brother Luther Wilds. Step daughter Mrs. Flatt and twenty grandchildren.

Notice to Creditors: Mrs. Sallie L. Young. Lucille Harris, Administratrix.

Stantonville PTA: Met on Jan 11, postponed from the first Tuesday because of bad weather. Jimmy Mills gave a talk on supervised recreation. Supt. J. C. Taylor talked about schools in general. We have hopes of building a gym in the next few months.

Stantonville 4-H. 47 members present. Devotional by Gene Parvon Dickey. 'America' let by

Gwendolyn Evans and Priscilla Nunley. Pledge to the flag by all. A poem 'The Old Swimming Hole,' by Samuel Pipkins. Piano solo by Patricia Carroll. 'Jones' By Earl D Dancer. The song, 'Baby Face' by Patricia & Priscilla Nunley and Eula Mae Vaughn. A talk about how 4H clubs are operated by Betty Jane Smith. Miss Sams discussed table settings and Mr. Walker demonstrated how to estimate the weight of beef cattle. Reporters Paul Dancer and Betty Glidewell.

Look What's New For Your Home - Genuine Frigidaire Appliances at Sibley Chevrolet.

A Once A Year Event. This Year's Sale Is Greater Than Ever. The Vogue full page ad.

Notice! Delinquent 1947 Taxes. After Feb 1 additional penalties. John R. Hunter.

Showing At The Ritz next week: A Southern Yankee, If Winter Comes, Duel In The Sun, Adventures in Silverado, Silver River.

Greyhound Service is Doubly Welcome In Winter. Greyhound Post House. Phone 212

Rocky Knob: Mr. and Mrs. Otis Phillips are the parents of a new baby girl, born Jan 14th.

Harry is a popular 'Party Line.' Because: He's considerate of others. He never interrupts when line is in use. He releases line in emergency. He gives his party called time to answer. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Bargains at Hornsby Dry Goods & Furniture Company. Many items. C. M. Gault, Proprietor.

Your watch tested in 30 seconds. Steele's Jewelry and Gift Shop.

Proper Styles for Every Stage of Baby's Foot Development. Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Don't Risk Loss of Your Investment. Protect it with a Federal Crop Insurance Policy from the McNairy County Farm Bureau.

Jobs open at post Office. Notice from Atlanta, Georgia. Pay for substitutes is \$1.29 an hour with raises up to \$1.79.

Mr. William Senet Hurst, age 80, died at his home in Selmer on Friday, January 14, 1949.

Interment in the Woodville cemetery. Mr. Hurst is survived by two sons, John and Jim Hurst of Selmer and one daughter Genevia Dillard, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Argonaut Book Club met in the home of Mrs. Glaciell Weatherford with Mrs. Carmen Smith co-hostess.

The evening circle of the Presbyterian Missionary Society met on Jan 11 at the home of Mrs. Joel Parker. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Mulligan. The Bible study was given by Mrs. E. K. Harris. Mrs. Robert Johnson gave a talk on new year's resolutions. Mrs. Tyler Gooch was elected president for the year. Mrs. Jess Kinchen elected sec-treas and Mrs. Eldon Thomas was chairman of progress committee.

The Pickwick Shrine Club was held Jan 13 at Logan's Lake near Finger. 22 members from McNairy, Hardin and Hardeman County were present. Local guests were: John W. Coffman, W. B. Crotts, John E. Malone, Lyle P. Varnell from Adamsville. D. R. Barber and R. L. Rankin from Finger. Clyde Treece from Leapwood. Paul H Abernathy, Albert Chapin, Brooks Jones, D. G. Robinson, Preston Smith, W. E. Smith and P. L. Tacker from Selmer. Members present were: Dr. Glenn Abernathy, Sam H. Taylor, A. H. Warner, C. L. Black, W. D. Turner, John Y. Bowen, P. M. Harbert, A. F. Hassell, Dr. J. V. Hughes, Roy H. Rhodes, Louis Adams, H. E. Brawner, R. B. Gooch, D. T. Hamilton, James W. Hamilton, E. K. Harris, David Hodges, Edgar Hodges, W. L. Moore, Oscar H. McCullar, Joe Dave Robinson and Marvin E. Sparks. Entertainment by the Spiritual Harmonizers Quartet from Jackson.

Miss Lucinda Dunaway, age 89 of the New Bethel Community died January 10. Interment was in Falcon cemetery. She lived with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Dunaway at the old homestead at New Bethel.

William Green Cochran, age 89, of Adamsville died on January 15. Interment in the Adamsville cemetery. He leaves one son Will Cochran of Adamsville, one daughter Mrs. Novalla Gray of Michie, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Coal - High Quality at a reasonable price. Prompt delivery. Selmer Gin Company. Phone 119.

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Social Security Radio Series Started Last Friday on WCMA, Corinth, Miss, on old age and survivors insurance. These programs title 'Fortune Unclaimed.'

One of the million people attending the inauguration of President Truman on January 20 was D. A. McDougal, who opened his law office in Purdy more than 62 years ago. Judge McDougal is the only person now living who was a resident attorney in Purdy, then in Falcon, and finally in Selmer - all three of the County seat towns of McNairy County. He now lives in retirement in Florida.

Second Community Concert sponsored by the Stephen Foster Club will be presented at the Selmer High School Friday evening, February 4. Mr. Nathaniel Patch, who is connected with the music department of Peabody College, will be presented in this concert.

The Gravel Hill 4-H Club met at school on January 21. The Gravel Hill club now has 21 members. Mary Nell Willis and Betty Jane Rickett, reporters.

Jesse Pipkin, a native of Henderson County, now living in Stantonville has taken the post of Assistant County Agent in Covington, Tenn.

Rev Stafford Dees, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dees, will preach at First Methodist Church on January 30. Stafford received most of his early education here in Selmer and now is a senior at Lambuth University. He is married to Miss Vivian Cathey of Jackson and they live in Lexington, Tenn.

A Private Act in the state legislature, introduced by McNairy County Leo Atkins, called for redistricting this county, in order to add eight representative members to the quarterly county court. New men to be added to the present membership of the court are: C. S. Treece, J. L. Tacker, Eldridge Howard, Roy Huggins, Otis Plunk, Wilbur Robinson, Irwin Cagle and R. E. Wade.

Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick and his deputies, E. M. Young, R. B. Leonard and I. W. Randolph, reported they confiscated three whiskey stills near Chewalla, Tenn.

Corinth Junior Guild to present Charity Show Feb 16-17 called "The Follies of 1949."

Dr. James G. Tuttle, McNairy County Health Officer, will be in the local Health Office on Mondays.

On January 13, Bethel Springs Future Homemakers won the District Parliamentary Procedure contest held at Bethel Springs High School. Discussion was held between girls and boys on manners and morals. The girls team was Joan Walker, Ramelle Miller, Kathryn Walker, Ina Mae McIntyre and Janie Plunk. The boys team was Cavit Cheshier, Robert Mullen, Albert McVay, Charles E. Davis and Jim Nickles.

With The Selmer Basketball Squads: Last week they played Baldwyn, Miss at Baldwyn. The girls lost 50 to 27. The boys lost 44 to 33. When playing Savannah both Selmer teams were victorious.

On Saturday morning, Jan 22, at 8:15, Mrs. Dora Brooks Miller died at her home three miles east of Bethel Springs. She was 77 years old and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Burial in Bethesda Cemetery. She leaves her husband R. S. (Dick) Miller; three daughters Mrs. W. C. Bush of Lancaster, Tenn, Mrs. J. D. Moore of Selmer, and Mrs. Arlie Sweat of Selmer. Four sons: H. C. Miller of Bristol, Tenn, Will Miller of Bethel Springs, C. L. Miller of Bethel Springs, and Hubert Miller of Selmer. 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lou Willis of Selmer and Mrs. Mansel Lockman of San Diego, Calif and two brothers: Dolph Brooks of Memphis and S. S. Brooks of Bethel Springs.

Funeral Services for John Robert 'Bob' Wilkes, life-long resident of McNairy County, were held Sunday afternoon at the Stantonville Methodist Church. Burial in the Mt. Zion cemetery. Age 73, died suddenly Thursday, January 20, in the McRae Hospital in Corinth, where he was under treatment for a minor operation. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Thankful Wilkes of Stantonville; three sons, Bryan of

Chattanooga, Harley Wilkes of Cimarron, Kansas, Jess Wilkes of the US Navy stationed in the Philippines; one daughter Mrs. McCoy Selman of Chickasaw, Ala and four grandchildren. Pallbearers were: Lloyd Carrol, Gilcie Carroll, Norman Carroll, T. J. Fullwood, James Glidewell Sr., Ebb Wyatt, Martin Smith and Eric Burks. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Dona Robinson Smith, age 71, passed away at her home in Selmer early Sunday morning, January 23, 1949. She is survived by two sisters, Anna Shelton and Rettie Carothers of Selmer. Two brothers D. G. and Jess Robinson, also of Selmer. Funeral services, conducted by Bro. H. T. Sanson, were held in the Buena Vista church with interment in the cemetery there. Pallbearers were: Arlie, Due, Slater, Vernon, Albert, Frank and Noah Robinson and Frank Higginbottom.

Staff Sergeant Paul A. Singleton, age 21, who was killed in action in Germany in 1944, was returned to this country for burial last Saturday, January 23. Sgt. Singleton was a native of Adamsville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Singleton, who survive. Services were held in the Old Union Church, near Adamsville, with burial in the cemetery there. Members of Company D, National Guard, served as pallbearers. Besides his parents, the deceased is survived by four brothers, T. F. Singleton of Selmer, Elvis Singleton of Adamsville, Aaron Singleton of Cactus, Texas and Carlton Singleton of Houston, Texas, and two sisters, Mrs. Clyde White of Adamsville and Mrs. Ruth Orr of Memphis.

Madam Dale Palmist - Life Reader - Special Reading 50 cents - located at Sharp's Trailer Camp, on US Highway 45, near Corinth.

Lost: Black & White Bird Dog. See J. T. Burks at Burk's Grocery and Feed Store, Selmer. Phone 278.

Wanted to Purchase: Used baby bed. See Roy Phillips or phone 2622. Selmer.

Notice to Property Owners - If you have bought or sold property during 1948 and have not reported the change, please come in and do so at once. J. B. Graham, Sr. Tax Assessor.

Pebble Hill: Rev and Mrs. Joe Summers are the parents of a baby born last week. Bro Summers is the pastor of the Methodist Church here. Funeral services were held here last Saturday afternoon for Mr. Ambrose Wardlow of Truman, Ark. He was a former McNairian. He moved to Arkansas about 9 years ago.

Mount Zion (near Stantonville): Mr. Dan Willis was honored Friday night with a surprise birth supper by his children. Present were: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Case and family, Mr. & Mrs. Dolphia McCullar and Martha, Mr. & Mrs. Owen Browder and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henson, Mrs. J. L. Henson, Mr. & Mrs. James Henson and family, Jim Hall and son Jimmy of Memphis.

Guys 4-H Club Organized. On Jan 20th, Mr. J. O. Walker and Miss Sams went to Guys School to organize a 4-H club. Officers elected: President, Joyce Suggs; Vice Pres, Jean Bass; Sec, Nadene Howley; reporters, Juanita Austin and Gwyn Lathernore; Song leaders Doris Williams and Joyce Suggs; sponsor Myrlene Bolding. Mr. Louis Dray, from Chile, gave a talk on his country.

Mrs. James Henson honored her daughter, Brenda Joyce, with a birthday party Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henson. Present were: Don and Iris Brown, Farris Holmes, Jerry Emmons, Glenda Glover, Martha McCullar, Larry and Jerry Case, Paul Ray Burks, Peggy Browder, Patsy Crabtree and Linda Browder.

Ramer 4-H Club met January 14 with 38 members present. Song led by Polly Teague and Gail Stanfield. Pledge to the flag led by Imogene Sanders. 4-H pledge led by Miss Sams. A talk about gardening by Billy Joe Teague. A talk 'Let's Eat Fruit,' by Julean Stanfield. Virginia Parmely and Imogene Sanders, reporters.

The Amazing New Easy Spindrier with Automatic Spin-Rinse Washing Machine. Just turn a tap, push a lever! Spins off suds, super-rinses, then damp dries clothes. See it in action today at Sibley Chevrolet.

There's A Big New Ford In Your Future. Latta Motor Company. Phone 64.

To Relieve Misery of Colds - Take 666

Notice to Creditors - Estate of James E. Hamilton. D. T. Hamilton, Adm.

Notice to Creditors - Estate of Orah Elam. J. Louis Adams, Adm
Iola Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. D. F. Plunk on Jan 11. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Earl McIntyre. Mrs. Hubert McIntyre, reporter.

Special Value - with each purchase of a new spring dress or coat - receive a spring house dress for \$1.00. Mrs. I. H. Brooks.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Silver River, Smoky River Serenade, When My Baby Smiles At Me, Overland Trail, The Three Musketeers.

Seaman Walter B. Tackett, Jr., radarman third class, USN of Selmer, is scheduled to arrive in Newport, R. I. January 24.

Citizen Finds Old Coins While Plowing. Just recently reported, although they were found last spring, were two old coins; one dime dated 1814 and a half-dollar dated 1825. Finder of these aged coins was Mr. Herman Killingsworth of Route 1, Michie. He discovered them on the old Meeks farm near West Shiloh.

Events at West Shiloh Baptist Church. The first brotherhood was organized on Jan 13 with 22 charter members. Officers elected: President, Bill Fullwood; Activity Vice Pres, Murray Barber; Program Vice Pres, Jack Fullwood; Membership Chairman, Eldon Kennedy; Sec-Treas, Fannie Chandler. The WMU, led by Mrs. E. G. Sanders, split into two circles, one for adult ladies and one for young adult ladies. Adult ladies officers: President, Miss Zaida Fullwood; First Vice-Pres, Mrs. Louise Chandler; Second Vice-Pres, Mrs. Ruby Garrison; Young Peoples Leader, Mrs. E. G. Sanders; Sec, Miss Inez Chandler; Missions, Mrs. Georgia Nowlin; Mission Study Course, Mrs. Daphen Case. Young Adult Ladies Officers: President, Mrs. Kathleen Claybrook, Membership, Mrs. Elois Case; Program Chairman, Mrs. Clyde Kennedy; Missions, Mrs. Martha Burks; Stewardship, Mrs. Nellie Barber; Recording & Publicity, Mrs. Ernestine McDaniel; Prayer, Mrs. Laura Jane Fullwood; Treasurer, Mrs. Alcie Mae Case; Literature, Mrs. Edna Burks. The pastor is Rev. Prince E. Claybrook.

Mrs. Mary Chandler Crews, wife of Herman H. Crews of West Shiloh community, died January 21, 1949. She was 42. She was laid to rest in West Shiloh cemetery. Pallbearers were Murray and Feak Barber, Gilbert and Sheldon Case, Howard and Wallace Fullwood. Flower girls were: Mrs. Frances Killingsworth, Mrs. Mary Fullwood, Mrs. Osa Gray, Mrs. Novia Eaves, Miss Lettie Surratt, Mrs. Doskie White, Mrs. George Nowlin and Mrs. Pickens Fields. Besides her husband, she is survived by four brothers, C. V. Chandler, E. D. Chandler and F. J. Chandler of Michie, Tenn and Robert J. Chandler of Stantonville; three sisters, Inez and Ollie Chandler and Mrs. Floyd Sweat of Stantonville.

Friday, February 4, 1949

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A new corporation, Standard Lumber Company, has acquired the building supply business owned by Eldon Thomas. Stockholders are: W. M. Bigger, Earl Latta, Eldon Thomas, Hughes W. Thomas and Fred Thomas. Meldon Cowsert, manager.

The Hamilton-Finley Post No 2418 will elect officers February 14. Meeting at the V.F.W. home. Selmer Gain One, Lose Three. On Friday night Selmer met Morris Chapel. The girls game was nip and tuck all the way, losing by two points. Burkeen and Reeder high scorers. The boys won 36-22. McClain was high scorer for Selmer. Playing Savannah, Selmer girls lost 34-19 with Reeder high scorer. The boys lost 44-34. Red Weatherford high point man.

Healthful Living for Tennesseans: There are just 47 kinds of headaches. Headache is not a disease. It is a symptom - a warning signal - that something is wrong somewhere in the body - possibly not in the head at all.

New York Radio Stars in Person at Methodist Church. Appearing on February 9th will be Pat Withrow Jr., Bobby Del Rio and Miss Mildred Young.

New Books received in county library this week: Bold Galilean; Cleft Rock; Television Simplified; Cry, the Beloved County; The Parson takes a Wife; I Capture the Castle, Roosevelt and Hopkins.

March of Dimes Drive Continues: Contributions so far \$1,775.56 from Ritz Theatre patrons, Selmer Merchants, Brown Shoe V employees, Brown Shoe F employees.

New Pontiac doors are six inches wider.

Elgin Howard, Voc. Agri Teacher, Michie School writes about commercial fertilizers.

New Kitchen Planning Center now at Sibley Chevrolet.

Wes Moore celebrates 58th birthday on January 30. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son; Mr. and Mrs. Romas Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Odis Moore and children; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jolly; Mr. and Mrs. Artie Goodrum and children; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Moore; Mrs. Virginia Price and son; Mr. Curtis Moore and Miss Betty Sue Moore; Mr. and Mrs. J H Moore and children.

Ladies' Nylons First Quality Newest Shades at Jordan's.

We Have A Large Assortment Of Valentine Cards & Candies. Selmer Rexall Drugs

The Finest Of All New Features In the Smartest Of All New Cars! Thomas-Farris Pontiac Co. Hwy 64 East, Selmer. Phone 137-J.

For all Boys - There's Fun and Adventure in Scouting. Boy Scout Week Feb 6-12.

Be a Good Scout to your garments. Hamilton Cleaners.

T & C Furniture has Armstrong Linoleum in 12 foot width.

This is Melba Hendrix - of Gravel Hill.(photo) Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Liberty Cash Grocers has Victor Flour 25 lb sack for \$1.79 and Pure Hog Lard 4 lb carton for .69. Miss Liberty Coffee .40 a pound.

Telephone Folks Broke All Records in '48 to bring you more and better service. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

This is the last month to pay your 1948 Taxes without penalty. John R. Hunter, Trustee.

For Sale - 450 board feet of dry cedar lumber. See Charles L. Sharp. Adamsville.

For sale: 1948 Plymouth 4 door sedan for \$1,650.00. Will trade for a '40 or '41 Ford. Call 202 in Selmer.

Mr. Farmer Get Protection Of Your Crop Investment at Grady Counce & Son.

Chevrolet is the Most Beautiful Buy of All. Sibley Chevrolet Company.

Kelvinator gives you Far Moore Food Space. A. G. Bishop Co., Finger, Tenn. Phone 9430.

Pleasant Grove - At least we have a change in the weather - snow for the first time in 49.

Pleasant Grove Homemakers Club met in the home of Mrs. Evelyn Tackett with 17 members present. New member Mrs. Clarice Hamm.

A modern locomotive that means better service to you. Southeastern Railroads.

Showing at the Ritz, next week: The Three Musketeers, That Lady In Ermine, Apartment For Peggy, Painted Desert, San Francisco.

Highest Prices Paid for 1948 cotton loans. David Hodges, over J. E. Hodges Store.

James Whittaker, Jr., is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Princeton in the Western Pacific and China Sea area.

Cabinets Built to your Specifications. Robert A. Ray, Selmer.

Soap Bargains at Kroger: Swan Soap, the floating soap 2 for .33; Lux Soap, the soap of the stars 2 for .19; Lifebuoy, the health soap for .19; Palmolive, try the 14 day plan 2 for .27; Lux or Rinso Soap Powder large package .33; P & G Soap for dishes or laundry 2 for .17.

According to Flake Humphrey, up until Jan 16, 1949, 22,211 bales had been ginned in McNairy County for the last cotton crop.

Church add in every week. Those in this week:

Beauty Hill Pentecostal Church, Clovis Turnbow, pastor
First Methodist Church, Lloyd W. Ramer, minister
First Presbyterian Church, Heston Milligan, pastor
First Christian Church, Franks S. Perry, minister
Church of the Nazarene, Wilson Strasbaugh, pastor
Selmer Church of Christ, Paul Ayers, minister
First Baptist Church, Howard Kolb, new pastor
West Shiloh Baptist church, Prince E. Claybrook, minister
Bethel Springs Church of Christ, preaching under the leadership of Charles Cochran from New
Martinville, WV.

Friday, February 11, 1949

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Jones Bros Grocery located south of Selmer, at the intersection of Hwy 45 and 47, was destroyed Sunday night Feb 6, by fire. The store was owned by Conard and Robert Jones.

Selmer basketball teams met Michie. Michie was too much for the Selmer Lionesses and came out victorious. Score was 41 to 17. Peggy Glidewell was high point player for Michie with 33 points and Selmer was led by Reeder with 12. Selmer boys eked out a bare win ending the game with a 4 point led of 38 to 34. Weatherford and Fisher high pointers for both teams. In playing Morris Chapel - Selmer won both games. The county basketball tournament will be played at Bethel Springs and the district will be played at Ramer.

District Singing Convention will be held at Pocahontas Feb 13. L. C. Ingle, Pres.

Oak Hill cemetery was marred by muddy tracks of an automobile across grave lots. The guilty man was instructed to get his shovel, hoe, rake and whatever he needed and repair the damage.

How long will Selmer tolerate the gang of would be hoodlums who roam our streets at night? The gang consists of 4 to 8 boys of high school age.

James Hagy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith and Durwood Lockman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lockman made the honor roll at Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tenn.

March of Dimes contributions now total \$1,514.59.

Mrs. Mary Abernathy Steadman, last of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Abernathy to depart this life, succumbed to the Grim Reaper Tuesday morning February 6. She was 71. Services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home. Pall bearers were: Will Terry Abernathy, Will Tom Abernathy, Alex Garrison, Matthew Bigger, Gerald Reynolds, Erbie Basinger, Joel Parker and Joe Hamilton. The deceased is survived by one son, Dr. Hunter M. Steadman of Henderson; and grandchildren Margie and Virginia Steadman of Selmer, and Hunter Moore Steadman Jr. and Melinda Steadman of Henderson.

James Champion of Selmer, died Wednesday, February 9, at the Catholic Club, where he stayed in Memphis. Born at Nashville, Mr. Champion had lived in Selmer 15 years. He was associated with the Farm Security Administration until five years ago. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Perry Champion; two sons, James William and Joe; a daughter, Beatrice, all of Selmer; a brother Owen Champion and two sisters, Misses Mary Carey Champion, all of Nashville.

Mr. James E. Martin, who died at his home near Crump, Tenn, on Feb 3. He is survived by two brothers, Marlin and Kennie Martin of Adamsville; and three sisters Mrs. Renie Smith, Mrs. Ella Thomas and Mrs. Nancy Huffman, also of Adamsville.

Beauty Hill: news: Several in this community are suffering with the mumps and chicken pox.

Junior Lee Hendrix is on 60 day leave from US Navy.

A poem in memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Blanche McGee, who passed away, Feb 22, 1948, by Mrs. Lessie B. Leonard.

Senior 4-H at Selmer met. J. B. McCullar presided.

Stantonville: Ray Vaughn, Jr., of the US Air Corps home on leave. Those meeting in the home of Mrs. Emma Raines to quilt: Mesdames Edith Nunley, Alma Chambers, Della Smith, Iva Raines, Ruby Jones, Euthia and Mable Dancer.

Stantonville Homemakers Club met Feb in the home of Mrs. Jessie Killingsworth. 27 members present. Four new members: Mrs. J. H. Moffett, Mrs. Kathleen Tidwell, Mrs. Verble Noe, and Mrs. Mary Nell Plunk. Mrs. Maxine Carroll gave the devotion. Prayer by Mrs. Julia Sanders. Others on the program were: Mrs. Cora Smith told how to make cream cheese cake frosting; Mrs. Lizzie Phillips discussed poultry raising; Mrs. Mable Dancer gave sewing tips on using feed bags; Mrs. Patie Glidewell and Mrs. Delia Smith gave safety and manner rules.

Come and Get 'Em - 64 Dresses values to 29.95 now \$5.00 at The Vogue.

Gravel Hill: Mike, the faithful guard dog of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huggins, passed off the stage of action a few days ago after a brief illness. He had reached the age of 16 years. His master gave him a decent burial near his home with tears in his eyes, because it brought back memories of his only son, James Royce who died in the Jackson hospital sixteen years ago. Mike went totally blind the last few days of his illness, but knew his master to the end, and would not let a stranger help him. This is proof of the old saying that a man's best friend is his dog. Mr. Hilburn Mullins, who was licensed to preach by the Baptist Church here some time ago, made his first talk here Sunday.

Large Assortment of Valentine Cards - Selmer Drug Store.

For Sale: seven room house with bath. Just outside Selmer on Hwy 45 N. See Oscar Wilkes at Ford Garage or phone 254-J.

For Sale: 1940 model Dodge School Bus. Pebble Hill Community. G. D. Kiddy

For Sale: one 1936 Ford Tudor black sedan. Norvin Smith, Stantonville.

Lost: Man's 17 jewel Benrus watch. Roy Williams.

Good Milk Cows for Sale. Opal Wilkerson on Hwy 64 west of Adamsville.

Pebble Hill: several cases of mumps among Michie school children.

Rose Creek 4-H met Jan 1 with 90 members present. Names mentioned: Wilbur Dean Kiestler, O'Neal Whitten, Dottie Robinson, Daisy Smith Jo Ann King, Herman Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Wadene Tull, Christine Wilson. Song 'I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover' by Joe Doris Matlock, Bernice Nixon, Joe Ann Milstead, Carolyn Smith, Effie Kay Tull, Ruby Jean Gray and Magelene Mullins.

Showing at the Ritz next week: San Francisco, I Cover Big Town, Kiss The Blood Off My Hands, Range Renegades, Key Largo. Sunday matinee 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Week night 6:00 pm, Saturday matinee 12:30 pm. Saturday night show starts at 5:30 - three continuous shows.

Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe has 'Cuddle-Back' Trimfoot Shoes.

Chamber's Style Shop February Clearance. Gloves .59 - Umbrellas ½ price .

It's not only in spring that a young man fancies "fancies" by New Era styled shirts at Jordan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Droke celebrate 50th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Barnes in Finger. Those present with their families: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Droke, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Dallas, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Droke, Mea Odell Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Burress and Mrs. Edgar Copeland.

WMS meeting at First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Wayne Littlefield. Mrs. Willard Cox gave the devotion and Mrs. Ervin Hester presented the program. Miss Rosemary Patrick and Miss Geneva Whitten, with Mrs. Forest Williams accompanying with her accordion, favored the group with a vocal duet.

McNairy 4-H met Feb 1. Devotional Mr. Willard Smith. 4-H pledge Shirley Russell. Pledge to the flag by Fannie Lou Wilson.

Bethel Springs 4-H met Feb 4. Reports on last year's projects by Anna Dickson. Jokes by Shelby J Nix, safety rules by Clara Cox and a game led by Jean Surratt. Anna Kickson, reporter.

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Representative Leo Atkins withdraws his proposed road commission bill which would help McNairy County Roads. His plan was to have a commission of five men living in different sections of the county, to designate which roads could be black-topped. But it seems that each community expects to get a black-topped road and therefore insists that they have a man on the commission, which of course would make a commission of the whole county, and instead of harmony we would have a mad scramble to see who could get the most road. The state authorities will designate which roads will be black-topped.

Motorists can deduct state gas tax of 7 cents from federal income tax. Person would have to keep accurate records and the average deduction for 1948 would be about \$61.00.

Local Health Doctor reports a case of Typhus Fever in the county. Citizens are urged to wear gloves when handling dead rats, rabbits and squirrels.

Ted Smith was elected Post Commander of V.F.W. Post 2418 for the fourth time. Out going commander was Jett Ramer. Other officers David Hodges, J. E. Crabtree, C. T. Hurley, Derucie Henry, Dr. T. N. Humphrey, C. L. Majors.

The two-night county basketball tournament at Bethel Springs was attended by a record breaking crowd. Bethel Springs girls kept almost a ten point lead over Selmer and won 36 to 27. The game between Adamsville and Ramer boys was the game that most everybody had fought the crowd to see. This game was tit-for-tat from beginning to end. Final score Adamsville 29 Ramer 28.

The second night of the tournament Bethel Springs lassies played the strong team from Michie. The Michie sextet led the game all the way through building up a higher score as the minutes rolled by. Glidewell of the Michie team scored 30 or more points with Michie 60 and Bethel Springs 24. The looked-forward-to game as possibly the best of the tournament, between Selmer and Adamsville, turned out to be the worst. At the end of the first four minutes of play, the Adamsville boys were long gone. Thus the Lions of Selmer never caught sight of them any more, not even at Thrasher's Café, after the game was over. Final score Adamsville 55, Selmer 15. By W. T. Greer.

March of Dimes masquerade party to be held March 1, in effort to collect the \$2700.00 quota. March of Dimes helps in the fight against polio.

Local students enrolled at UT Knoxville: Alice McReynolds, James Thompson, James Jones, Norman Jones, Arnold Hurst, Blair Scott, Warren Jones of Selmer; Charles Majors, Kelcie Hamm, Bennie Baggett and James Blasingame of Ramer; Eugene Pipkins of Stantonville; Frank Donaldson of Adamsville, Herbert Gary of Milledgeville and DuWayne Kirby of Bethel Springs.

Physicians are worried about some of the modern food fads. Primitive man had no cream puffs nor soda pop in his diet.

Mr. E. H. Kemp, adjutant of the Adamsville Post of the American Legion was honored last week to represent the eighth district.

Mt Gilead is having a revival. Rev. J. H. Jernigan of Blytheville, Ark. is the speaker. Rev. C. W. English is the pastor.

Donald Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wood of Bethel Springs elected treasurer of Future Teachers of America at Lambuth College.

Mr. Tom Smith, Milledgeville, banker, died at his home in Milledgeville on Monday, February 24. He had been in failing health for some time. He was 76. Funeral service, conducted by Rev. He leaves one brother, Dr. L. C. Smith of Henderson, and three sisters, Mrs. John Spencer of Finger, Mrs. E. K. Bridges of Milledgeville and Mrs. A. P. Smith of Henderson.

Mr. Thomas Ruben Cheshier, age 85, died at his home near Bethel Springs on last Friday, February 11, 1949. The deceased is survived by four sons, John and Edgar Cheshier, of Bethel Springs and Sam and Lonnie Cheshier of Memphis; two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Wilson and Mrs. Wesley Goodman of Memphis.

Mrs. Cora Hamilton, age 73, passed away quietly at the Humphery-Phillips Clinic in Selmer on last Thursday, Feb 10. She is survived by Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Arthur Clifton, Mrs. Mitchell Forsythe and Mrs. Green Lambert; two sons, F. E. Hamilton of Alabama and Wade Hamilton of Washington.

Earl W. Tedford, formerly employed at the Gooch Funeral Homes before the holdings were sold to R. P. Shackelford, died at Wichita, Kansas on February 8. He was 26. He is survived by his father E. S. Tedford, mother Mrs. Lucy Tedford of Tupelo, Miss, and three sisters.

Selmer Teams played Middleton last week. Middleton won both games. Girls score 41 to 33. Boys 34 to 17.

Buy a new Wringer Type Washing Machine at Selmer Furniture & Appliance Co and received an 18 pc Cannon Towel Ensemble.

Winter dresses now 7.50 at J. H. Bigger & Son.

House for Sale or Rent in McNairy - 4 large rooms and pantry, good smokehouse, chicken house and barn. See Bill Smith at his store in McNairy

Estate Notice: Dona Robinson Smith.

For Sale: 1940 Dodge School bus. Fair condition. See G. D. Kiddy, Michie.

Get a convenient Extension Telephone in your own room at Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Iola Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Earl McIntyre. One visitor Mrs. Arthur Plunk. Mrs. A. W. Vires president. The agent gave a talk about how and when shrubbery should be planted in yards.

Crooked Creek - 32 women gathered in the home of Mrs. Alma Holmes recently honoring Mrs. Doris Emmons with a miscellaneous shower.

Buena Vista: several cases of the mumps. The Marshall Fowler family is ready to move into their new home when they all get well of the mumps.

Ramer: A wedding which was a surprise to friends was that of Peggy Howell and Randolph Melton.

Beauty Hill: Robert Mullins has the mumps.

Crooked Creek: Robert Earl Parham has the mumps.

Stantonville 4-H met Feb 10. Devotion by Louneal Gladish; Poem by Betty Smith; Piano solo by Delores Davis; Piano duet Patricia and Priscilla Nunley. Song leaders Priscilla Nunley and Gwendolyn Evans. Paul Dancer and Betty Glidewell reporters.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Key Largo, Michael O'Halloran, Life With Father, Two Gun Justice and Tap Roots. Sunday matinee 2 and 4 pm, Weekdays 6pm; Saturday matinee 12:30 pm and Sat night 3 continuous shows starts at 5:30.

Selmer Furniture & Appliance has the Admiral 'No Defrosting' refrigerator.

Sibley Chevrolet has the new Frigidaire refrigerator - Bigger than ever.

YWA girls of First Baptist met Feb 7 at the home of Mrs. Lee Jaggars. Miss Joan Barr, president. Program given by Geneva Whitten. Miss Alma Smith new member and Mrs. Juanita Kennedy a guest. Mrs. Forrest Williams provided entertainment on her accordian.

76th birthday celebrated by Mr. Willie Massengill on Feb 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Massengill. Present were the families of John Cagle, Dewey Cagle, Irwin Cagle, Huleon Massengill,

Calvis Massengill, Willard Sipes, Roy Barnes, Henry Smith, Clifton Case, Nona Gene Smith, Charlie Case.

Free Pictures with the purchase of a pair of Trimfoot Shoes or a Tom Sawyer Shirt at Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Vogue patterns and Milliken wool broadcloth at Jordan's.

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Adamsville Methodist Have Great Loss. The Adamsville Methodist church, a concrete block structure which was built sometime in the early 1920's was almost wrecked by a gas explosion last Sunday morning. The blast came when Mr. Calvin Hamm attempted to light the basement gas heaters. A leak in the gas line had evidently caused an accumulation of gas which blew up when Mr. Hamm struck a match. Mr. Hamm was not seriously injured.

Miss Amelia Stanton, TVA home economist, will demonstrate electric cookery and home freezing of foods at the Finger High School on March 1 and at Bethel Springs High School on March 3.

1949 Auto License Plates are expected to arrive at the County Court Clerk's Office by Friday. Deadline to purchase tags is April 1. W. E. Sewell, Clerk.

Basketball: 14th District Cage Tourney on at Ramer. Bethel Springs lassies and Grand Junction. Bethel led the game with a final score of 23 to 20. High scorer for Bethel was Smith with 10 points. Selmer Lionesses played Central team of Bolivar. Central led at 10 - 20 points all through the game and won 48 to 25. McClain was high for Selmer with 12 points.

The last game of opening night was between Ramer and Bethel Springs. At the end of the first quarter Ramer was ahead by 19 points. The B team took over and won the game by 31 points. Final score 48 to 18. Buggs led Ramer with 14 points. Hines and Nickles racked up 6 points each for Bethel. Middleton girls played Whiteville, winning 41 to 32.

A play off game between Selmer Lions and Bolivar Central. Weatherford scored 2 points in the first 5 seconds and the Lions were off with a mighty roar. At half time the score was 16 to 14. Central made a comeback in the last quarter because the Lions were exhausted since they used up most of their energy at Pickwick that afternoon. Only McClain and Hawkins went home and rested up. At the end the Lion's roar was that of a lost cat. Bolivar won 35 to 26. McClain was high for Selmer with 8 points.

Middleton boys played Grand Junction winning 27 to 26. A close game. Bolivar lasses played Ramer, winning 38 to 17. Teague and Sanders with six points each for Ramer. Ramer boys played Whiteville in a run away game. In a matter of minutes Ramer had piled up 28 points to Whiteville nothing. Final score 63 to 8. (Did not mention high scorers) Article by W. T. Greer.

March of Dimes Benefit Party Tuesday Night: Master of Ceremonies will be Tedford Jordon. On the Program: Dock Whitaker, Vaughn's Harmony Four, WCMA entertainers, Southland Quartet from Corinth, Bethel Springs students rendering colorful folk dancing, local string band, Selmer High School band, John D. Wyatt's dancing class. Costume party, games for adults and children.

Selmer Alumni committee: Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. R. B. Gooch, Mrs. A. B. Dancer, Johnny Tackett, Mrs. J. R. Steadman, Mrs. Buel Kiser, D. T. Hamilton, Mrs. H. G. Wallace Sr., Mrs. Rosa Piercey, Will Terry Abernathy, Mrs. Everett Harris, Leslie Houston. Mrs. Alton Scott, J. Louis Adams.

County Agent, J. L. McReynolds, announces prosper prizes offered to county farmers and others that make improvements to their homes.

Laymen's Day at Selmer Methodist church. Speaker will be Hon. E. J. Nunn. Others having a part in the services will be R. P. Phillips, Will Tom Abernathy, Irby Basinger and B. T. Kiser.

Adamsville Boys and Michie girls win county tournament at Bethel Springs last week. Stantonville lasses won over Finger girls 25 to 24 (junior high). It was nip and tuck all the way. Bethel Springs girls pulled into a lead over Selmer and won 36 to 27. The game between Adamsville and Ramer tied with 20 seconds to play when Adamsville got to shoot a foul shot and won by one point. The score was not given.

Junior High Stantonville boys soundly trounced Finger 38 to 4. Michie girls eliminated Bethel Spring by a score of 60 to 37. Adamsville boys trampled Selmer boys 55 to 15. Adamsville beat Ramer girls 34 to 30 and Michie boys beat Bethel Springs 51 to 26.

For the final two games, four teams from two schools clashed, Michie and Adamsville. The girls played the expected thriller, a royal game between two forwards, Glidewell and Killingsworth. Glidewell scored 33 of 39 points and Killingsworth scored 25 of 36. Michie won 39 to 36. In the boys game between Adamsville and Michie was 32 to 23, in Adamsville's favor.

Outstanding girls in the tournament: Adamsville - Killingsworth, Plunk, Rogers, Hair; Michie - Glidewell, Pippenger, Garrett; Bethel - L. Sanders, A. Sanders - Ramer; Leath, King.

Outstanding boys in the tournament: Adamsville - Christopher, Milford, Morris; Michie - Fisher, Carroll, Atkins; Ramer - Bill Kirk, Bob Kirk, Forsythe, King - Ramer. By J. S. Hurst.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Bishop, missionaries in British Honduras, will speak at the Church of the Nazarene in Selmer Feb 27. Revival starts Feb 28th. Rev. Malcolm North as speaker.

Miss Beulah Locke, age 68, died at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis on Feb 18, as a result of severe burns sustained several days before at her home here. She was a member of the Methodist church. The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Carman Smith of Selmer. Pallbearers were: Chas Ammons, Irby Basinger, Lester Moore, Oscar McCullar, Allen Wooten, Joel Parker, Leslie Moore and Alton Scott.

Notice to Creditors - estate of John T. Joyner, late of McNairy County.

Handsome, intelligent, six foot young man will consider matrimony with the first woman who buys US No 1 Seed Potatoes from Kroger. Order today, I'm waiting.

For sale by Raymond Jaggars of Gravel Hill - two black horses, 6 years old.

First class heating and plumbing. Call 271-J. M. F. Emmons, Hwy 64 - 3 miles from Selmer.

For sale: 1937 Ford 1 1/2 ton. J. D. Jackson, Selmer Ramer gravel road at Wolf branch.

McNairy County Singing Convention meets at Stantonville, Sunday, Feb 27. Big concert Saturday night at Stantonville - the Sand Mountain Quartet at Stantonville High School and the Speer Family will be at Milledgeville.

The total cost of operating American farms is about three times as high as it was in 1940 and the trend is still upward.

Cpl. Johnny G. Hawkins, of the US Air Force, is being transferred to Burtonwood, England. He is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Woods,

Resolution to budget for the county \$2,500 for a Public Health Office in McNairy County.

Pebble Hill: Bobby Rickman, serving in the Navy, is expected to return home in April.

Announcing the new short hair-do for spring. Snow White Beauty Shoppe. Phone 172.

Buena Vista: Those with the mumps and chicken pox- children of Grady Saxton, Dannie Cheshier, Mrs. Sam Robinson and children, Juanita Fowler.

Ed Shaw's Café - re-opens for business, Sunday February 27.

Selmer WSCS met at the church recently with 15 members present. Mentioned Mrs. W. D. Robinson, Mrs. Jewel Lancaster, Mrs. Boggan and Mrs. Crabtree.

Presbyterian Circle met in the home of Mrs. G. W. Richardson. 17 members present. Mentioned were Mrs. Thrasher Anderson, Mrs. Chester Scott, Mrs. Thelma Prather, Mrs. Virginia Sparks, Mrs. Wilma Moore, Mrs. Paul McAlpin and Mrs. Edith Hurst. The new name for the group will be 'Etta Swain Circle.'

Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Tedford, age 69, died at her residence in Finger, Tenn on Feb. 16, 1949. She was a Cumberland Presbyterian. Services were held at Oak Grove. Pallbearers were: Loyce Smith,

Marcus Barham, R. B. Barham, James R. Young, Leon Johnson, Dwayne Stewart. Survivors include five daughters: Mrs. Margie Stewart of Memphis, Mrs. Grace Roten of Selmer, Mrs. Patie Young of Henderson, Mrs. Frankie Mitchell and Mrs. Ruth Weaver of Finger.

Mr. William Acey Smith, age 78, died at his home near Michie this week. He was a farmer and a member of the Baptist church. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wm Smith; two brothers, Lonnie Smith of Selmer and John Smith of Corinth, Miss; two sisters Roxie Littlejohn and Ridda Humphrey of Ramer. Five daughters: Mrs. Lillie Hall, Meada Horner, Effie Renell, Myrtle Hunt and Monnie Wood. Six sons: Roy, Everett, Kermit, Earl, Troy and Norman. Shackelford Funeral Directors are handling arrangements.

Of interest to some in this county is the death of Mrs. Louise Muse, which occurred at Masseyville, on Feb 22. She was 75 and a member of the Church of Christ. Services were held at Cave Springs on Wednesday with interment in the cemetery there. She is survived by her husband Edward Muse and son Kenzie Kerby, both of Bethel Springs.

New Home Demonstration club formed at Mt Gilead with nine charter members: Mrs. E. C. Causey, Mrs. E. H. Kiestler, Mrs. Earnest Mitchell, Mrs. Carl Wilson, Mrs. Howard Crangle, Mrs. Ulyess Wilson, Mrs. Marshall Mitchell, Mrs. W. H. Jordan and Mrs. J. E. Henley.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Tap Roots; The Search; Unknown Island; Whirlwind Raiders and June Bride with Bette Davis and Robert Montgomery.

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Open House at Shiloh to observe 100th birthday of the National Dept of Interior. Shiloh Park was created in 1894. James W. Holland is Superintendent and W. H. Glover is Park Ranger

Selmer PTA meeting Monday night according to Mrs. Oscar McCullar, president.

Mullens Petty of Ramer has been appointed Membership Chairman and Ins. Agent. He will be in the office on Saturday to talk to farmers about their needs.

Veterans Seeking Employment: Two former veterans of the Army, both of the European Theater: (1) Lives two miles from Selmer, is 33 years old and has two children. He spent three years in the Army, 22 months overseas. In the Army he was a mechanic and truck driver. (2) The next veteran is 32 years old, married and has one child. He also spent three years in the army and 27 months overseas. While in service he worked as a way-billing clerk. He is 6 feet tall and weighs 150 pounds.

Mrs. Dixie Ammons presented seven students from the Melody Etude Club in the Tennessee Federation Music Festival held in Humboldt in February. Students and ratings: Shirley Jaggars and Patricia Thrasher, very good; Dorothy Jaggars, Barbara Brawner and Alice McBride, excellent; Don Simpson and Dudley Dancer, superior. There were 87 entries in this festival.

March of Dimes Masked Party Goes Over Big with \$158.89 in contributions. Best costume in the adult group was Coy Gooch, dressed as a shepherdress and his identity was unknown until the close of the program. Jamie Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Preston Smith and Sue Nell Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Robinson won in the junior group. A group of FHA girls and FFA boys from Bethel Springs school square-danced to the calls of Mr. Julius S. Hurst. A group from Michie school, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Evelyn Maness, drew screams of laughter as they imitated the Grand Ole Opry. Musical numbers and tap dancing performed by the Platform Arts Dept of Selmer school. A newly organized orchestra performed several numbers. The group consisted of Bobby Spain and Joe Zarka, saxophones; Terry Clifton, bass fiddle; Robert Bryan Gooch, drums; Fields Easley, guitar; Dick Clapp at the piano.

A Very Unusual Occurrence. Dr. E. G. Sanders of Stantonville was the attending physician when a 5- pound baby was born to Mr. and Lee Wilbanks of the Pleasant Site community on Feb 16. The unusual thing was it had a full set of upper teeth. This is a grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins.

John R. Hunter resigns as Trustee of McNairy County to begin a new job as rural mail carrier for route one of Selmer.

As we go to press, news has just reached us of the passing of Mrs. Lutie Richards Reeder. She died at her home south of Selmer on March 3. She was 44 years of age and had been in failing health. She was born in the Rural Hill community near Selmer and has been a lifelong resident of McNairy County. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending the arrival of her son, who is in service and stationed at Yokota, Japan.

14 Died of cancer in McNairy County last year. Give to the American Cancer Society. Mr. L. G. Vaughn, chairman.

Easter Seal Drive to start in March according to D. T. Hamilton, chairman.

Larry and Mary Morrow recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Those present for this joyous reunion were: Montie and Lollie Stanfield and son Harry Brooks; Clyde Morrow; Jess Morrow; Deveroe Morrow and wife and Mary Sue; Herman Carter, wife and son Charles; Arlie Stanfield and wife; Mrs. Verble Johnson and daughters, Shirley, Sandra, Gloria, Coralee and Inell; L. N. Derryberry, wife and Martha Ann; Raymond Teague and wife and baby son Ronnie; W. A. Morrow of Corinth; W. A. McNair and wife of Corinth; Mrs. F. M. Crocker and husband of Calvert City, Ky.

Notice: Automobile Licenses for the Town of Selmer are available at the Recorder's Office. \$2.50. Purchase before April 1.

Real Estate Listing by Joe L. Harris or J. C. Hill, Selmer, Tenn. Phone 207W.

Pleasant Grove Home Makers met Feb 24th in the home of Mrs. Nelda Maxedon with 17 members present and one visitor, Mrs. Minnie Forsythe. Devotional by Mrs. Mae Dale Cox. Mrs. Pattie Everett gave tips hot bed gardening. Mrs. Effie Richardson gave some time saving household hints. Mrs. Ruby Harris displayed a rug she had made from rags and burlap bag.

Old 16th. News: This community was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah Loftin, which occurred at her home in Lexington Friday night. She had been ill for some time, but her death came as a shock. Her body was laid to rest in the Sweet Lips Cemetery Sunday. She leaves to mourn her passing a husband, Rev. W. A. Loftin and five children

Old 16th. The friends of Grover Robinson regretted very much to learn of his death in Jacksonville, Florida on Wednesday.

Bro William D. Bond will be ordained to the gospel ministry at Prospect Church on Friday night. 666 Liquid or tablets gives fast relief when cold miseries strike.

Showing at the Ritz next week: June Bride, A Night at the Opera, Wallflower, Triggerman and John Belinda.

Get a new Kelvinator at the A. G. Bishop Company in Finger, Tenn. Phone 9430.

For Sale: One bedstead and spring, one used electric stove. See Horry Browder.

For Sale: Kelvinator Home Deep Freeze. Rev. C. W. English, 130 W. Pharr, Selmer.

Allie Hurst has 16" slab wood for \$2.50 per cord.

House for Rent in North Selmer. See L. R. Kirk at Kirk's Café.

Revival in progress at Clear Creek Baptist Church. Rev. C. W. English is pastor and Rev. C. F. Candler will bring the message.

On Feb 19, 1949, the Death Angel visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lassiter and claimed our darling mother and grandmother, Mrs. W. L. Dixon, and took her to dwell safely in the arms of Jesus and to meet her loved ones.

Stantonville: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoover are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Gravel Hill: Uncle Butler Burress is very feeble and one of the oldest men in our County. He is 93 years young. Rev. Bill Baily, will preach here Sunday. He is a prospect for our church.

Notice: The old Court House Building of McNairy County, Tennessee will be sold at public auction March 14, 1949. The bidder will be expected to demolish and remove the building and clean the lot within 60 days. R. Carter Smith, County Judge.

Notice to Creditors - Estate of John. T. Joyner, deceased.

Argonaut Book Club met in the home of Mrs. Annie Mae Olive with Mrs. Maggie Wooten co-hostess. Twelve members present and five visitors: Mrs. Irby Basinger, Mrs. Joel Parker; Mrs. M. W. Bigger, Mrs. Loyd Ramer, and Mrs. Minnie Bell.

Finger 4-H met with 46 members present. Those mentioned were: Kate Smith, Junior Pearl Tidwell and Rebecca Ann Barber.

Larry Neal Etheridge was the model for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe in his pair of Mrs. Days Shoes for Chubby Feet.

Mrs. Shady Maness had a birthday dinner on Feb 24. Present were the families of: J. H. Maness, E. P Moore, Milton South, Fain Miller, Clarence Causey, Troy Sanders and Mrs. Loyd Cox.

Official opening of State Rural Road program at Guys set for March 7th. This project will be an eight-mile road from Chewalla to Hwy 45, via Guys, Tenn. This road will receive only a gravel coating at present but ultimately be included in a black-top program. Governor Browning will attend the ceremony.

Local Church announcements: West Shiloh Baptist Church - Prince E. Claybrook, Minister; Bethel Springs Church of Christ, under the leadership of Charles Cochran; Beauty Hill Pentecostal Church, Clovis Turnbow, Pastor; First Methodist Church of Selmer, Lloyd W. Ramer, Minister; First Presbyterian Church of Selmer, Heston Milligan, Pastor; First Christian Church of Selmer, Frank S. Perry, Minister; First Baptist Church, Howard Kolb, Pastor; Selmer Church of Christ, Paul Ayers, Minister; Church of the Nazarene, Wilson Strasbaugh, Pastor.

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McNairy County Municipalities get sales tax revenue for January. Selmer - \$365.28, Adamsville \$274.43 and Bethel Springs \$213.75.

23 whiskey stills confiscated since Sheriff Kirkpatrick took office last September, six this year: 1 - 4 miles south of Selmer; - 1 mile north of Chewalla; 1 - 3 miles north of Pocahontas; 2 - ½ mile west of Purdy; 1 - ½ mile west of Rose Creek.

State's Rural Road Program officially opened at Guys. Governor Browning spoke to a crowd estimated crowd of 500 people. ON hand to carry out the work of the graveling of this road - No 1 on the State's calendar, was Mr. Ervin C. Hester, McNairy County Road Commissioner and seven trucks loaded with gravel, ready to spread on the road at the close of the program. J. L. Wren was master of ceremonies and invited everyone to a barbecue which had been prepared by the ladies of the community.

H. E. Brawner resigns as manger of Pickwick Electric Cooperative

March of Dimes chairman, Julius Hurst reports \$2,341.96 collected.

Stantonville Home Makers club met at the school March 2 with 31 members present. Those mentioned were Mrs. Norman Carroll, Mrs. Archie Raines, Mrs. T J. Fullwood, Mrs. Lacy Erwin, Mrs. G. W. Carroll, Mrs. Martin Smith, Mrs. Elsie Pounds, Mrs. Edgar Smith and Mrs. J. B. Dancer.

Services for Mrs. Lutie Reeder were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home on Sunday, March 6, 1949 at 2:30 PM. Pallbearers were: Leon Blasingame, Pete Blasingame, Leslie Moore, Irby Basinger, Allen Wooten, Thrasher Anderson, Herbert Lewis and Matthew Bigger. Survivors include J. L. Reeder; daughter Booby Jean Reeder, son William Lane Reeder; father J. H. Richards; sisters, Mrs.

Buelah Wilson, Mrs. Claude Broadway, Mrs. Mollie Hurst and Mrs. J. T. Vaughn.

Miss Ann Griffin, age 88, died at her home in Adamsville on March 7th. Services were held at the Johnson Graveyard, with interment there. The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Sewell of Adamsville and Mrs. Martha Ross of Enville.

Mr. Riley Glover, age 66, died in Memphis on March 2. He was a native of Adamsville and a member of the Baptist Church. Services were held at the Mt. Vinson. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Riley Glover; three sons, Hubert, George and Jess Glover; three daughters Mrs. Ruth Stewart of Adamsville, Mrs. Celia Patterson of Morris Chapel and Miss Pearl Glover of Adamsville.

Mr. Henry D. Gage, age 75, died at his residence in Bethel Springs on Saturday, March 5th. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Services were held at the Rose Hill. Pallbearers were: Joe Kirby, Hubert Plunk, Buford Gage, Joe Gage, James Wilbanks and Troy Lipford. Survivors are: wife Ola M Gage of Bethel Springs; and three daughters, Mrs. W. T. Cothran of Memphis; Mrs. M. R. Smith of California and Mrs. C. B. Warren, Jr. of Henderson, Tenn.

The Diamond Jubilee Anniversary was held in Jackson this week. Those from the First Christian Church of Selmer were: Bro. and Mrs. Frank Perry, Mrs. Jo Robinson, Mrs. Minnie McCullar, Mrs. Maude Smith, Mrs. M. J. Williams, Mrs. Houston Thrasher, Mrs. Mahon Wood, Mr. and Mrs. George Basham, Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Mrs. Due Robinson, Mrs. Thrasher Anderson, Mrs. Chester Scott and Mrs. Arlie Robinson.

Buy Silk Floss Flour at your grocer and receive gay pottery bowls.

Del Rose Premium Flour - So full of flavor. Look for a prize in every 25 or 50 lb bag.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Johnny Belinda, No Minor Vices, Coroner Creek, Take Me Back to Oklahoma and That Wonder Urge. A cartoon feature on Saturday and Sunday.

Moved - Bostick's Candy & Tobacco Co, to 1 mile north of Selmer on Hwy 45.

Rose Creek 4-H club met March 4 with 94 members present and 19 absent. Those mentioned: Daisy Smith, Dottie Jean Cox, Barbara Floyd, Kay Henson, Wadene Tull, Ann Mitchell, Edward Henson, Herman Mitchell, Jessie Wilson, Marie Wilson, Carolyn Smith, Joy Ann Grantham, Nella King, Nevella Moore, Jo Doris Matlock and Magelene Mullins.

For Sale: Two Iron Grey Mules 7 and 8 years old. 1100 lbs each. See Cecil Blankenship.

For Sale: 3 room house on 4 acres of land 3 miles south of Selmer. See L. D. Kiser at County Garage.

For Sale: one lot on North Maple Street.

For Sale: Rubber-tired wagon and 1946 Chevrolet 2 ton truck. Nice, clean, good rubber. See Prince Plunk, Finger, Tenn.

Help Wanted: Reliable man with car to call on farmers. Make \$15 to \$20 a day. McNess Co.

Card of Thanks for all the words of comfort and flowers at this dark hour. Mrs. W. A. Smith and family.

Plowing 'Easy as Rollin' Off a Log' with a new Farmall tractor from Grady County & son. Phone 41, Selmer.

Western Auto has Wizard batteries as low as \$9.25 and your old battery and Curve Safety Tires \$14.35. H. Y. Carroll, Manger. Phone 106.

Mount Zion: Mr. and Mrs. Eathel Ashe are the proud parents of a 7-lb baby boy. He has been named Danny Gene.

Senator Allen to visit Selmer next Wednesday for his 'free textbook' campaign.

Bobby Kirk models his new Trimfoot pre-school shoes for the Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Local News (Selmer); Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cain are receiving congratulations from their friends upon the arrival of a fine boy at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic last week.

The Martha Circle of the WSCS of the Methodist Church met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. P. L. Basinger with Mrs. O. C. Erwin co-hostess.

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Civic Improvement Club organized at Stantonville. Officers elected: pres, Mrs. J. B. Dander; vice pres, Mr. Elzie Pounds; sec, Mrs. Allen Garrison; treas, Mrs. Norman Carroll; reporter, Mrs. J. F. Dancer. Plans are already underway for a telephone system under the direction of Dock Whitaker.

The new line of Plymouth automobiles will make their appearance today at Grady Counce and Sons and across the United States.

School Supt J. C. Taylor reports on the new education bill that will allow a pension of \$50 per month to teachers who retired many years ago. Five past teachers in the county meet the requirements: Mr. Charlie Morphis, Selmer; Mr. Pitts Cheshier, Bethel Springs; Mr. Robert Merrill, Chewalla; Mr. J. M. Littlejohn, Ramer and Mrs. Della Hamm, Adamsville.

Poca Lodge, located in southwest McNairy County near the Hardeman County line was raided on March 11. Over three gallons of untaxed whiskey was seized.

Easter Seal drive for crippled children is sponsored this year by the Selmer Lions Club with D. T. Hamilton, chairman.

Pickwick Electric, located on Houston Ave in Selmer is now equipped with 2-way radios in all service trucks to now give better service.

Old Court House sold Monday. New building is almost complete. T. L. Anderson purchased the building at the public auction for \$230. He will have sixty days to demolish the building and remove it from the lot. The only other bidder was Earl Latta.

J. M. Smith, retired Selmer merchant, passed away Wednesday night, March 16, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Rutherford in Tupelo, Miss. He would have been 83 years old April 7th. Mr. Smith was born and reared northwest of McNairy, the son of William A and Mary Yelverton Smith. His grandfather, Stephen Smith came from N. C. and was one of McNairy County's first settlers. J. M. established one of the county's largest mercantile firms in the Adams building, where R. O. Horner and Kroger stores are now located. Mr. Smith played a role in the establishment of several Selmer business institutions, including Selmer Bank & Trust Co, and the ice plant. He was also an officer of the old First Nation Bank. In early life he married Melissa Garner, who died in 1915. Subsequently he re-wed, this time to Pearle Walters, who preceded him in death a little over a year ago. Of this union were born three children all of whom survive. They are Mrs. C. W. Rutherford, Tupelo, Miss; J. M. Smith, Jr. of Knoxville; and Loren Smith of Paris. He also leaves two grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

John Henry Blackwood, prominent resident of Florence, Ala, met tragic death on February 23, when he fell from a boat into the Tennessee River and drowned. He was the son of the late James Isaac Blackwood and Frances Cody Blackwood, whose ancestors were pioneer settlers of McNairy County. He was married to Flora Goff of Scotts Hill, Tenn. To this union was born 8 children. He also leaves three brothers: A. J. Blackwood, England, Ark; A. W. Blackwood and J. T. Blackwood Sr. of Guys, McNairy County, Tenn. Three sisters: Mrs. Allie Scott and Mrs. Mary Sipes of Adamsville, McNairy County, Tenn; and Mrs. Dessie Beardin of Hickman, Ky. Early in life the deceased was ordained a Methodist minister, preaching in different sections of Tennessee and Alabama. He was 68.

Win \$25 in groceries at Wilkerson's Liberty Cash Grocer.

Birthday party for Mrs. Wess Moore on March 6. Celebrating with her and her husband were: Mr. & Mrs. Everett Jolly, Mr. Curtis Moore, Miss Betty Sue Moore, Mr. & Mrs. James H Moore & children, Mrs. Ruby Hardin, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Artie Goodrum, Mr. & Mrs. Romas Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Whitten & children.

Come in and see the new '49 Pontiac at Thomas-Farris Pontiac Co, Hwy 64 East.

The folks in the Center Ridge community have a new gravel road. Mr. and Mrs. Weymond Goodman are proud parents of a 9lb daughter named Diania. .

Bethel Springs 4-8 club opened with singing 'Four Leaf Lover' and John Brown's Ford' led by Barbara Plunk and Leon Maness. Names mentioned: Kenneth Moore, Larry Blasingame, Wanna Mae Coley, Rozelle Meeks, Sammy Tull, Junaita Smith, Betty Burgess, Anna Dickson.

Kenneth Wyatt son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Wyatt was poster boy for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Little Miss Ruth Elaine Anderson announced her arrival at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ira S Anderson on Wednesday morning.

Iola Homer Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. A. W. Vires. They sung their new club song 'John Brown's Ford Had A Puncture In Its Tire.' Two members absent: Mrs. Frank Punk and Mrs. Milliard Moore. Mrs. Arthur Plunk a new member.

For Radio Repair call Cox Radio Service - in the rear of new building next door to Selmer Service Station.

Lost - a box of car tools near Pine Rest. Call Prince Plunk at 3331.

For sale or rent at Ramer - new 4 room house with closets! 2 garages, crib, well house, water and lights, good garden. See Paul Teague.

Rocky Knob: A large number attended the regular monthly singing including visitors: Mr. & Mrs. E L Coats, Mr. & Mrs. Troy Lipford, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Piece and a bus load from Enville. Others mentioned in Rocky Knob, the families of: Arthur Plunk, Clud Maness, J. B. Kerby, Jim Meeks, Richard Phillips, C L Booker, Ben Case, Herbert Case, Joe Clenny.

Ramer: A fire completely destroyed the residence of Bill Ayers east of Ramer. Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Kirk also lived with the Ayers family. Others mentioned in Ramer community: Miss Mable Lawson, Laura and Jean Irwin and Joe Irwin, Earl Crocker of Memphis, Mrs. Maggie Wyatt. Lucille Vaughn, Helen Gibson and Thelma Shelton home from college. Mesdames Eugene Hamm, Lester Hamm, Joe Hamm and Miss Betty Hamm. Mrs. Sardie Henry of Bethel Springs.

Gravel Hill: Mentioned: Nola Gene Huggins, Miss Cassie Mae Armstrong, Miss Varna Cox, Mrs. Novella Gray, Mr. & Mrs. S W Gray, Ted Gray, Opal Gray family, Mrs. Henry Latta, Roy Huggins family, Mrs. Mary Ann Armstrong, Lanie Pearson, Mrs. W. J. McCoy, Mrs. Elinor Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Latta, Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Huggins.

Stantonville: Those visiting around: Wilma Ruth Burks, Mrs. Marie Maxedon, Mrs. Conan Crabtree & Judy, Mrs. Edgar Smith, Mrs. Jonah Dancer, Mrs. Effie Mills, Eddie Gurley and families of Jessie McKenny, John Michie, D O Mills, Allen Garrison, Earl Brown, Jim Brown. Patricia & Priscilla Nunley, Eula Mae Vaughn, Dola Dean Burks, Joyce Raines, Doris & Kay Garrison, Mrs. Mag Carroll.

Selmer Local: The young son of Loyce Lambert, while playing in the barn, found a hen's nest that contained 103 eggs. Mrs. Ethel Wooten [is] home at the bedside of her sick father, Tommy Prather. Finley Lockman, father of Troy Lockman, is sick in Memphis. Mrs. W. J. Fletcher had an operation in Memphis and is in serious condition. Those sick: Tommy Prather, Finley Lockman, J. R. Hamm, Mrs. Virgil Jopling, Mrs. J. W. Fletcher. Rev. & Mrs. Ray Dobbins announce the birth of a son, James Carter. Mrs. Dobbins is the former Mary Alice Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. Carter Smith.

Showing at the Ritz next week: That Wonderful Urge, Blondie's Anniversary, Two Guys From Texas, Courtin' Trouble, Bell Starr's Daughter.

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McNairy County spelling bee to be held March 28. Contestants: Selmer - Rachel Prather,

Gwendolyn Chandler; Gooch - Ray Bodiford, James Arthur Byrd; Michie - Carolyn Gooch, Ruby Fay Stutts; Adamsville - Yvonne Wilson; Rose Creek - Edward Henson, Christine Wilson; Bethel Springs - Wanna Mae Vires, Dorris Whitten; Stantonville - Dorothy Templeton; Leapwood - Wahnell Hair, Betty Ruth Hanna; New Delight - Mary Sue Thomas; Ramer - Leslie Gurley, Beverly Prentiss. Last year's winner was John Vaughn representing Gooch school.

Mr. Giles Smith, age 72, died at his home, March 17. He was a Presbyterian. Burial in the Falcon Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dillia Smith of Corinth, Miss and three daughters, Mrs. Lessie Whitten, Mrs. Julin Sanders of Selmer and Mrs. Roten of Calif.

Mrs. Nancy Tedford, age 69, died March 29th. She made her home in Stantonville and was a member of the Methodist Church. Services, were held at the Stantonville Methodist Church with burial in Crump, Tenn. The deceased is survived by one son, L. E. Tedford of Memphis, and four daughters, Mrs. Lydea Brown of Michie; Mrs. Grace Burks and Mrs. Retha Garrison of Stantonville and Mrs. Lois Naylor of Finger, Tenn.

Don Simpson and Dudley Dancer, young men from Selmer, made Superior ratings in the recent State Piano Contest.

Rev Clovis Turnbow, with a group of co-workers from Tupelo, will be at the County Farm on Sunday, March 27 for a gospel service of sermon and song.

The Etta Swaim Circle of the Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. Eldon Thomas, 21 members present. Those in charge of the program were: Mrs. Tyler Gooch, Mrs. G. W. Richardson, Mrs. Joel Parker, Mrs. Geo Scott, Mrs. Oscar McCullar, Mrs. Jess Kinchen and Miss Louise Hamilton.

192 Former Grads attended Selmer Alumni. Entertainment by: Bobby Basham, Mrs. A. B. Dancer, Norman Michaels, Mrs. A. H. Olive, Allen Wooten, Mrs. H. M. Lewis, Annie Lee King, Rosemary Patrick, Ann Crabtree, and the quartet of Montie Curtis, Grady King, Irby Basinger and Tedford Jordan singing 'Sweet Low Sweet Chariot.'

A list of teachers and alumni present:

1916 - Annie Rea Bell Olive, Grace Wood Kiser.

1919 - Rebecca Baker Gooch.

1920 - Maidell Locke Smith.

1921 - Carmen Smith, Rosa Piercey, Clara Robinson.

1922 - Dewitt Hamilton, Maurice Houston, Sula Bishop, Alston Scott, Loraine H. Scott, Nola Mae Lancaster, Mary Wood, Allen Wooten.

1924 - Lena Mae Rhinehart, Alberta Gillespie, Alvah Basham, Carey W. Brown, Mary Higginbottom, Margie S. Weatherford.

1925 - Leslie Houston, George Basham, Joe Hamilton, Tedford Jordan, Lester Moore, J. R. Swaim Jr., Houston Thrasher, Maggie Graham Wooten.

1926 - Eli Alpha B Scitt?, Elsie Barham Simpson, Rachel B. Basinger, Irby Basinger, Audra Fortune, Hazel Kendrick Valentine.

1927 - Will Tom Abernathy, Will Terry Abernathy, Sac W. Lewis, Montie Curtis, Louise Hamilton, Mitty Lena Swaim McAlpin, Herman Wallace.

1928 - George Scott, Alva D. Mitchell, Grady King, Oscar McCullar.

1929 - Joe Hawkins, Louise H. Hamm.

1930 - Eather Peal Dancer, Margaret Thompson Hailey, Vera Coleman Curtis, Bud Humphrey, Jo Swaim Johnson, Eldon Thomas, Ethelyn S. Thomas.

1932 - B. P. Higginbottom, Willa Kirk Meek, Lockie H. Mitchell, Maxine V. McCullar, Edna H. Tull, Jet Ramer, Margaret Jewell Tidwell.

1933 - Mary Lee T. Hendrix, Ralph Hendrix, Vance Moore, Annie Ray R. Moore, Joe Dave Robinson, Edward Surratt.

1934 - Howard Hall, James Hamilton, Hazel Maness Null, Ralph Reeder, Guy Robinson.

1935 - Robert McCullar, Ines Kirk Young, Roy Mitchell, John R. Hunter, Nola Clifton Ellis,

Mrs. Virgie McNatt Etheridge, Arnold Dillon, Willard Cox, Mrs. Arbie Dillon Callis, Joel Parker.
 1936 - Mary Bess Abernathy, Lucille McNatt Evan, Virginia Hendrix, Maxine Hall Simpson, Jonnie R. Townsend, Alve Dee Williams, Durrell Mitchell Alexander.
 1937 - Nola K. R. White, Rufus Jones, Annie Tull Hendrix, Julia H. Reedy.
 1938 - Mrs. Ailine Michael Wilbanks, Varina Maxedon McCarty, Bernice Brooks Gooch.
 1939 - John L. Williams, Mary Louise Carroll Richardson.
 1940 - Warren Jones, Joyce Estes Crawford, Pany Robinson Cowsert, Dorthena Cox Estes, Oscar V. Erwin, Maxine Browder Littlefield, George Brooks.
 1941 - Norman Jones, Nancy Sue Sanders McCalister, Magdeline Weeks Goad.
 1942 - Lucille Gooch, Thomas Hurst, Bessie Kate Hodge, Martha Huggins, Farry R. Robertson.
 1943 - Kenneth Chambers, Joe Wood, Jack Ray, Mason McCalip, Robert B. Gooch, Rose Anne Piercy Cain, Juanita Brooks Gillespie.
 1944 - Robert Frank Smith, Vercille Watson Moore, Francine Estes Lucas, J. D. Jones, John Anderson, Martha Frances Gooch.
 1945 - Vernon Lee Robinson, Opal Jones Mullins, Naomi Phillips.
 1946 - Mary Emma Steadman, William Frank Russell, Bert Arnold Maxedon, Marie Counce Maxedon, Lloyd Henry, Alston Hunter, Robert Surratt, J. C. Hamilton, Jack Barr, Wilma Ruth Burks, Alice Faye McReynolds, James M. Thompson, Billy Reeder, Jack Anderson.
 1947 - Weldon Volner, Matilda Plunk, Gordon Michael, Malvern Jones.
 1948 - Ann Crabtree, Barbara Dunaway, Dorothy Etheridge, Billy Hugh Kirkpatrick, Gerald Kinchen, Lola Frances Kiser, Norman Michael, June Shelton, Petty Dean Sibley, James Thomas Weatherford, Frances Rose Hamm, Rosemary Patrick.

Bro. Bobby Hoover of Freed-Hardeman College preached to a congregation of about 150 people at Antioch Church of Christ at Ramer. He will preach again April 3rd.

Local: Home for a holiday weekend: Alice McReynolds, Timmy Thompson and Blair Scott.

Mrs. J. A. Crocker, of Pocahontas, is convalescing at the home of her daughter Mrs. Vernon Robinson.

News: Gravel Hill: Emmett McCormack and Stanton Littlejohn went fishing Saturday and caught 28 pounds of fish.

Stantonville: Naomi Phillips, student at Memphis State has been home. Her grandfather Mr. Alex Bohart is very sick. Little Janet Smith has also been sick.

Home Demonstration Club met at Gravel Hill. New officers: Ruby Jaggars, Arnie Huggins, Audrey Gray and Myrtle Armstrong.

Birthday dinner honors L. C. Whitten for his 59th birthday. This occasion has been carried on for 16 years. 96 people present.

Buy Good Year Tires at Selmer Service Station. Phone 69.

Pebble Hill: those sick recently: Mrs. Andrew Morris, Mrs. O. L. Reid and Mrs. Juilius Mills.

Cases of mumps are daily increasing.

Annual school budget \$530,735.75 for the next year.

Ramer: Charles Majors and James Bryan Blasingame, students at UT, and Edith Gibson, student at Memphis State, were home recently. Revival is going on at Ramer Baptist Church this week. Pastor is Marvin Hines. A number of friends and relatives attended the funeral of Jim Ingle in Lexington last Sunday. Mrs. Ingle is from Ramer. The Seniors sponsored a successful cake walk and square dance last week. Linda Hamm celebrated her 9th birthday with a party.

Beauty Hill: Charles Holland of Louisville Television School was home. Mrs. Gazelle Holland has the mumps.

Crooked Creek: Mr. and Mrs. Lidia Ray, who lost their home in a fire have moved to Selmer until they can return. Mrs. Alma Homes, & Shirley, Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Glover, Thomas Sanders attended the funeral of Miss Jacklyn Holmes near Whiteville recently.

Mt Gilead Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. E. C. Causey. Two new

members, Mrs. W. H. Causey and Nola Roten. Mrs. J. E. Henley, reporter.

Center Ridge: Mr. & Mrs. Everett Jolly are proud parents of a little girl named Kathern Ann. Mrs. Arlie Campbell who has the mumps is improving.

Ted Smith, has open letter requesting the job of Trustee, which the county court will appoint.

WHBQ - in Memphis - 56 on your dial.

Bates Fabric 79 cents this week at Jordan's.

For sale or rent at Stantonville; 5 room house & bath, garden, chicken yard, pond, garage. See Elzie Pounds.

For sale: One fairly good barn with tin top. Several plows including a good two-horse plow.

Mrs. Ola Gage at Bethel Springs.

Baby Ruth candy bar is 43% larger. See Herman E Miller, Selmer.

Federal Crop Insurance sponsored by Gilchrist Gin Co, C F Rinehart Gin, Leapwood Gin Co, Hines Gin, Milledgeville Gin Co, Geo Tidwell Gin, Michie Gin, Selmer Gin Co, Finger Gin, Ramer Gin Co.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Bell Starr's Daughter - I wouldn't Be In Your Shoes - Rogues Regiment - Marshall of Armarillo - Hills of Home. Cartoon on Sat and Sun. Admission 10 and 30 cents.

Friday, April 1, 1949

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A meeting will be held tonight to discuss the possibility of a Selmer school football team this year. The Lions Club will help raise funds. Everyone who would like to see the high school have a team please be at this meeting.

Merchants will start taking a mid week holiday each Wednesday which will continue through August. Those that will start closing next week: U-Tote-Em Grocery - Frozen Food Locker - Lee's Grocery - Selmer Furniture & Appliance Co - Cox Bros - O. D. Wyatt Barber Shop & Bargain Store - Selmer Beauty Shop - Liberty Cash Grocery - Howell's Barber Shop - Hamilton's Barber Shop - Audrey's Beauty Shop - Steele's Jewelry & Gift Shop - T & C Furniture Co - Modernistic Beauty Shop - R. M. Richards Jeweler - Weatherford's Grocery & Market. Those that will start closing after Easter: Jordans, Smith Variety Store - Jagers Kiddie Shoppe - J. E. Hodges & Son - McNairy Co. Farm Bureau - Chambers Style Shop - The Vogue Shop - McCoy's Store - Western Auto Store - Selmer Hardware - R. O. Horner Store - L Whittington - Browder & Littlefield.

All those who are interested in playing baseball this season with the Selmer Independents are to meet Monday night at the VFW home.

Mr. Raymond Ancil Lewis lost his life early last week when he jumped from a burning hotel building in Waverly, Tennessee. Services were held in the chapel Shackelford Funeral Home and interment in the Shiloh National Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of the local national guard unit. The deceased was a member of the Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Lucille Smithson Lewis, of Memphis; one son, Raymond Thomas Lewis and his mother, Mrs. Loula Finley.

Billy Donald Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Cypress Cypress Tank community, died suddenly of a heart attack on Saturday, March 26. He was 17 years old. Survivors include, besides his parents, three brothers, Lee, Kyle and Nile; four sisters, Mrs. Agnes Moore, Nola Moore, Jennetta and Johnnie Howell. Funeral services were held at Wooten's cemetery.

Letter from Lessie Barnhill Lea: I am enclosing money to renew subscription to your paper for my mother, Mrs. Docia Barnhill. If I am not mistaken home she is a relative of yours, as she was of uncle Jack Wright who resided near Essary Springs or Pocahontas many years ago. She be in ninety on March

30th. Editor Wilbur Wright's note: to my knowledge, we are not related. My father was Jesse Wright, and lived in Hardin and McNairy County, near what is now Mud Creek community. His ancestors came from North Carolina and settled in that vicinity. We have no family record of any relation to the Wrights of Hardeman County.

Letter from J. A. Patrick: I am not a politician, never meddle in politics in any way, shape or form. But I am a citizen and a taxpayer... When and if the man starts out to buy a county office you can rest assured he has an ax to grind. These rumors floating around Selmer are really burning me up. Every one knows who I am referring to. Let us elect an official whose background is above reproach: a man who has played fair all the way through, with his fellow man and his family. I myself don't care who you elect, just so he is in good man that you believe to be trust worthy.

The three month old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Huggins, little Billy Gene passed away on March 23. Services were Gravel Hill Church with interment in the cemetery there. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Robert Earl Huggins.

News reached friends of the death of Mrs. Mamie Welch, the former Mamie Turner, in her home in Houston, Texas. She was the daughter of the late C. C. Turner and Mrs. Turner of Chewalla.

University of Tennessee honor roll: James D. Jones, Margaret D. Barnes, Warren L. Jones of Selmer; Norman G. Jones, Adamsville, Jessie E. Pipkin of Stantonville.

Services for Mr. Finley Lee Lockman died March 22. He was a member of the Selmer Methodist Church. His remains were brought to Selmer for interment in the beautiful Oak Hill Cemetery. He leaves his wife Mrs. Eva Johnson Lockman whom he married in 1905. His son Troy Lockman and grandson Durwood Lowden both of Selmer.

PFC Clifford Williamson, son of Mrs. Elsie Williamson, of Memphis, will depart from Yokohama, Japan, soon for home.

Holy Week Services will be held each evening at the First Methodist Church.

Leapwood: a birthday dinner in the home of J. L. Massengill Moore for son, Jerry age 7, and grandson Lonnie Earl who was one. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are proud parents of twin babies. Mrs. Jennie Massengill is improving.

Crooked Creek: Miss Bobbie Jean Emmons was married to Bobby Holmes in Corinth last Saturday. Howard Emmons and Doris Jopling were among high school students to enjoy a supper at Logan's Lake last week.

Miss Martha Ann Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor of Selmer became the bride of Lawrence L. May Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.

Rachel's Homemade Cakes, Thursday, Friday Saturday at A & G market or made to order at any time. Phone 114W.

Linda Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray is poster child for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe, wearing her new Trim Foot Pre-School Shoes.

Miss Claire Brawner entertained 35 friends at her 16th birthday party.

The Vogue has coats and suits reduced 20% - dresses 10%.

4-H club news: Frances Weaver was crowned Finger 4-H Queen Friday night at a square dance and cakewalk. Glenn Naylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Naylor will represent the County at 4-H Congress in Nashville. A big show will be held in Selmer at the old Selmer baseball park April 7. Ann Copeland was elected as Acton 4-H queen at a recent event.

Center Ridge: Mr. Odis Ray has the mumps. Mrs. Hoyette Isbell is now better. Mr. Thurman Moore was carried to Jackson for an operation.

Ramer: J. R. Hamm is a patient and Corinth Hospital. The junior class of Ramer high school presented a three act play "Mountain Justice" under the direction of Mrs. Richard Sharpe.

Perspective homebuilder -- bring me your sketch and specifications and I will make you a material list of everything you need. It will be accurate and price reasonable. C. G. Robertson 125 N 8th St.

For sale 1936 Cadillac ambulance -- Shackelford Funeral Directors.
 For sale used battery set radios Selmer Service Station.
 Joe Brown, former theater manager of Selmer honored in Fulton, Kentucky.
 Those who want to contribute to the Rose Hill Cemetery fund, please see W. T. Kirby, O. L. Plunk, or Lyman Gage. The cemetery needs quite a bit of work at this time.
 Gravel Hill: On the sick list this week - Mr. J. B. Huggins and Mrs. Taylor Hogan. Rev. Bill Bailey has accepted the call as pastor of the Gravel Hill Baptist Church.
 Showing at the Ritz next week: Hills of Home - Smart Girls Don't Talk - Yellow Sky - The Fighting Ranger - Chicken Every Sunday. Cartoon Saturday and Sunday.
 Save yourself -- your clothes -- ironing time with a new Westinghouse clothes dryer from Selmer implement company. Tune in Ted Malone every morning...Monday through Friday...ABC network.
 Important meeting of Quarterly County Court next Monday. Important item will be the election of a trustee to succeed Mr. John R. Hunter who will resign at this meeting. Eight men will ask the County Court for the job: A. D. Hysmith, D. T. Hamilton, L. E. Scott, Lacy Erwin, John Moffitt, A. P. Robinson, Ted Smith and Lester Moore. Another important item is the school budget. School tax will have to be raised from the present \$1.50 or the expense of operation of the schools will have to be curtailed. Another matter for consideration is to set up in the budget a levy of seven cents to continue the operation of the health unit of the County.
 Drastic cut in auto insurance cost see C. Carman Smith, State Farm Mutual.
 Don't go around snickering at grandma and her home spun remedies. Doctors now have realized that the old wool sock tied around the sore throat did no harm. and now, grandma's old standby, quinine, is suddenly being given all kinds of excited consideration. Grandma thought no home was complete with out a bottle of quinine pills to prevent shakes. To Grandma, quinine, was the standard remedy for other assorted ailments -- particularly colds and muscles cramps.
 Now we offer free car inspections service -- Sibley Chevrolet Co.
 See the fastest, easiest, cleanest way to cook! Push-Button Range with a built-in pressure cooker. Selmer Service Station Appliance shop.
 See Mrs. Mae Cox for your Easter flowers. Agent for the Lee Highway Floral Company.
 Working is Fun with a Farmall Cub Tractor.
 Mr. J. E. Hodges' 300 acres has been designated Tree Farm No 173 by the Tennessee Tree Farm System to assure continuous production of commercial timber with forestry practices approved.

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Ray Bodiford, new spelling champion of McNairy County. Gooch School gave us the champion for the second straight year. Rachel Prather, of Selmer, misspelled the word 'suppressed.' Ray is a seventh grade pupil was coached by his teacher, Mr. J. T. Deposter. Ted Jordan was the pronouncer. Judges were: Jimmy Mills, Rev. R. M. Dickson, Rev. Lloyd Ramer.

American Legion Junior Baseball team to be organized in county. All boys that will be 13 in 1949 and all boys not having their 18th birthday in 1949 are eligible. Meetings at Bethel Springs, Ramer, Shiloh Ball Park, Adamsville and Selmer.

The Selmer Independents Baseball Club to meet Sunday afternoon.

Easter Cantata at Methodist Church Sunday at 4:30 pm by the Lambuth Memorial Methodist Church Choir.

Services for Horace Greely Abernathy were held at Adamsville Christian Church last Sunday,

April 3rd. Mr. Abernathy, who was 80, died April 1. Mr. Abernathy was born in McNairy County, and had spent most of his life in and around Adamsville. His wife, the former Miss Estelle Harbert, died four years ago. He is survived by two sons, Allen and J. D. Abernathy, of Adamsville; four daughters, Mrs. Troy Barnes of Nashville, Mrs. Naomi Martineau of Lynchburg, Va, Mrs. Joseph A. Frank of Alexandria, Va, and Mrs. Albin Walker, of Adamsville.

District Singing Convention at Piney Grove Sunday, April 10 according to L. C. Ingle, President.

Pebble Hill: Mrs. J. W. Baker's son Billy has been confined to a Memphis hospital for several weeks because of a hit and run accident. Mr. and Mrs. Casie Farris have a new granddaughter. Proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Don Shellhorn. Bobby Rickman is expected home soon. He has been in the Navy overseas. Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Effie Hooper of Corinth. Cases of the mumps are too numerous to mention.

Chewalla: Youth revival is in progress at the Chewalla church. Mr. and Mrs. Audrey are proud parents of a baby girl born Monday night. Leslie and Billy Max Martindale have been sick.

Lawton: Mrs. Mary Browder is on the sick list. Danny Browder fell and broke his arm Sunday.

Center Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Shady Isbell have a new baby daughter.

Stantonville: Edwin Evans of this community and Melba Jones of Selmer were married last Saturday night.

Gravel Hill - Rain on Sunday morning didn't hinder attendance. We had 152. Mrs. Ella Huggins is improving and Mr. J. B. Huggins is improving.

Anemic? Constipated? Jittery Nerves? Plagued by Pain and Fatigue? Get Bexel Special Formula at Selmer Rexall Drugs.

Where Else Can \$1,519.40 Buy So Much Car? Take the wheel - try the '49 Ford feel at Latta Motor Co. Phone 64.

Infant Joe Glen Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Martin of Bethel Springs, was born March 29, died 40 minutes after birth. He was laid to rest in the family lot at the Mars Hill Cemetery. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, James Martin and one sister, Patsy Martin; grandmother Mrs. Millie Lofton and grandfather W. A. Martin of Finger.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Chicken Every Sunday - Stage Struck - Down To The Sea In Ships - West of Sonora - Words and Music.

Give your Fine Clothes an Easter Treat at Amos Cleaners. Phone 206J.

Rebecca Jane Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hunter models her 'Karen-Sue Suit,' from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Guaranteed Repairs On All Shoes at May's Shoe Shop. South 2nd Street.

The Perfect Easter Gift - Your Photograph - at Paul Burks Studio. Roll film developed 8-exp roll for 36¢.

Selmer Local: News: A. S. Prather, who has been in bad health for some time, went to Memphis for examination. Mrs. Ruth Bolton of East Selmer has been seriously ill. Mrs. Slater Robinson has been very sick. Mrs. Lucille Holloman had an operation in Memphis and is improving. Lex Armstrong of Gravel Hill entered Memphis Methodist Hospital for an appendectomy.

To be given away free, Sat April 9: Basket of groceries, Gold Medal Flour, Flavor Kist Cookers and Crackers - at A & G Market.

Quarterly Court proceedings of session last Monday. Member of the Court present: Esqs. M. C. Etheridge, C. S. Treece, W. E. Floyd, A. F. Higginbottom, R. M. Gean, I. M. Meeks, M. C. Martin, M. B. Melton, J. P. Whitley, J. R. King, H. K. Maness, G. R. McCormack, L. E. Scott, Earl Jones, J. T. Stanfield, Haven Garner, Lit Wilson, W. G. Minton, W. R. Steadman, Roy Huggins, Eldridge Howard, J. O. Mitchell, J. L. Tacker, Otis Plunk, Wilbur Robinson, E. G. Harris, R. E. Wade and L. I. Cagle.

First order of business was School Supt. J. C. Taylor's report. A new education bill will raise teacher's salary, with a bachelor's degree, \$470 per year. The Supt's report on transportation, described this subject as the 'Biggest headache in the entire school program.' Apparently the bus routes were not

designed for efficiency. He explained, 'two or three buses are traveling over the same roads; the same bus is traveling over one road as many as six times each day.'

Mr. Taylor declared that the school buildings over the county are in a deplorable condition. With overcrowded conditions, the schools at Adamsville, Selmer and Michie need immediate relief.

Under health issues, Mr. Taylor stated 1 of the 4 standards we are not meeting is the inspection and approval of the water supply and toilet facilities at every school.

The school budget for \$108,377 was approved.

Poorhouse Commission was adopted as read.

On Elections and Appointments, a new Equalization board was elected: Ellie Hurst, Howard Stevens, Tom Moore, Cecil Suggs and H. G. Tull. Eleven men were nominated for positions but only these five received the required 15 votes.

Five men were nominated for the Beer Board to fill the vacancy of Mr. Frank Clayton. The men were John Dillon, T. C. Patterson, John King, Hobart Kemp and Dewey Armstrong. After three secret ballots Mr. Armstrong was elected with a vote of 17.

Final matter was the appointment of a Trustee. Six men announced for the position: John Moffett, D. T. Hamilton, A. P. Robinson, L. E. Scott, A. D. Hysmith and Ted Smith. With no one receiving the majority vote on the first ballot the low man would be eliminated from each succeeding ballot. On the second ballot, Ted Smith was dropped. The third ballot was a deadlock between Moffett and Robinson as low man. On the fourth ballot, Moffett was eliminated. On the fifth ballot Robinson was dropped. Scott was eliminated on the sixth ballot. The vote was down to Hysmith and Hamilton. The seventh ballot did not declare the election because the winner must receive 15 votes. On the eighth ballot Mr. Hamilton was declared winner with 15 votes and Mr. Hysmith 13 votes.

38 citizen petitioned the court to oust the present Beer Board because they were not complying with beer laws of the State of Tenn. This petition was killed because county Judge Carter Smith stated the Quarterly Court had no authority to oust members.

Motion was made by Esq. L. E. Scott to instruct the Budget Committee to take care of the needs of the Health Unit. The motion was carried 21 to 5.

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The Selmer Senior Class is sponsoring a musical program on April 19 featuring Leon Cole and his organ with popular and classical music.

Reports show that 22,492 bales of cotton were ginned for the 1948 crop season.

Mr. R. H. Barnett, of Bethel Springs, says his female cat, named 'Blackie,' has adopted a baby rabbit to go with her four kittens.

Peggy Jean Sibley has been elected as treasurer of the Memphis State Home Economics Club.

Law Officers busy the past two weeks. Three whiskey stills confiscated, (2) 1 mile north of Hickory School house (1) 4 miles north of Purdy. Luther Lott's Store in Leapwood was broken into. A raid was made on the Mississippi State Line. Officers mentioned: Hugh Kirkpatrick, sheriff; I. W. Randolph, D. Norris, N. A. Robison, W. F. Butler.

There will a Candle-light Communion Service at First Presbyterian Church on April 15 at 7:30 pm. Sunrise Easter Services will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 6 am. The young people of the church are in charge of the program.

The 16th annual All-American Championship Coon Dog Field Trials will be held in Henderson,

Tenn on April 23 & 24. At the J. B. Cooper farm. \$400 first tree; \$300 first line; \$200 second tree; \$100 second line and many other prizes, sponsored by L. W. Melton, Dick Stewart and Kenneth Woods.

The film 'The Calling of Matthew,' will be shown at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening April 17th.

Miss America of 1948, Mrs. Barbara Walker Hummel will be one of the judges in the Miss Selmer High School beauty revue next week. Also a Junior Queen and King will be selected.

According to the County Agent, anyone interested in getting cows tested for Bang's disease, need to come by the county agent's office. It is not safe to drink raw milk from a cow that has Bangs disease.

4-H County Junior Fat Calf Show winners: 1 - Charles C. Raines, Jr. of Stantonville; 2 - Anita Hurst, Selmer; 3 - Larry Wayne Raines, Stantonville; 4- Charles C Raines, Jr. Stantonville; 5 - Jimmy Shelton, Selmer; 6 - Bruce Hamm, Adamsville; 7 - Betty Jo Hurst, Selmer, 8 - O'Neal Whitten, Rose Creek; 9 - Jane Hamm, Adamsville; 10- Ralph Mitchell, Selmer.

Other entries: John Mitchell, Selmer; Joe Mitchell, Selmer; Roscoe Raines, Jr., Michie; Edwin Hurley, Stantonville; Harold Raines, Stantonville; Joyce Raines, Stantonville; Robert Cagle, Finger; Billy Frank Volner, Gravel Hill; Howard Volner, Gravel Hill; Paul Carroll, Adamsville; Peggy Armstrong, Gravel Hill; Billy Carrol, Stantonville.

19 of the McNairy County 4-H boys and girls (listed above) entered 26 calves in the Mid-South Junior Livestock Show and Sale in Memphis on April 8. They received an average of 27.6 cents a pound for their calves.

Stantonville Community Improvement Club met Tuesday with 42 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ward observed their 50th wedding anniversary the first Sunday in April. 'Grandpa Ward,' as he is called, was born and reared in McNairy County. His great grandparents came to this county in 1826. They built their first home on the place that now belongs to Grandpa Ward. On April 2, 1899, John G. Ward married Donna Hunter. To this union two boys and ten girls were born. Ten children are now living. Present were: G. L. Joyner & Joyce; Mr. & Mrs. V. L. Lofton & Ray; Mrs. Annie Robison, all of Memphis. Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Wamble, Scobey, Miss; Mrs. T. E. Maness of Texas; Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Smith & family, Mrs. Leonard Ward family, Mrs. J. E. Cupples family, Mrs. Colonel Redmon family, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Neal Erwin, and Mrs. J. R. Harris, all of Finger. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. Will Griffin & family, all of Memphis; Mr. & Mrs. John Moffett of Stantonville and Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Weaver of Finger.

Etta Swaim Circle of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Tyler Gooch, hostess and Mrs. Herman Wallace, leader. 16 members present.

Gravel Hill: A large number attended the funeral of Everett Randolph Wednesday. While helping to remodel the Primitive Baptist church, Mr. Roy Sharp fell and broke his ankle.

Evelyn Haden and Bobby Basham, members of the Junior Etude Music Club, were honored as graduating seniors. Music provided by Faye Hamm, Anita Johnson, Billie Sue Murray, Claire Brawner and a reading by Betty Hamm. Marjorie & Virginia Steadman and Judith Hamilton assisted the hostess.

PFC William E. Randolph, age 21, who as killed overseas during World War II, was returned to McNairy County for burial on Wednesday, April 6. He died on August 29, 1944 in France. He is a son of W. W. Randolph of Ramer. Services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Bolding, with interment in the Gravel Hill cemetery. The deceased is survived by his father; and four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Burns and Mrs. Lattie Patie of Memphis, Mrs. Casie Gardner of Raleigh, Tenn and Mrs. Minnie Bell Littlejohn of Ramer.

Mrs. Della Wilson, age 71, died at her home, near Hornsby, Tenn on April 7th. Services conducted by Rev. R. L. Sanders were held at Refuge community. Interment at Refuge cemetery. The deceased is survived by two sons, Buster of Hornsby and Doss Wilson of East Prairie, Mo., and two daughters, Mrs. Lillie Ferguson of Finger and Mary Lou Genis of Hornsby.

Mr. Will Andrew Moore, age 76, died at his home in the Good Hope community on March 30.

He was a member of the Baptist church and a retired farmer. Services, conducted by Rev. W. P. Littlefield, were held at the Good Hope Church with interment in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by his wife Susana Moore; three sons, Andrew, Warren and Joe Moore; two daughters, Mrs. Redea Kiddy and Mrs. Bedea Barnes.

Mrs. Margaret H. White, age 81, died at her home near Adamsville on Sunday, April 10, 1949. She was a member of the Christian Church and had lived a long useful life. Funeral services were held at the Mars Hill Church with Elder H. K. Alexander in charge. Burial was in the Mars Hill cemetery. She is survived by her husband, W. B. White; two sons, (unreadable) and one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter, all of Adamsville.

PFC Hollis D. Smith to be returned here for burial April 18. PFC Hollis D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith, of the Acton community, who was killed in France on Sept 23, 1944, will come home this weekend. His body is expected to arrive here on Saturday with individual escort. Shackelford Funeral Directors will be in charge. Services will be held at Shiloh National Military cemetery on Monday, April 18th at 2:00 pm.

Old 16th - Mr. R. D. Smith is suffering with a sore foot which was kicked by a mule. Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Lee have a new baby named Larry Ronald. Mrs. Florence has been sick. Everybody remember that next Sunday is preaching at Hopewell. A large crowd attended the birthday dinner at Marsh Loftin's for Mrs. Catherine Henry who is 97 years old.

Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Meeting at the home of Alice Gresham. 17 members present. One new member, Minnie Forsyth and a visitor, Cynthia Jones. Mrs. Ethel Gilbert, VP, called the meeting to order. Evelyn Tackett read the minutes. Talks by: Pattie Everett - how to plant and care for beans; Oillie Brown nutrition; Nellie Carman - crafts; Lula Mae Wilkes - how to store clothes in the summer; Effie Richardson - spring cleaning; Lucille Forsyth - young and old poultry. The hostess served R. C. Colas, sandwiches and cookies. Baskets of fruit were taken to the sick in the community: Ruth Barnes, Lydia McCormack, Carl Gresham and Mrs. J. T. Baker.

Last week's winners of free groceries at Liberty Cash Grocers was Mrs. O. D. Wyatt and S. T. Hawkins.

Everything Counts. Not only shoes, but all purchases will count in Jordan's Red Goose Bike Contest.

U-Tote-Em Grocery - Morris' Gold Bond Fertilizer due shortly. We have Northern Hatched Baby Chicks arriving every week.

Ramer: Mrs. J. J. Raper, Mrs. P. H. Shea and Dugan Perry returned Sunday from a motor trip to Texas. Mrs. Calvary has been a patient in a Memphis hospital. Pupils in the 8th grade enjoyed a party Thursday night at the home of their teacher Mrs. Loyd Barnes. On Thursday night, the 8th grade will present a play, 'Billy's Aunt Jane.' On April 19, the first five grades will be seen in the operetta 'Down Among the Fairies.'

Stantonville Homemakers Club met at the lunch room of the school. Devotion by Mrs. Olus Smith. Invocation by Mrs. Bascom Dancer. Talks: Mrs. Martin Smith - use of eggs; Mrs. Edgar Smith - care of the home; Mrs. Phillips - cleanliness and poultry raising. Mrs. Horry Raines was hostess.

The women of Clear Creek Baptist Church met and organized a women's missionary union. They will meet every 4th Monday night.

Stantonville: Miss Wilma Ruth Burks was honored with a wedding shower given by Miss Naomi Phillips and Mrs. Jim Murdaugh. Wilma Ruth is to become the bride of Ralph Taylor of Dickson, Tenn. Values for Spring for the men at J. E. Hodges & Son, 154 W Court, Selmer.

The New '40 Pontiac - The most beautiful thing on wheels at Thomas-Farris Pontiac, Co. Hwy 64 East.

Red Goose Bike Contest beginning April 18 - ending May 31. At Jordan's in Selmer. Rules of the contest: (1) register and get 100 votes. (2) The boy or girl with the great number of votes wins. (3) One vote given for each penny spent in the store. Votes can be transferred to someone else at

the time of purchase (4) 10 votes for each pair of worn shoes donated to the store for charity. (5) Adults get 25 votes for the contestant on Thursday. (6) Thursday is double vote day.

Chewalla: Chewalla defeated Gravel Hill in a ball game Monday morning on their home court. This was the second game of the season. Mrs. Lou Austin is seriously ill.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Words and Music - Fighting Back - The Snake Pit - Grand Canyon Trail - 3 God Fathers.

Buford Lassiter and David E Dunn of Pocahontas, have enrolled at Trades Training Institute at Prarie, Miss.

Annual 4-H Rally held at the Ritz Theatre with about 700 boys and girls from 14 clubs. Officers elected were: President - Jimmy Jones; VP - Emma Lee Rhinehart; Sec - Rosemary Walker; reporter - Fay Thrasher. Stantonville came well equipped for the weather with an umbrella and also to present the first prize skit. Bethel Springs won second place with 'It Pays To Advertise,' and Selmer third with 'Baby Contest.' Cowboy Osborne was voted the most beautiful baby in Skunk Hollow. Free movie was entertainment in the afternoon.

McNairy County will be represented at the National 4-H Congress in Nashville by the following: Carolyn Gooch, Michie; Ann Copeland, Acton; Dan Ingram, Ramer; Glen Naylor, Finger; Bruce Hamm, Adamsville.

Barbara Ann Coley, two year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. V. Coley models a pair of Trimfoot shoes at Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Local: E. B. Carter, who lives near Selmer, received a message that his brother, T. C. Carter, of Greensboro, N.C. had passed away. Mrs. E. K. Harris, music teacher in the Gravel Hill area will present her students in recital April 21st. Hoyt Jarnigan reports his mother in Guys community is recovering from a serious illness. Mrs. Cora Blasingame of Bardwell, Kentucky, attended the funeral of Haskell Blasingame at Corinth, Thursday. Lola Frances Kiser made the Dean's list at Memphis State. Truman Kerby has been on the sick list. Bill Lea is recuperating from a serious illness. Alfred Tackett has returned home from St Joseph hospital in Memphis. Mr. & Mrs. Custer Taylor have a new grandson. Mrs. Virgil Jopling suffered a painful injury. Those from Selmer School attending teacher's meeting in Nashville were: Kathleen Wright, Lois Prather, Myrelee Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moore, Mrs. Allen Wooten, John D. Wyatt and Supt. Taylor.

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Selmer T & I Club (Trades & Industries Club) has been a very busy group of boys. At the Regional Commencement in Jackson, James Dancer won first place in essay. His speech was entitled 'Vocational Education For Every High School Student.' Richard Brown won second place in the speech contest about the advantages of the T & I Club. Garland Jones won second place in current events. On April 7th, the club had their annual Father & Son banquet at Logan's Lake with about 20 members present. On April 11, the club had open house showing their projects from jewel boxes to cedar chest. Mr. Leland Plunk is instructor.

Decoration Day at Gravel Hill on May 1st. This is the third year for the Gravel Hill Cemetery Association. Calvin Hamm is president and Mrs. Henry Latta is secretary.

Selmer High School Baccalaureate Service at the Baptist Church, Sunday, April 24. Rev. Loyd Ramer, minister of First Methodist Church will preach the Commencement sermon. The choir will be representatives from local Selmer churches. Valedictorian is Miss Nora Frances Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henry. Salutatorian is Miss Betty Cox, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Julius Cox.

American Legion Post 162 is organizing a Junior baseball team with Latta Motor Company. The team will play under the direction of Red Lambert, Z. B. 'Charlie' Bowers, Raymond Mabry and W. L. Moore. Practice sessions will be in various towns with 63 boys picked. Then a team of eight boys will be picked.

The Methodist Church started three weeks ago having two services on Sunday morning, one at 8:30 in addition to regular time at 10:45. There has been an increasing interest shown. Rev. Lloyd Ramer is the pastor.

Oak Hill Cemetery Association has launched a drive to clean up the cemetery before April 28.

V. F. W. Offers aid to crippled children. Wheel chairs and crutches will soon be available for temporary use.

Bethel Springs High School FFA chapter elected officers for the next school year: Robert Mullen, President; James Orr, VP; Wilbur Frye, Sec; Tom Hendrix, Treas; Fred Mullen, reporter and Wilford Wilson, Sentinel.

Bethel Springs FFA wins at the annual livestock and judging contest at U-T Martin. Tom Hendrix placed second in the 390 members, scoring 605 out of 700. The Dairy Team, Cavit Cheshier, Albert McVay and Carlton Hendrix placed in the upper 33 percent of teams participating. The livestock team, Tom Hendrix, Wilford Wilson and James Orr placed 5th. Julius S. Hurst is instructor.

Mr. & Mrs. Willie A. Shelton are grieved today over the loss of their little child. Services were held at the Indian Creek Cemetery on April 19.

James Ray Hill, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill, of Bethel Springs, died on Tuesday, April 12. Services were at the Bethel Springs Baptist Church with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. The deceased is survived, besides his parents, by two sisters, Mrs. Marie Jenkins and Mrs. Jewell Mitchell; three brothers, A. J., Bobbie Joe and Roger Hill.

Nora Lee Cole, daughter of Daisy Cole, of Selmer, and the late Ed Cole, an invalid for nine years, died at the home of her mother April 18. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Prospect Cemetery, with S. B. Moore, undertaker, in charge.

PFC Hollis D. Smith, who was killed in action in France on Sept 12, 1944, was returned for burial last Saturday. He is a son of Mr. & Mrs. Everette Smith of Corinth, Miss. Services were held at the Clear Creek Baptist Church conducted by Rev. P. E. Claybrook. The National Guard burial unit from Selmer assisted in the Military funeral. Burial was in Shiloh National Military Cemetery. Besides his parents, the deceased is survived by four brothers, L. E. Smith of Tuscon, Ariz; Billy Smith, Corinth; Branson Smith, US Air Force; Ralph Smith, Corinth and two sisters, Mrs. Junell Lawson of Corinth and Mrs. Jenell Petty of Corinth.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Donahoe, age 82 died at her home April 17. Services were held at the Mt Gilead Church Sunday with burial in the cemetery there. Pall bearers were Jess Bledsoe, Otis Foster, Devoid Russom, J. H. Foster, Leo Swift and Wade Whitten. She is survived by two sons, W. E. Donahoe of Bethel Springs; Jess Donahoe, Harrisburg, Ark. Four daughters, Amie Wagoner, Bethel Springs; Lizzie Foster, Ella Wilbanks and Myrtle Russom, Hornsby.

Little Miss Marilyn Bell, age 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd C Bell of Adamsville, died at her home April 16. Services were held at the Curtis Hill Church with burial in the Moore Schoolhouse cemetery. Pallbearers were: Percy Williams, Eugene Bell, Farris Williams and Herman Williams. The deceased is survived by her parents and one brother, Allen Bell; also one sister, Carolyn Sue Bell; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bell.

Cecil Blankenship, age 29, died at his home on April 13. Services were held at the Antioch Church of Christ and burial was in the McAlpin cemetery. The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blankenship; one brother Jesse L Blankenship and five sisters, Mrs. Sadie Deming, Mrs. Trudie Horton, Mrs. Rubie Young, Mrs. Virginia Fortune and Mrs. Evelyn Boyette.

Pat Baker Claimed by Grim Reaper Last Friday. Pat Baker, for a long time prominently connected with business and civic affairs of Selmer and McNairy County, passed away at his home here

last Friday, April 15. Funeral services were held at the Selmer Presbyterian Church. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery. Active pallbearers were Robert Johnson, Paul McAlpin, Vance Moore, Joel Parker, Edgar Hodges, Joe Hamilton, George Scott and E. K. Harris. Honorary pallbearers were J. R. Swaim, Faytee Alexander, Dr. T. R. Barr, John E. Hodges, Luther Weatherford, Leslie Moore, Vernon Robinson, Oscar McCullar, Grady Green and Jack Whitaker. The deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Ora Baker and one daughter Mrs. John Capps of Greenville, Miss.

James Alfred Lipford Brought Home for Final Rites. Pvt James Alfred Lipford, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lipford of Adamsville, who was killed in Luxemburg on January 26, 1945, was laid to rest in the Good Hope cemetery on Friday, April 1. Rev. Alvin West was in charge of the service. Pallbearers were: Bobby Littlefield, James R. Meek, Tad Tacker, J. L. Plunk, Bobby Cochran and Tom Harris. Pvt Lipford was in the Third Army, under Gen Geo. S. Patton, and was returned from the U. S. Military Cemetery at Fort Belgium. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lipford and three sisters, Mrs. Gilcie Carroll, Stantonville; Mrs. Earnest Holton (Holt) Lutts, Tenn; Mrs. Garland Carroll, Adamsville, Tenn.

Miss Mary Bell Kirkpatrick, age 75 died at her residence in McNairy April 17. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Services were held at the Finger Christian Church with interment in the Mt. Carman cemetery [Mt Carmel?]. She is survived by one brother, J. T. Kirkpatrick of McNairy.

Pebble Hill: Miss Joyce Whitten and a bus load from Michie School visited Nashville over the week-end. Cases of the mumps are decreasing. Bobby Rickman on his way home from overseas duty. A birthday party for Mrs. J. W. Baker on April 10th. Attending were the families of Arlon Henson, Kellus Baker, Curtis Baker, Carl Donahoe, John Rickman and Billy Baker. Decoration day at the cemetery is set for the second Sunday in May. Church services every Sunday with preaching on 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Chewalla: Miss Betty Ledbetter carried to Baptist Hospital Saturday.

Showing at the Ritz next week: 3 God Fathers - The Luck of the Irish - The Kissing Bandit - The Rangers Ride - A Letter To Three Wives.

Permanent Voting Registration Bill was allowed to die at General Assembly. It will be two years before this legislation can be brought up again.

Ramer: An Easter pageant, 'The Story of The Cross,' was presented at the Ramer Cumberland Pres. Church by members of the Christian Endeavor group. School activities: Junior Senior banquet (was on) April 20; the senior class play, 'The Skeleton Walks' on April 22; Baccalaureate Sermon on April 24; Graduation at Ramer School is April 28th.

Stantonville: Bessie Carroll and Lala Elam were hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Leonard Tedford and Mrs. Neal McCormack, the former Misses Lorine and Evelyn Killingsworth. 62 people were present. Miss Wilma Ruth Burks, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ocie Burks, became the bride of Ralph Taylor of Dickson, Tenn, at the Methodist Church on Easter Sunday. Music was presented by Mrs. George Huggins and Jean Boling. Maid of honor was Dorla Dean Burks. Local attendants were Mrs. P. J. Maxedon, Naomi Phillips and George Huggins, Bert Arnold Maxedon.

Rocky Knob: Mr. Willie Pickett is improving and home from the hospital. The entire Otis Phillips family is suffering from the measles. Mary Frances Hampton has the mumps.

Center Ridge: Mr. Robert Whitten is not doing so well.

Crooked Creek: Mrs. Alma Holmes entertained 21 youngsters on Apr 3rd, honoring her children's birthday, Shirley 13, and Farris 6. They have the same birth date. Grover Murray and Melvin Holland made a broadcast over radio WCMA at Corinth last Saturday. Mrs. Buddie Brown has been taking treatments at Humphrey-Phillips clinic.

Mount Zion: A bridal shower was given for Mrs. Bobby Holmes at the home of Mrs. Nixon Emmons at Crooked Creek.

Gravel Hill: Mrs. Harlie Lusk is at the bedside of her mother, Ella Huggins. The young people of the Baptist Training Union enjoyed a social at the Alvis Huggins home.

Billy Grissom wears his Tom Sawyer shirt for the Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe ad.

The County Home Demonstration Club elected county council: Chairman - Mrs. Edwin Meeks, Mt Zion; vice - Mrs. Norman Carroll, Stantonville; secretary - Mrs. Milton Dickerson, Action.

Selmer Local: School activities - Junior class went on a hayride on Monday night. The sophomore class went to Chickasaw recently. The people of Selmer extend sympathy to Mrs. A. O. Wooten and family because of the death of her sister, Mrs. Emma Mullen Nelms. W. T. Greer is in the hospital due to a gun explosion. Friends of the family will regret to learn of the death of Claude Harris in Detroit this week. He is a son of John Harris of Selmer. His sister Mrs. Henry Maxedon and brother E. K. Harris live in Selmer. Three other brothers, Joe, Jack and E. G. Harris, live at Bethel Springs. Funeral services will be held in Detroit Saturday.

Scenes for the movie, 'Intruder In The Dust,' will be made at a general store at College Hill, near Oxford, Miss. The store is owned by George Galloway, who is a uncle of Mrs. Buddy Sutton of Selmer.

Notice of Democrat Primary to be held May 7, 1949 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to nominate a candidate for Attorney General. Officers appointed for this election: (the first person for each precinct is the Officer.) Michie - H. A. Vinson, Clifford Moore, Kelsie Burks, Truman Brown, Everett Farris, Quincey Atkins, Will Emmons. Nethery - C. D. Steadman, Gould Mullins, Phillip Mullins, O. C. Steadman, W. A. Jernigan, W. R. Steadman, Odel Steadman.

Ramer - Earl Jones, Lee McAlpin, Burgess Hamm, Jobe Teague, Mrs. Gene Hamm, Mrs. Lem Vaughn, Billy Gibson. Adamsville - G. A. Shelton, R.M. Gean, W. C. Varnell, Joe Pettigrew, Jimmie Coffman, Ruby Chisholm, A. M. Perkins. Guys - J. T. Stanfield, C. L. Rinehart, Murray Houston, Ernest Sharpe, Roy Sharp, R. L. Burns, Christine Sharp. Selmer - G. W. Hall, O. V. Erwin, Oscar McCullar, J. E. Maxedon, Mrs. Cora Abernathy, Mrs. Earl Latta, Connie Smith.

Stantonville - Cecil Surratt, Bob Wilkes, Rufe Hurley, Easley Wardlow, Jack Fullwood, James Dancer, Tom Fullwood. Gilchrist - Zilphord Jones, Buck Gilchrist, Frank Ward, Marie Gilchrist, Creed Martin, Ed Gilchrist. Gravel Hill - Lacy Willis, Andy Hamm, Claude Springer, Elbert Bolding, Mrs. J. T. Sims, Alvis Huggins, Elbert Knight. Caffey - W. E. Whittemore, Coley Bell, Fred North, C. S. Samples, Eloise Smith, Fleeta Farris, Howard Hale. Bethel Springs - Joe Walker, J. P. Hendrix, Arlie Kernodle, John Denny, Lockie Morton, Willie Walker, Jess Powers.

Leapwood - John Massengill, I. D. Robinson, Lester Hair, John Surratt, Juanita Massengill, Cassie Massengill, T. L. Harris. Pebble Hill - Willis Burks, Louis Rickman, Cecil Fisher, R. E. Myles, Lola Rickman, Lily Rickman, Kellis Baker. Chewalla - J. T. Stanfield, Lillard McCullar, Fred Fulton, Earnest Derryberry, Carl Crocker, Mrs. Vera Wren, John Smith.

All Democrats are entitled to vote, who are 21 years old and no poll tax receipt is required. The officer of each precinct shall provide a suitable ballot box for the election. The officer will receive \$1.00 for holding primary.

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The people of McNairy County hold \$1,642,000 in U. S. Savings Bonds according to M. W. Bigger.

A goodwill tour of the Memphis Cotton Carnival visited Selmer Monday.

News from the county agent: by the time you get this paper we will be settled in our office at the new courthouse.

Miss Bobbye Maxwell crowned Queen of Selmer School by retiring Queen Anne Crabtree. Her maids are Miss Jean Bowman and Miss Betty Cox. Olivia Littlefield was crowned Junior Queen by retiring Queen Linda Sue McCullar. Her maids are Alice Wade McBride and Connie Smith. Jim T.

Hamilton was crowned Junior King by John Gilbert Combs, retiring Junior King. The Pages are Don Maxedon and James Armour.

Cancer Drive lagging behind goal of \$900. A. B. Scott is chairman.

Jerry H. Howell celebrated 82nd birthday April 19. Mr. Howell still cuts hair at his own shop. Present for the occasion was his wife and Mr. & Mrs. Buford Howell, Walter Howell, Mrs. Ollie Whitten & Geneva, three associates in Howell's Barber Shop - May Derryberry, Harrison Tull and Bobby Kennedy. Also Due Hester.

John B. Hurley, in the U.S. Air Force in Japan will soon be discharged and return home to Stantonville. He is the son of R. P. Hurley.

Jean Bowman, 15 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Shellie Bowman was chosen Miss V. F. W. of Selmer.

Sunday, May 1, is decoration day at West Shiloh Baptist Church. Rev. Prince E. Claybrook, pastor.

A long article on Social Security Tax. Every employer who has one or more workers, even part time, is required by law to file Tax returns.

Oscar King, of Route 2, Bethel Springs, found an old purse some 30 years ago, in an old house about 5 miles west of Bethel Springs on the old Swaim place. In the purse were candidate cards of James F. McKinney, for Circuit Judge in the November 1861 election. The old purse is estimated to be over 100 years old. Mr. King had laid the purse back and forgotten about it until recently. The old purse was exhibited in our office by Mrs. Essie Stivers, our correspondent in the Buena Vista community.

Special - Free - One piece of beautiful Crystal Stemware with each \$5.00 purchase at Steel's Jewelry & Gift Shop.

Beauty Hill - Except for a few cases of measles and chicken pox, the health in the community is very good at this time.

Rose Creek School News - On Apr 19, the 8th grade class went to Chickasaw park. The girls carried the lunch and Mr. Ellis and the boys bought the drinks. Some of the girls carried cameras and took pictures. Reported by Christine Wilson, Tommie Matlock, Kay Henson and Wadene Tull.

Notice is hereby given that an Election for the Town of Bethel Springs, McNairy County, Tenn, will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 1949 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, for the purpose of electing a mayor and seven aldermen. Officers for this election will be Rube Cobb, R. R. Smith, Frank Deaton, Joe Walker, Mrs. Edward Gault, Mrs. Jack Harris, Henry Cude. Signed McNairy County Election Comm - G. R. McCormack, Chm; Cecil Surratt, Sec'y; F. E. Higginbottom.

Showing at the Ritz next week: A Letter to Three Wives - The Countess of Monte Cristo - Mama Is A Freshman - Desperadoes of Dodge City - The Sun Came Up.

Ramer High School 1949 Graduates: Polly Cooksey, Virginia Eaker, Almeda Fullwood, Evelyn Haddon, Evelyn Hamm, Peggy Henry, Virginia Lawson, Johnnie Martin, Ivalee Rimmer, Anita Sue Smith, Charline Stanfield, Kenneth Armstrong, Delbert Bowen, Joe Robert Carlin, Granville Curtis, Harvey King, Herbert Lee Locke, Lemuel F. Vaughan, James Whittemore.

Greyhound Post House: Phone 212, Selmer. Prices, one way, to: Corinth 35¢ Memphis 1.60; Jackson, 70¢ Bolivar 45¢.

Members of the Selmer Graduating Class are: Bobby Basham, Manley Boyd, James Dancer, Bobby Doss, Jack Etheridge, Robert Gage, James Glidewell, Chesley Irvin, Charlie Jones, Junior Jones, Garland Jones, Robert Parham, Manuel Pipkin, Wayne Plunk, James Rinks, Obra Simms, Billy Smith, Jimmy Lee Sweat, Johnny Tackett, Manuel Thacker, Patricia Basinger, Betty Cox, Nora Dunaway, Mary Lulah Graham, Nora Frances Henry, Loudale Horner, Doris Jopling, Dorothy Jean Garrison, Morine King, Wilma Lambert, Sara Nell Lunceford, Billie Alexander, Mary Lou McDaniel, Betty Plunk, Bobbie Reeder, Janet Sparks, Mary Kay Carney.

Mary Loyd Richardson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Richardson is poster baby for Jaggars Kiddie Shop.

Minute Men Sunday School Class of West Shiloh Baptist Church enjoyed a delightful evening last Thursday at a banquet for their wives and girlfriends at Logan's Lake. The menu was pit barbecue, with all the trimmings, and is the usual custom at Logan's Lake, it was served family style and everyone had all he could eat. Ted Smith was toast master and place cards were made by Mrs. G. W. Carroll. A. J. Burks is president of the class.

Selmer Independent baseball team played Milledgeville and won a close game 6 to 5.

Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Lee Jones. 15 members present and Rachel Moore, Mrs. Thomas Jones and Opal Mullins guests. Meeting was called to order by Rubye Harris and Maedell Cox gave the devotional. Reports were given by Lula Mae Wilkes, Mrs. Brown, Pattie Everette and Effie Richardson. Refreshments was sandwiches, ice cream and cake, with coca-colas.

Selmer Local: Young men on the sick list: Wendell Curtis, Edwin Barron and Bobby Spain. Arvie Ayers is in the Kennedy Hospital undergoing throat treatments. Glen McClain was operated on Monday. A. S. Prather is better.

For Sale: Building lots between Hwy 45 and 64, Mrs. Paralee Dillon.

For Sale: One walking cultivator with new scratchers. See Lonnie Cheshier, Bethel Springs.

John Claude Harris, age 48, son of John L. Harris of Selmer, and the late Mrs. Harris, died suddenly at his home in Detroit, Mich. April 20. Interment in the Michigan Memorial cemetery. Elder McDonald was in charge of the service. Claude had a host of friends in this county, though he has lived in Michigan for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Peal Alexander Harris, three sisters, Mrs. H. J. Maxedon, Mrs. W. C. Johnson of Selmer and Mrs. Ray Reed of Henderson; and four brothers, E. K. of Selmer and Jack, Joe and Ernest Harris of Bethel Springs.

Mr. James Turner Garrett, age 79, died at his residence in Guys, Tenn, on Monday, April 25, 1949. Services, conducted by Rev. Bolding, were held in his home. Interment was in the Lewis Cemetery. Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Malenda Wing; and three brothers, Joe Garrett, John Garrett and Jesse Garrett. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ella Huggins died at home in the Gravel Hill community on April 21, following a lingering illness. She was 80 and a Primitive Baptist. Revs. J. W. Hardwick and J. E. Bolding were in charge. Burial was in the Gravel Hill cemetery. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edna N. Hamm of Ramer, and Mrs. A. A. Lusk of Oklahoma City, Okla; and two sons, Arthur Huggins of Memphis and Edgar Huggins of Corinth, Miss. Shackelford Funeral Directors had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Frank Brookover, age 74, died at his home on Route 1, Selmer on Wednesday, April 20, 1949. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Services, conducted by Bro. Jimmie Mills, were held at the Shiloh Church of Christ on Thursday, April 21, with interment in the Shiloh Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Brookover.

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Sheriff Kirkpatrick brings in two stills. Last Tuesday was 'longest day in my life,' said Kirkpatrick. The sheriff and deputy R. B. Leonard and the Alcohol Tax Unit, laid out in the woods 10 hours the catch the operators of a still in the 2nd dist., near Mt Pleasant Church. They parked at the cemetery and walked about 2 miles into the woods and along the way found another still. At the end of the watch they poured out the mash from eight 50 gallon barrels and chopped up the still. They did likewise the smaller still they found. Their efforts to catch the operators were nil.

The County Agent states there will be a pasture tour to show what it takes to have a good

permanent pasture. A school bus will be available for those that don't have transportation. Farms included on the tour: John F. Hendrix near Bethel Springs; W. L. Hurley, Roy Raines and Archie Raines near Stantonville.

Selmer School Band recently performed at the Strawberry Festival at Humboldt. Soon they will go to the Cotton Carnival Parade in Memphis and the V. F. W. in Jackson. Members of the band are: drum major, Douglas Wood; majorettes, Betty Steele, Annie Lou Robinson, Jo Ann Barr, Naletta Sanders, Linda Sue McCullar, Claire Brawner. Twirlers: Fay Carol Thrasher, Nancy Crabtree, Patricia Thrasher, Elizabeth Ann Burks, Lola Bess Basinger, Beverly Haynes. Other members of the band proper are: Kenneth Brumley, Jimmy Plunk, Mary Grace Kiser, James Osborn, Jimmy Tull, Larry Jordan, Houston Thrasher, Jr., Dan Brawner, Horner Doss, Jack Lewis, Nelson Houston, Rodney Bassham, H. J. Maxedon, Inez Kirk, Mary Elizabeth McCullar, Nita Joyce Morrow, Verlin Horton, Dudley Dancer, Barry McCormic, Billy Godfrey, Betty Jo Hurst, Anita Hurst, Jimmy Parrish, James Alton Scott, Kenneth Wyatt, Billy Beemer, Jimmy Patrick, Joel Parker, Jr., Leon Horton, Richard Brown, Jimmy Shelton, Pat Godfrey, Mary Sue Godfrey, Wanda Ayers. Mr. McNatt, instructor.

J. E. Campbell was elected Mayor of Bethel Springs at the city election last Wed. Mr. Campbell was elected with a majority of 93 votes over his opponent Mr. W. R. Nickles. Aldermen elected were: R. H. Ellis, A. A. Horton, F. F. Mitchell, J. P. Hendrix, Ted Martin, E. G. Harris and C. L. Hendrix.

Last Wednesday, April 27, all the county officials gathered up their office files and record books and moved across the courtyard to the grand new Court House. Every piece of equipment was new except for a few items. The dirt of years of accumulation was left in the old building and Sheriff Kirkpatrick and County Judge Carter Smith vow to keep the new building clean and sanitary. This will be bad news to the tobacco chewers and snuff dippers who have accustomed to spitting just anywhere they wanted in the old court house. First floor will be D. T. Hamilton, Trustee; W. E. Sewell, County Court Clerk; J. C. Taylor, School Supt; Preston Smith, Register; J. L. McReynolds, County Agent and Hayse Jackson, Circuit Court Clerk. The Court Room and Clerk & Master's office are located on the second floor.

The Stage and Platform Arts Department of The Selmer Schools, under the direction of Mr. John D. Wyatt, held their annual revue last week.

The general mercantile store, operated by Mr. Logan Whittington for 17 years sold to Mr. Guy E. Robinson. Mr. Robinson spent 33 months in WWII and has returned home to Selmer. He has been associated with his cousin, Mr. Chas Cude, in the operation of the Used Car Lot of the Latta Motor Company.

FFA and FHA Convention on at Nashville, to end Saturday.

Etude Music Club to give Concert May 10.

Local Lions Club to entertain ladies at Logan's Lake May 20th.

Auditors check outgoing Trustee, John R. Hunter record books to be in good shape.

Cotton Carnival at Memphis to draw out citizen May 8-14.

Adamsville American Legion to have Memorial Day Program Sunday, May 8th. Good singing under the leadership of Prof. Carlie Hughes. Adamsville Mayor Coleman Smith will make welcome address and speaking will be Selmer Mayor Will Tom Abernathy.

Mr. Jobie Clayton, age 52, died in a local clinic on Sunday May 1. Services were held in the Shady Grove Church, conducted by Bro. Vinson Smith. Burial was in the cemetery there, with Shackelford Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Ann Clayton of Adamsville, one son Shirley Neal Clayton and two daughters, Mrs. Nomia Daniel and Mary Elizabeth Clayton of Adamsville.

John Robert Hamm was born at Chewalla, Tenn., November 29, 1874 and passed to his eternal reward April 27, 1949. He lived in Ramer practically all his life. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. May Hamm; three children, Eugene and Lester Hamm of Ramer; and Mrs. J. E. Towne of Jackson, Tenn. Two sisters, Mrs. Flora Key and Mrs. Laura Shea of Ramer and four grandchildren.. In order to

accommodate the large audience of friends and relatives who came out to pay a last tribute of respect and love, services were held in the Ramer High School Auditorium. Burial was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. Active pallbearers were his nephews, Phillip Huggins of Judsonia, Ark; Kelsey Lawson, Henderson, Tenn; Charles Lawson, Jackson, Tenn; George Huggins, Selmer; and friends, L. D. Barnes, Thetus Shelton and R. C. Johnson of Ramer. Honorary pallbearers were members of the McNairy County School Board, Professors L. G. Vaughn and S. T. Haddon and Doctors, A. D. Towne, J. T. Davis and E. M. Smith.

Mrs. Martha J. Sanders, age 72, died at her home, April 29, 1949. Services were held in the Mt. Pleasant Church by Bro. Homer Moore and Bro. Foy Huckabee. Interment was in the cemetery there, with grandsons of the deceased serving as pallbearers. Mrs. Sanders is survived by one son, Howard Sanders of Hornsby, Tenn, and five daughters, Mrs. Lessie Moore, Hornsby, Mrs. Ollie Tally, Selmer, Mrs. Verble Curtis, Bethel Springs, Mrs. Opal Bonds, Corinth, Miss and Mrs. Carl Locke, Selmer.

Leapwood Community: Mrs. Jennie Massengill is improving. The teachers and pupils of the school here went to Memphis sight- seeing. News: A heavy rain fell here Sunday. The waters were higher then they have been in a long time.

Selmer is on the route of a new and faster transcontinental bus schedule put into operation May 1 by Greyhound Lines.

Decoration day at Sulphur Springs on Sunday, May 8.

Flowers for Decoration Day, see Shackelford Funeral Directors. Phone 101.

The exemption from Sales and Use Tax to religious, educational and charitable institutions became effective May 1.

Acton Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Granville Atkins. Twelve members were present. Mentioned Mrs. Milton Dickerson and Mrs. Garvin Pittman, Mrs. Pete Qualls and Mrs. Harry Helton.

Vogue's Sensational Overstocked Sale. \$5, \$8 and \$10 dresses and lots of ½ off items.

Guaranteed Shoe Repairs - One Day Service at May's Shoe Shop. Marvin McDaniel Operator. S 2nd St.

Gib Combs has full bloodied spotted Poland Chine Gilt Pigs, two months old, for sale.

Good pasture to rent near Falcon Church.

Pebble Hill Community: The Michie Senior Class recently went on a camping trip to Natchez Trace Park. Bobby Rickman has returned home from the Navy. Farming has practically stopped due to the heavy rain which fell over the weekend.

L. C. Ingle states the McNairy County Singing Convention will be held Sunday at Mt. Gilead.

Baptist Young People from McNairy County have a federated meeting at Bethel Springs Church. Mary Jean Taylor is president.

Ramer Community: The Senior class left Friday morning for a tour of the Great Smoky Mountains. Class sponsors Mrs. J. L. McReynolds and Mrs. S. T. Hadden. Graduation exercises were held on Thursday with a capacity crowd. Anita Sue Smith was salutatory and Polly Cooksey was valedictorian of the class of 19.

Stantonville Community: Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Jordan are proud parents of a new baby named Patsy Lee. The 9th and 10th grade pupils spent the weekend on a sight-seeing trip to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday night. Sponsors: Ted Smith, J. S. Garrison, O. D. Hockaday, Miss Johnnie McDaniel and Mrs. Reathie Garrison.

Don Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wallace of Ramer was the Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe model.

The court house officials honored ex-Trustee, John R. Hunter with a fish supper at Ed Shaw's recently.

Remember Mother's Day with a Martha Manning dress from J. H. Bigger & Son.

Selmer Community: Those on the sick list are Glenn McClain and Louis Adams. Mrs. Hazel

Steadman accompanied the seniors of our school to points in Kentucky, including Mammoth Cave.

Chewalla Community: Mrs. Grady Ledbetter and son left for Dallas, Texas Saturday. They will make their home there. A hay ride and marshmallow toast was enjoyed by the young people here Monday night.

PFC Emmitt Davis, Jr. of Selmer is in training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Showing at the Ritz next week - The Sun Comes Up - Night Wind - Command Decision - Sheriff of Medicine Bow - Canadian Pacific. Admission 10 ¢ and 30¢.

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McNairy County Board of Education is making every effort to fill teaching positions with certified teachers, says J. C. Taylor, School Supt.

Automobile owners or operators who are involved in traffic accidents on or after July 1, will lose their driving and registration privileges unless they are prepared to pay for resulting damages.

Children beginning school in 1949 must have a pre-school examination. The Health Office will be open the next two Mondays from 9:00 to 12:00 for these examinations. Or parents can take their children to their family physician.

Watch Highway Signs - Your Life Is In Your Hands - So Drive Safe.

X-Ray unit to test for TB in the County May 31- June 4. The project will begin in Adamsville May 31 with the examination of employees of the Adamsville Underwear Corporation and then for the public through June 1. The unit will move to Selmer on Court Ave on June 3 and 4th.

Revival at Nazarene Church May 12 - 22. Rev E. T. Cox will preach each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Selmer and McNairy County community newscasts, which has been heard over WCMA every Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 will be moved to 8 o'clock in the morning.

The Annual 4-H Dress Contest will be held May 21 in the Jury room of the new court house.

Two Ramer Boys win medals at state FFA Convention. Kenneth Armstrong and Harvey King won high honors. Ferrel Smith, Pres of the Ramer Chapter and Wayne Henry were the official delegates. George Ayers and Bobby Jean Blankenship also attended the convention.

Vacation Bible School at Selmer Methodist Church starts May 16th.

Ramer Baptist Church will hold its vacation Bible school May 16 - 21. Teachers are: Miss Evelyn Haddon, Mrs. Sylvia Dickey, Mrs. E. J. Shelton, Mrs. Howard Lumpkins, Mrs. Emmett Taylor, Mrs. Wilson Beasley, Mrs. Lonnie Summers, Mrs. S. T. Haddon, Mrs. L. D. Barnes and Miss Mary Jean Taylor in charge of records. Pastor M. E. Hines.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick and deputies Leonard and Randolph brought in another still last week. It was located 2 ½ miles west of Guy Graham's store in the old second civil district. Five barrels of mash were destroyed.

Glenn H. Mealer, age 10 of Selmer, died suddenly in Memphis on May 6. Services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home with interment in Oak Hill Cemetery. The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton F. Mealer; sister Patsy Mealer and two brothers, Jerry and Larry Mealer.

Wanted to Buy - 2000 dozen Fresh County Eggs - Wilkerson's Liberty Cash Grocery.

Gravel Hill Community: Mrs. Taylor Hogan is on our sick list.

Buena Vista Community: There are several cases of measles at present. Mr. Oscar King has been ill. The Road Supervisor is neglecting some of the roads in this part of the county. The road

through by the homes of Mrs. Martha Jenkins and Mr. Oscar King is badly need of repair.

The Stantonville Home Demonstration met in the home of Mrs. Elzie Pounds.

First Baptist Church revival begins Sunday evening. Rev. Howard S Kolb will present a series of sermons on 'The Last Things.' Sunday night's sermon will be 'Will Christ Return in 1949?'

James Wayne Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olus Smith models his new Tom Sawyer shirt from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Buy a Ford Six Tudor Sedan for 1,519.40 from Latta Motor Company.

Mt Gilead Community - Health is good in the community. Dr. Percy Ray preached at Mt Gilead Sunday. District Singing in the afternoon. Among those attending from other places: Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Anderson and daughter, Mrs. John Stumph, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Henson and son Gerald, Miss Mary Frances Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Whitten and son, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hillhouse and Mr. Odis Wilson.

Home Dressed Fryers - 57¢ lb at Wilkerson's Liberty Cash Grocery.

Selmer Community: Mr. and Mrs. Foster Tackett have moved into their new home on Hwy 45 South.

Mt Zion Community: Those on the sick list, Barry Henson and Mrs. Dan Willis. There will be a Decoration Day at Prospect Church Sunday, May 15th. Preaching, dinner on the ground and singing. Service will be at the Methodist church.

Beauty Hill Community: Quite a bit of damage to crops and gardens by washing rain and hail stones last Saturday. Mr. D. F. Lipford has been sick. Decoration Day at old Liberty cemetery last Sunday. Little Barbara Sue Holland, age 4, daughter of N. L. Holland and wife was playing with friends at her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E C Holland when she fell off a truck. She was rushed to a Memphis hospital.

Lost - Ladies Bulova wrist watch at Bethesda Church. Reward. Mrs. Willard Sweat. Corinth, Miss.

For sale - 4 room house with front and back porches, electric lights, 3 acres of land, garden, orchard, strawberries. Located just south of Bethel Springs. On mail route and school bus route. See J. W. Wilson.

Chewalla Community: Mr. Leland Crabb and Donna Faulkner got married Saturday night. They are staying with his mother here.

Old 16th Community: Mr. and Mrs. Fay Dunn are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mr. M. A. Miller died at his home April 21. His body was laid to rest in Sweet Lips Cemetery.

Ramer Community: W. D. Gibson has been in Baptist Hospital several days. He is one of our oldest and most highly respected citizen. Betty Hamm and Imogene Suggs were in Memphis Saturday to compete in a mid-south typing and shorthand contest. The family of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Blasingame celebrated birthday recently: Mrs. Blasingame's and son, Vester Blasingame's and brother W. L. McAplin.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Canadian Pacific - Angel In Exile - The Bribe - Outlaw Brand - Fighter Squadron.

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Latta Motor Baseball team very busy. Lost a hard-fought game to Bemis by one point.

Circuit Court convened on Monday of this week. Members of the grand jury selected: Joe Harris, Charles Griffen, Pete Wharton, Arthur Barham, Alex Dillon, Otto Dillon, C. H. Phillips, Edd Matlock, Ira Robinson, Earl Strawn, Howard Houston, Jack Barnett with H. H. Brown foreman.

McNairy County is represented at UT Martin. The enrolled are: Billy T. Curtis, Ann Clair Duren, Charlene Perkins, Martha Pearl Swiney, Jimmy Lewter Yancey of Adamsville. John L. Williams of Bethel Springs. Nancy Carol Naylor of Finger. Betty Lott of Milledgeville. Arthur Joyce of Ramer. Robert Earl Ammons and Gerald Kinchen of Selmer. Robert L. Bearden of Stantonville.

J. W. Brooks of Ramer has purchased the registered Jersey bull 'Fellow.' The animal comes from the herd owned by Charlie Hill.

PFC James R. Hollingworth, stationed in Germany has been promoted to Corporal. He is the son of Mrs. Nellis Hollinsworth.

Mr. Clyde T. Houston, age 38, was found dead near Ramer on Thursday May 12. Details of the cause are not known. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Houston of Ramer; one brother Mansel Houston of Ramer; and three sisters, Mrs. Mae Ingle of Ramer; Mrs. Lida Watkins of St Louis, Mo. and Mrs. Elcie Collins of California.

Mr. Grover Glenn McClain, age 38, passed away at his home in Selmer, on Friday May 13, after a long illness. Pallbearers were: Howard Hall, Joel Parker, Robert Johnson, Julius Hurst, Pat Lee and F. M. Barron. The deceased is survived by Mrs. Sally Wilson McClain; two sons, Billy and Wayne McClain; parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McClain; and brothers, Freeman, Opal, Carl, Earl, Joe Dan, J. R. and Will D. McClain. The Independent extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. Noman O. Isbell, age 36, who resided at Bethel Springs, died from self-inflicted gunshot wounds on Tuesday, May 17. He was a farmer. Pallbearers were Thurman and Earnest Tull, H. C. and Warren Isbell, John and S. E. Higginbottom, John and James Hendrix. The deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Leona Wallace Isbell; mother Mrs. Charles Isbell. Six sisters, Mrs. Dora Higginbottom, Mrs. Lula Isbell, Mrs. Beulah Wilson, Mrs. Maude Henry, Miss Gladys Isbell and Miss Pearl Isbell and six brothers, Mansel, Edd, Irvin, Harvey, Chester and J. R. Isbell, all of this county.

Mr. Reed C. Lawson, age 88, died at his home in this county on Sunday, May 15, burial in the Falcon Cemetery. Survivors include five daughters: Mrs. Lessie Taylor, Selmer; Mrs. Herman Childers, Burnsville, Miss; Mrs. Flora Callahan, Washington State, Miss Dottie Lawson and Miss Ruby Lawson of Steele Mo, and one son, Bill Lawson, also of Steele, MO

Showing at the Ritz next week: Fighter Squadron -Train to Alcatraz - The Plunderers - Land of Six Guns - My Dream Is Yours.

Gravel Hill Community: Mrs. W. O. Armstrong and children, Dewey, Lexie, Nina Mae, Ralph and Cassie Mae attended the funeral of Mr. Claude McCormack at Verona, Miss.

Pebble Hill Community: Farmers are late with their planting due to recent heavy rains.
Leapwood Community: Several in the community are suffering with mumps and measles.

Ramer Community: Lucille Vaughn, Mabel Lawson, Martha Bess Wardlow, and Will Raymond Majors were among the college students home last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson have as a guest her father, Stan Mills, of Michie, who is recovering from severe burns received about three months ago. He attempted to light a fire with what he thought was kerosene but was gasoline and exploded.

Stantonville Community: Mrs. Faye Walker is convalescing nicely after a tonsillectomy at the Phillips - Humphries Clinic in Selmer. Miss Jean Dancer graduated from the Baptist School of Nursing in Memphis.

Skating Rink - Selmer High Gym - open every Friday night. L. H. Plunk, Director.

Cavit Cheshier of Bethel Springs, new secretary of the Tennessee Future Farmers of America.

PFC Tomas Walker graduated from the plumbing course at the USAF in Ft Warren, Wyoming. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Walker of Bethel Springs.

Jerry Neal Cheshier, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cheshier wears this new Trimfoot Shoes for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Community: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Perkins at Humphrey Phillips Clinic a little boy named Robert Larry Perkins.

Wedding shower in Stantonville for the bride of Joe Ebb Wyatt.

Friday, May 27, 1949

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Special meeting of Board of Education for the purpose of making plans for a school building program.

Vacation Bible next week at Gravel Hill.

Sportsmen of the county being called to organize a local club. Committee to organize is Bill Smith, Vance Moore and Maness Williams.

Fund to buy a television set for Ned King, who is paralyzed from the neck down, due to an automobile accident, has reached \$179.90 of the \$200.00 goal. Pickwick Electric will donate and install the 65 foot pole for the antenna. Donations: \$25: First Methodist Church. \$5: Hugh Kirkpatrick, Lillian Plunk, Wade McBride, Sibley Chev, A. B. Scott. \$2.50: Herman Wallace. \$2: Joe C. Kerby, H. T. Jordan, Hamilton Cleaners, W. E. Foote, Selmer Beauty Shop, Leo Wingate Jr., Earl Latta, R. P. Phillips, C. H. Phillips. \$1.50: E. C. Opp. \$1: S. E. Burks, Burt A. Maxedon Jr., Howard Moore, Geo W. Scott, Elston Varnell, T. D. Herchenhahn, Chester A. Scott, Geo H. North, Vernon Cox, Joe Mulherin, O. V. Ervin Jr., Robt Gooch, Mr. & Mrs. George Causey, Rev. Wilson Strabaugh, Eldon Thomas, Waldon Gadberry, Julius S. Hurst, Budgie McCullar, J. M. Hailey, A. B. Dancer, Preston Smith, Jo Johnson, R. E. Mabry, M. E. Smith, J. T. Smith, Cletus Moore, H. Y. Carroll, Huggins Drug Store, E. S. Hendrix, Irby L. Basinger, Selmer Drug Co, J. E. Weatherford, J. P. Lee, Weatherford Grocery, Selmer Furniture & Appliance, The Vogue shop, R. B. Parrish, Prince Kerby, Clyde Lambert, Modernistic Beauty Shop, McCoy's Store, Arnold Dillon, W. B. Crotts, Burk's Grocery, Ocie Burks, Guys Robinson, L. R. Kirk, Lee Jaggars, Oran Blasingame, W. F. Wilkerson, Browder & Littlefield, Mary Bess Abernathy, A & G Market, Jack Ray, Willard Cox, Charles Gray, Edgar Hodges, Mrs. Paul McAlpin, P. L. Tacker, Luther Weatherford, D. T. Hamilton, W. E. Sewell, Hayse Jackson, Glen Elkins, Paul McAlpin, Louis Adams, Brooks Jones, Scott Williams, Roy Downs, Earl Scott, Allen Wooten, Mary Johnson, Doc Phillips, Bartee Burks, J. D. Powell, Vera O'Neal, Lucille McComic, J. E. McCormack, H. G. Tull, May Derryberry, Jack Sanders, Guy Downey, Mrs. Anna Browder, P. L. Basinger, L. H. Plunk, James R. Hodge, Standard Lumber Co, M. W. Bigger, Reno Robertson, Judge Surratt, H. M. Lewis, T. W. Campbell. 50¢ and under: Joe Kerby Jr., Henry Crangle, Mancel Michael, Virgil Massengill, Erwin Meeks Jr., Sam Higginbottom, Kenneth Chambers, Noel P. Landreth, W. B. Tackett, Mrs. F. C. Hailey, Marvin Burks, T. W. Steadman, Marvin McDaniel, Joe Prahter, J. B. Graham, H. C. Carpenter, Johnson Gooch, D. K. Sewell, J. R. McKenzie, Robt Kerby, Clarence Stout, Paul Henry, J. C. Barnes, Mrs. Marvin Jones, Edward D. Kinney, Elsie, Varnett, S. E. Pounds, Felix King, Slim Davis, John Anderson, Robert Lumpkin, Moody Taylor, H. H. Garrison, B. E.. Sweeney, T. S. Plunk, W. H. Quinn.

St Louis Cardinals have tryout camp in Dyersburg May 2 for baseball players between the ages of 17 and 23.

Latta Motors Baseball wins over Scotts Hill. Team members listed: Hawkins, Bob Kirk, Barron, Shaw, Blanton, Bill Kirk, Barnes, McCullar, Maxedon.

Cavit Cheshier of Bethel Springs is State FFA Secretary. First time in the 22 years that Vocational Agriculture has been taught in Tennessee, McNairy County has a state officer.

Young men of Selmer or organize Junior Chamber of Commerce. Attending the organizational meeting were: Bartee Burks, J. C. Hamilton, Tommy Walker, Meldon Cowsert, George Brooks, Kenneth Chambers, Oscar Erwin Jr., Bob Spain, Vernon Lee Robinson, Jimmy Hodge, Robert Gooch, Bert Arnold Maxedon, and George Huggins.

Last state legislature passed a bill requiring all food handlers to have an annual x-ray. The mobile x-ray unit to be here next week.

Football assured for Selmer school with the hiring of Mr. John T. May as Physical Education Director. \$1,077 has been raised by the Lions Club to buy uniforms.

Memorial service at Shiloh next Sunday.

The Speer Family, celebrated gospel singers, are coming to Stantonville June 4th.

Mr. William Duke Hendrix, age 68, died at his residence at Bethel Springs on, May 22. He was a retired merchant and well known in this county. He was a Mason and Woodman of the World. Services were held in the Bethel Springs Methodist church, burial in Oak Hill cemetery in Selmer. Pallbearers were: Active - Arlie Vernon and Slater Robinson, Buford Hendrix, Earl Hendrix and Mason Brent. Honorary - Ted O. Wells, Earl Plunk, M. N. Thompson, G. F. Brown, A. Williams, Troy Williams, Frank Deaton, John Cheshier, Joe Walker, Edward Gault, Ted Martin, Harrison Tull, Dennie McCaskill, Curry Hendrix and I. Deaton. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harry S. Hampson, Jackson, Tenn and Mrs. Wendell Deaton, Memphis; grandchildren, Frank Hendrix Hampson, Josephine Dee Hampson and William Jerry Deaton.

Mrs. Vick King, age 91 years and five months, passed away on April 28. Funeral services, was held at Mt Pleasant, with burial in the cemetery there. She was a member of the Methodist church. Survivors include three sons, Dim, Tide and Connie King; and two daughters, Mrs. Earl Howell and Mrs. Bell Hobbs.

Mr. Robert W. Hockaday, age 97, a life-long resident of McNairy county, died at his home on May 19. He was a retired farmer. Services were held at the Falcon church on Friday, with burial in the Falcon cemetery. He is survived by four sons, Will and Boss Hockaday of Selmer, Henry Hockaday of Kennett, Mo, and Emmitt Hockaday also of Kennett, Missouri. Five daughters, Mrs. Leona Farris, Fulton, Ky; Mrs. Daisy Brooks, Miami, Fla; Mrs. Lillie Coker, Whettle, Calif; Mrs. Kate Kendrick, Selmer and Miss Allie Hockaday. 23 grandchildren, 37 great grand children and 20 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Maggie Ann Burns, age 80, died at home in this county on Monday, May 23. Rev. J. E. Bolding had charge of the service which was held at the Mt. Zion church on Tuesday, May 24. Burial in the cemetery there. Pallbearers were: Alex Sisk, Ted Smith, Frank Burns, T. L. Burns, Charlie Pounds, J. C. Pounds and Ermon Oswalt. Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Amy Smith, one granddaughter, three grandsons, one great grandchild.

Chewalla community: Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Butler are the proud parents of twin boys. Miss Dorothy Jean Breland and Corbit Carper were united in marriage last Saturday in Corinth.

Ramer community: V. B. Wardlow has been under a doctor's care, but is improving. Friends of the Shea family were saddened by the death of Clarence Shea, at Spokane, Washington, his home for many years. Less than two years ago, a sister, the former Sallie Shea, passed away in Seattle and her death was followed closely by another sister, the former Willie Shea, also of Seattle. Of the immediate relatives, Mrs. J. J. Raper, sister and George Shea, brother, survive.

Stantonville community: Miss Eula Mae Vaughn celebrated a birthday dinner Sunday. Guests were: Mrs. Myrtle Burks, Juanita Burks, Mary Jean Burks, Joyce Raines, Patricia and Priscilla Nunley, Delores Davis, Dorla Dean Burks, & Mary Nell Evans.

Harmon H. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark, Selmer, is now serving with the occupation forces in Kobe, Japan.

See Euell Teague if you have typing to be done. Phone 174-J.

Mancel Murray has a one Cub Tractor for sale in Bethel Springs.

For Sale: A Welsh Baby Buggy \$9. Mrs. R. M. Curtis.

For Sale: modern 4-room house, bath, water heater, on Warren Ave. See Mrs. Preston Smith.

Wanted: Settled woman or girl to keep house in Christian home. Must be able to cook and wash with machine. \$10 a week with room and board.

Wanted - Cotton choppers. \$3 a day with board or \$4 without board. Kenneth Mo.
Gravel Hill: Miss Marie Knight is home, recuperating from having her appendix removed last week in Memphis.

Showing at the Ritz next week: My Dream Is Yours - The Flame - Bad Boys - Death Valley Rangers - One Sunday Afternoon.

Members of Falcon Baptist church and interested citizens have started a fund to remodel and paint the church and buy heaters for the class rooms. Received \$10.00: Tom Browder, Beatrice Prather. \$5.00: Carroll Ammons. \$2.00: J. D. Powell, Clyde Powell, Bill Washburn. \$1.50: Bill Sweat. \$1.25 Jewell & Frank Ray. \$1.00: Jamie Powell, Bob Powell, Mrs. Barnes, Hugh Jopling, Ervin Hester, C. N. Foster, J. M. McCullar, Mr. & Mr. Enloe Carman, Odus Carmon, Artie Thorne, J. D. Simpson, J. C. Prather, Alfred Williams. 55¢: Mrs. Arlie Taylor. 50¢: Tobe Carman, W. C. Dunaway, Mrs. Maggie Dunaway, Bob Sweat, Joe Harris. 25¢: B. C. William.

Lelia Turner of Route 2, Ramer, models a teenage dress from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer community: Little Jan Henderson, underwent a tonsilectomy at Barryhill Clinic in Jackson recently. J. H. Moore is in the Webb-Williamson hospital in Memphis.

Wilma Higginbottom of Rose Creek, Annie Lou Robinson of Selmer and Joyce Mitchell of Selmer, were first place winners in the 4-H dress contest held recently. Other winners were Delores Jean Richards of Ramer; Jo Stutts of Selmer; Geraldine Mitchell, Selmer; Joyce Raines, Stantonville; Mattie Jo Harris, Pleasant Grove community. Others that participated: Jelva Joyce Treece, Leapwood; Patsy Martin, Martha Ray Hill, Bethel Springs; Zora Lee Forsythe, Mary Frances Meeks, Junelle Johnson, Betty Green, Selmer; Betty Jo Hopkins, Michie; Dot Templeton, Laura Irwin, Stantonville; Sharon Clayton, Finger.

Friday, June 3, 1949

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Last Friday night marked the beginning of a new civic organization in Selmer. 19 young men met and organized the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Officers elected: George Huggins, President; O. V. Ervin, Jr. Vice Pres; Jimmy Hodge, Sec-Treas; Directors: T. O. Walker, R. B. Gooch, Jr., Ira Anderson. Others present were: John Anderson, Bartee Burks, George Brooks, Terry Clifton, Medlon Cowsert, Kenneth Chambers, J. C. Hamilton, Wayne Littlefield, Bert Arnold Maxedon, Vernon Lee Robinson, Robert Frank Smith, Jerry Smith, Bobby Spain, and B. T. Kiser advisor. With the approval of the mayor, the group washed the dirt and trash off Court Avenue from the Courthouse to the railroad tracks in effort to improve the appearance of the street.

District 4-H Camp at U-T Martin June 27. Registration fee \$3 and provisions worth \$5 or \$5 in cash. Food valued at these prices: Butter 1 lb in fruit jar 50¢; Eggs, 2 doz carefully packed 80¢; Ham, 2 lbs \$1.30; Young live chickens 2 ½ lb \$1.00; Irish potatoes, 2 gal, 20¢; Onions ½ doz, 5¢; Carrots, 1 doz 10¢; Cabbage, 2 heads 10¢; Tomatoes, 2 doz 6 ripe and 18 pink 20¢; String beans, 1 pt canned 15¢; Apples 1 ½ gal 20¢; preserves, jam or jelly 1 qt 40¢.

Auto liability law becomes effective on July 1.

Mr. Joe C. Phillips, retired employee of Shiloh Park was presented an honor award for 30 years of service. Mr. Phillips began work at Shiloh on Jan 2, 1919 as a temporary employee. He retired Feb 28, 1949.

Latta Motor Baseball wins over Parsons 15 to 5. Umpires Pet Kiser, Tom Kiser and Jack Rinehart.

New Drivers Licenses now on sale at the County Clerk's Office. Current licenses expire on June

30.

The American Cooner, official publication of the American Coonhunter's Association, has honored Herman G. Wallace of Selmer by selecting a picture of him and his two coonhounds, Raleigh and Drive, to adorn the cover of its May issue. In the picture Mr. Wallace is shown squatting between his two dogs, with two coons on the ground in front of him.

Dr. J. Treadwell Davis of Ramer to get Ph.D degree from Vanderbilt. He is an associate professor of history at Mississippi Southern College.

Selmer Gin Co installs newest ginning equipment according to S. R. Chambers, owner.

Little Michael Andrew Derryberry, age one month, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Benton Derryberry, of Louisville, Ky, was claimed by the Grim Reaper on May 28th, 1949. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. May Derryberry of Bethel Springs. Funeral services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home, burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Selmer. The deceased is also survived by two brothers Wm Wayne and James Derryberry and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Billings.

Mr. Jim W. Gurley, age 84, of near Ramer, Tenn. died on Friday, May 27. Services were held at Chewalla, burial in Indian Creek cemetery. Pallbearers were H. L. Rousey, Forest Briggs, Avance Mullins, Cecil Stewart, Paul Phelps, and James Henderson. The deceased is survived by two sons, Mr. A. L. Gurley and Mr. A. E. Gurley of Tuscombua, Ala and one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Carter, Birmingham, Ala.

Selmer Lions club elect new officers: Pres - F. Brooks Jones; 1st vice pres- Tedford Jordan; 2nd vice pres - Tom Ellis; 3rd vice pres R. H. Croskey; sec- Ira S Anderson; treas - Ted Martin; tail twister - George Huggins; lion tamer - Oscar Ervin, Jr; directors - J. Louis Adams, Dr. T. R. Barr, Will Tom Abernathy, Allie Hurst.

Chewalla community: Joe Fulton has his tonsils removed and is doing fine. Mr. Odell Wren has been ill but has improved.

Pebble Hill Community: A birthday party was enjoyed by the young people last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Eaver.(?) It being Willie Pearl's birthday.

Beauty Hill Community: there are still a few cases of measles in the community. Mr. Page is still in the Veteran's Hospital in Memphis. Junior Lee Hendrix of the US Navy has been home on furlough.

Mr. Leonard B Plunk of Bethel Springs will receive his Doctor of Vetinary (?) Medicine from Alabama Polytechnic Institute on June 3.

West McNairy County Singing Convention will meet at McCalip's Chapel next Sunday for all day singing and dinner.

Mt Gilead Home Demonstration Club met recently at the church and project leaders were elected: Clothing - Mrs. Carl Wilson; Garden - Mrs. Hoyt Isbell; Nutrition - Mrs. Elbert Kiestler; Poultry - Mrs. Ulyss Wilson; Crafts - Mrs. Ab Henson; Devotional - Polly Ann Whitten; Recreation - Mrs. J. E. Henley.

Acton Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Eber Henry with Mrs. Pete Qualls directing the social hour. Devotional by Mrs. Garvin Pittman.

Ramer Community: Wedding of interest to a large circle of friends were those of Vester Lee McCullar and Miss Ileta Kirk, who were married Friday night, and Maurice Shea and Miss Sue King were married Saturday night. Vacation Bible school next week at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Teachers are Rev. D. K. Richardson, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. P. H. Shea, Mrs. Lester Hamm, Mrs. Lloyd Barnes, Mrs. Joe Hamm, Mrs. Phil Reeder, Mrs. C. L. Majors, Betty Hamm, Evelyn Hamm, Sue Smith, Dorothy Sue Vaughn.

Showing at the Ritz next week: One Sunday Afternoon - Angel On The Amazon, The Gallant Legion - Laramie - Take Me Out To The Ball Game.

For convenience of the general public, all office doors in the new court house have been numbered and lettered. This job was completed by Mr. Buford Gooch.

For sale: 75 lb ice refrigerator for \$25. See Ira Anderson.

Pleasant Grove Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Lula Mae Wilkes with Lois Prather as co hostess. Mrs. Ruby Harris called the meeting to order. Mrs. Maidell Cox gave the devotional. Reports were given: Household Pests by Mrs. Wilkes. Garden Vegetables by Mrs. Pattie Everett. Separate young poultry from layers by Mrs. Ruby Harris. Household hints by Mrs. Ethel Gilbert. Mrs. Minnie Simms gave a report on her trip to the Shelby Co Penal Farm.

M. A. Bishop return to the states after 5 month Navy cruise in the Mediterranean aboard the Destroyer USS C.R. Ware.

J. B. Barnes, of Chewalla has been promoted to First Class Corporal in the Air Force. He is stationed in Alaska. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnes.

Miss Nell Carter Smith, from Selmer will receive her BS degree from Western Kentucky State College on June 2.

Stantonville Community: On Friday of last week, Mrs. Grace Burks, entertained the workers of the Fitting Dept of Brown Show Co. 25 guests were present. Cake and ice cream was served.

Gib Combs in his Tom Sawyer clothes, and his dog, model for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Community: Mrs. Audith is recuperating from a recent appendectomy. James Hagy Smith is home for the summer from Castle Heights Military Academy. Mrs. A. J. Garrison had her tonsils removed at Steadman's Clinic in Henderson. Warren Lee Jones graduates from UT Knoxville.

AIR COOLERS available from Sibley Chevrolet Company. Guaranteed comfort.

Kroger specials: coffee 40¢ lb; peanut butter 33¢; vanilla wafers 29¢.

Friday, June 10, 1949

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Cancer drive collected \$573.90 in McNairy County.

Mobile unit gave free chest x-rays to 1975 people.

Latta Motor Base Ball team pile up wins 19 to 4 with Bolivar and 7 to 1 with Scotts Hill.

Blanton, pitching his first game of the season, at Bolivar, left the game at the end of the fourth with a 15 to 1 lead. Tull followed and gave up five hits and four runs in the fifth inning. McCullar struck out three men.

New election Commissions appointed: Mr. Earl Scott, Chairman; Mr. Houston Thrasher, Sec; and Mr. F. E. Higginbottom. Retiring members were Mr. Granville McCormack and Mr. Cecil Stewart. Higginbottom was reappointed as the Republican commissioners.

Miss Leal Barber and Miss Frances Weaver of Finger will represent the county at the State 4-H Conservation Camp which will be held at Standing Stone State Park, June 13.

About 65 sportsmen responded to the call to organize a sportsman association. Officers elected: Bill Smith, Pres; R Carter Smith, Vice Pres; Vance Moore, Sec-Treas. Directors: H. G. Wallace, Lloyd Tidwell, James McCormack, Grady King, Preston Smith, John L. Powers, Dr. T. N. Humphrey.

Sheriff force has again become active in locating and destroying whiskey stills. On June 2, a 21 barrel outfit was located on the Old Selmer Ramer Rd. 16 barrels of beer, ready to cook off, was confiscated. On June 8 a little further south on the same road 24 barrels of beer was ready to cook and the still was fired up and going. Three were arrested.

A new orchestra, composed of ten of Selmer's best young men will perform next week in Savannah. The 'Dreamers' are Fields Easley, vocalist; Dick Clapp, pianist; Bob Latta, sax; Joe Zarka, sax; James Thomas Weatherford, sax; Kenneth Brumley, trumpet; Ronald Durniel, trumpet; Billy Beemer, trombone; Robert Gooch, drums; Terry Clifton, bass.

Poll Tax Exemption Forms. Veterans who served 30 days or more from Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11,

1918 and Dec 7, 1941 - Sept 2, 1945 can apply for a poll tax receipt. (Poll tax was required to vote.)

Lions Club makes last public plea for football funds. Since Selmer High School now has a coach uniforms and equipment must be purchased. Contributions to this fund: \$40- Alton Scott, Hamilton Cleaners, G. E. Sibley, H. T. Jordan, Selmer Drug Co, W. F. Wilkerson, Smith's Clinic, Grady Counce & Son, Eldon Thomas, Justin Thrasher, Wade McBride, Ritz Theatre, Huggins Drug Store, West Auto Store, Willard Cox, Sherman's Store, Texas Oil Co, R. B. Gooch and Shackelford Funeral Home. \$25 - J. E. Weatherford, Thomas Farris Pontiac, S. R. Chambers, Humphrey & Phillips. \$20 - Selmer Hardware, D. C. Kiestler, H. Y. Carroll, Wilbur Wright, J. L. McReynolds, Alex J. Garrison and McCoy's. \$10 - O. V. Erwin, Jr., W. C. Moore, L. Whittington, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Leroy Kirk, Lee Jaggars, J. C. Taylor, Hazen Ammons, Arnold Dillon, Weatherford Bros Grocery, Browder & Littlefield. \$5 - Bert Arnold Maxedon, Otis Plunk, Vance Moore, A. B. Dancer, J. R. Hunter, Neely Bradford, O. D. Wyatt, P. H. Abernathy, R. B. Parrish, J. T. Smith. \$2 - W. E. Sewell.

Paul Ayers, minister of Selmer Church of Christ will begin a series of gospel meetings at the Bethel Springs Church of Christ.

Only three weeks left to renew drivers license.

Sufficient funds are now available to purchase a television set for Ned King. Mr. A. B. Scott went to Memphis on Thursday to bring it home. New contributions: \$5 - Moore's School House Sunday School, E. K. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. J. House Moore. \$2.50 - Robert Richards, Elizabeth Hodges Fletcher. \$2 - Ezra Barnes, Geo Brooks, T. Hawkins, R. B. Gooch, Sr., Dr. T. R. Barr, John R. Hunter, Bob Kennedy, Shy Browder, Tower Service Station, Hugh Hearn, Charles Cude. \$1.50 - Charles Graham. \$1.00 - W. T. Moore, J. R. Miller, Roy Huggins, T. N. Wright, Foster Plunk, J. C. May, Grady Green, J. Carney, John Seavers, Glenn Ray, Buford Clayton, James Blasingame, James Clayton, Marvin Clayton, Flake Humphrey, G. R. McCormack, Oscar H. McCullar, Harry Cain, T. J. Fulwood, Slater Robinson, George Bassham, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Ellis, J. L. McReynolds, John Wyatt, Buford Hendrix, Lester Moore W. O. Armstrong, Geo Wood, R. K. Amos, Grady King, J. H. Howell, Bill Smith, Robert H. Croskey, David Hodges, J. C. Hill, Riley Cunningham, Cassie Mae Armstrong, Fred A. Carlon, P. T. Wallace, Leslie Houston, G. C. Robertson, Pauline Whittington, M. E. Surratt, Will Tom Abernathy, Shell Service Station, Grady Counce & son, Edith Hurst, Ray Freeman, M. H. Plunk, W. B. Tackett Jr., Reyburn Walker, J. D. Lancaster, A. M. Farris, Cecil Estes, Loyce Moore, Daniel Moore, R. D. Moore, Lessie Russom, Mrs. W. R. Moore, Myrtle Wilkerson, T. L. Lockman, B. E. Jones, Johnny Kinchen, J. C. Hamilton, C. C. Smith, Mary Jo Sewell, Sara A. Smith, Nettie Blasingame, Marjorie Gooch. Under \$1.00 - Effie Richardson, Bobby Basham, M. L. Robinson, Mary E. Moore, Lucille Forsythe, Frank Ramsey, Jim Goodrum, V. D. Kirk, Wess Murray, Ezra Knight, Robert Young, J. O. Gardner, Leo Bolton, T. F. Tackett, Henry C. Carman, Pete Noll.

Infant Moore, child of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moore of Stantonville, was laid to rest in the Mt Vernon Cemetery on May 31, 1949.

Infant Raines, child of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Raines, of Hornsby, Tenn., was laid to rest in the Silerton cemetery on Monday, June 6th.

Mrs. Mary Frances F Droke, age 72, wife of Oscar Droke, former Adamsville business man, now residing at Corinth, Miss, died on May 31, 1949. Services were held at the Adamsville Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 1, and burial in the Adamsville cemetery. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by one brother, R. H. Mills of Adamsville.

Tennessee law on auto financial responsibility goes into effect July 1. If you have an accident which kills or injures any person, or cause over \$40 damage, you must show proof of insurance or make a bond up to \$11,000. Failure to do so your car registration will be cancelled and you will be forbidden to drive in Tennessee.

Buena Vista Community: Farmers in this community are busy hoeing and working their crops while the weather is pretty. Johnnie Quay and Linda Jane Robinson of the New Salem community have recovered from the measles. Homecoming at New Salem on the 4th Sunday of this month. Morning

preaching and singing in the afternoon. Cemetery cleanup is Friday, June 24.

Mt. Zion Community: Mr. Dan Willis has been real sick. Mr. Herbert Case has returned work. He had a finger cut off two weeks ago.

Grasshoppers may become a serious menace in the state since they have destroyed 40 acres or more of cotton in Dyer county.

James Hagy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Montie E. Smith of Selmer, who is a junior at Castle Heights Military Academy, had the second highest scholastic average of the entire student body when the term closed last week.

Ramer Community: Students home for the summer from Memphis State College are Edith Gibson, Pauline Smith, Mabel Lawson and Martha Bess Wardlow. Tommie Barnes is recuperating from a tonsilectomy. Uncle Butler Burress is quite sick at his home at Eastview. He recently celebrated his 93rd birthday. Lucille Vaughn, Thelma Shelton and Helen Gibson are home from Lambuth College. Kelcie Hamm and James Blasingame are home from the University of Tenn. Charles Majors will receive his degree from the University Wednesday.

Stantonville Community: Quite a bit of sickness. Mrs. Mag Carroll is in the hospital in Corinth. Mr. Ephriam Michie and Mrs. Mary Fulbright are on the critical list and Mr. Alex Boshart shows a little improvement. Miss Jean Dancer recently graduated from Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Take Me Out To the Ball Game - Strike It Rich - Adventure of Don Juan - Silver Trails - John Loves Mary. Admission 10¢ and 30¢.

Sarah Lou Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Byrd is the model for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Community: Mrs. Maggie White came by the Independent to give us some news. Her mother, Mrs. Alice Varnell is now 92 and her birthday is Aug 5. Mrs. Varnell now resides with her son in Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goodrum are receiving congratulating upon the birth of a fine girl, who arrived at Humphrey -Phillips Clinic last week. Mrs. J. W. Brooks has surgery last week at Webb-Williamson Hospital. Mrs. W. W. Wallace was visiting her son in San Antonio Texas and is now recuperating from an operation in a hospital there.

A. S. Jeter celebrated his 80th birthday at the home of his daughter Mrs. W. E. Cook.

Friday, June 17, 1949

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Register for draft. The Tennessee Draft Board has issued a warning that young men reaching their 18th birthday must be registered within five days thereafter. The McNairy County Draft Board office is located on Houston Ave near the Selmer Gin Company.

Natural Gas Co to construct main system which will eventually furnish natural gas in Selmer.

The tiny termite and his not too distant cousin, the powder post beetle, are chewing up American lumber and fence posts at a rate even the fastest and biggest buzz saw can't catch. A timber treating demonstration is being held at Milledgeville.

Latta Motor Co baseball teams wins two and loses one. In the game with Scots Hill we won 12 to 4. This game was featured by the hard hitting Arnet Barnes, who hit two triples and a single in five times at bat. McCullar helped himself to a double and single. In the first inning, Hawkins led off with a triple; Bob Kirk grounded out short to first; Barron hit a double; Maxedon rolled out to the pitcher; Smokey Shaw singled to the right; and Barnes bounced off the center field for three bases and came home on the next pitch - a wild throw. Four runs were in and Selmer was never headed.

More money contributed to current drives. \$25 by Edgar Hodges to the Lion's Club football team. To the 'Ned King Television' fund \$5 from Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Phillips.

Mr. James Butler Burress, retired farmer, and a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, died Friday, June 10, 1949. Rev. D. K. Richardson, assisted by Rev. Bolding, conducted services at the Gravel Hill Church. Elders of the Mr. Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church served as pallbearers. He was born May 6, 1865 in Wayne County, Tenn. In early childhood he moved with his parents to McNairy County and settled between Gravel Hill and Mt. Vernon communities. He died June 10, 1949, aged 93 years, one month and two days. In March 1880, he was married to Miss Mattie Olive. To this union was born one child Mollie Bet, who survives. Mr. Burress united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Mt. Vernon on August 6, 1884, when he was 18 years old, and lived a consistent member for over 64 years, being at the time of his death, the oldest living member. Burial at Gravel Hill cemetery next to his wife.

Mrs. Nitha Ann Jopling, age 90 died at her home in the Falcon community on Friday, June 10, 1949. She was laid to rest in the Prospect cemetery, following service at the Falcon Baptist Church, conducted by Bro Bolding of Gravel Hill. She is survived by two sons, H. D. Jopling and W. E. Jopling, both of Selmer.

Mrs. Rudell Plunk, age 54, wife of Mr. Acie Plunk of Counce, Tenn., died on June 10, 1949. Funeral services conducted by Bros Goodwin and Plunk, were held at the New Church, Finger, Tenn, with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Marlie A. Plunk and Wm. L. Plunk, and one daughter Mrs. Opal Mae Moore of Selmer.

Mrs. Mary B. Fulbright, age 69, of the Stantonville community, died at her home June 9, 1949. She was a Baptist and a housewife. Services, conducted by Rev. Marvin E. Hines, were conducted at the Methodist Church, Stantonville, and burial was in the Mt Vinson Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Oscar Dickey, Julius D. Moore, Dee Combs, Elmo Elam, Carl Brooks and Willie Thomas. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dee Combs of Stantonville; Mr. T. B. Moore of Nashville, and Mrs. Oscar Dickey of Ramer; and two sons, Bill Fulbright, Huntsville, Ala; and Esco Fulbright of Stantonville.

Mr. Frank Earwood, age 91, died at his home in Ramer on Sunday, June 12. He was a member of the Olive Hill Baptist Church. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. The deceased is survived by two nephews Luther and John Earwood, of Miss.

Increased telephone rates essential to good service. Today's rates in Tennessee lag far behind cost.

Galvanized roofing at Standard Lumber Company, Inc. Phone 137

Showing at the Ritz next week: John Loves Mary - Act of Violence - South of St. Louis - Riders of the Whistling Pines- Big Jack. Saturday see Chapter no 2 of 'Superman.' Sunday features a cartoon.

Ramer Community: Mrs. Alcie Ferguson, of Ft Worth, Texas, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Ira Dancer and other relatives. She is the granddaughter of the late A. W. Smith. Left an orphan at an early age, she was reared by her uncle Levi Springer. She left Ramer many years ago, and this is her first visit back to her old home.

Mrs. Eliza Boatman was painfully injured in an automobile accident. After spending some time in the Baptist Hospital she returned to the home of her son, W. E. Boatman.

Crooked Creek Community: Several enjoyed the birthday dinner in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Murray in honor of their daughters Mary and Martha. Those in our community recently employed at the factory in Adamsville are: Mrs. Bobbie Holmes, Mrs. Ethel Emmons, Mrs. May Joplin, Mrs. Oliva McHugh, Miss Tenie Sweat and Miss Doris Jopling.

Stantonville Community: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fullwood are proud parents of a baby girl born one day last week. Mrs. Mag Carroll has been very sick.

Boshart Family Reunion. Mr. and Mrs. John Boshart of Stantonville were happy to welcome home their children, grandchildren and many friends last Sunday. All the family were present except Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houfek of Wisconsin. 42 were present for dinner which was served on tables on the lawn. Local people present: Mrs. Myrtle Burks and Juanita, M/M Ray Vaughn, Mrs. Charles Raines and

son, M/M Henry Glidewell, Mrs. Nannie Moore, Mrs. Mollie Boshart, Mrs. Artie Wyatt and Maurine.

Have your oil filter checked and replaced for \$1.60 at Latta Motor Co. Phone 64.

Beauty Hill - Farmers here have been enjoying fine showers for the past few days. Gardens and crops were very dry. Mrs. O. S. Page and children of this community recently moved to the Rose Creek community. Mr. Page is still in a Memphis hospital. Charles Holland of Louisville Television School is home on vacation. Little Stanley and Ralph Holland attended the 5th birthday party of cousin Tommy Holland of Bethel Springs. The Ladies Prayer band meet at the church each Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Pebble Hill - Crops and gardens are very much in need of rain at this writing. Mrs. Robbins is poorly at the home of her daughter Mrs. Sam Rickman. Mr. and Mrs. Edison Rickman are parents of twin girls born early Monday morning on June 13. Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Heath, came from Florida to visit his father. This was his first visit in ten years. He retired from the army two years ago and is in poor health.

Chewalla: Mrs. Willie White is seriously ill at this writing.

Notice of Insolvency of the estate of W. M. Sweatt, deceased. Effie K. Sweat, Adm.

The minimum cost of living for an elderly couple in Tennessee is about \$1,100.00 a year. This allows for Food \$432, Clothing \$120; Shelter \$300, Fuel \$63; Household Operations \$66; Personal Incidentals \$56; Laundry \$49; Lights \$12; Water \$12. If a recipient owns a cow or chickens, these are taken into account in determining food allowance. The average old age assistance in Tennessee is now \$27.07 (per month?). Article by Tennessee Commission of Public Welfare.

Old 16th Community: Health is better at present, although a few cases of mumps are scattered. Mrs. Lille Newsome is able to get up again after having a stroke of paralysis some two months ago. The death of Mr. Bill Holder occurred at his home last Wed afternoon, resulting from self inflicted gunshot wounds. Mr. Jim Russell and Miss Johnnie Mar McEarl were recently married in Corinth, Miss.

Gravel Hill Community: Jimmy Bolding is home recuperating from injuries received in a wreck. Miss Polly Cooksey is home after spending a few days in the Baptist Hospital. Those attending the Regional Training Union meeting at Brownsville were Rev and Mrs. Bill Baily, Willie Joe McCoy, Dorothy Jaggars, Mrs. Mollie Springer, Avon Dixon, and Miss Cassie Mae Armstrong. Lee Roberts has been in the hospital in Memphis for an operation.

J. H. Moore celebrates his 31st birthday with a dinner. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful dinner. Present Paul, Carolyn and Jerry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wess Moore & Betty Sue, Mr. & Mrs. Rumas Hall and Mrs. J. H. Moore.

Selmer Community: News: Mrs. L. L. Varnell of Denver, Colo, was given a bridal shower by Mrs. Page Varnell in Adamsville. Frank Russell of the Rose Creek community and a student at Memphis State College is home for the summer. Mrs. J. W. Gray, who was ill most of the winter is much improved. Local teacher enrolled at Peabody College for the summer term are Miss Frances Henderson, Mrs. J. L. McReynolds and Mrs. Dewitt Hamilton.

Opening June 17: Ty's Flower Shop at 105 N Second St, just back of Steele's Jewelry. First 150 ladies to visit will receive a carnation. Tyler C. Gooch, Owner.

James Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Floyd models a Tom Sawyers Shirt from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

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With Arnet Barnes leading the way Latta Motor Juniors take Bemis 10-2. Barnes had two singles

and a double for his first five trips to the plate, batted in three runs and scored three. Smokey Shaw added points as he collected three. J. B. McCullar pitched steady ball throughout the game, striking out nine and giving up only one free ticket. Eight men faced the Bemis pitcher and six of them scored before Bemis put in another pitcher to try to put out the fire. Hawkins, Barron, and Varnell got one score each. McCullar and Bob Kirk scored 2 each. (Sorry first names are not mentioned.)

Bethel Springs Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church join together to hold revival next week at the Methodist Church.

The Selmer Lions Club will sponsor the McNairy County 4-H Club, Fair and Livestock Show. King Lion T. W. McBride announced committee members: Officers: Pres - Dr. E. M. Smith, Supt - J. L. McReynolds, Asst Supt - T. W. McBride, Sec - T. O. Walker, Treas - Ted Martin. Grounds and Arrangement Committee: J. L. McReynolds - Chairman, T. W. McBride, Bill Smith. Finance & Advertising: DeWitt Hamilton - Chairman, Alton Scott, Troy Smith, Otis Plunk, Wilbur Wright. Show Ring: Julius S. Hurst - Chairman, Jimmy Jones. Junior Show: T. C. Walker - Chairman, D. A. Milam, Allie Hurst, C. Y. Hamm, Cavitt Cheshier. Beef Cattle: Allie Hurst - Chairman, W. W. Thompson. Dairy: L. R. Hamm - Chairman, Archie Raines, G. W. Hall. Rules and Regulations: J. L. McReynolds - Chairman, Ted Martin, D. A. Milam, Archie Raines, G. W. Hall. Board of Directors: Dr. E. M. Smith, Leslie Moore, G. W. Hall, D. A. Milam, DeWitt Hamilton, J. L. McReynolds, Elgin Howard, Cavitt Cheshier.

Supt of Schools, Mr. J. C. Taylor gives the list of tentative teachers for the new school year.

Acton: Rufus Cunningham, Ruth Cunningham.

Acton: Barbara Williams

Adamsville: Carlie Hughes, Principal; Mary Ruth Plunk, Mildred Wilkerson, Lula Younger, Burlene Orr, Ruby D. Chisholm, Mabel Hughes, Pauline Farris, Faye Ross, Jo Ann Eason, Sula Bishop, Luke Wood, Bobbye Ruth Hair, Abernathy Browder, Cora Hair, Mildred Majors, Kittye Littlefield, James D. Perkins.

Adams Chapel: Everett Weatherly

Bethel: Frances Floyd

Bethel Springs: C. L. Hendrix, Prin; Katie L. Gault, Minnie M. Hendrix, Ocie Chapman, Frankie Craig, Charlie Romans, Cecil Clayton, Thomas Gage, Edna Barham, Onorine Long, Jewell Hamilton, D. A. Milam.

Center Hill: O. C. Harris.

Center Ridge: Mrs. Marcus.

Chewalla: Bernice Reardon?, Inez Derryberry.

Clover Hill: George Moore.

Finger: Haven Garner, Prin; Loyd Harris, Arlus Plunk, Thelma Naylor, Myrtle Smith, Leonard Ward.

Gilchrist: D. W. Ashe

Gooch: J. T. DePoyster.

Good Hope: Mrs. Hunt.

Gravel Hill: Leonard Moore, Prin; Nannie M. Armstrong, Azalee Nichols.

Guys: Vonley McCoy, Sam Ingram, Myrlene Bolding.

Hardin's Graveyard: Bertie Martin.

Hickory: Mrs. Richardson.

Hickory Flatt: Mary Wilkins.

Hurley: Reta Fulton, Icie Ingle.

King's Mountain: W. R. Steadman

Kirby: Gazelle Holland.

Lawton: Lester Causby.

Leapwood: Murray Barber, Elvin Lovin.

Liberty: Bessie White.
 Mackey: Evelyn Barham.
 McNairy: Clarence Hooper, Willard Smith, Rachel Hooper, Hazel Gadberry.
 Meadow Hill: Greer Mullins.
 Michie: J. B. Childers, Prin; Elgin Howard, Eldridge Howard, R. M. McDaniel, Clovis Howard, Allie Manuel, Effie Phelps, Lewell Lee, Janet Whitehurst, Clydus Cunningham, Florence E. Maness, Pearl Lee, Mae Smith, Mary Fisher.
 Morton: D. R. Finger.
 Mud Creed: Mamie Crotts.
 New Bethel: Hazel King
 New Delight: Belva Luttrell
 New Hope: Beauton Qualls.
 Pleasant Site: Mr. Pratt.
 Purdy: Whitt Ashe.
 Purdy: Mattye Damron
 Ramer: L. G. Vaughan, Prin; Nell Barnes, Grace Sharp, Lucy M. Wallace, Eunice M Henry, Montyrue Osborn, Edna William, Ruth Vaughan, Florence Foster, Dora McReynolds, Ruth Sharp, Grace DePoyster, R. C. Johnson, S. T. Hadden, Mary Dodds.
 Ramer: Erma B. Prather
 Red Oak: T. V. Young.
 Reed: Mrs. S. T. Haddon.
 Rose Creek: Parker Ellis, Raymond Stout, Blanche Armstrong, Zilpha Jopling, Celeste Higginbottom, Bonnie Ellis, Winnie Mitchell, Tommie McNeil.
 Rushing: Aubrey Vinson.
 Saint Rest: Daisy Wyke, Alice Mann
 Sand Hill: Ross Neal
 Selmer: B. T. Kiser, Prin; Alberta Gillespie, Nora Houston, Katherine Scott, Jackie Hamilton, Henrietta Surratt, Grace Kiser, Hazel Steadman, L. H. Plunk, Myrlee Wright, Jo Johnson, Merle Weatherford, Maggie Wooten, Gaytha Hudson, Mary Holcomb, Irene Moore, Clara Robinson, Lena M. Rinehart, Rubye Johnson, Kate Hopper, Mola Etheridge, Frances Henderson, Lucille Abernathy, Nell Combs, Lois Prather, John D. Wyatt, Lynn McNatt, J. T. May.
 Selmer: Elmer Ledbetter, Prin; Samuel Floyd, Mable Davis, Lauthree Thompson, Hattie Mae Wynn, Lillie Brewster, Lucius Bond.
 Shiloh: Chester Steadman.
 Stantonville: Ted Smith, Willard Smith, Johnnie McDaniel, Reatha Garrison, Edna Wagoner.
 Sulphur Springs: Mary Higginbottom, Arlie Higginbottom.
 Tri County: Betty Lott.
 New Benches for the court room at the court house have been installed.
 The McNairy County Independent and the Tennessee Valley Appeal of Adamsville and 22 other West Tennessee newspapers are contributors to a scholarship fund in journalism at University of Tennessee.
 Mr. O. D. Hamlin, formerly of Corinth, Miss is now located in Selmer. He has had training in color photography.
 Ned King is shown with his new Television set purchased by people contributing to a fund. A window fan was also connected by the Churches of Selmer.
 Joe Taylor, age 90, died at his residence near Adamsville on June 21. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Services were held at the Mars Hill Church with interment in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by three daughters, Mary Schrieber and Bessy Newell of Louisiana and Lessy Milford of Sexton, Mo.

Services for Mr. James Gilbert Brumley were held at the Good Hope Church on Friday, June 17. Burial in the Good Hope Cemetery. Mr. Brumley was a resident of Bethel Springs and a farmer. He was 39. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Julia Jones Brumley; three children, Janie, James and Jimmy Brumley and his mother Mrs. Code Brumley.

Mr. Clarence Dewey King, age 58, died at home, near Selmer, June 17. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. He was a veteran of WWI, and served 12 months overseas in France and German. For the past several years he has been engaged in farming. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie Coats King, daughter Nellea Katherine King; and four brothers, Loyce, O. L. and Rube King of Selmer, and J. F. King of Caruthersville, Mo.

Letter to Editor from John Mason, Atoka, Oklahoma; Here is an item which might be of interest to those who like to think of old times in McNairy County. The first purely historical. I quote if from the Marcus J. Wright's 'Early Settlement and Early Settlers in McNairy County,' printed in 1882.

"It is in the recollection of the writer that the first newspaper published in McNairy county was by Isaac W. Nash, and called the West Tennessee Argus. It was started in 1857.

There are two papers now in Purdy, the Sun, and the Independent, the former, a Democratic paper, edited by Dr. Daniel Barry, the latter by J. W. Purviance. Purviance which is Independent in politics.

The Independent was first issued March 15, 1879, and has never missed a publication, and its columns have been largely devoted to the material interests of the county. Both papers are well patronized."

Winners of the recent H-H Club Dress Contest are: Joyce Mitchell, Wilma Higginbottom and Annie Lou Robinson. They will represent McNairy County in the District Revue.

Crooked Creek: The people of this community welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Brooks Jones, at Union Grove Sunday

Rose Creek: Everyone enjoyed themselves Sunday at Piney Grove Church for the fellowship meeting. There were visitors from Alabama and Mississippi present. There will be preaching at Mt. Pleasant Church on June 26 at 2 o'clock. Everyone invited. Mr. Hendrix's store at Rose Creek was broken into last week.

For Sale: one good organ in excellent condition. See Mrs. J. H. Hurley, Bethel Springs.

John Hodges, of McNairy, presented a letter to print from Ross B. Womack of Oklahoma. "In looking in my diaries which I have kept daily since 1912, I find that on Feb 21, 1914, I bought a pair of shoes there from you for \$3. At that time I closed my school there and came to Oklahoma. For several years it was hard for a person to get a start. In 1928 I went into the real estate and insurance business. The next year I bought a little land real cheap and leased it to an oil company. On January 10, this year, they told me they struck oil. I have just received my first check for several months back pay. I am enclosing a check for \$6 which is double the amount according to my diary and memory. While this comes a little over 35 years late, I hope it will make everything perfectly satisfactory with you. I frequently look at the school picture that was taken of me and the school in the winter of 1914. Signed Ross B. Womack."

William Lawrence Bolton recently received a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology of Atlanta.

Betty Lott of Milledgeville and Nancy Carol Naylor of Finger are on the spring honor roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Bit Jack - Kidnaped - Mr. Belvedere Goes to College - The Denver Kid - Little Woman. Admission 10¢ and 30¢.

Buena Vista: Mrs. Emma Hester attended the funeral of her brother, Clarence King, in Selmer. (No sisters were listed in the obituary above). On Sunday, June 12, all the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Emma Hester gathered at her home for a family reunion, which was a great surprise to her. Everyone in this community is planning to go to New Salem for the annual homecoming.

Ramer: The teen age class of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church pick-nicked at Pickwick Lake Tuesday. About 14 attended. They are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Norris and Mrs. P. H. Shea.

The County Library is located in the City Recorder's office and has received several new books.

Tennessee (Yearly) Compensation for Sheriffs of Tennessee: Population 7,000 to 12,000 - Maximum is \$5,000 and Minimum is \$3,000. (Previous was \$1,200). He is to be paid each month with the following expenditures: telephone, lights, heat, water, depreciation of official car(s), gasoline and oil, expense, repair to car(s), Deputy Sheriff hire, premium on official bond, cleaning jail, necessary minor repairs to jail not to exceed \$25 per month, office supplies and equipment, sand stamps.

Other salaries increase County Judge from \$1200 to \$2400; Circuit Court Clerk from \$1500 to \$2000; Clerk and Master from \$900 to \$1200. Estimated Circuit Court Jury expense \$9,000 and Court House Operation and Maintenance \$4710. Grand total \$22,310 which an increase in salaries and court maintenance of \$13,240. This costs were added by Acts of the Legislature. Signed A. F. Higginbottom, M. C. Etheridge, L. E. Scott.

James Whitaker, Jr., son of James Whitaker, Sr. is scheduled to leave San Diego, Calif. soon as a crew member on the USS Suisun for operation in Alaskan waters.

Notice: Sealed bids for 16 benches for Ramer Baptist Church. Benches to be made of No 1 Pine and 12 feet long. Marvin E. Hines, Pastor.

Photographer, Paul Burks, will be in Adamsville each week on Wednesday in the office of Dr. J. E. Ledbetter over Mack's Café.

U-T Military students to attend summer camp for 45 days to practice what their instructors have been teaching. Local students are: Wayne Kerby of Bethel Springs, and James M. Thompson of Selmer.

Rain or shine Iola Home Demonstration Club goes on. Met recently at the home of Mrs. Frank Plunk with seven members present and one visitor, Mrs. F. J. Harris, daughter of hostess. Mrs. Plunk served jello and bananas with cake and ice tea. Mrs. Hubert McIntyre, reporter.

Leapwood: A large crowd attended the annual singing Sunday at Mars Hill. Mrs. Jennie Massengill has been sick for four months and not improving.

Belated of (Webb) Daniel Webster Barnes, who passed away February 6th, 1946 and who was laid to rest beside his wife's grave, in the McKenzie graveyard, two miles north of the old village of Stantonville, McNairy County. He married Fannie McKenzie on February, 1900, who was the daughter of the late Andrew McKenzie, of fifty years ago. She was the youngest of a large McKenzie family and all have passed away. Webb was one of 6 boys, no girls. Sent in by T. D. Barnes, Sr., Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention will preach at the Clear Creek dedication service for the new building.

Charles Neal Weatherford wears Trim Foot Shoes for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Weatherford.

Selmer Community: Dr. T. N. Humphrey has gone to Chicago to take a short medical course while Mrs. Humphrey and children will visit her parents in Sandwich, Ill.

Mrs. Bruce McClain, of Route 2, Selmer, brought to our office last week, a portion of a cocklebur stalk with half-a-dozen full grown green cockleburs. It was a surprise to her to find them this early in the season.

On June 12th, the King family, children of the late John King, met at the home of the oldest, Mrs. Emma Hester for a family reunion and a basket dinner spread on the ground under a huge oak tree. Mrs. Hester lives 3 miles west of Bethel Springs. All the family were present except one brother Loyce King of Selmer and one sister, Mrs. B. O. Folly of West Virginia. Present were families of J. F. King, Caruthersville, Mo., M/M O. L. King and Jerry, M/M C. D. King and Nellita, Mrs. Zula Wolfe, Mrs. Rachel King, Mrs. Leona King, Mrs. Gladys McGee, M/M J. R. Miller and Ronnie, M/M Kinnie Hurst, M/M Julius Hurst and Suzanne, M/M Grady King, M/M Marion King, Mrs. Fannie Lee King, Mrs. Nola King and three children, M/M Albert Wolfe & Sonny, M/M James Nolen Wolfe and baby, M/M Earl

Hester, M/M Forsythe, M/M Ervin Hester all of Selmer. M/M Marshall Fowler, Mr. Oscar King, M/M Cicero Johnson, of Bethel Springs, Mr. Otto King & Douglas of Memphis, M/M Paul Dillon, Mrs. J. S. Lindsey & Betty Sue and Mrs. Florence King. Visitors were Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Mrs. Nadine Cosper, Mr. & Mrs. Randall.

The Etta Swaim Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Patty Hailey on Tuesday. Devotional was led by Louise Hamilton and discussions by Thelma Prather, Ruth Harris and Jo Johnson. Others in the program were Katherine Scott, Pauline Smith, Ethelyn Thomas, Maxine Mccullar, Edith Hurst, Mitty Lena McAlpin, Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Johnny Kinchen and Dora Parker, and Sue Milligan. McNairy County Independent Vol 46 No 29, Wilbur Wright Editor & Publisher. \$2.00

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Latta Motor's Junior Team loses to Bemis 12-5. This was one bad game. In the game with Bolivar, Latta Motors 12, Bolivar 5. Playing Parsons, Latta won 10 to 3.

2nd Lt James Dalton Jones, Jr., of Route 2, Selmer, is now enrolled in Special Associate Basic Court at Fort Bliss. He entered the Navy in October 1944, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones.

Selmer Jaycee Charter presented at banquet last Friday night. The banquet, one of the largest ever held in Selmer, was held at the Selmer School cafeteria, attended by 180 persons. The crowd enjoyed a barbecue dinner prepared by Logan McCaskill. Music was provided by the new local orchestra called the 'Dreamers.'

Position open for clerk at Bethel Springs post office. Basic rate of pay is \$1.04 an hour. The rate is increased every year until a maximum of \$1.29 an hour is reached.

District Singing at Antioch Sunday, July 10.

First Cotton Blooms. The first person to bring in a cotton bloom gets a years subscription to the Independent. This year's winner is James McCormack, who lives at Route 2, Ramer and has only one acre of cotton. His daughter Lida Ruth brought the bloom in. Other winners: Bloom 2: Marshall Whitaker, who rents from Montie Patterson and has about 8 acres of cotton. Bloom 3: by Mr. Ward William who has about 11 acres. They also found signs of the boll weevil. Bloom 4: Was sent in by H. H. Crews of Route 2, Michie. He lives on what is known at the Hoover place at West Shiloh. Bloom 5: Mr. Carl Chandler who has about 40 acres of cotton. Bloom 6: Was brought in by Ernest Barham who lives 8 miles east of Finger. He rents from Mrs. D. K. Sewell. Bloom 7: Raised by W. L. Holland of Bethel Springs who has only two acres of this early cotton. Bloom 8: Came from the field of Austin E. Hester who has about 6 acres of cotton. Bloom 9: Was brought in by O. O. Moore of Route 1, Michie and he has about 18 acres of cotton. Bloom 10: By Mr. R. S. Miller who lives in the old 19th district. Mr. Miller is 85 years old but bosses his boys in the farming operations.

Motion Picture Theatre now open at Pocahontas, Tenn. Showing Saturday, Sunday and Wed. nights. A. D. Fortune, owner and operator.

Pebble Hill Community: Crops are in bad condition due to continued rain. The Rickman twins of Mr. & Mrs. Edison Rickman have been named Donnie Fay and Diana Kay. Casie Farris poorly this week. Funeral services for the infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker which was born at a Selmer clinic on Saturday, and passed away in a short time, were held in the church here Sunday.

Lawton Community: The new Clear Creek Baptist church was dedicated last Sunday. A large crowd attended. Mr. Edd Wagoner who has been sick for over a year was able to come to the dedication.

Rose Creek Community: J. L. Murphy had a car accident and is in the hospital in Corinth. There will be services at Mr. Pleasant Church on the second Sunday in July at 2:00 pm. Mr. and Mrs.

Warren King have a new baby girl. Everyone invited to Piney Grove Church every Sunday night at 7:00 pm.

Stantonville Community: Mr. & Mrs. Conan Crabtree & Judy of Nashville came over for the reunion of Mrs. Crabtree's family last Sunday. The family met at the picnic grounds at Pickwick. Others present: Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Flatt, Rebecca and J. C. Jr. of Shiloh; Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Johnson, Shirley, Marcus Jr. & C. D. and Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Counce and daughters of near Counce; Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Smith, Betty Janet and Delores and Mr. & Mrs. Josiah Dancer, Jean, James, Earl D. and Paul of Stantonville; Mr. Layne Rogers of Shiloh; Bobby Mays of Texas; Manuel Thacker and Miss Marie Ward of Stantonville and J. F. Dancer, Jr. of Washington, DC.

Mr. William Earnest Sipes, known to all his friends as 'Will' passed away at his home on Friday June 24, 1949. He was 57. A heart attack was given as the cause of his death. Mr. Sipes was a retired merchant, and at the time of his sudden illness was engaged in truck farming on a small scale. Funeral services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home, with interment in the Combs Cemetery, near Adamsville. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sally Davis Sipes of Selmer; two daughters, Carolyn Ann Sipes of Selmer and Mrs. Earnestine Phillips of Atlanta, Ga; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wilkerson of Selmer and Mrs. Lillie Wolfe of Tyronza, Ark; and four brothers, J. P. and G. H. Sipes of Jackson, Tenn., Henry M. Sipes of Memphis, and H. L. Sipes of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. Granville Ross McCormack, age 53, died at a hospital in Jackson on Sunday evening, June 26, 1949. Mr. McCormack was the popular attendant of Latta Motor Company's service station, and his friends are legion. He was a Mason, and a member of the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Lodge, Knights Templar and Eastern Star. Funeral services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home, with burial in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Brother Masons had charge of the final rites at the grave. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Artie McCormack, two sons, Thomas and Buel McCormack; daughter Mrs. Mary Scalise; mother Mrs. Lydia McCormack; brothers, James, Emmitt and Grant; and six sisters Mrs. Martha Prather, Mrs. Nettie Rains, Mrs. Hattie Prather, Mrs. Matie Taylor, Mrs. T. P. Garrett and Mrs. Ruby Harris. The Independent extends sympathy to these bereaved families.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Harris, age 65, of Memphis, died on Monday, June 27, 1949. Funeral service at the Cave Springs, interment was in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by her husband Thomas G. Harris, daughters, Ruby Gee and Roxie Jackson; sisters Mrs. Rosie Smith and Rinda Robinson; brothers Johnnie Smith and Monroe Smith.

Mr. Edward Harrison Cox, age 85, died at his home near Hornsby, on Saturday, June 25. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Foy Huckabee, were held at the Hornsby Church interment in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Bill Rowland, Wm. Kiestler, J. R. Wallace, R. P. Cox, Paul Russom, and Franklin Presley. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Pattie Knight and Mrs. Pollie Webb; five sons, James, W., Dan, George, and Hooper Cox; 16

West Shiloh Baptist Church rally day a great success. Present for Sunday School was 261 and for Training Union 134.

Next Week at the Ritz: Little Women - Embraceable You - The Beautiful Blond From Bashful Bend - Gunning For Justice - The Barkley of Broadway.

Selmer Community: Those on the sick list are Olivia Littlefield, Anderson Cox and Mrs. Dennie McCaskill. Young people from the Methodist church who attended camp at Kentucky Lake: Jimmy Barron, James Hugh Boggan, Charlotte Brawner, Elizabeth Ann Burks, Nancy Crabtree, Donald Dees, Dudley Dancer, Billy Frank Hamm, Mary Lou Marcus, Freda Moore, Emma Lee Rinehart and Martha Jane Smith. H. Y. Carroll and Leslie Moore went to Nashville and purchased football uniforms for a 30 man squad for the Selmer Lions.

Boss Hockaday had a surprise 66th birthday dinner. Present were Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hockaday, Mildred & Larry; Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hockaday, Billie, Patricia, Mary Sue, Steve & Don; Mrs. Ruth Steadman and Dorothy Ann; Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Kendrick; Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hockaday, Glenda & Janet; Allie Mae Hockaday and Will Hockaday.

Women's Society of the Christian Church met and elected officers: Mrs. A. P. Robinson, Pres; Mrs. F. M. Barron, Vice P; Mrs. Mildred Downey, Sec; Mrs. Maidell Smith, Treas. Department Secretaries: Mrs. Irene Moore, Mrs. Mahon Wood, Mrs. Loyd Ramer, Mrs. Pauline Robinson, Mrs. Zaida Plunk, Mrs. Earl Scott, Mrs. Gladys Lockman, Mrs. Pauline McBride.

The Mary Circle of the Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. Jewell Maness with Mrs. Grady Abernathy co-hostess. The officers of the Mary Circle are: Mrs. Jewell Maness, chairman; Mrs. Pauline Robinson co-chairman; Mrs. Grady Abernathy, Sec; Mrs. Mahon Wood, program leader; Mrs. Ada Surratt, sunshine chairman.

The Martha Circle of the Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. Jewell Lancaster with Mrs. F. M. Barron as co-hostess. Officers for the Martha Circle are: Mrs. Jewell Lancers, chairman; Mrs. J. E. Crabtree, co-chairman, Mrs. Irene Moore, Sec; Mrs. Carter, devotional chairman; Mrs. Zaida Plunk, rainy day chairman.

The Wesleyan Service Guild met at the Methodist church. Officers elected: Mrs. Eather Pearle Dancer, president; Mrs. Glaciell Weatherford, vice P; Mrs. Henrietta Surratt, sec; Mrs. Docia Robinson, pledge chairman; Mrs. I. H. Brooks, corresp sec; Mrs. Hazel Phillips, social sec; Mrs. Hazel Steadman, study leader; Mrs. Elliott Gage, devotional; Mrs. Dixie Ammons, status of women.

A new circle for young matrons of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Loyd Ramer. Officers: Mrs. Leo Wingate, chairman; Mrs. Tom Ellis, co-chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Chambers, sec; Mrs. Ira Anderson, devotional chairman; Mrs. Guy E. Robinson, sunshine chairman.

Beckie Lou Wilkes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Wilkes just purchased a lovely hand-made pinafore with blouse at Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Letter of thanks to Mrs. M. B. Stanfield of Ramer from a German housewife. (It took awhile to get the letter translated. Mrs. James C. Nold of Bethel Springs translated.) "8 Mai, 1949 Dornbusch, Dear Mrs. Stanfield: Today a very happy woman will try to write you a few lines and thank you for your nice present and letter. I got the nice jacket and had to put it on my little boy right away and there I found your letter in the pocket. Please tell your little boy that my son is very happy about his nice warm jacket and he will wear it next winter to school..... We are refugees from Poland. In Jan 1949 I had to leave with my children, leaving my house and farm. On the way the Russians caught up with up and kept us for awhile and stole everything we had. After they let us go we had to walk 150 miles to Germany. On the way we found my mother and went on to West Germany. By that time my husband was still in prison in Russia. When he got out he got a job - miles from here. We live in a very bad place, and we have also been ver hungry and don't have any wood to burn. It is now getting slowly better. My husband can't find a job where are at and we can't find a place to live where he works. I put you a picture of my children in this letter".

Friday, July 8, 1949

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The Quarterly Court met in session last Monday with the following Magistrates present: Esqs, J. T. Stanfield, J. R. King, Warren Floyd, W. G. Minton, W. R. Steadman, H. K. Maness, C. S. Treece, Roy Huggins, J. P. Whitley, M. B. Melton, I. M. Meeks, Haven Garner, A. F. Higginbottom, M. C. Martin, Ervin Cagle, R. E. Wade, Eldridge Howard, Earl Scott, Wilbur Robinson, Earl Jones, E. G. Harris, J. O. Mitchell, Lit Wilson, M. C. Etheridge, J. L. Tacker, O. L. Plunk, R. M. Gean. Judge R. Carter Smith, presiding.

Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick opened the court session at 9:00 am. Mr. L. N. Hamm was elected by unanimous vote to fill the vacancy created on the Board of Education by the passing of his father, Mr. J.

R. Hamm. Notary Publics appointed: J. L. Boyd, L. G. Vaughn, J. B. Childers, Harry Cain.

A County Library committee was appointed: Mrs. Hazel Steadman, J. P. DePoyster, Mrs. Mae Hamm, Mrs. Annie Rea Olive, Arlie Higginbottom, Mrs. Lorraine Meadows, Miss Sula Bishop and Miss Charlene Romans.

Budget committee members are M. C. Ethridge, A. F. Higginbottom and L. E. Scott. Salaries of constitutional offices for the year: Sheriff \$3,600; County Judge \$2,400; Circuit Ct Clerk \$2,000; Clerk & Master \$1,200; Tax Assessor \$1,800. Other offices: County Agent \$900; Home Demonstration Agent \$840; Secretary to county agent \$600; Service officer \$1,200; Court House Janitor Service (2 men) \$2,400; amount set to hold elections \$3,000.

To continue operating the State Health Unit in the county at \$4,500 for the year, 17 voted yes, 5 voted no and 5 didn't vote.

To proceed with securing the lot for the National Guard Armory, 17 voted yes, 5 voted no, and 5 didn't vote.

New Agricultural Committee elected: Wilbur Robinson, Manuel Martin, Earl Jones, Clyde Treece, H. K. Maness, W. G. Minton, R. E. Wade.

Last, but by not means least, a bonding resolution of \$375,000 for school building purposes was defeated. 5 voted for, 21 voted against, 1 didn't vote.

The Adamsville American Legion Post No 97 met with about 75 Legionnaires present. Officers for new year: Dink L. Gibson, Commander; Bobby R. Littlefield, 1st Comm; Joe Arendall, 2nd Comm; E. H. Kemp, Adjutant; James R. Durham, Service Off; J. D. Abernathy, Sergeant-at-Arms; O. E. Duncan, Chaplain; George Henderson, Employment Chairman.

Lawton Community: Mrs. Florence Chambers and Mrs. Lee Browning has been real sick.

Gravel Hill Community: James Opal Gray has the measles. Mrs. Alvis Huggins visited her brother Charlie Weatherford in a Memphis hospital.

Abb Templeton had a birthday celebration. They all motored to Pickwick Lake for a picnic style dinner. Present: Mr. & Mrs. Abb Templeton; Mr. & Mrs. Carl Chandler, Garvin, Troy & Billy; Mrs. Hester Evans, Bobby & Peggy; Mr. & Mrs. Eldridge Templeton & John David; Mr. & Mrs. Grant Templeton & Gene; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Templeton, Linda Ann & Jimmy; Mr. & Mrs. Warren Moffitt; Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Evans.

The Latta Motor Juniors mopped up Lexington with a score 10 to 0. Lefty Carroll started the game on the mound and pitched six innings of hitless balls. Tommy Farris pitched 3 innings and gave Lexington no better, struck out five of the eleven who faced him. Jerry Barron had to leave in the 8th inning because of the heat.

Selmer won against Jackson by a slim margin 6 to 5. Selmer is now tied with Jackson for first place in the league play - each having lost but one game. The last game will be in Jackson July 9th.

Showing at the Ritz next week: The Barkley of Broadway - Larceny - The Fighting O'Flynn - God's County & The Man - Wake of The Red Witch. Sunday matinee 1:30 pm.

Selmer Bank & Trust shows Capital at \$2,523,938.37. M. E. Smith, Cashier. Directors: M. W. Bigger, R. P. Phillips, W. F. Humphrey.

Stanley Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Michie, is the poster boy for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

For Rent: two room unfurnished apartment. Use of garage and share refrigerator. See Mrs. Ola Gage, Bethel Springs.

Editorial by Publisher: "Members of the County Court assembled in session July 4. The Independence Day meeting was marked by the noticeable way in which the Magistrates weighed things of importance. By this we refer to the matter of janitor service at the court house and the resolution to pay arresting officers \$25 for each whiskey still brought in and \$25 for each man arrested and prosecuted for operating still. Considerable weighty deliberations and several speeches were made on these matters, and they passed with substantial majorities. On the other hand, a matter of great importance affecting

every school child - that of providing adequate school building and class room space - was promptly voted down, with very little consideration. One Board of Education member remarked to us that "some of the school patrons who fought this issue will be around complaining this winter that their kids are cold and the school roof leaks, and we'll have to tell them again there is nothing we can do about it." The \$43,000 allotted for school building is not enough to take care of present needs. In fact that amount could be spent on any one of the high schools and not be enough."

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Latta Motors Junior Baseball team, sponsored by the American Legion Post of Selmer, closed the season last week. Wilson Motors of Jackson defeated the locals in a hardy contest match, which was decided in the 10th inning, the local losing by one point. The 8th District playoffs will be played next week.

Highway to be opened next week across old court square. The last vestige of old square was destroyed early this week when State road-working machinery moved in to push down trees and starting grading Highways 64 and 45 on through the old court yard.

Bro. Forrest G. Baily, former pastor of the Selmer Christian Church will begin a revival next week. Melvin Anderson, who entered the ministry from the Selmer Church will be ordained at the July 24th morning services. Also visiting the community is Bro. and Mrs. H. T. Mabry, former minister of Selmer Christian Church.

For the first time in the history of the Town of Selmer, police officers can now deal with traffic violators and furnish police protection to the town. A new Ford Patrol car, bearing the gold-leaf inscription 'Selmer Police' was put into service Thursday morning. Mayor Will Tom Abernathy stated the car will also provide a way to push bootleggers out of city limits; can regularly patrol the cemetery at night and put a stop to parking and petting parties; and cut out trespassing on school property.

Last week, farmers Noah Robinson and Loyce Lambert, made a trip to Franks Town, down in Mississippi, to see a Nesbit Bug Catcher in operation. As a result of this trip a demonstration was presented on Loyce Lambert's cotton on Dr. M. E. Smith's farm. About 100 farmers were on hand to see it. This machine can catch boll weevils, aphids, fleas, stink bugs and other insects that damage cotton crops. This machine is attached to the front of the tractor and is operated while cultivating the cotton.

State inspectors have been stationed at the East Y, stopping all trucks which appear to be overloaded (42,000 lbs.).

McNairy County schools open Monday, July 18th at 9 a.m. The summer term of school will end when the cotton crop is ready to harvest, at which time schools will close about six weeks, then resume after the cotton harvest.

The country home of Mrs. Earl Latta of Eastview, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. This was an old house, estimated to be about 100 years old, and was built of hand-hewn lumber, which was sound in every respect.

33 boys and girls attended Junior 4-H camp at Martin recently. Mary Sue Godfrey, Patricia Godfrey, Mary Frances Meeks, Jo Stutts, Janelle Johnson, Betty Greene, Anita Hurst, Jimmy Parish, Wilma Higginbottom, Harold Null (Selmer) Dan Ingram, Gene McCarter (Ramer), Bobby Joe Gibson, Bo Higginbottom (Rose Creek) Harold Raines, Bobby Pounds, Edwin Hurley, Billy Carroll (Stantonville) Becky Barer, Sue Naylor, Glenn Naylor, RaNell Robison, Martha Robison, Betty Sue Vires (Finger) Joyce Treece (Leapwood) Bruce Hamm, Jane Hamm (Adamsville.) Virginia Robertson (Acton), Patsy Martin (Bethel Springs). Serving as Junior leaders were Jane Robertson and Norma Ann

Briley (Acton), Jimmy Jones and Joe McReynolds (Selmer.) The McNairy Count girls were champions of the softball tournament and the boys lost by one point in the finals to Hardeman county.

John E. Vires, an invalid for the past several months, shot himself at his home here early Wednesday morning. Mr. Vires suffered a cerebral hemorrhage several months ago, and confined to his room most of the time since. Before being stricken, he practiced law in Selmer and was County Attorney. Mr. Vires was born in this county and had made his home in Selmer for the past 40 years. Services at the First Christian Church. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maudene S. Truder Vires; four brothers, Jeel, Jess, Asa and George Vires, and one sister Mrs. Nancy Sipes.

Mr. Bid Qualls, age 52, died on Saturday, July 9th. Services were held at Holland's Creek (south of Savannah) and interment was in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by his father, Mr. J. T. Qualls, four brothers, Arch, L. T., Arthur and Oliver B. Qualls; sister, Mrs. Lillie McCorkle. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ora Brown Harris died at her home in Jackson, Tenn., on July 10. She was 54, and until her removal to Jackson, several months ago, she had made her home in Adamsville. Services were held at the Adamsville Baptist Church and interment was in the Adamsville cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Annie Lee Hunley and Mrs. Gretchen Dillon; granddaughter, Rosemary Dillon; brothers, C. V., Ila, O. R. and W. C. Brown; sisters Mrs. L. D. McKenzie and Mrs. G. C. Gilchrist. Flower girls at the service were: Mrs. Talmadge Sharp, Mrs. Raiford Nichols, Miss Peggy Ann Finney, Mrs. Gladys Finger and Mrs. Brewer Dean Shelton. Honorary pallbearers: John E. Malone, Evan Crowe, John R. Swaim, Edd Brumley, E. M. Cochran and W. D. Wilson. Active pallbearers: Aaron Gilchrist, James Gilchrist, Warren Moore, Jo. O. Massey, Tom Moore, James Pettigrew, G. A. Shelton and R. A. Lowrance.

Mr. William James Smith, age 75, died at his residence in Stantonville on July 3rd. He was a retired farmer. Funeral services, was held at the Mt Vinson and burial was in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Smith; four daughters, Mrs. Ulma Tidwell, Mrs. Carrie Bell Hicks, Mrs. Velma Sharp and Mrs. F. Channell; one son, James D. Smith; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were: Less Thrasher, Ernest Coats, Cleatis Smith, Elmo Holland, Robert Smith and James Henson.

Sheriff Hugh Kirlpatrick reported he and his deputies confiscated a small whiskey steel about 2 miles southwest of Sulphur Springs community.

Auction Sale - Saturday, July 30 - the old West Shiloh Church Building.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Wake of the Red Witch - The Checkered Coat - Sargent York - Challenge Of The Range - The Life of Riley.

Rose Creek Community - J. L. Murphy, who was in a car accident a few weeks ago is feeling much better. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the birthday party at Morine King's last Friday night. A group from Piney Grove Church went to Alabama to visit a church there. Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Price are going to build a house on the highway between Selmer and Rose Creek.

Beauty Hill Community: Mr. Frank Lipford who has been seriously ill, is on the way to recovery. J. C. Nold recently re-enlisted in the Army. On Sunday, July 3, between 75 and 80 people met at the home of Mr. Jack Gage at the annual reunion. All of his children were there except one, Mrs. Hester Ingle and family of Memphis. Most of his grandchildren, three of his brothers and one sister and many other relatives enjoyed a bountiful dinner which was spread on a table under the shade trees.

Pebble Hill Community - Lebanon church having revival services. Rev. D. A. Bishop, former pastor, is preaching the gospel in the old time way.

Crooked Creek - Jimmie Sweat is able to be out after being laid up several days.

Mount Zion Community - little Barry Henson is recovered after an illness of several weeks.

Mid Summer Sale at J. E. Hodges & Son. Straw Hats value up to 2.95 for \$1.00.

For Auto Liability policies see S. R. Chambers Insurance Agency.

Get a set of 4 new Good Year Tires for \$1.25 a week at Selmer Service Station.

Mrs. Mary Bell McKenzie, age 74, died at her home on Friday, July 1. Services, conducted by Rev. Bagby, were held at the McKenzie cemetery with interment there. She was a Methodist. Survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. H. B. Glenn, of Corinth; and two sons, C. A. McKenzie of Springtown, Texas and Gilbert McKenzie, of St. Louis. Mo.

Mr. Martin D. Clifton, age 73, of Selmer, died on Saturday, July 2. He was a retired farmer. Services conducted by Rev. Wayne Cox, were held in the Mt. Pleasant church with interment in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Florence; their sons, Otis, Arthur and Bruce Clifton; and three daughters, Mrs. Vallie Gray, Mrs. Jessie Alexander and Mrs. Maylene Moore.

Mrs. Cressie Jane Phillips, age 70, of the Finger community, died on Monday, July 4th. Her body was laid to rest in the Milledgeville cemetery, following appropriate service at the Milledgeville Methodist Church, Rev. Jim Kennedy conducting. She is survived by her husband, W. R. Phillips; two daughters, Mrs. Maxie Richardson and Mrs. Beulah Blankenship; and four sons, L. L., Dewey, Odis and Ambrose Phillips.

Selmer Community - Mr. & Mrs. Joe David Robinson are proud parents of a fine girl who arrived this week. The little lady has been name Nan Cary. Mrs. Lee Jaggars, sponsor of the Girls Auxiliary of the Baptist Church, accompanied the members to Liddon's Lake Monday.

Billy Joe King, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester King, who reside north of Selmer, died Sunday, July 3rd, about 7:10 a.m. as the result of what appears to be an accident, when he was struck by a train. According to Sheriff Kirkpatrick, the conductor related how he saw something on the edge of the track in the path of the train, which looked like a piece of paper, and in a few seconds, he knew it was a person and tried to stop the train. Services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home and burial was in the Falcon cemetery. Besides his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy King and Mr. and Mrs. Marion King.

Everett Harris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harris is a believer in Tom Sawyer shirts from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Barnes have announced the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Doris to Mr. Clay H. Dickinson. Son of Mrs. H. W. Dickinson of Brownsville. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents on July 10th.

Stantonville Home Club met recently at the school building. The club voted to buy recreational equipment for the school ground. Members presented Mrs. Ophie Plunk with a gown and Mrs. Maggie Carroll with a lovely flower. Both of these ladies have been sick.

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Bill Roberts is new manager at Pickwick Electric Cooperative, coming to us from Greenville, Ala.

Hatchie River drainage case to be reviewed for flood control in several counties, including McNairy.

Joyce Mitchell, Jimmy Jones and Charles Raines, Jr., received highest honors when they were initiated into the 4-H All-Star Club at camp on Friday night at Martin. McNairy County was well represented. Attending: Roscoe Raines, Rheba and Oneda Fisher from Michie; Claire Brawner from Adamsville; Joyce and Geraldine Mitchell, Jimmy Jones, Glen McBride and Joe McReynolds from Selmer; Katherine and Joan Miliam, Sharon Clayton, Leon Smith and James Wharton from Finger; Ernest Henry and Anna K. Kickson ? from Bethel Springs; Joyce and Charles Raines, Jr. from Stantonville.

Selmer School officially opened last Monday with first day enrollment 764. Enrollment is expected to reach 800. School was officially opened by singing, 'America,' after which Bro. Lloyd Ramer conducted the devotional. Hon. Will Tom Abernathy addressed the patrons and pupils. Mrs. Maxine McCullar, President of Parent-Teachers Association thinks this might be the greatest school year ever in the history of Selmer School. Football will be re-introduced this year, under the leadership of Mr. John May and Tom Ellis, the last team having been coached by our present Postmaster, Leslie Moore, some twenty years ago. The band department will be under the direction of Lynn McNatt. John D. Wyatt will again be in charge of the Platform Arts Department.

Mr. Gilead Home Club Meeting met in the home of Mrs. Ulyss Wilson. Meeting called by Mrs. E. C. Causey and devotional given by Mrs. Elbert Kiestler. Next meeting will be a family picnic on the front lawn at the home of Mrs. E. C. Causey and Mrs. J. E. Henley.

Bookmobile came to the county last week. A new station was opened in the A. D. Williams Store in the Rose Creek community. It is hoped new stations can be opened in Stantonville, Gravel Hill, Finger and Rocky Knob soon.

Latta Motor Baseball team lost 9 to 5 to Wilson Motors last Wednesday. Kenny Hawkins was the star of the game, getting three hits. Smoky Shaw hit a two run homer; Billy Kirby had a double against the left field wall and Cone hit a triple to left center. In the second game, Matthews for Jackson lost a heart breaker for Wilson Motors. Pitching hitless ball for five inning, he was a victim of his own wildness in the sixth. Hawkins and Billy Kirk walked, Shaw bunted and beat out a hit, filling the bases. Farris hit a slow roller down the line to first and Hawkins and Kirk made home. The score was tied at the top of the ninth but Barron made it home. Score 3 to 2 in favor of Latta Motor. Winning players: Hawkins, Bill Kirk, Shaw, Farris, Bob Kirk, Barron, Cone, Varnell, McCullar, Maxedon, Wood, Blanton. Umpires: Crowe, Kiser, Clapp, Walker. (Sorry, very few first names.)

J. B. 'Pee Wee' McCullar, pitcher for The Latta Motor Junior baseball team, broke his arm while pitching against Jackson Wednesday. McCullar wound up and started to deliver a fast ball and his arm cracked, breaking between elbow and shoulder.

Mrs. Lemmie Hurley Livingston, age 88, well known to residents in Southeast McNairy County, died at her home near Michie on July 12. Services were held in the Shiloh Church and interment in the Shiloh cemetery. She is survived by two sons Arbie Livingston of Michie, and Thomas Livingston of Mexico.

Mr. James Thomas Qualls, age 83, of Stantonville, Tenn., died on July 15, 1949. Burial was in the Hollands' Creek Cemetery, following appropriate services in the Church there. He was a Methodist. Survivors include: four sons, Arch, Arthur, L. D. and Oliver B. Qualls; and one daughter, Mrs. Lillie McCorkle.

Mrs. Katherine Henry, 97, lifetime resident of McNairy County, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Loftin, on Wednesday afternoon, July 20. Services held at the Liberty Methodist Church and burial in the Liberty cemetery. Mrs. Henry was a member of the Liberty Church. She has talked to her friends many times about her early recollections of the Civil War. She leaves four generations of survivors: five sons: S. L. Henry of Bethel Springs, C. H. and J. R. Henry of McNairy, Miles Henry of Selmer, and Joel Henry of Germantown; three daughters, Mrs. Loftin and Mrs. Jane Owen, both of McNairy, and Mrs. Martha Ann Hull of Muncie, Indiana; two brothers, Sherman Plunk of Pontotoc, Miss and George Plunk of Kennett, Mo; two sisters, Mrs. Bud Bullman of Henderson and Mrs. Ben Stegall of Tula, Texas; 46 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Gravelhill Community: School opened Monday with a large enrollment of 104 pupils. Mrs. Myrtle Armstrong is in Memphis caring for her new granddaughter. Proud parents are Burnell & Dorothy Springer. W.M.U meeting to be held at Mrs. Tom Baker's home next Tuesday. Mrs. T. B. McCoy is in the Baptist hospital in serious condition. Mr. & Mrs. Sam Washburn have purchased the Uncle Billie Burns homeplace.

Beauty Hill Community: Rev. Clovis Turnbow and others from the church here attended the funeral of Rev. A. G. Webb at Bemis recently. Rev. Webb helped to found the church here and dearly loved. Revival at Beauty Hill will begin next Saturday night.

West Shiloh Brotherhood met recently. Supper was served by the Ruth Waldon Circle of WMU. Officers: Pres, Bill Fullwood, Program VP, Jack Fullwood; Membership Vp, Eldon Kennedy; Secretary, F. J. Chandler; Chorister, Russell Gray. Pastor, Rev Prince E. Claybrook.

Showing at the Ritz next week: The Life of Riley - The Decision of Christopher Blake - Bad Men of Tombstone - Marshall Of Reno - The Red Pony.

Old 16th Community: This community was saddened Saturday morning to learn of the passing of Mr. Olige Wright. Mr. Wright had been in failing health for some time, but confined to his bed about two weeks before his death. He was 96 years old. His body was laid to rest the following day in Sweet Lips Cemetery. Dannie Smith, son of Mrs. Annie Smith is suffering from the mumps. Mrs. Guy Gately is doing fine after an appendicitis operation. Rev. O. C. Young filled his regular appointment at Hopewell Sunday night.

Ramer Community: Lester Hamm is in hospital in Memphis and improving. Helen Gibson, Sue Smith, Dorothy Sue Vaughn are attending an assembly at Bethel College. Ramer school opened Monday with an enrollment of about 400. Plumbing has recently been installed throughout the school building,

Chewalla Community: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Butler are proud parents of a baby boy.

Stantonville Community: Family has been called to the bedside of Mr. Oscar Kennedy of Selmer, who is critically ill at this writing.

Mount Zion Community: Mrs. Everett Henson and Barry Henson are on the sick list this week.

Get ready for school at Jordan's Books, tablets, pencils, Red Goose Shoes, Springfoot Socks.

Modernize your bathroom at R. O. Horner's in Selmer.

Rose Creek Community: Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Weeks were at the birthday dinner Sunday of their granddaughter, Carolyn Smith, who was ten years old. J. L. Murphy is improving rapidly. Nice crowd at Piney Grove Church Sunday night. Jo Edna Smith, Morine King, Milford King, George Thomas Moore, Roy Vanevar, Doyle Goodrum and Junior Wilbanks went to Cave Springs and Phillips School in Chester County Sunday. The weather around Rose Creek is very hot.

Selmer Service Station ½ Price Sale. Buy one tire for \$14.75, buy the second tire at half price.

Linda Kay Gage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gage has been wearing dresses all her life from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Community, Lawrence Wardlow, stationed in Norfolk, Va. Navy base visited with his sister Mrs. Joel Parker before going on to Chewalla to see his mother. Inez Kirk and Nita Joyce Morrow attended at Girls Auxiliary camp in Lebanon recently. Mrs. Hobart Kemp of Adamsville, who has been real sick, is reported improving at the home of her sister Mrs. Eber Greer.

If you like hosiery designed to blend with your skin tones shop with Mrs. I. H. Brooks.

Mrs. Marvin Shelton of Bethel Springs announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Jennie Maud Smallwood to Mr. Buel McCormack of Selmer on July 16 at Corinth, Miss. Miss Billie Sue Murray was the bride's attendant and Jack Lambert was best man. Mrs. McCormack is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smallwood, now deceased. Mr. McCormack is the son of the late Granville McCormack and Mrs. McCormack. He is employed by Latta Motor Company.

Revival at Antioch church of Christ will be on July 24 with Mr. J. A. Thornton of Corinth preaching and Lester Russell in charge of the song service.

For sale - Big safe to old Bethel Spring Bank. See E. G. Harris, Bethel Springs. Phone 2.

Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick and Deputy I. W. Randolph brought in another whiskey still July 21. The still was located about one mile south of Poca Lodge, near the Hardeman County line.

Corn Picker at Latta Tractor & Implement Co. Picks Clean - Husk Clean.

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Many and numerous complaints have come in about keeping hogs within the corporate limits of the Town of Selmer which is a violation. Notice is hereby given that this ordinance will be strictly enforced from and after August 1, 1949. Signed Will Tom Abernathy, Mayor; W. F. Humphrey, C. C. Smith, W. R. Moore, Tedford Jordan, Edgar Hodges, Aldermen.

Junior American Legion Baseball season is over. This team was sponsored by Earl Latta under the name of Latta Motors. Mr. Latta outfitted the team and provided transportation for out-of-town-games. Clyde 'Red' Lambert served as manager and Z. B. 'Charlie' Bowers and Raymond Mabry served as first and third bases coaches. Without the services of these men, there could have been no team. Thank you.

Beginning next Monday, August 1, Drivers Licenses examinations can be taken on Monday morning of each week at the Courthouse from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Mr. W. F. Butler, who has been stationed here for several months with the State Highway Patrol has been transferred to Dyersburg. Patrolman P. L. Barnett has taken his place and will work with Patrolman Noah Allen Robison.

Shelving need at county library. A call went out by Mrs. Carman Smith, in charge of the county library and Mrs. Hazel Steadman, librarian at Selmer High School ask for shelving to be donated to the library.

The 144 distributors of TVA selection power, including Pickwick Membership Corporation have passed the one million mark in consumers.

The evening service of the First Methodist Church will in charge by the young people who attended Lakeshore Methodist Camp. Call to Worship - Nancy Crabtree; Scripture - Betty Robinson; Prayer - James Hugh Boggan - Offertory Prayer - Elizabeth Ann Burks; Camp Reports by - Jimmy Barron, Emma Lee Rinehart, Dudley Dancer; Benediction - Billy Frank Hamm.

Mrs. Mary Etta Wood, 70, died at her residence in Memphis, Tennessee on July 19, 1949. Her body was returned to McNairy County for the funeral service and burial at Moore's School House. Pallbearers were Hugh Wood, Russell Green, Kirby Green, Joe Kirby, Hall Kirby and Johnny Garnnal. The deceased is survived by three sons, Reeder, Clarence and Durrel Wood; and Five daughters, Mrs. Arlin Cook, Mrs. Vallie McClure, Mrs. Lockie Lovejoy, Mrs. Loy Welch and Mrs. Whitten.

Services for Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Williams, at Bethel Springs, on July 21, 1949, in the Bethel Springs Methodist Church. Burial was in Salem Cemetery. Rev. R. M. Dickson and Shelby Mainers were the ministers in charge. She was 68 years old. Mrs. Berry was a member of the Methodist Church at Bethel Springs. She was affectionately known among relatives as 'Sister.' Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. A. William of Bethel Springs and Mrs. W. A. Miller of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; three brothers, E. B. Foreman, New Orleans, La., W. M. and E. S. Foreman of Port Arthur, Texas. Pallbearers were Sardie Henry, Hobert Ellis, John P. Hendrix, Earnest Harris, Edward Gault and Jack Harris.

The dedication service of the new church at Hickory Flatt will be held next Sunday. There will be two sermons with dinner on the ground. Revival also begins that day. Everyone invited.

Showing at the Ritz next week: The Red Pony - Seven Were Saved - It Happens Every Spring - Hidden Danger - Knock On Any Door.

Ramer Community: Mrs. Calvery, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Burress, was carried to Corinth Hospital in critical condition. Lawrence Burress, received a discharge from the Navy in San Francisco and arrived home recently. He has served six years. Antioch Church of Christ is having a revival. Friends of Allen Lumpkin are in sympathy with the loss of his sister, Mrs.

Faulkner. Mr. Lester Hamm is still in the hospital in Memphis. Relatives of W. D. Gibson observed his 88th birthday Sunday, when they brought baskets and enjoyed a picnic dinner and conversation. Mr. Gibson underwent an operation a few months ago and has not fully recovered.

Rose Creek Community: Everyone enjoyed themselves at a party in the home of Maxine Goodrum Friday night. Warren Sanders, who has been in the army for several years, has returned home with a discharge. Pvt. Billie Pollard, who is stationed in California is home on a furlough. James Dillon, Pete King, Arnold King and Frank Eads have gone to Texas.

Pebble Hill Community: Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Moore are parents of a baby boy born July 25. Bobby Rickman, who is attending school in Memphis was home for the weekend. Pebble Hill church is having a revival this week.

Stantonville Community: Mrs. Effie Mills & Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith & Betty, Janet, Delores, Mr. and Mrs. Bass Dancer, Mrs. Jonah Dancer & Jean, Manual Thacker, and Misses Marie and Mary Louise Ward went to the singing at the Shiloh Church of Christ Sunday afternoon.

Crooked Creek Community: The children and grandchildren of 'Aunt Etta,' Hockaday, gathered in her home Sunday in honor of her 72nd birthday. All six children were present and 19 grandchildren. Others outside the family were: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McClain, Mr. and Mrs. Euthal Ashe and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sanders. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clark are parents of a baby boy, born at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic on July 22nd, named Sammy Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carter are proud parents of a new baby girl. John McCann's grandfather Mr. Boyd of the Purdy community had a birthday party recently.

Beauty Hill Community: The revival began here last Saturday night. J. C. Nold of the U.S. Army is home on furlough enroute to Japan. The 5th Sunday fellowship of the Pentecostal church will be at Beauty Hill next Sunday.

Chewalla Community: Mr. Arnet Barnes left last week for the Army. He is stationed at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Funeral services were held here Sunday for Mrs. Laura Martin, with burial in the Turner Cemetery.

Gravel Hill Community: Those that attended the closing of the singing school at Guys Friday night were Roy Sharpe, Elbert Knight, Opal Gray and son James Opal. Mrs. Effie Rushing has been in the hospital, the results of a wreck.

Mount Zion Community: Mrs. Everett Henson was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home Sunday, given by her children. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Henson, Brenda and Barry; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Allan; Mrs. Arnold Hockaday, Glenda and Janet; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Case and Eugene, Martha & Terry; Mr. and Mrs. Edward McDaniel. Mrs. Millard Ashe has accepted a position as teacher in one of the county schools.

Ila Anne Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Curtis is the photo model for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Annual Picnic and Homecoming, at Finger, Tenn., August 6, 1949. Plenty of Barbecue, Cold Drinks and Ice Cream. No Gate Fee.

Corporal C. L. Crabtree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Crabtree, Route 2, Selmer, is presently stationed at Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas.

Selmer Community: William Lee was able to attend church Sunday after a protracted illness. A. O. Wooten was receiving congratulations upon his 72nd birthday Sunday. His son Arvey of Memphis, was here to add to the pleasure of the occasion. Mr. Wooten has been a citizen of Selmer for nearly 50 years. Charley Weatherford is now home from a Memphis hospital. Mrs. W. H. Henderson is reported quite sick this week. Patricia Lee Basinger entered Draughtons Business College in Memphis this week. Mr. Hugh Ray's mother is sick in Corinth.

Mr. and Mrs. Shady Maness were surprised by a fish supper at their home near Bethel Springs on July 21. There was plenty of fish to eat and cold drinks for everyone. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Moore & Billy; Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Buel Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore.

The descendants of the late W. B. Plunk and wife, met at the home of O. L. Plunk and family for

their annual reunion. Those present: M. C. Plunk and wife & Vernon; Clifford Plunk and wife & little Cliff; Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCallum & Rose Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Smith, all of Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Plunk & Everett Jr.; of Meridian, Miss.; Otis Daniels and family of Booneville, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Buel Moore & Patricia Ann; of Commerce, Mo.; Camilla Felker and children of San Antonio, Texas. Roy Miller and family; E. C. Holland and family; O. L. Plunk and family; N. L. Holland and family, Paul Johnson and family; Melvin Holland and family; Mansel Murray and family; Elmo Holland and wife; Robert Croskery, Oscar Gage, Miss Ophelia Henry, Mrs. Oma Hill, Miss Arlena Johnson, Miss Ester Turnbow and Rev. Clovis Turnbow, all of McNairy County and Laverne Plunk, wife and baby of Chester Co. Members of the family who were unable to attend were: Elvis Plunk family of Arlington, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilbanks and Gerald of Booneville, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman and James Larry of Dadeville, Ala. There were also some of the grandchildren who could not be present on this happy occasion. Dinner was spread on a table out under the trees.

Chevrolet Advance-Design Trucks at Sibley Chevrolet Co. Phone 205.

Revival Service at Mt Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church August 7-19. Services daily 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Chambers Style Shop annual July clearance sale.

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Presbyterian Men's Club is organized at First Presbyterian Church. Officers elected: President-Julius Hurst, Vice President - D. T. Hamilton; Sec-Treas - Robert Johnson.

New Welfare Law. Needy persons may receive old age assistance and aid to the blind and at the same time own a home which does not exceed \$3,000 in value provided they meet the other requirements of eligibility.

All who relatives buried in the Bethesda Cemetery are requested to be there on Wed, Aug 10, to clean the grave, removing the weeds and high grass from this silent city of the dead. If you can't come please send a contribution. B. A. Younger, Alva D. Mitchell.

Last weekend Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick's force arrested six men who allegedly broke into Charles Sweat's store in the North Y and the home of Mrs. Ruby Foster who lives on Martin Camp Hill.

Charles Majors, agent for Volunteer State Life Insurance Company has opened an office in Jackson, Tenn. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Majors of Ramer.

The Livestock Show will be held August 13 at the new barn on the fairground in Adamsville, according to Mayor Coleman Smith. Also on August 11 will be the annual Horse show.

The YWA girls of First Baptist church met in the home of Miss Joan Barr. Nine members and leader, Mrs. Lee Jaggars, one visitor, Miss Janice Teague, present. Devotion given by Miss Rosemary Patrick. Everyone enjoyed the many numbers rendered on the piano by Miss Olive Curtis. Ice cream and cake was served by the hostess. Next meeting will be with Miss Inez Kirk.

Chewalla Community: several from here have been enjoying the revival at Antioch this week. Mr. Odell Wren attended a ball game at St Louis on Sunday. Mrs. Hallie Harbin and Mrs. R. C. Austin are on the sick list.

Mr. Charlie Booker, age 74, passed away at his home Friday, July 29, 1949. Services were held the following day at Pisgah Methodist Church near Childer's Hill, Tenn, where he was a member since early in life and remained until death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Booker, a son Egbert Booker, and a grandson Roy Booker, a great grandson Larry Wayne Booker, all of Finger. A sister, Mrs. Daisy Carroll, of Hamburg, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Winford Smith Johnson, age 19, was killed instantly on last Thursday, July 28, when the gravel truck he was driving collided with a piece of road machinery on a bridge near Brownsville, Tenn. Mr. Johnson's home was in Bethel Springs. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Johnson of Bethel Springs and one brother Rodger Johnson, also of Bethel Springs. Funeral services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home on Friday, July 29. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Selmer

Rose Creek Community - We are sorry to hear that Eugene Lacefield, who has lived here most of his life, died Monday Night, July 25, 1949, while visiting in Missouri. J. L. Murphy is able to be up and about again, following a long confinement to his bed on account of an automobile accident. Vance King, Jo Edna Smith, Morine King, Pete King, Jamie Dillon and Arnold King went to Brownsville and Stanton, Tenn. Sunday.

Ramer Community - Lester Hamm is home from a Memphis hospital. The meeting at Antioch closed Tuesday night. A large number of additions to the church. Revival at Mt Vernon next week.

A happy occasion was celebrated July 31, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Causey, the day being Mr. Causey's 75th birthday. Their eight children were present along with other relatives and friends. Present were the families of: Ervin Isbell, Odis Ray, Clarence Causey, Nola Roten, all of Bethel Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cox & Dennis of Bernie, Mo. and Lonnie Causey and children of Bloomfield, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Causey of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Causey of Bethel Springs; George Causey of Selmer, Mrs. Cora Causey of Bethel Springs; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Isbell & baby, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jernigan and children of Selmer; Mrs. Odis Foster and baby of Bethel Springs; Misses Dorothy and Nita Tull of Bethel Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson of Bethel Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tull of Selmer; Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Tull & Jimmy of Selmer; Katherine Ann Alexander of Booneville, Miss.; Douglas Mitchell of Selmer; Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mullins & Gayle of Selmer; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Mullins & Joe Billy of Bethel Springs.

Revival at Pocahontas Church of Christ next week. The singing is directed by Lester Russell.

Letter to Editor from Maude W. Cole, from Stantonville: 'If any of your readers have heard that Stantonville is a dead town, it isn't so! All day long I hear the hammers here near us on the highway, as two lovely new homes are being built. One by Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tanner, on the site of the old log house that was over 130 years old and built by a Braden. The Tanners tried to preserve it and had workmen to inspect it but they said it was too old. One can see what fine trees were here when the early settlers came, by the large, hand-hewn logs in this old house. Mr. Lynville McDaniel owned it last. He died there in November 1927, and his widow, Paralee Quillian McDaniel lived there alone for 21 years. Her yard of fine, beautiful flowers was known far and wide. The home of the Tanners will soon be ready for occupancy. The other home is being erected by Mr. Elzie Pounds. It is located just above the Tanner home. I hear that four new homes are to be erected west of the Post Office. We are glad to see this progress and homes being built. One of the new homes will belong to Mr. and Mrs. Will Quinn, well-known café people here. My sister Georgia Daniel, of Corinth, Miss. spent last week with us. My brother, Horace M. Wolvteron lives at Okmulgee, Okla. He was 77 years old last May. Now just the three of us left. My son, Horace D. Bell and family of Memphis, came to see us recently. He is skinny like his granddad Wolvteron. Our daughter, Mrs. Annie Hoover, is in Sulphur, Okla., enjoying a reunion with the Stephenson family.

For Sale - 5 room house in Bethel Springs, recently rebuilt. Wired for range. New deep well and pump. Good chicken house. Homer Jernigan.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Knock On Any Door - Whiplash - Bomba, The Jungle Boy - Quick On the Trigger - Red Canyon.

Beauty Hill Community: Arthur Holland is in Veteran's Hospital in Memphis. Glen Plunk is in Isolation Hospital in Memphis, with polio. Latest report he was doing fine. The nephew of Carl Lipford was seriously injured by a horse last week and in a Memphis hospital. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lipford live near Leapwood.

Stantonville Community: The family of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Raines met at Pickwick picnic

grounds for a reunion Sunday. All children and grandchildren present as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raines and Charles Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raines, Harold and Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Raines and Larry Raines; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Raines and Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Dock Howard. Special guests: Mrs. Faye Walker; Miss Eula Mae Vaughn; and James Houston. Each family brought a picnic basket.

Selmer Community: Members of the Christian Church, about 100, gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Greer to partake of a watermelon feast Tuesday. The delicious melons were grown by Mr. Greer. Buddy Foote is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident is convalescing at Webb-Williamson hospital in Jackson. O. D. Wyatt is receiving treatments at a Memphis hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Knight announces the marriage of their daughter, Dorris, to James Sanders of Dyersbury, Tenn. They were married at Hernando, Miss. on July 19, 1949.

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All Star 4-H Clubbers of McNairy County, initiated into the All-Star Club are Charles Raines Jr., from Stantonville; Joyce Mitchell, Joe McReynolds, and Jimmy Jones of Selmer.

An outdoor evangelistic meeting sponsored by First Christian Church will get under way in North Selmer next Sunday evening. Preaching by Bro Frank S. Perry, minister. Location will be the Eber Greer lot on Highway No. 45 in North Selmer. One of the sermons will be 'The Way From Selmer To Heaven and The Way from Selmer To Hell. The open air will be refreshing. Plenty of parking space.

Selmer Independents Baseball team to play Ft Pillow Independents on August 14, weather permitting.

District Singing Convention will meet at New Hope August 14. L. C. Ingle, Pres.

North Selmer Pentecostal revival begins Sunday night. The Church is north of city limits about ½ mile on Highway No. 45.

Revival at West Shiloh continues another week.

A 7 barrel whiskey still outfit was confiscated Aug 10 by Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick and deputy Worley Randolph. It was located about 1/4 a mile east of Chewalla and showed signs of recent use, even though creek backwater had floated the cooker out of the ground.

Mr. S. T. Coats, age 65, died at his home near Selmer on Monday, August 8, 1949. Services were held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home on Tuesday, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. The deceased was a Baptist. Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Lucendia Coats, five daughters, Mrs. Orlena Prescott, Thelma Ferguson, Miss Louise Coats, Marie King and Evelyn Moore; three sons, Aubrey, Newman and Seth Coats, Jr.

Mrs. Vida Mae Kennedy was born February 21, 1907 at Sardis, Henderson County, Tenn. She united in marriage to James Rual Chalk on September 14, 1924. . She departed this life and went to be with her Lord, August 6, 1949, at the age of 42 years, 5 months and 16 days. Funeral services were held at the Morris Chapel Baptist Church and burial in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were: N. B. Carman, R. A. Phillips Jr., Ovid Boling, Harold B. Caperton, Morris Thompson and W. B. Crotts. She leaves to mourn her home going, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Kennedy, of Sardis; her husband, Mr. J. R. Chalk; two daughters, Mary Nell and Leatrice Diann Chalk; one sister Mrs. Voyd Baker and a host of other relatives and friends.

Early history article from the scrapbook of the late Joe Hamilton. The article tells the number of bales of cotton ginned in the year 1879 and the names of the gins. 'The following report shows the amount of cotton put up in McNairy County during the year 1879. A few gins have not reported:

First District – P. Halcomb, 100 bales; R. D. M. Kirk, 100 bales

Second District - J. W. Russom, 80 bales; Joe Sanders, 120 bales.

Third District - J. H. Mitchell, 206 bales; J. W. Roberson, 90 bales.

Fourth District - D. M. Pare, 136 bales; Robbins & McKinnon, 140 bales; Polk Randolph, 140 bales; Pete Cason, 75 bales, Wm. Hearn 30 bales.

Fifth District - J. M. Huggins, 130 bales; T. J. and Sam Sharp, 435 bales; R. W. Caffey, 345 bales; J. T. Houston, 203; O. L. Meeks, 80; Mark Falkner 160; C. M. Jeans, 200; James Wardlow, 203; J. N. Barnhill, 225.

Sixth District - B. F. Sanders, 165; W. S. Alexander, 172; S. A. Brooks, 60; J. H. Reader, 105; J. H. Read, 96; W. W. McCullar, 195.

Seventh District - R. W. Tatum, 215; W. C. Wilson, 270; Croskey & Newsom, 135; John Kerby, 45; J. J. Pharr, 13.

Eighth District - W. B. Malone, 269; E. J. Miller, 175; Wiley Baucom, 101.

Ninth District - V. Sanders, 192; Peyton Atkins, 175; J. A. Coln, 176; J. F. Cherry, 83; W. F. Moore, 125; W. J. Sutton, 154; Sam Chambers 207.

Tenth District - A. H. Fink, 180 bales; J. H. Meeks, 235; S. M. Perkins 80; Stewart Winningham, 155.

Eleventh District - Henry Smith, 200 bales; Lilly's, 75 bales.

Twelfth District - S. D. Anderson, 280; A. H. Smith, 180, Sewell & Hefley, 80 bales.

Thirteenth District - B. F. Sanders, 165; Alec Erwin, 88.

Fourteenth District - McIntyre Bros, 130; Patterson & Putman, 180.

Fifteenth District - Sewell & Farris, 186; Jones & Butler, 120; P. H. Thrasher, 287.

Sixteenth District - Sid Plunk, 73; M. F. O'Neal, 181; Blakley Bros, 68.

Seventeenth District - John Aldridge, 63; W. J. Archer, 105; Rodgers & Sheffield, 236; Isaac Deaton, 72; Kerby Bros, 20; W. A. Smith, 85.

Total bales ginned - 9,959. We are reliably informed that a good days' work at a gin could turn out about eight bales per day. That probably explains why there were so many gins over the county in that day.

Relax and enjoy a carefree vacation... Keep in touch with home by Long Distance Telephone. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Beauty Hill Community: Friends of Mrs. Ora Lee Cobb rejoice to learn she is much better after being sick for three weeks.

The Jackson Sun delivered to your door for only \$1.00 a month. See Pat Evans, 64 West Pharr Ave.

Stantonville Community: On last Sunday, several families gathered at Rhea Springs for a dinner honoring the birthdays of Mr. T. A. Raines, Rosco Raines, Mrs. Ernest Treece, little Miss Sandra Tacker and Jerry Ashe. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Raines; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Raines, Sue and Judy; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Raines, Royce and Lynnal; Mr. and Mrs. Tad Thacker and Sandra and Sherry; Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Treece, and Shelia; Mr. and Mrs. Dock Whitaker; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ashe, Jerry and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Raines, Larry Wayne; and Miss Ola Raines. August 14th, there will be two sermons and dinner on the ground at Clear Creek Church of Christ. This is the beginning of a revival.

Ramer Community: Mrs. Thetus Shelton is in Memphis with her son, James, who had a tumor removed from his side. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hamm; Mrs. J. E. Towne; and Mrs. J. R. Hamm visited Mrs. Arnie Huggins in Henderson last week. Mrs. Huggins will observe her 92nd birthday next Sunday. Will R. Majors, member of the Naval Reserve will leave soon to the Panama Canal Zone. Mrs. Lawrence Burress underwent an appendectomy at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic.

Bethesda Community: Our revival meeting will begin Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Murry are proud parents of a big baby girl.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Red Canyon - Cry of The City - Ma & Pa Kettle - Where Trails

Divide - House of Strangers.

Raymond Thomas Lewis is the poster child for Jaggars Kiddie Shop. His mother is Mrs. Mary Lucille Lewis.

Rose Creek Community: Alfred King, Milford King, Carl Locke and J. T. Locke went coon hunting Saturday night.

As a surprise, on last Sunday, the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson began arriving with well-filled lunch baskets. Dinner was spread in the yard under the oak trees. In the afternoon watermelons were cut for the crowd. All wished for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson many happy returns of the day. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cobb; Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Wilson and Hugh Allen; Mrs. Jewell Moore and son Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hester, Minnie and Rhea; Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Betty Jean and Minnie Jo; Joe Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Redmon.

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Selmer Independents Baseball team will play Whiteville August 21. They have won seven of the last nine games - being defeated twice by the fast Henderson team.

St Louis Cardinals to conduct 2-Day Try-Out Camp in Iuka August 29.

Revival starts at Gravel Hill Baptist Church for ten days next week. Services 10:30 am and 7:30 pm.

Out door revival sponsored by First Christian Church in North Selmer will continue for another week.

Miss Mattie Wilson and Mrs. B. A. Younger caught two of the largest fish of an afternoon's fishing at Pickwick Dam in the Kentucky Lake. The fished weighed 19 and 25 pounds. Mr. Younger, who also fished on this, wouldn't display his small string for fish for a photo. Biggest catfish of the season was in the Kentucky Lake near Pickwick Dam by Mr. Chester A. Scott, several days ago. The weight was 72 pounds.

According to Raymond Mabry, line coach for the local Junior American Legion Baseball Team, the boys are selling tickets for a big benefit game today. The game is between Latta Motors Juniors and the Humboldt Juniors. Proceeds of the game will go to defray the expenses of sending the local team to see a big league team in St. Louis.

Buffalo, once numerous in West Tennessee, were completely gone by 1923.

McNairy County School Supt., J. C. Taylor this week received \$1,109,300 in state funds to be used for teacher's

Sgt Billy Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Whitaker is serving second enlistment in the US Army. He first entered May 1946 and was in service for 18 month. Discharged Dec 1947, he re-enlisted in Jan 1948 for 3 years. He has been in Germany for 16 months.

Pastor Marvin E. Hines of the Ramer Baptist Church announces a revival beginning August 21. Services at 10:45 am and 7:45 pm daily.

McNairy County Election Commissioners, L. E. Scott, Houston Thrasher and F. E. Higginbottom state Poll Tax must be paid by the end of August (60 days before election.) Women who want to vote in November must have a 1948 Poll Tax Receipt. (In 1950 women will not have to pay poll tax.) Veterans who served honorably for 30 days or more during WWI or WWII may get a permanent poll tax receipt from the Trustee of the county. Persons who have reached the age of fifty years on January 10, 1949, will be eligible to vote without a poll tax receipt.

Elections coming up on November 8: Fifth District Election to fill out unexpired term of late Granville McCormack, Justice of the Peace. State Election on the question of constitution convention.

Showing at the Ritz next week: You're My Everything - Forces of Evil - Family Honeymoon - Loaded Pistol - Edward My Son.

The Town of Selmer will have an election sometime in November this year and poll tax paid now will qualify voters to vote in this election.

The Vogue has a sale going on.

North Selmer Grocery under new management of Carl Causey. Hwy 45 N.

Stantonville Community: the family of Mr. Earol Blanton met at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Horry Raines for a reunion last Sunday. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Earol Blanton; Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Goff and Ernie; Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, Peggy & Scarlett; Roscoe Raines, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard, Dean & Ronnie; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blanton; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blanton, Linda Gayle; Mr. Cue Blanton; Mr. Leonard Blanton, Gene & Sarah; Mr. and Mrs. Horry Raines, Joyce & Harold. A bountiful dinner was spread in the grove in front of the house.

Rose Creek 4-H met recently and the program title was 'Conservation of Our Natural Resources.' Topics were given by O'Neal Whitten, Jo Ann King, Jerry Crangle, Noma Jean Russom, Barbara Ann Floyd, Jo Ann Milstead, Carl Henley, Bernice Nixon, Wilbur Dean Kiestler, Ann Ruth Fullerton. Bobby Joe Gibson told about his trip to 4-H camp in Martin. Fayrine Hines led the pledge to the flag. Bo Higginbottom expressed thanks to Mr. Walker for his help. Magelen Mullins, reporter.

Rose Creek Community: There will be a baptizing at Webb Mill Bridge Sunday, Aug 21.

Beauty Hill Community: The new block church building here is going up with J. C. Hawkins of Dyersburg directing the work. Raymond Beaty is home from overseas on furlough.

Will trade good store building 20x50 and small stock of merchandise for good small farm. See J. F. Lowrance, Bethel Springs.

Notice to creditors, estate of Laura D. Martin, late of McNairy County.

McNairy County will be well represented at the 4-H club All Star Convention in Knoxville. Attending: Jimmy Jones, Joe McReynolds, Joyce Mitchell, Billy Barnes of Selmer; Jane Robertson of Acton; Joyce Rains of Stantonville; Bruce Hamm of Adamsville. A trip to the Smoky Mountains National Park and outings at Norris Dam and Big Ridge Park are among the events of this program.

Chewalla Community: Revival started last Sunday. J. B. Barnes is home on a 40-day furlough.

Mount Zion Community: Revival meeting begins at Union Grove Methodist Church Sunday. Rev Brooks Jones of Selmer is the pastor.

Midshipman, William L. Kirk, USNA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Kirk, of Selmer is visiting Cherbourg, France this week, aboard the high speed minelayer USS Shea.

A large gathering of friends and relatives celebrated in a reunion of the Cagle family near the home of John Cagle, south of Milledgeville, Aug 14th. The honored one was Grandmother Cagle who is past 90. She has 7 living children, 25 grandchildren, 79 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren. A bountiful lunch was served on tables under the pines on the lawn. A record of each generation was written down. Speeches, songs, prayers, and visiting with each other was the entertainment. There were 224 present.

Adamsville Community: Mr. and Mrs. Lon Orr celebrated 60th wedding anniversary.

The annual hunt for the McNairy County Fox Hunters met Aug 9th at the old Lakey Field near Selmer. The field was crowded with hunters, dogs and spectators. The cast was made about dark on Aug 9th, with a total of 70 hounds. And in a short time they were driving 'Old Red' down the hollar and over the hill. Very splendid running for a big portion of the night.

Winners:

Derby Males: 1st C. L. Pace, Iuka, Miss.; 2nd Hartle Mace, Morris Chapel; 3rd W. C. Boswell, Adamsville.

Derby Females: Hartle Mace, Morris Chapel; 2nd C. L. Pace, Iuka, Miss.; 3rd Frank Duncan,

Bethel Springs.

All Age Dogs - Male: 1st Ed Rice, Memphis; 2nd Will Coln, Michie; 3rd John Swaim, Memphis.

All Age Dogs - Female: 1st Dan Bearden, Adamsville; 2nd Ed Rice, Memphis; 3rd Herman Stringer, Iuka, Miss.

Best Pack: 1st Hartle & Edd Mace, Adamsville; 2nd Will Coln, Michie;

Best Pair Hounds: Hartle & Edd Mace; 2nd Jamie Wicker, Adamsville; 3rd Robert Wardlow, Counce, Tenn.

Best Hound: 1st Dan Bearden

Best Opposite Sex: 1st C. L. Pace, Iuka, Miss.

Officers of the McNairy County Fox Hunters Association are: Preston Smith, Pres; John R. Swaim, Vice Pres; Jerry Smith, sec & treas; Dock Whitaker, reporter.

Notice to creditors concerning estate of Winford Smith Johnson, late of McNairy County.

Private E. S. Surratt son of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes D. Surratt has been transferred to the First Station Hospital at the Stotsenbery, Central Luzon. A graduate of Michie High School, he entered the army Jun 1948.

Get Kooleez Baby Pants, made with that amazing material, natural creamy liquid latex that stretch all over for comfort. Waterproof. Selmer Drug Co. Phone 43.

Notice Members and Consumers of Pickwick Electric Membership Corporation. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be paid within 10 days from date of bill. If service is discontinued a fee for one dollar (\$1.00) will be collected before service is restored.

Robert Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Murray wears a Tom Sawyer polo shirt for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Community: We are glad to report that after a severe and prolonged attack of asthma, Mrs. Bart Fisackerly is now improving. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Huggins went to Henderson Sunday to see his mother, Mrs. Arnie Huggins who had observed her 92nd birthday on Saturday. Mrs. Will Kiser, who underwent an operation at Baptist Hospital recently is reported improving.

Friday, August 26, 1949

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The building occupied by Huggins Drug Store and Hendrix Soda Fountain was broken into last Wednesday night and some \$125 in money and merchandise was taken, including six or eight cheap watches, five or six wrist watches, one fairly good watch valued about \$30 and several Ronson cigarette lighters were missing. Blood stains about the cash drawers and merchandise show cases indicate the robber cut their hands or fingers in breaking in through the front door.

If a person has been bitten by a dog, do not kill the dog, advises the local Health Department.

Sheriff, Patrolmen make raids during the past week. Three raids were made and confiscated about 6 cases of beer, five cases of whiskey, stolen building materials and nine gamblers.

Miss Bertha Leona Springer died at her home in the Gravel Hill community on last Friday, August 19, 1949. Services were held at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Elbert Bolding. Interment was in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Survivors include two brothers, Lacy L. and Vester Springer of Ramer; three sisters, Zelda Mccullar, Selmer; Zonie Summers, Ramer and Jennie Springer, Selmer.

Mrs. Elsie Oneda Clemmons, age 42, died at her residence near Adamsville on Tuesday, August 22, 1949. Services conducted by Rev Albert Plunk were held at New Church and burial was in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by her husband, William V. Clemmons, and children, Mrs. Lee

Harris, Wayne, Charles Forrest, Lessie Fay, Jimmie Nell and Carolyn Clemmons, all of Adamsville. Myrtis Dickson of Bethel Springs will give a piano recital Tuesday night at the Methodist Church in Selmer.

Grading started early this week on approximately four acres of ground which will provide enough room for a football field, baseball field and playground for Selmer school.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Edward My Son - Tuna Clipper - Jungle Jim - Law of the West - The Stratton Story. Cartoon on Saturday and Sunday.

The McNairy County Board of Education will offer for sale to the highest bidder the following school buildings and grounds: Rowsey School, Fairview School, Mt Zion School.

The McNairy County Board of Education calls for bids on coal to be used in the county schools.

The McNairy County Board of Education calls for bids for the construction of an addition to the Finger School Building.

Pebble Hill Community: Mrs. Virginia Wardlow, who has been on the sick list, is reported improved. It is reported that Mrs. Jake White, who was bitten by a poisonous snake has returned home from the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. White live in the Browder's Schoolhouse Community. Among those attending the baptizing of the Tulu Baptist Church at Pickwick Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Jeffrey, Mrs. Hattie Barnes and Mr. Huston Heath. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Kiddy, and family and some of the young folks of the community, attended church services at the tent in Corinth Friday night. Junior and Eldon Kiddy attended church services at Stantonville Church of Christ Sunday night. Junior Baker is in a Memphis hospital. His condition is reported not so good. West Shiloh church is having a revival this week.

Stantonville Community: Several participants in the annual hunt for the county fox hunters were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Whitaker one night last week. Present: Messrs. John Swaim, Bell Graham, Allen Wooten, Aulton Teague, Robert and James McCormack, John and Jerry Lee, Barte Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Raines, Mr. and Mrs. Earett Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chandler and Billy.

Bethesda Community: Mr. W. J. Wagoner, who has been on the sick list is reported improving. Mrs. J. Fulghum is in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Billie Jo Wolf was calling on Miss Demova Gray Thursday night.

Selmer Furniture & Appliance has all kinds of used cook stoves cheap.

All our lands located in the old First Civil District of McNairy County are posted against hunting and fishing. W. F. Russell. - Grady L. Boatman and J. C. Locke.

Dear Jim: Yes it is true. Regular Gasoline 27.3¢ and High Test 29.3¢. Delicious sandwiches, Fill you Tank - N - Tummy. South of Bethel Springs. Bill

Gravel Hill Community: the people in this section have been busy harvesting their hay. The Home Demonstration Club had their community picnic Thursday evening on the school campus. Attendance around 40. Entertainment was motion pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roberts have moved to Selmer. Our revival began last Sunday with a large attendance - 264 present in Sunday School. Kenneth Springer is home on a 14 day furlough. Picnic lunch at J. B. Huggins' home. Present: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huggins; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huggins and family; Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Huggins and family; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herndon; Miss Mattie Bently; Rev and Mrs. Bill Bailey and Rev Baily's mother.

Ramer Community: Dewey Depoyster is home from Memphis State College. Lem Vaughn, Jr. and Harvey King are entering college at Murfreesboro.

Rose Creek Community: The revival has started at Price's Chapel church.

Revival starts at Gooch School House Church of Christ August 31. Everyone invited.

Selmer Community: Mrs. H. P. Lee, Sr., of Pikesville Tenn. has been visiting a new member of the H. P. Lee family - Thomas Cummings Lee - who arrived last week.

Jimmie Randall Blasingame models for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

The members and families of Iola Home Demonstration Club gathered for a picnic at the Iola School House. All enjoyed fried chicken, potato salad, cokes, pies and all that goes with it.

Eleventh Harris family reunion of West and Middle Tennessee was held at Shiloh National Military Park on August 14th. 170 persons from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Florida. West Tennessee group elected officers (all from Adamsville): President - O. C. Harris; Vice P - Mr. Brodie Wilkins; Secretary - Mrs. O. C. Harris.

Two talks were given by W. Lee Harris and Joe Cletus Harris, respectively on Gideon Harris of 1772-1860 and his fifth child, Gideon Lindsey Harris of 1813-1896. Relatives present are all descendants of the first Gideon Harris that came from Virginia to Northern and Middle Tennessee when the latter was about six years old. He married in 1831 and pushed into new country of West Tennessee and had a family of fourteen by three marriages. From nine of his children descended those of West Tennessee. The speakers descended from Gideon's fourth child, James Gilliam as were nine others present. Eight persons descended from Gideon's ninth child, Martha Jane Harris Baxter and three present from Gideon's brother, Blind David Harris 1781-1864.

Present from McNairy County were: Adamsville: Mrs. Otie H. Pond; Claibourne F. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harris and children; Mrs. Beckie Landreth and son Paul; Mr. and Mrs. T. Odell Landreth and son Pershing; G. Furman Harris; Mrs. Robert Brewer and children; Mrs. Hettie Harris and son Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Cobb and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Harris and daughter; Roy Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Gideon L. Pyron; Grady Patterson; Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Wilkins; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Harris and 3 sons; Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Harris, Will F. Harris, Mrs. Molly H. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde B. Rogers and 5 children; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harris and daughter; Mrs. Fannie Harris; Mrs. Annie Foster; Henry C. Tueton; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Droke; Mr. and Mrs. Will Inman and son; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dallas.

From Selmer: Mrs. Neely G. Bradford and son John; Mr. and Mrs. Reyburn Walker and children; Mrs. M. M. Bradford. From Guys: Mrs. John Sharp. From Leapwood: M. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Treece and children; R. Lee Harris. Shiloh Park: Mr. and Mrs. Tom McDaniel.

Friday, September 2, 1949

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Local G. M. & O. Depot office closed on Saturday and Sunday because the company has established a five day work week of 40 hours. The company will be obliged to pay practically the same amount for 40 hours of work that it had paid for 48 hours.

Junior Jaycees clean off the Anderson lot in West Selmer for the Livestock Show to be held in September. They have also been actively engaged in preparing the football field in East Selmer. Those working on Tuesday were; George Brooks, Harold Thompson, Charles Lee, Kenneth Chambers, John Anderson, Wayne Littlefield, Ira S. Anderson, Bert Arnold Maxedon, Tyler C. Gooch, O. V. Erwin, Coy Gooch, Jimmy Hodge, George Huggins and Robert Gooch.

Mr. Henry Clay Nold, age 77, died at his residence near Bethel Springs, on Friday, August 26. Funeral services, conducted by Bro McAlister, were held in the Rose Hill church that afternoon, with interment in the cemetery there. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lonie Nold; one daughter, Lessie Plunk; and four sons, John M., Dossie, Willie and Lester Nold. Shackelford Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Regional library report shows McNairy County has 12 library stations. The newest one at Rose Creek is located in A. D. Williams Store. No place has been found to locate the books in Adamsville but the Lions Club promises to look after this. Efforts to find places willing to take charge of deposits in Gravel Hill and Stantonville have been unsuccessful so far. Finger will soon get a station.

Dr. J. H. Curry, tall, stately, white haired doctor, who has cared for the sick of Adamsville since

1904 was honored on his 79th birthday on August 24th with a birthday celebration and open house by Mrs. Coleman Smith at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Pettigrew. Little Sara Sue Smith, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Coleman Smith also celebrated her first birthday. Some 135 friends called to pay their respects. Dr. Curry was presented with a 17-jewel Waltham pocket watch and a love gift of \$125 from his friends. Also present were his son, Harold and wife of Memphis and his daughter Mrs. Percy Newell and family of Ft Worth, Texas. His daughter Mrs. Eddie DeFuria of New York was unable to come to the party.

Dr. Curry was born in Hardeman county and moved to this county early in life. He received his public education at Purdy and medical education at Nashville and Memphis. He began as a practicing physician at Finger in 1899 and moved to Adamsville in 1904. He retired two years ago. After Mrs. Curry's death his sister Mrs. Martha McCullar is making her home with Dr. Curry.

Troops of Company D, 1st Battalion, 117th Infantry, Tennessee National Guard, returned to their Home Station, Selmer on Monday after 17 days training at Fort Jackson, SC. 1st Lt. William H. Woods of the local company, was given a commendation by the Commanding General of the 30th Division for outstanding work accomplished. Sgt. James D. Diviney was also awarded a commendation for outstanding performance of duty. Captain Jett Ramer is commanding officer of the local unit.

McNairy County's jobless received \$45,735 in unemployment insurance the first seven months of this year. The average weekly unemployment check issued in Tenn. amounted to \$14.34 - not a large sum, but enough to help pay the cost of food, clothing and rent.

A benefit musical program by the brass ensemble from the school band and the students of the Stage and Platform Arts Dept. will present a program Sept 6. A small admission will be charged. Band master Lynn McNatt and Platform Arts Director, John D. Wyatt are in charge.

Revival at Moore's School House Church of Christ starts Sunday night. Bro Paul Ayres, minister of Selmer Church of Christ will do the preaching.

Football Season to open. Coaches Tom Ellis and George Miller are putting in full time with the Selmer Lions Football Squad readying them for the first game of the season. All home games will be played on the Gooch Field in East Selmer, just north of the 'Y'. Since the field will not be lighted for this season, all home games will be played at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Personnel of the local squad, and this positions and weights are as follows:

ENDS - Douglas Wood 165; Leland Kiser 160; Billy Kirk 165; Bobby Kirk 165; Guy Replogle 155.

TACKLES - Jack Russell Lewis 180; Leon Horton 175; Junior Pollard 170; Billy Patrick 175; Richard Brown 160; Gordon Sparks 170.

GUARDS - Robert Earl Sibley 165; Will D. McClain 160; Kenneth Brumley 150; Edward Henson 145; Bryan Dunaway 140; J. H. Whittaker 240.

CENTERS - James Eldon Thomas 150; Jimmy Shelton 150.

QUARTERBACKS - H. J. Maxedon 145; Ray Hamm 130; Joe McReynolds 135; Glenn McBride 130.

FULLBACKS - Joe Mitchell 170; Johnny Tackett 155.

HALFBACKS - Jimmy Weatherford 160; Jerry Barron 150; Lawrence Kirk 140; Hubert Miller 145; Bobby Mitchell 130.

Football is coming back to Selmer High School this year after a lapse of 13 years. In our range of memory, football was started first in 1931 and continued through 1935. Our Postmaster, Leslie Moore, coached the team 1932-1934. The Lions Club and Selmer businessmen supported this group.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matlock, of near Leapwood, goes the honor of producing the first bale of cotton in McNairy County. The bale was ginned by Leapwood Gin Co, owned by Mr. C. S. Treece. Mr. and Mrs. Matlock were recipients of one barrel and one 50 lb bag of flour by merchants of Leapwood: Farris Massengill, Howard Stevens, Sherman Treece, Mrs. Cratus Eason and Mr. D. J. Pyron.

Gravel Hill Community - Revival is still going on with 374 in Sunday School last Sunday. Mrs.

Ella South and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huggins have been able to attend services. Mrs. Lydia McCormack had a birthday dinner in the home of her son, Emmett McCormack. She celebrated her 81st birthday.

Rose Creek Community - Mr. and Mrs. Edd Campbell of Bethel Springs attended church at Price's Chapel. Acie Flowers is in bed with scarlet fever. He is the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers.

Western State Hospital at Bolivar will allow visitors only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week and the first Sunday of each month. Hours will be from 9 am to 4 pm. The rule of seeing patient that has just entered the hospital will be thirty days.

Bethesda Community - There is a brush arbor meeting beginning in this community, about ½ miles from Bethesda Church on the Bethesda and Murray Schoolhouse Road, conducted by Rev. Clovis Turnbow. Services begin at 7:00 o'clock.

Mount Zion Community - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ashe and family and Mr. and Mrs. Estel Ashe were among the group to enjoy a Sunday School picnic at Shiloh Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hall are proud parents of a son named Ronnie Joe.

Ramer Community - Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Vaughn announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth Lucille, to Mr. Walter Leo Russell, Jr. of Knoxville and New York City. The vows will be taken on Sept 12 in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Ramer. Mr. Russell is a young Methodist minister and pastor of a church on Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hamm observed their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday with open house. Mr. Hamm is the youngest son and only surviving child of the late John M. and Elizabeth Houston Hamm, pioneer settlers. Mrs. Hamm is a daughter of the late Dr. L. H. and Fannie Garrett Robertson, the former a practicing physician in this section for many years. They live at the Hamm homestead, within a few yards of Mr. Vernon Church, of which, their grandparents were charter members. They are parents of seven children, three daughters and four sons and 22 grandchildren

All the children, grandchildren and in-laws of Mr. and Mrs. Geo W Basham met at their home near Bethel Springs for a family reunion. A sumptuous meal was served at the noon hour, on the lawn. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Steadman and daughter Patricia Lynn of Saulsbury, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Basham of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Campbell and daughters Peggy Ann, Judy Kay and Linda Faye of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Campbell and sons Jerry, Neal and Donnie Lee of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harris, of West Va.; Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hendrix of Bethel Springs.

Old 16th Community - This community was made sad when news was spread that Mrs. Pearl Hutcherson had passed away at her home on August 26. Her death was very unexpected and came as a shock to her many friends. She leaves to mourn her passing, a husband, eight children and seven grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at Sweet Lips. Everybody remember that Sunday is preaching day at Hopewell. Bro Blankenship has been invited to be present.

4-H Fair and Livestock Show to be held in Selmer Sept 10. 1948 winners were: Charles C. Raines, Jr. champion fat beef calf; Allie Hurst placed high in the short horn heifers; L. R. Hamm showed Astor Dinah Pinnacle 464231 to the Grand Championship; champion junior heifer by W. H. Jones.

Attention! Water customer of Town of Selmer. Statements of water and sewer charges are now coming to you on a post-card and provide for a penalty unless paid by the 10th of the month following receipt of bill. Billing is now on a current basis.

Chewalla Community - Mrs. W. L. Harbin has been real sick this week. Mr. Horace Kelly and Miss Eddie Jo Reed were married Saturday at Corinth. They are making their home with his sister here. Arnet Barnes spent a few days at home last week. He is stationed at Fort Jackson, Couth Carolina.

Chewalla School News - pupils of Chewalla School are working hard to become better spellers. 100% pupils for last week were: 8th Grade - Dale King, Lamar Baldwin, Leon Butler, I. B. Baldwin. 7th Grade - Shirley Price, Ernest Lee Derryberry, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martindale, Billy Onstead, Catherine Nichols. 6th Grade - Kenneth King. 5th Grade - Marilyn Fulton, Barbara Turner. 4th Grade -

Marlene Martindale, Betty Sue Faulkner, Johnnie Howell. 3rd Grade - Pauline Turner, Maggie Bennett, Junior Price, Kenneth Wallace, Benny Teague. 2nd Grade - Janice Coke, Merlyn Suggs.

Mr. Gilead Home Demonstration Club met Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Causey for their annual family picnic supper. Miss Betty Jo Sams and Mr. McReynolds showed us some movies, which all enjoyed, especially the Hoosier Hot-Shots. 51 were present, including the families of Carl Wilson, Ulyss Wilson, W. H. Jordan, Elbert Kiestler, Ab Henson, Ernest Mitchell, Hoyt Isbell, and J. E. Henley.

For Sale - four room house & storage building on 5 acres on land located 10 miles southwest of Selmer on good gravel road. Large frontage, well in back yard, 2 door garage, small barn, pasture with running water, good garden. All buildings have TVA lights. Near church and school with two school bus routes. Price \$2,500.00 see C. F. King.

For Sale - Store stock and fixtures \$300. Rent \$10. 5 miles west of Selmer on No 64 highway. Bell's Grocery.

Leapwood Community - This community was made sad when news reached here Monday last week of the sudden death of Mrs. Elsie (Jackson) Clemons, of Adamsville, who passed away August 22, 1949 in a Corinth Hospital. Mrs. Clemons was well known here, where she had lived a greater part of her life. Her remains were laid to rest in the New Church cemetery. She leaves her husband, eight children, parents, one brother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. We feel that our loss is heaven's eternal gain. Mrs. Jennie Massengill, who has been sick for several months is about the same. Radie Larue and family attended church services at Morton's Schoolhouse Sunday.

Showing at the Ritz next week - The Younger Brothers - Miss Mink of 1949 - Neptunes Daughter - Tex Ritter in the Golden Trail - House of Strangers.

Guys Community - Mr. Ben Bass has been seriously ill. Mr. E. P. Meeks is not as well as he has been this summer. Mrs. Everett Williams recovering from the effects of major surgery. Bro Frank Perry filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Mrs. Troy Srygley is on the sick list this week.

Selmer Community: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb came from Mississippi State College for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Lancaster. Treadwell Gooch has finished a course at Athens College is with homefolks on vacation. Mesdames Rosa Springer and Maggie Dunnaway were present at the birthday celebration of their sister Mrs. Lydia McCormack on Sunday. Little Carolyn Jernigan, one of the triplets, recently fell and fractured an arm. After treatment in a Corinth hospital, John Warren is now at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jack McCoy at Gravel Hill. Mr. Buddy Sutton fell and broke his hip last Saturday when painting his house. Mrs. Myrtle Wilkerson is improving from a shoulder fracture.

Vows were solemnized for Miss Louise Maness and Montre E. Burns August 27 in the Tate Street Baptist Church in Corinth. The nuptial music was presented by Miss Myrlene Bolding at the piano. Best man was brother-in-law, Harlan McCoy. Mrs. Joe Billy Fullwood was matron of honor.

Martha Circle of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. A. H. Olive on Tuesday. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Troy Smith were co-hostesses. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Olive. Devotional given by Mrs. J. L. Plunk and prayer by Mrs. A. P. Robinson. Mrs. Lester Moore gave a talk about world outlook.

Selmer high school class of 1950 looks forward to its last year as its biggest and best. Mrs. Nora Houston is the sponsor. Class Officials are: Jack Lewis - President; Billy Barnes - Vice president; Faye Hamm - secretary; Richard Brown - treasurer and Mary Grace Kiser - reporter. The annual staff: Editor-in-Chief - Mary Grace Kiser; Asst. Editor - Jo Ann Barr; Junior representative - Joe Ann Mattox; Business manager - Richard Brown; Sports editor - Billy Barnes, Peggy Clifton and Robert Earl Sibley; Layout committee - Annie Lou Robinson, Faye Hamm, Coy Grantham; Snapshots - Helen Phillips, Audrey Sipes, Verlin Horton; Advertising and publicity - H J Maxedon, Jimmy Plunk, June Weatherford.

New Barber Shop now open for business in East Selmer on North Canal Street. Massengill's Barber Shop, near Estes' Service Station.

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Tate Pittman found dead near Chewalla, last Thursday, Sept 1. Jake Meeks arrested and charged with first degree murder. One of the most brutal crimes ever perpetrated in the this area was brought to light last Thursday when Tate Pittman's body was found about 9 am. Sheriff Kirkpatrick, along with the county coroner, Flake Humphrey and Highway Patrolmen N. A. Robison and P. L. Barnett went to the scene immediately. Mr. Pittman was on his way to read the water gage on the Tuscombia River, some four miles west of Chewalla. The tragedy occurred about 60 feet west of the Tuscombia bridge. Officers followed footprints which lead to the arrest of Jake Meeks. While Meeks was in custody of the officers, he made a quick grab with both hands for Patrolman Robison's pistol. Sheriff Kirkpatrick grabbed Meeks in a bear hug from behind which may have prevented other problems. A coroner's jury, composed of the following men, Flake Humphrey, Hugh Kirkpatrick, N. A. Robison, P. L. Barnett, Leon Butler, Pete Baldwin, E. R. Baldwin and Mack Bodiford, reported that the deceased 'was killed by foul play.' Meeks waived action to the grand jury and his case will be presented September 19th.

A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison last Wednesday morning about 9:30 o'clock. Only Mrs. Harrison and her baby were there at the time and the blaze was getting out of hand when a neighbor notified Mr. Harrison. This fine old home was built around 1920 by O. C. Hagy and later remodeled by Earl Latta when he owned the property. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison purchased the property about 2 years ago.

Selmer Football team lineup for the first game will be: left end, Bob Kirk; left tackle, Jack Lewis; left guard, Will D. McClain; center, James Eldon Thomas ; right guard, Robert Earl Sibley; right tackle, Junior Pollard; right end, Douglas Wood ; quarterback, H. J. Maxedon; left halfback, Hubert Miller; right halfback, Jimmy Weatherford; fullback, Johnny Tackett.

Tennessee Game Wardens to enforce game and fish laws. Assignments announced by the State Game and Fish Commission for this area are Truett R. Abney of Henderson and James C. Blasingame of Selmer.

Mr. James Tate Pittman, age 61, who was killed about 4 miles west of Chewalla on Sept 1, was laid to rest in Wooten cemetery on Saturday, September 3rd. Funeral services were held in Butler's Chapel Church. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joan Howell Pittman; four brothers, Robert, D. D., Albert and Walter Pittman; four sisters, Fannie Jones, Misses Cleo, Samantha and Sallie Pittman. The Independent extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Private First Class, Floyd P. Walker, age 19, who lost his life while in the service of his country, Jan 8, 1945, was returned for burial on Sept 2. He is a son of Mrs. Mason Walker of Adamsville. Funeral services were held in the National Cemetery at Shiloh Park, with the National Guard assisting in the services. Besides is mother, PFC Walker is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Roy Raines and Mrs. Ray Jones, both of Stantonville.

Bethel Springs 4-H Club met Sept 2. We sang, 'God Bless America,' '4 Leaf Clover,' 'Little Liza Jane,' and 'Three Blind Mice.' Barbara Plunk led the singing. Bobby Burgess led the Pledge to the flag. Judith Walker gave a talk on 'Home Management,' and David Holland gave a talk on 'Poultry.' Pledge to the 4-h flag led by Thomas Young.

Selmer High School Honor Roll: 12th Grade: Mary Grace Kiser 95.7 - Jean Irvin 94.5 - Hugh Burford 94.2 - Billy Barnes 93.8 - Joy Weaver 93.3 - Wendall Curtis 92. - Grade 11: Margaret Weatherford 93.8 - Joan Mattox 93.7 - Mauvaleen Barnes 92.8 - Sarah Robinson 92.8 - Grade 10: Betty Jo Hurst 93 - . James Eldon Thomas 92.2 - James Alton Scott 92.2 - Grade 9: Anne Claire Wright - 93.5 - Mary A Whitaker 93 - Martha Jane Smith 91.5

Joseph A. Carter, age 84, who has resided at Chewalla for several years, died at his home on Sept 6, 1949. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Services were held at the Oak Grove Cemetery the following day, with interment there. He is survived by five daughters, Misses Zophia and Samantha Carter, Mrs. Martha Reed, Mrs. Vergie York and Mrs. Ida Wallace; and three sons, Fred, Gaines and Howard Carter.

Miss Collis Ann Hines, age 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hines of Bethel Springs, died of leukemia on Friday, September 2. Funeral services conducted by Revs. R. M. Dickson and A. C. Baker were held in the Bethel Springs Methodist Church and interment was in Selmer's beautiful Oak Hill cemetery. Besides her parents, Collis Ann is survived by two brothers, Jack Hines, Jr. and Roy Von Hines.

At sea with Destroyer Division 122, Sept 2 - Alton L Hunter, hospital-man, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A Hunter, Selmer, joined shipmates in respectful observance of V-J Day as this destroyer division steamed toward Vera Cruz for a two day liberty.

Pebble Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Durbin are proud parents of a baby born a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar George had the misfortune of getting their house burned with part of their furnishing recently. A birthday dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones on the 4th Sunday in August, this being the birthday of three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Donahoe. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Kiddy and family, with some of the young folks of this community, attended the singing at Shiloh Park Sunday.

Crooked Creek - Several from here attended the baptizing near Selmer Sunday. Mr. Vestal Middleton is sick at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Lee Emmons, accompanied by Elston Varnell, visited the drive-in movie near Corinth Saturday night. Those from Missouri spending Labor Day at home were: Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Carthel Hockaday and baby, Billy Joe Emmons and Kendrick Brown. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Emmons went to Mt Vinson Church Tuesday night.

Bethesda - Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Younger and family attended the big singing at Pittsburg Sunday.

Letter from Maude W. Cole at Stantonville - I have a thought that I want to pass on. Why can't we have a show case put in the new court house and put relics and antiques in it for display. I have an old army musket and bayonet, deer's antler and pleating machine I would contribute. Mr. Cole was very sick recently but our good Dr. Gerry Sanders looked after him constantly until he got him on his feet again. He will soon be 89 years of age. The oldest son of uncle Skelly Wolverton - Alf and wife, came by to see his cousin, Lucy Fulwood and myself. He also visited his old home town, Adamsville. Alf lives at Mission, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley and has made good. The Tanners are settled in their new home and Elzie Pounds will soon move his family in their new home.

Rose Creek - Acie Flowers who has been in bed with scarlet fever will soon return to school. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Whitten have a new baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Graham & Mary Lula, Jo Edna Smith and Morine King went to Shiloh Sunday.

132 Ford Tractors in this community. See it - try it - and you'll buy it - only \$1382.71. Latta Tractor & Implement Co. Phone 246-W.

Guys - Among those attending the funeral of Mrs. J. L. Meeks in Selmer Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie McCarley of Memphis; Orville, Roy, Richard and Ernest Sharp; Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Hamm; Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sharp and Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp and John Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bass; Mrs. Vera Wren; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rinehart; Miss Grace Houston; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Beck.

Mrs. Ella Rebecca Houston Meeks, age 80, wife of Mr. James L. Meeks of Selmer, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tedford Jordan, in the early morning hours last Sunday, September 4. She was the daughter of the late James T. and Margaret A. Houston, pioneer citizen of McNairy County, and natives of the Houston community near Ramer. (Between Mr. Vernon & Guys.) She was married November 23, 1887 to James L Meeks. They spent all their married life at Guys until their removal to Selmer about six years ago. Services were held at the Selmer Christian Church and interment was in the

Houston Cemetery, with Shackelford Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were nephews: Ernest, Sam, John and Orville Sharp, Lacy and Lewis Hamm, Bruce Mitchell and John V. Houston. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by one son, Everett Meeks of Corinth, Miss.; two daughters, Mrs. Tedford Jordan of Selmer and Mrs. Eleanor Darden of Memphis and ten grandchildren.

Gravel Hill - A large number attended the baptizing of 42 at Pittsburg Landing Sunday afternoon. James Opal Gray is out of school with bronchitis. Mr. John Warren is improving.

For Sale: 70 acres of good basin land. Some good up land and level land. Pine and Oak timber. New 4 -room house. TVA lights. Well on back porch. Four out buildings. 2 miles west of Bethel Springs on good road, near school bus and mail route. See Talmadge White.

The McNairy County District Singing Convention meets next Sunday at Sandy Flat. All day singing. Plenty of dinner and plenty of water for everybody. This place is known as the singers 'Old Stomping Ground.' L. C. Ingle, President; Dewey Byrd, Vice President.

Revival meeting at McCalip's Chapel starting Sunday.

Morrow Home Picnic - On September the children and grandchildren of L. H. and Mary Morrow met at their home near Ramer to enjoy a home picnic out in the yard. Chickens, squirrels, fish and potatoes were cooked over an open fire. A big pot of coffee was made. Turned out to be a good feast with all kinds of pies. Present to enjoy this happy occasion were: Clyde and Jesse Morrow, Devrow, Callie and Mary Sue of Ramer. Herman, Celia and Mrs. Cynthia Carter of Hillsbora, Ala. Charles and Mildred Carter of Decatur, Ala. Raymond, Mina Merle and Ronnie Teague of Chewalla. Lucian, Gladie and Anne Derryberry of Ramer. Verble Johnson and daughters, Shirley, Sandra, Glory, Caralee and Inell of Ramer. Warren Stanfield, Arlie and Virgie Standfield, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cardwell of Ramer. Those unable to attend: Frank and Lavell Crocker of Calvert City, Kansas. Mrs. Lloyd Brown and children of Detroit. Arnim, Velma, Regina and Karen Crocker of Corinth. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stanfield of Ramer.

Ramer - Mrs. Cyrene Houston passed away Thursday night, Sept 1, at the home of her son, D. E. Houston, after a long illness. She was 86 years of age. Mrs. Houston was the daughter of the late A. W. and Mrs. Smith. Her husband, M. B. Houston, passed away several years ago. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Besides her son, Mrs. Houston is survived by two brothers, L. B. Smith of Ramer and S. L. Smith of Dyersburg; two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Dancer of Ramer and Mrs. L. S. Bell of Memphis; three half sisters, Mrs. Omar Teague, Mrs. Toy Teague of Ramer; and Mrs. Arnold Sanders of Ft Pillow. She also leaves four grandchildren, several great grandchildren and other relatives. Friends and relatives were here for the funeral from Memphis, St Louis, Ft Pillow and nearby towns. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Chewalla - Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crabb are proud parents of a baby girl born Sept 3. Mr. Jesse Barnes has opened up an ice cream parlor in Martindale Store. Mrs. Oscar Wardlow and son Joe Ralph went to Memphis to attend her son, Murray's wedding. Mrs. Martin Martin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Derryberry; Mr. and Mrs. Alford Lanza and Tommie, Johnnie, Dot and Jerry; Mr. John Smith and Jewell enjoyed a picnic at Pickwick Sunday.

The following Chewalla School pupils were 100% spellers last week - 8th grade - Dale King, Lamar Baldwin, Leon Butler - 7th grade - Shirley Price, Ernest Lee Derryberry, Jerry Martin, Bobby Mullins, Raymond Bennett, Billy Onstead - 6th grade - Ann Ledbetter - 5th grade - Billy Faulkner, Marilyn Fulton, Barbara Turner - 4th grade - Albert Coke, Marlene Martindale, Betty Faulkner, Johnnie Howell - 3rd grade - Christine Faulkner, Kenneth Wallace, Pauline Turner, Junior Price, Margie Bennett, Benny Teague - 2nd grade - Merlyn Suggs.

Sealed bids are being accepted for additions to Milledgeville School and Stantonville School.

To be sold to the highest bidder on September 20th: Rowsey School, Fairview School, Mt Zion School. Lots and building.

First Lieutenant Arch K. Houston, well known here, received a commendation from Major-General John H. Manning for record of service during the 1949 summer encampment of the Tennessee -

North Carolina National Guard.

Showing at the Ritz next week: House of Strangers - Mississippi Rhythm - The Walking Hills - El Dorado Pass - The Stratton. Cartoon on Saturday and Sunday.

Tank-N-Tummy - fill your tank with regular gas 27.3¢ and your tummy with a delicious sandwich.

Selmer - Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hurst and Suzanne have moved to Knoxville. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parris have moved from Adamsville to Selmer. Mrs. Clyde Lambert is being treated at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic for a severe case of poison from wasp sting. Sgt. Paul Dillon is stationed at Smyrna Air Force Base near Nashville. E. M. Sutton is still in the hospital in Corinth. Mr. and Mrs. George Huggins and Stanley have moved into their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Shad DePoyster have moved into their new home on highway 45 South. Mrs. Tommy Robertson has been real sick for a few days. Miss Naleeta Sanders is in hospital in Booneville. Among those who went to St Louis to see the ball games were: A. C. Misner, Oscar McCullar, Clyde Lambert, J. M. Barron, Jerry Barron, Bill Smith, Cecil Estes, Jerry Smith and John Lee Powell ?

LOOKING BACK SIXTY YEARS AGO ...

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Eleven 4-H Club and FFA members entered 16 animals in the West Tenn. District Junior Derby Show. Showing in the blue group from McNairy County: Joe McReynolds, Dan Ingram, Cavit Cheshier, Betty Jane Smith, C. C. Raines Jr., Anna K. Dickson, Larry W. Raines. Showing in the red group: Jimmy Jones, Glen D. Phillips, Cavit Cheshier, Glen Plunk, Larry W. Raines, Max Miller.

Selmer Football Team lost first game to Baldwin. Players and numbers: Bob Kirk 17, Jack Lewis 45, Robert Sibley 40, James Thomas 30, Will D. McClain 23, Junior Pollard 43, Douglas Wood 44, H J Maxedon 10, Hubert Miller 12, Red Weatherford 13, Johnny Tackett 19, Leland Kizer 11, Bill Kirk 55, Guy Replogle, 56, Billy Patrick 41, Richard Brown 46, Leon Horton 47, Gordon Sparks 42, J. H. Whitaker 24, Kenneth Brumley 25, Edward Henson 26, Bryan Dunaway 27, Jimmy Shelton 23, Ray Hamm 14, Jerry Barron 18, Lawrence Kirk 32, Joe Mitchell 16, Joe McReynolds 15, Bobby Mitchell 33.

Company D, 117th Infantry Regiment of the Tennessee National Guard at Selmer will launch a two month recruiting campaign this month according to Captain Joe J. Ramer. Young men between 17 and 35 are urged to join.

Revival is on at the Church of the Nazarene in East Selmer for two weeks.

A Week of Preaching to be held at First Methodist Church starting Oct 2.

The first year-round Baptist Hour will go over the air October 2, with Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, as the speaker.

Services for John Thomas Peak, age 61, were held at the Falcon Church and Bro Bolding was the minister in charge. Mr. Peak died suddenly on Sept 10, 1949. Burial was in the Falcon cemetery. Pallbearers were: Andy Coats, Lester Kizer, Busby Kiser, L. W. Miller, Wm. H. Kiser and J. P. Kiser. Survivors include two sons, Elmer and Orvil Lee Peak; two daughters, Mrs. Verble Hamilton and May Bell Peak; three sisters Mrs. Ada Martin, Mrs. Fannie Peak and Mrs. Charlotte Swain; one brother Lue Allen Peak.

Mrs. Lessie Cordelia Russom, age 42, of Selmer, died at her home on Friday, September 9, 1949. She was a member of the Curtis Hill Church of God. Funeral services were held at the Curtis Hill Church and interment was in Oak Hill cemetery, Selmer. Rev L. V. Jones had charge of the service. The deceased is survived by her husband, I. M. Russom; two daughters, Mrs. Jesting Johnson of Bethel

Springs and Mrs. Doris Jean Gray of Selmer; and one son, Billy Russom of New York City.

The McNairy County Livestock Show held on the Anderson lot in West Selmer and the 4 4-H Fair was held in the County Agent's Office in the courthouse. \$781 given in prize money. Winners in rank order: Junior Dairy Show - Class 1 - Joe McReynolds, Cavit Cheshier, Barbara Ann Floyd, Katherine D. Milam, Dot Templeton, Jo Ann Milan, Billy Barnes, Harold Raines, Ralph Mitchell, Houston Thrasher Jr.

Junior Dairy Show - Class 2 - Glen D. Phillips, Jimmy Jones.

Class 3 - Cavit Cheshier, Glen Plunk, Max Miller, Dan Ingram, Joyce Mitchell.

Class 4 - Betty Jane Smith, Dan Ingram, Jimmy Jones, Billy Barnes, Joyce Raines, Wm. H. Irwin, Larry W. Raines.

Class 5 - Larry Wayne Raines, Charles C. Raines, Jimmy Jones, Joe McReynolds, Cavit Cheshier, Harold Raines, Houston Thrasher Jr., Anna K. Dickson, Billy Carroll, John Nelson Ray, Dot Templeton, Joe Mitchell.

Class 6 - Anna K. Dickson, Glen D. Phillips, Barbara Ann Floyd, Joan Milam, Glen Plunk.

Class 7 - Jimmy Jones, Cavit Cheshier, Larry W. Raines, James E. Floyd, Katherine D. Milam, Joe Mitchell, Geraldine Mitchell.

Registered Jersey Show - Class 1 - R. M. Dickson, Joe McReynolds, T. E. Moore, G. W. Hall, L. R. Hamm, Cavit Cheshier, Barbara Ann Floyd, Joan Milam, T. E. Moore, D. A. Milam, Katherine D. Milam, David Milan, Dot Templeton, Billy Barnes, Harold Raines, Houston Thrasher Jr., Ralph Mitchell

Class 2 - Glen D. Phillips, Jimmy Jones, G. W. Hall, F. B. Barnes, G. W. Hall, Dr M. E. Smith

Class 3 - L. R. Hamm, G. W. Hall, Cavit Cheshier, Douglas Raines, John E. Malone, Glen Plunk, Max Miller, H. S. Carothers, Dan Ingram, Joyce Mitchell.

Class 4 - L. R. Hamm, Betty Jane Smith, Jimmy Jones, Dan Ingram, Billy Barnes, W. L. Rushing, Joyce Raines, Larry W. Raines, Wm. H. Irwin.

Class 5 - Larry W. Raines, Charles C. Raines Jr., Jimmy Jones, Joe McReynolds, Cavit Cheshier, W. H. Jones, R. L. Jones, Billy Carroll, Larry W. Raines, Houston Thrasher Jr., L. R. Hamm, Anna K. Dickson, H. D. Raines, John Nelson Ray, Dot Templeton, Joe Mtichell.

Class 6 - Anna K. Dickson, Louis Jones, Glen D. Phillips, Joan Milam, David Milam, Barbara Ann Floyd, Glen Plunk

Class 7 - L. R. Hamm, Dr M. E. Smith, Joe Mitchell, Katherine D. Milam, Geraldine Mitchell.

Class 8 - Jimmy Jones, Cavit Cheshier, L. R. Hamm, W. H. Jones, Douglas Raines, Larry W. Raines, W. H. Jones, James E. Floyd, R. L. Jones.

Registered Bulls - Class 1 - H. S. Carothers - Class 2 - L. R. Hamm, W. L. Rushing, V. G. Martin, T. E. Moore, Billy Gage - Class 3 - G. W. Hall, L. R. Hamm, Archie Raines, D. A. Milam.

Beef Cattle Class 1 - W. W. Thompson, Allie Hurst - Class 5 - Allie Hurst, W. W. Thompson, Charles C Raines - Class 6 - W. W. Thompson - Class 7 - W. W. Thompson, Allie Hurst, Charles Raines Jr. - Class 8 - W. W. Thompson - Class 9 - W. W. Thompson - Class 10 Grand Champion Bull W. W. Thompson - Class 11 - Grand Champion Female Allie Hurst, Reserve Champion Female W. W. Thomspson.

Fat Calf Class - Charles C. Raines (1st and 2nd) Joyce Raines, Anita Hurst, Larry W Raines, Bruce Hamm, Anita Hurst, Jane Hamm, Dalton Russom, Billy Ashe.

4-H Club Fair - Winners in order: Corn - Charles E. Knight, Delores Smith, Earnest Henry, Charles Young, Willie Jean McMahan.

Corn Yellow - Charles Raines Jr., Billy Barnes, Ralph Mitchell

Corn stalks yellow - Dalton Russom

Corn stalks white - Delores Smith, James Wilbanks, Billy Ashe, John Robert Moore, Robert Rouse.

Cotton best stalk - Lynn Wood Moore, Larry Wayne Raines, John Robert Kiser, Glen Robinson, Leon Smith.

Cotton open bolls - Billy Irwin, Peggy Joyce McMahn, Joan King, Bo Higginbottom, Ralph Mitchell.

Irish Potatoes - Billy Jean King, Laura Irwin, Gorgon Moore.

Vegetables in season - Maglene Mullins, Joan Barham, Joyce Mitchell, David Holland.

Canning - Janet Smith, Shirley Holmes, Joyce Mitchell, Alice Kernodle, Joyce Watson.

Sewing Best Apron - Joyce Raines, Betty Ann McClain, Patsy Martin - Best Tea Towel - Maye Murray, Betty Ann McClain, Anna K. Dickson - Best Slip - Dorothy Templeton - Best article made from Sack - Betty Jane Smith, Janet Smith, Patsy Martin.

Handicraft - Crocheting - Barbara Ann Floyd, Betty Jane Smith, Joan Milstead - Embroidery Work - Joyce Mitchell, Priscilla Nunley, Daisy Irene Smith - Leather & Wood Work - Jane Robertson, Billy Irwin, Joyce Mitchell.

Room Improvement - Elizabeth Leonard - Peggy Joyce McMahan, Joan King, Betty Gage, Barbara Plunk.

Best Cake - Lael Barber, Joyce Raines, Patricia Nunley - Best Candy - Anna K. Dickson.

Poultry - Cockerels - Jessie Wilson, Frances Wilson

One Cockerel and two Pullets - Joyce Mitchell, Patsy Martin, David Holland.

Three Pullets - Patsy Martin, Laura Martin, Lula Mae Moore, Carl Henley

Best Safety Exhibits by clubs (1) Bethel Springs Club (2) Rose Creek Club.

Greatest Percentage by clubs: (1) Rose Creek Club (2) Bethel Springs Club (3) Stantonville Club.

Best Group of Individual project boy - David Holland, Billy Irwin - girl Joyce Mitchell.

Showing at the Ritz next week - The Stratton Story - Jungle Flight - The Last Bandit - Shadows of the West - Will James' Stand.

Selmer Community - Brady Johnson is attending Ford Tractor & Implement School where he will receive instruction relative to the mechanism of the corn picker. Attractive little Terry Jean Moore celebrated her 5th birthday by having a few friends in for cake and ice cream. Mrs. Pole Hester, who has been real sick for some time has returned home from a Memphis hospital.

On last Sunday, all the children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maness gathered at their home for a family reunion. Present for the occasion besides the host honorees, were: Dugan Maness, Leonard Maness and family, Shady Maness and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Howell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Cortz Hurst and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Causey and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanders and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howell and son, Mrs. Loyd Cox and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. James Maness and children, all of McNairy County and Mr. William B. Maness of Kenton, Tenn.

\$25.00 Reward for information leading to the recovery of one large hound. Last seen south of Hornsby. Black with blue tick legs. Name 'Drive.' H. G. Wallace. Phone 162-J.

Mount Zion - Mr. Henry Gardner was rushed to a Corinth hospital Saturday in critical condition. 20 of this neighbors and friends met at his home Monday and picked 2755 pounds of cotton for him. Jerry Neal Case celebrated his 9th birthday last Saturday with a party and 23 friends present.

Rocky Knob - Bro O. R. Rainey will fill his appointment here next Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Maness are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Bro Roy Bowlin and Bro Barney Lee Holland of Vernon's Chapel will begin a revival here in October.

Stantonville - Mrs. Lillian Wyatt is better after being sick for some time. Misses Dorothy Garrison and Mary Lou McDaniel entered school at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson this week. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Raines & Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Bass Dancer, Mrs. Henry Harris & Agnes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jaggars & children, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Jaggars had a fish dinner at the picnic grounds at Pickwick Sunday.

Bethesda - Mr. Will Wagoner has been real sick but is reported some better at this writing.

Chewalla - Miss Maud Howell is spending a few days here due to the illness of her father.

Gravel Hill - Perry Moore is on our sick list. Mrs. Taylor Hogan is real sick this week. Mrs. Bill Baily is real sick at this writing.

Miss Lucille Vaughn of Ramer and Mr. Walter Russell of Knoxville were united in marriage at the Ramer Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Sept 12. Dorothy Sue Vaughn served as bridesmaid and Robert Hembree was best man. Ushers were Lem Farris Vaughn and Charles Hembree. Miss Mable Lawson kept the guest register. The couple will reside in New York.

Pleasant Grove - Friends and relatives met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Prather last Sunday to celebrate the birthdays of seven members of the family. There was a large crowd in attendance with lots to eat and drink. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Grover Johnson of Akron, Ohio; Rev and Mrs. Bill Baily of Gravel Hill. The Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Joe Harris on Tuesday night for a picnic supper.

Friday, September 23, 1949

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The Town of Selmer now has stop light on Third St & Court Ave. Something new for Selmer, a stop light, was installed last week. The new stop light cost more than 300 dollars. A 'blinker' light will be installed on Second St and Court Ave and one will be installed on Fifth St and Court Ave. This stop light is timed at about 20 seconds.

The Selmer Lions Club is sponsoring the 'Temptation Jones' contest and Mint Julep Minstrel Show. Proceeds from these events will be used for the building and lighting of a football field. The role of Temptation Jones is a local citizen of Selmer and unidentified. Clues will be found in the windows of local merchants. The one who identifies Temptation Jones will win \$50 in cash.

American Legion Auxiliary has launched a membership drive. Officers are: Mrs. W. G. Richardson, president; Mrs. Earl Latta, 1st vice president; Mrs. S. R. Chambers, 2nd vice president; retiring president, Mrs. Ervin Hester was appointed secretary and treasurer. Mrs. W. D. Robinson, asst secretary. Mrs. Wade McBride, chaplain; Mrs. Mamie Perkins, historian. Tickets for a cabinet deluxe model combination radio and phonograph are on sale at Selmer Beauty Shop. Proceeds will go to the building fund for an American Legion Home in Selmer.

Emergency meeting of the State Polio Fund Committee met on Monday. Apparently because of widespread cases of polio, the committee is low of money.

Bethel Springs FFA boys win blue ribbon at fair in Jackson. Tom Hendrix built a yard swing; Paul Shelton a porch swing; Charles Edward Clovis a lawn settee; Dewyane Hill a porch settee with rockers; Wilbur Frye a step ladder; Dwayne Plunk a tool box; Marlon Orr a horse-shoeing tool box and Melvin Russom a plow stock. Earnest Henry and James Nickles made cedar table lamps.

Mr. J. H. Moss told this true story on the street of Selmer last Saturday: "The other day I observed a hawk flying around looking for chickens or other game. All of a sudden he swooped down and grabbed a cat which was perched on a fence post. A terrific struggle ensued and from an altitude of about 150 feet the hawk dropped the cat. I expected the cat to be dead, but as soon as he regained his breath, he ran off." All which proves that a cat has nine lives.

Grand Jury returns 43 true bills. The Grand Jury for September term of Circuit Court were selected as follows: Will Dancer, Taft Walker, John Hutcherson, J. P. Atkins, Troy Hair, Nolen Tull, V. V. Vires, M. W. Bigger, Major Hill, Leonard Maness, Frank Tate, H. C. Young and Lloyd Barnes, foreman. Three other men, Rufe Droke, Noah Robinson and S. S. Brooks were alternates.

Check your chimney now before winter. Cover the top of the chimney and then build a small smudge fire of damp grass or rags in the furnace or stoke. Any place where smoke escapes is a trouble

spot.

Pebble Hill community: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Childers are building a new house near Michie High School where he is now principal. Some from the community attended the Eddie Hill show at Stantonville school auditorium last Thursday night. Miss Virginia Wardlow has been sick for several days.

Sibley Chevrolet has the new Frigidaire Electric Ranger. \$35 down and 15 months to pay balance.

My Neighbors by Bill Paulson: "Trouble with Socialism is that it tries to substitute wits for work...and Bureaucrats just ain't noted for either!"

Beauty Hill community: John and Pat Lipford have just recently put in a grocery store northeast of the Beauty Hill Church.

Rocky Knob community: Mrs. Beedie King was called to go to the hospital with her sister, Mrs. Lee Wolf of Selmer.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Will James' Sand - 16 Fathoms Deep - Criss Cross - The Cowboy And The Indians - In The Good Old Summertime.

City Service Station - official opening, Saturday, September 24. Located in west side of Selmer Implement Co Building. Texaco Sky Chief Gasoline - Havoline Motor Oil - B F Goodrich Tires - Electrical Appliances - Automobile Parts. Glen Tull and Gordon Jones operators.

Ramer community: Mrs. C. L. Majors has been sick. Mrs. Bill Ayers underwent an appendectomy but is home now. Mrs. Calvery is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Burress. Among those who are leaving to attend college are: James Bryan Blasingame, Kelsie Hamm, Buford Lawson, Will R. Majors, Helen Gibson, Evelyn Hadden, Bunkie Vaughn, Harvey King, Wm. Coleman Gibson, Edith Gibson, Herbert Locke, Mabel Lawson, Pauline Smith and Anita Sue Smith.

Rose Creek community: Mrs. Carl Smith has had an accident and laid up in bed. Present for the birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Robinson were: Morine King, Jo Edna Smith, Margie Sanders, Jewell Hall, Joyce Hall, Paul Russom, Cecil Goodrum, Kenne King, Mr. and Mrs. Charles King and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lambert.

Stantonville community: Mrs. Willard Smith is under observation at Community Hospital at this writing. Mrs. Maude W. Cole has just received the sad news of the passing of her brother Horace M. Wolverton who resided in Okmulgee, Okla. Mr. Epram Michie observed his 90th birthday here on Sept 7th.

Gravel Hill community: sick with tonsilitis is Arvis Knight and James Opal Gray. Granville Curtis and Nola Gene Huggins left to attend Memphis State College.

Last week the YWA girls of First Baptist Church of Selmer gave a banquet to the young women of Gravel Hill Baptist Church to help organize a YWA. Nine members of the Selmer YWA along with leader, Mrs. Lee Jaggars with Mrs. Howard Kolb and Mrs. Richard McCormic, with ten from Gravel Hill as follows: Mrs. Ola D. Curtis, Mrs. Raymond Jaggars, Missess Cassie Mae Armstrong, Nell Dixon, Dorothy Volner, Merline Bolding, Clara Mae Ada, Juanita Pickins, Polly Cooksey and Dona Washburn. Program was presented by Miss Olive Curtis, Miss Rosemary Patrick, Sarah Robinson and Nita Joyce Morrow. Miss Geneva Whitten reporter.

Guys community: Lee Harben and Miss Vera Burns are returning to school this week. Among those attending the funeral of Joseph Carter of near Chewalla, father of Mrs. Crawford Wallace of this community, were: Leonard McDonald, Miss Grace Houston, Howard Houston, Ernest Sharp, Mrs. Lewis Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sharp, Richard Sharp, Mrs. C. D. Bass, Mrs. C. F. Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Suggs, Guy and C. A. Suggs, Doris Williams and Mary Ann Harben. Some of these same people attended the funeral of J. B. Meeks in Corinth.

Joe Frank Replogle is a Tom Sawyer of the Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B B Replogle.

Huggins Drug Store Announcement: We have purchased the entire stock of drugs belonging to

Smith's Clinic when they discontinued their prescription service.

Avon specials: Face Powder 85¢, Gold Box Perfume 2.19, Toilet Water 1.20 Nora White representative.

Selmer community: Those on out sick list: Mrs. Flora Milstead, Miss Jo Ann Barr, Mrs. Shy Browder, A. S. Prather, Mrs. Grady Green and Miss Pauline Smith. Our students leaving for school: Maurice Frank Hamm, Billy Reeder, Blair Scott, Peggy Dean Sibley. Mrs. Flora Milstead has received news of the death of her brother, Ken Wallace who passed away at his home in Washington, DC. He was born and raised in McNairy County. Mr. and Mrs. Paul McAlpin, Mrs. Georgia Anderson and Miss Verda Anderson attended the 85th birthday party of Mrs. Margaret Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCullar, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Basinger and John D. Wyatt went to Bolivar to judge a beauty revue to select Miss Hardeman County.

The Mt Gilead Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Carl Wilson with 11 members present. Mrs. E. C. Causey is the president. Mrs. J. E. Henley gave the devotional. Two new officers were elected: Mrs. Marshall Mitchell and Mrs. W. H. Jordan. Prizes were won by Mrs. W. H. Jordan and Mrs. Elbert Kiestler. Next meeting at Mrs. Hoyt Isbell.

LOOKING BACK SIXTY YEARS AGO ...

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The West District Singing which was scheduled to be held at Gooch's School will be held instead at McCalips Chapel.

Pickwick Electric membership meeting set for Oct 12 at Adamsville. Featured will be Brown Carter and his Quartet and Dock Whitaker.

Ramer Community: To the regret of their many friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Blasingame and grandson, Charles, have moved to Memphis to make their home.

Stantonville Community: Mrs. Dora Cox had a surprise birth supper given by her children and grandchildren.

Three 4-H girls, Joyce Mitchell, Annie Lou Robinson and Wilma Higginbottom came home from the Mid-south Fair with a blue ribbon and \$7.50.

Jersey Cattle Club announces the purchases of registered Jerseys in this county. These little ladies have names too. Mr. James R. Durham, Jr. of Adamsville purchased a registered Jersey, Foxyann Noble Fairy, from the herd owned by G. W. Hall of Selmer. Mr. R. B. Barham, of Finger, purchased Designer Tennessee Raleigh from Robert H. Davis of Pinson. Marvin H. Shelton of Bethel Springs, has purchased Raleigh Mildred M from the herd owned by Howard Maness of Bethel Springs.

Showing at the Ritz next week: In The Good Old Summertime - Jiggs and Maggie In Court - The Gal Who Took The West - Trails End - I Was A Male War Bride. Cartoons on Saturday.

Mr. William B. White, retired merchant of the Hickory Flat community, died at his home on Wednesday, Sept 14. He was 78 and a Missionary Baptist. Funeral services were held at the Mars Hill church with interment in the cemetery there. Since Mr. White had been a Mason for many years, the final rites were carried out by brother Masons. Pallbearers were: Austin Hoover, James R. Meeks, Raymond Moore, Tom Harris, Bob Inman and Bob Cochran. Mr. White leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter of Adamsville; and two sons, G. H. and Dock White, also of Adamsville.

Guys Community: Martha Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis is enrolled at Blue Mountain College. Raymond Rowsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rowsey has entered college at Ozark Bible college. Mrs. Crawford Wallace is in Baptist Hospital in Memphis. The Guys Christian Church

elected a new board for the year, Elders: W. E. Sharp, John R. Sharp, Howard Houston, J. Q. Ingram, Hugh Osborn, Paul Phelps. Deacons: Sam Sharp, Sam Ingram, R. C. Green, J. C. Rowsey, Clyde Phelps, Raymond Rowsey.

McNairy 4-H represented in Jackson by Betty Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith, of Michie, in the Dairy Drink Demonstration and Anna K. Dickson, of Bethel Springs, in the School Lunch That Packs A Punch demonstration.

Selmer Furniture and Appliance Company has the new Dexter Wringer Washing Machine with double rinse tubs for \$109.50. Washes up to 50 lb clothes per hour.

Wallpaper 1/3 off at R. O. Horner's Store.

Prescriptions promptly filled at Huggins Drug Store. Telephone 20.

Mrs. Maggie V. Armstrong, age 68, of the Gravel Hill community died on Sept 25, 1949. She was a Baptist. Funeral services were held at the Primitive Baptist Church at Gravel Hill interment was in the cemetery there. Shackelford Funeral Directors was in charge. She is survived by her husband, Mr. V. E. Armstrong; six daughters, Mrs. R. T. Lipford, Mrs. G. B. Moore, Mrs. Melvin Chapman, Mrs. W. E. Tarrant, Mrs. Floy Finch and Mrs. Ted Harris; and three sons, W. A., J. O. and R. E. Armstrong.

A group of rose lovers met in the home of Mrs. M. W. Bigger, and organized the Selmer Rose Club. Officers: A. C. Misner, president - John Wyatt, vice president - George Bassham, secretary-treasurer - Mrs. Rachel Garrison, reporter. Tips to remember: Never water a rose after 3pm. A rose does not like to go to bed with its feet wet. When watering, never allow foliage to become wet as it will likely cause mildew and blackspot. A good soaking every week, or two weeks, depending on the weather, is better than daily sprinkling. Cut blooms in the afternoon, placing stems in a container of water immediately and allow them to chill in the refrigerator three or more hours before arranging for a more beautiful and lasting effect.

Funeral services for Samuel Kennell Wallace, 83, who died Thursday, Sept 15, 1949, at his home in Washington, DC. He was born and lived in Tennessee, except the last three years of his life were spent in Washington, DC. Surviving are his wife, Hulda McHughes; two daughters Mrs. Hazel W. Brown and Mrs. Lois W. McCullar, all of Washington, DC and one sister Mrs. J. C. Milstead of Selmer, also several nieces and nephews.

Lola Bess Basinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irby L Basinger likes the teenage dresses from Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Mr. James Thomas Curtis, age 78, died on Sept 26, 1949. Services were held at the Shiloh Methodist Church with interment in the Shiloh Cemetery. He was a Methodist. The deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Nancy Wilson Curtis, three daughters, Mrs. Beulah Pratt, Mrs. Gertrude Shaw, and Mrs. Nona Tyler; and one son Robert Curtis.

Selmer Community: Mrs. John Magee is in Memphis at the bedside of her son J. R. Miller whose condition is serious. Home from college for the weekend are Patricia Basinger, Sarah Lunceford, Janet Sparks and James Thomas Weatherford. Kenneth G. Jones, stationed at Millington Navy Base is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones. Mrs. Troy Hurley of Stantonville, who was painfully injured in a car wreck recently, is recuperating in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wyatt. Her mother, Mrs. Fulghum, was also hurt and is at the home of her daughter Mrs. Brady Johnson. Little Gail Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dywane Mullins, was receiving treatment at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic. Mr. W. D. Crawford was called to Memphis on account of the death of his brother. Mr. and Mrs. George Scott have moved into their new home in East Selmer.

Pickwick Shrine Club met at Shaw's Place, Shiloh Park, Tenn. with 18 members from five counties present. Those present from McNairy County: H. E. Brawner, H. L. Foster, Sam H. Taylor, A. H. Warner from Adamsville; Will Tom Abernathy, Louis Adams, D. T. Hamilton, J. W. Hamilton, Edgar Hodges, Oscar H. Mccullar, Joe Dave Robinson and Joe G. Hamilton from Selmer.

The Highway Patrol, including Patrolman McClaren, assisted by Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick, seized a truck load of whiskey near the Tower Service Station last Thursday. The officers acted on a tip

received by Patrolman Butler, and on investigation, found 125 cases of various brands of whiskey, some untaxed, in a closed van truck.

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Superintendent J. C. Taylor revealed this week that school attendance has shown an average increase of 212 per year for the last four years.

McNairy County Quarterly Court met on Monday, October 3. Judge R. Carter Smith, presided. Clerk W. E. Sewell and Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick were present and the following Magistrates answered the Roll Call: M. C. Etheridge, W. E. Floyd, A. F. Higginbottom, R. M. Gean, M. C. Martin, M. B. Melton, J. P. Whitley, J. R. King, H. K. Maness, Earl Jones, J. T. Stanfield, Haven Garner, Lit Wilson, W. G. Minton, W. R. Steadman, Roy Huggins, J. O. Mitchell, J. L. Tacker, Wilbur Robinson, E. G. Harris, R. E. Wade and L. I. Cagle. Absent were S. C. Treece, Eldridge Howard and Otis Plunk. The school budget of \$742,337.00 was passed. A resolution was introduced for a new voting precinct in West Selmer near the 'Y' was carried by unanimous vote. Also voted that all departments receiving aid from McNairy County must file quarterly reports.

A new mid-week services starts at First Methodist Church next Wednesday.

The Hamilton-Finley Post No 2418 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars opens drive for new members. See Commander Ted Smith or any member for an application.

Cavit Cheshier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Cheshier of Bethel Springs was elected president of the Freshman Class at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is now secretary of the State FFA and president of the Sub-district FFA.

Come and see Frigidaire's big-family size refrigerator. Double-easy quickcube ice tray. A piece brass big super freezer. All the room you need for frozen foods - keeps 19lbs. Sibley Chevrolet Company. Telephone 205.

Or see the great new Internation Harvester Refrigerator at Grady Counce & Son. Phone 41.

Buena Vista Community: Rev Shelby Mainers of Bethel Springs filled his regular appointment here at the church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Emma Hester received an announcement of the birth of a fine daughter, Brenda Kay, born to Mr. and Mrs. Verda Forsyth of Corinth. Mrs. Forsyth is the granddaughter of Mrs. Hester. Juanita Fowler has been very sick. Ms. Emma Hester was having some dental work done at Bethel Springs last Thursday.

Pebble Hill Community: Farmers are busy gathering their crops. Rainy weather has slowed up work this week.

Liberty Cash Grocery Specials: Carnation Milk 3 for 30¢. Pure Lard 4-lb carton 65¢. Mexicorn 17 1/2¢.

Rose Creek Community: Mrs. Tom Ester, Bobby and Tommy Gibson and Maxine Goodrum returned last Saturday from Arkansas where they have been picking cotton.

To the voters in the fifth civil district: I am a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the fifth civil district in the election to be held on the 8th day of November. I am in favor of good schools, the enforcement of the law and road improvement. Lanie Smith

Old 16th Community: The many friends of Mrs. Lillie Newsome regret to learn that she was badly burned while canning last week. A jar of beans broke and spilled the hot contents on her. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bullman are the proud parents of a baby girl who has been named Glenda Nell. Next Saturday is the date set for painting Hopewell Church. Mrs. W. P. Gately is suffering from a broken foot. Elvene, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brooks is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Beauty Hill Community: Miss Frances Jean Lipford of this community and Kenneth Austin of Good Hope were married last Saturday.

Chewalla Community: Mr. R. N. Coke has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

Gravel Hill Community: Mrs. Taylor Hogan is very sick. Mr. Patterson is right sick this week.

Showing at the Ritz next week: I was a Male War Bride - The Untamed Breed - The Lost Tribe - Desert Vigilante - Flamingo Road.

For sale - Like new Easy Spindrier Washing Machine cost \$169.95 used only two months. Call 144-W Mrs. Alex Garrison.

Political Announcement: We are authorized to announce Mr. Cooper Randall for Justice of the Peace for the Fifth Civil District. This election is called for November 8, 1949 to fill the unexpired term of the late Granville McCormack.

Guys Community: Mrs. Crawford Wallace was able to leave the hospital and go to her daughter Mrs. Dorothy Smith's home in Memphis. Ennis Suggs sustained an injury to several fingers on his right hand last week. Mrs. Sam Sharp and Mrs. Bonnie McCarley of Memphis, entertained with a beautiful party for Mrs. Richard Sharp. Attending: Mrs. J. M. Foust, Mrs. Houston Meeks, Mrs. Will Ijams, Mrs. Coy Gooch, Mrs. Thomas Suggs, Mrs. Charles Houston, Mrs. Ennis Suggs, Mrs. A. K. Hamm, Mrs. O. H. Beck, Miss Grace Houston, Mrs. Lewis Hamm and Mrs. John Sharp.

Two fine boys, Douglas and Charles Claybrook, sons of Rev and Mrs. P. E. Claybrook are poster boys for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer Community: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gillespie have announced the birth of a fine girl who arrived Sunday. She has been named Martha Juanice. Mrs. Emmett Kendrick is home after receiving treatment at a Memphis hospital. Dudley Dancer is improving from an asthma attack.

Stephen Foster Music Club met at the home of Mrs. S. R. Chambers with Mrs. S. K. Chambers and Mrs. Tom Ellis as co-hostesses. New officers announced: President, John D. Wyatt - Vice president, Mrs. J. R. Steadman - Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Williams - Treasurer, Miss Pauline Smith - Program chairman, Mrs. Tom Ellis - Year book chairman, Mrs. Leslie Houston - Concert chairman, Brooks Jones - Publicity chairman, Lewis Adams. A piano rendition of 'Merry Widow Waltz,' was given by Mrs. S. R. Chambers. 'Villa' was sung by Mrs. Leo Wingate and 'Sympathy' by Mrs. Jimmy Hodge. The highlight was Mr. Henry Dalton of Corinth with sections from Bach. Everyone enjoyed the singing and dancing of little Miss Nancy Jane Chisolm of Adamsville.

Mr. Arlie C. Taylor, age 70, retired farmer who resided near Selmer, died on Saturday, Oct 1, 1949. Funeral services were held at the Falcon church. Woodmen of the World served as pallbearers and Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Arlie C. Taylor, two sons, Paul and Grant Taylor and one daughter Miss Dixie Taylor.

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The net enrollment of school children this year is 5, 022. Attendance percentage is 94.4 which is up from last year. In the year of 1936, approximately 1, 000 boys and girls entered school at the age of six. We found that only 132 finished high school in 1948. The big question is why so many drop out of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sibley have three school age children. Peggy Dean is now a student at Memphis State college. She missed only two days from the time she entered school at age six years until she graduated. Robert Earl Sibley will finish school this year and has never missed a day in all those years. Brenda Kay Sibley, is in the third grade and has only missed two days.

McNairy County municipalities have received \$786.70 for their share of sales tax for September. Selmer benefitted \$336.70, Adamsville \$252.97 and Bethel Springs \$197.03. Since the money started coming to municipalities, Selmer has bought and paid for a new gravel truck.

Selmer Schools to open for fall term Monday, October 17. (Hooray - cotton picking's over with.)

Adamsville American Legion has a big feed for members and visitors. Commander Dink Gibson welcomed members and visitors. Other locals who spoke were, Mr. Carlie Hughes, Adamsville High school principal; Mr. Bob Croskery of Bethel Springs, Wilbur Wright, Mr. Lye Page Varnell and Dr J. E. Ledbetter.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of McNairy County met recently at Bethel Springs Baptist Church. Officers to serve next year: Superintendent, Mr. C. N. Paris, Adamsville; Asst Sup, Mrs. V. L. Robinson, Selmer; Young People's Leader, Mrs. H. S. Kolb, Selmer; Secretary, Mrs. L. D. Moore, Selmer; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Harris, Adamsville; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Farris Wilkerson, Selmer; Community Mission Chairman, Mrs. Hilmer Crabtree, Selmer RFD, Publicity Chairman, Mrs. M. E. Smith, Selmer.

Donald M. Jones, airman USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Jones of Route 2, Selmer is now attached to Attack Squadron 44, based at the Naval air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Pfc L. M. Martin, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stanford, of Enville, is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mrs. G. W. Richardson, American Legion Auxiliary gave an update on the local Auxiliary activities.

First Methodist church will change the time of the vesper service on Sunday evening to 5 o'clock during the winter months. Rev Lloyd W. Ramer is the minister.

Mrs. Maggie Mae Simpson, age 72, who resided in the Moore School House community, died on October 11, 1949. Services conducted by Rev Lloyd Ramer, were held in the Methodist Church in Selmer with interment in Oak Hill cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were: Grady King, Milford Shelton, Howard Robinson, Robert Johnson, Ward Mitchell and Thurman Tull.

Mr. Alexander R. Boshart, age 83, one of the charter members of the Stantonville Methodist Church, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Phillips, of Stantonville, on Thursday, October 6, after a long illness. Funeral services, conducted by Rev Bennie Barron, were held at the Stantonville Methodist Church with interment in Mt Vinson cemetery, with Shackelford Funeral Directors in charge or arrangements. Pallbearers were: Ray Vaughn, Jim Glidewell, Alec White, Grady White, Jim Murdaugh, Cason Nichols and Earl Wardlow. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mollie Boshart and one daughter Mrs. W. R. Phillips. Four grandchildren, Mrs. Mary Willie Murdaugh, Mrs. Jewell Miller, Mrs. Ruth Nichols and Miss Naomi Phillips, also survive.

The Methodist Hour can be heard locally over radio station WSM, Nashville at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Only in the United States and Canada can the small town newspaper exist such as The McNairy County Independent.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Flamingo Road with Joan Crawford and Zachery Scott - Roses of the Yukon with Steve Brodie, Myrna Dell - Colorado Territory with Joel McCrea, Virginia Mayo - The Far Frontier with Roy Rogers, Andy Devine - The Man From Colorado with Glen Ford, William Holden.

Stantonville community: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wardlow celebrated a wedding anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Olus Smith in the home of Mr. and Mr. Tommy Hysmith.

Rosecreek community: Betty Jo Smith and Maxine Goodrum attended singing at McCalip's Chapel on Sunday. Mrs. Mary Smith, mother of Mrs. Henry Flowers is very sick. Doyle Goodrum and Milford King left last week for the Army.

Ramer community: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson and son Richard, are on an automobile trip to

points in Texas. Attending Presbytery at Faulkner, Miss. from the Ramer Cumberland Presbyterian Church were Rev and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Majors, Mrs. P. H. Shea, Mrs. Lester Hamm, Linda Hamm and Mrs. J. R. Hamm.

Gravel Hill community: Don Huggins had a case of tonsillitis. Linda Jo Dicks is doing fine after a case of diphtheria. Mrs. L. D. Locke is doing nicely after undergoing a serious operation last week. Rev Hardwick and Rev Shain were here for the regular Primitive Baptist church services.

Junior and Melody Etude Clubs elect officers for the year at a recent meeting in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Charles Ammons is the counselor. Officers for the Junior Club were: Anita Johnson, President; Fay Hamm, Vice president; Marjorie Steadman, secretary; Dorothy Jaggars, federation secretary; Martha Jan Smith, treasurer; Betty Hamm and Judith Hamilton, program committee. Mrs. Arthur Olive will serve as associate counselor for the Melody Club, whose officers are: Lola Bess Basinger, president; Patricia Thrasher, vice president; Don Simpson, secretary; Joe Tackett, treasurer; Nancy Smith, song leader; Alice Wade McBride, Donna Parker and Jean Anderson, program committee.

Beauty Hill community: Glen Green, has been suffering with pneumonia, is improving at this writing. J. N. Nold and family have recently moved to Martin's Camp community. Marcus Malone has bought a house site on the west of E. C. Holland where he will build a new home in the near future. Birthday dinner was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Garner, Amos Lipford and family, Mrs. Rosa Hill and Billy Ray at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Garner near Leapwood.

Cheap Farm Home, situated on Purdy-Martin Road about two miles north of Highway north of Highway 64 and seven miles east of Selmer, know now as the Wiseman farm, formerly Garfield farm. 100 acres. Four room house with electricity available. School bus route and churches nearby.

Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Ethel Gilbert with 15 members present. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Carl Gresham.

In Memoriam: This is written in loving memory of our father and husband, Jobe T. Leonard, who passed away on October 17, 1948. There was a vacant chair in heaven on Oct 17, 1948. God wanted the best to fill that place, so he took our loved one away. Daddy, we are looking forward to meeting your some day to never part no more. Sadly missed by wife, children and grandchildren.

Greyhound advises travelers to make trips in the fall and enjoy the colorful foliage and zestful weather.

A birthday dinner was given in the home of the Robinson sisters in Bethel Springs honoring these two sisters, Eunice and Maggie, also Mrs. T. E. Hutcherson. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Carothers of Leapwood; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Murray and family, T. E. Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Maness, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Burns. Lunch was spread in the dinning room. The sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all to the fullest.

Dottie Mae Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Con Ferguson, is the model for Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Shoes shined 15 cents. Selmer Pool Room. 'Dougal' Shine Boy.

Crooked Creek community: Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Brown and Kendrick Brown have returned home after a week weeks in Missouri. Marshall Emmons has been laid up with a broken leg. Mr. and Mrs. Carthel Hockaday and baby have moved back from Missouri. He is employed at Kirk's Café.

Selmer community: Mrs. R. D. McComic was operated upon for appendicitis last week at Humphrey-Phillips clinic. Little Butch Bradford is convalescing following a tonsilectomy performed at Humphry -Phillips clinic.

Chewalla community: Mr. John Smith has been real sick, but is better at this writing.

The local chapter of the woman's Christian Temperance Union planned activities for the fiscal 1949-50 year. The executive committee is Mrs. Jo Robinson, Mrs. C. A. Scott, Mrs. Marlie Williams, Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Mr. M. E. Smith and Mrs. J. M. Woods. Meetings are held Thursday after the third Sunday each month. Those in charge for the programs next year are: October 1949: Mrs. O. D. Wyatt, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Wood, Mrs. Lester Moore, Mrs. Jack McCullar. Nov 1949: Mrs. Irby

Basinger, Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Mrs. Allen Wooten, Mrs. Frank Perry. December 1949: Mrs. Jo Robinson, Mrs. Maude Smith, Mrs. Jimmy Basham, Mrs. I. H. Brooks, Mrs. Rupert Chambers, Mrs. Christine Sharpe. January: 1950: Mrs. Eldon Thomas, Mrs. Laura Whitehurst, Mrs. B T Kiser, Mrs. A B Scott. February 1950: Mrs. Due Robinson, Mrs. J. E. Crabtree, Mrs. Chas Ammons, Mrs. J. L. McReynolds, Mrs. Brooks Jones. March 1950: Mrs. A. P. Robinson, Mrs. Lloyd Ramer, Mrs. Cora Abernathy, Mrs. R. B. Gooch Sr., Mrs. Alan Simpson. April 1950: Mrs. Loraine Smith, Mrs. Rachel Adams, Mrs. Nola Smith, Mrs. Lee Jaggars. May 1950: Mrs. B. S. Hendrix, Mrs. Troy Brooks, Mrs. Lillie Emmons, Mrs. Minnie Prather. June 1950: Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Mrs. A. H. Olive, Mrs. Shy Browder, Mrs. Minnie Bell, Mrs. Eileen Deakins. July 1950: Mrs. Loyd Carroll, Mrs. Minnie McCullar, Mrs. Verda Barnes, Mrs. T. N. Wright, Mrs. J. H. Hamm. August 1950: Mrs. C. A. Scott, Mrs. Herman Wallace, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Gloria Hendrix, Mrs. Maude Cole. September 1950: Mrs. Hazel Steadman, Mrs. Minnie Ramer, Mrs. Addie Abernathy, Miss Mary Bess Abernathy.

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Veteran's homecoming celebration planned for November 11 sponsored by the Hamilton-Finley Post No 2418 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The day's program will consist of music by well known radio stars, speeches honoring all the war dead. McNairy County Gold Star mothers, parade, football game and awarding of valuable prizes.

15 students from McNairy are enrolled at U-T Knoxville: DuWayne Kirby of Bethel Springs; Herbert Gary of Milledgeville; Eugene Pipkin of Stantonville; Frank Donaldson, Lavoy Phillips, Robert Bearden of Adamsville; Kathaleen Wright, William Scott, Alice McReynolds, James Thompson and Julius Hurst of Selmer, Arthur Joyce, Kelcie Hamm, Bennie Baggett and James Blasingame of Ramer.

Pickwick Electric Board of Trustees organized with President C. H. Duren of Adamsville; Vice President, W. F. Humphrey, Selmer, Secretary, A. E. Weaver of Finger; Treasurer, Lester Hamm of Ramer.

Mr. Flake Humphrey, special census taker for the Dept of Commerce, reports that there were 8,279 bales of cotton ginned in McNairy for the crop of '49 as compared with 6,164 for the crop of 1948.

The Bethel Springs Church of Christ will have a six day revival service beginning next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

James M. Thompson of Selmer has been named one of the 46 University of Tennessee ROTC cadets named as distinguished military students.

The Tennessee Constitution Convention may change the tenure of governor from a two year term to a four year term.

Brother Chas N. Paris, Jr., son of Mrs. and Mrs. C. N. Paris of Adamsville, will be ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry next week at the First Baptist Church in Selmer. He has been called as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, near Finger.

Pebble Hill community: farmers are very much behind with the gathering of crops, due to rainy weather. Mr. O. L. Reid is improving. Several of the young folks from here attended the show in Selmer Saturday night.

Mr. Lanie Smith is a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the Fifth Civil District on Nov 8, to fill the unexpired term of the late Granville McCormack. Mr. Cooper Randall is also a candidate.

Guys community: Mrs. Crawford Wallace was able to come home from Memphis following an operation.

Leapwood community: Mrs. Jennie Massengill has been sick for several months and not

improving. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garner are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Mr. W. J. Massengill is on the sick list.

Land posted for no hunting or trespassing on our lands in the old 13th civil district near Mt Zion community: Dan Willis, J. E. Henson, E. V. Brown and W. R. Phillips.

Our land is posted against all hunters: F. E. Higginbottom, John Higginbottom, Allie Hurst.

Lawton community: Sgt and Mrs. R. J. Browder and daughter have been home on furlough to visit his mother Mrs. Della Browder. Mr. J. R. Miller is in the Veteran's Hospital in Memphis.

Showing at the Ritz next week: The Man From Colorado with Glen Ford, William Holden - Tucson with Jimmy Lydon, Penny Edwards - Slattery's Hurricane with Richard Widmark, Linda Darnell - Gun Law Justice with Jimmy Wakely and Cannon Ball Taylor - The Fountainhead with Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal.

Ramer community: A marriage in interest when Miss Thelma Shelton became the bride of Erbie Locke, Jr. at a ceremony in Corinth, Miss. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Shelton. She graduated from Ramer High School and attended Lambuth College. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erbie Locke and also graduated from Ramer High. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and is stationed in Wyoming, where they will make their home.

Chewalla community: Miss Sibyl Rowsey and Mr. Curtis Ramer were married Saturday night at Corinth, Miss. They left for Memphis Sunday afternoon where they will both be employed. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Austin are the proud parents of a baby boy named Ralph Steven. Mrs. Lois Barnes has been sick.

Our Trip to Annapolis, MD by Mrs. W. N. Michael. On Sunday afternoon, Sept 11, Mr. Michael and myself, accompanied by Miss Minnie Lou Russom, left our respective homes for a long trip to Annapolis, Maryland to see our son, Gordon Michael. Since Gordon and Miss Russom were engaged, we found out their plans were to be married on our arrival there. We arrived there about 6 pm on Sept 12. The next morning, Gordon came with a marriage license and we went to the Naval Base to the Naval Chapel for the ceremony.

Billy Wayne Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jackson of Ramer is modeling his little overalls for the Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe .

Selmer community: Among those attending the teacher's meeting in Memphis were: Miss Kathleen Wright, Mrs. Edward Surratt, Mrs. Gib Combs, Mrs. Jack Rinehart, Mrs. J. R. Steadman, Mrs. Merle Weatherford, Misses Lois Prather and Clara Robinson. Lillian Plunk has had the flu. Among those who went to Birmingham Saturday to see Tennessee - Alabama football were: Leslie Moore, Joe David Robinson, Will Tom Abernathy, H. P. Lee, Will Terry Abernathy, Jack Russell Lewis and Eldon Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hodge. Mrs. E. H. Prather has been real sick for a few days.

Etude Music Club met with Nancy Smith as hostess with Alice McBride assisting. President Lola Bess Basinger presided. Donna Jean Parker gave a nice program on hymnology. The Junior Club will meet this week with Betty Hamm at Ramer. Anita Johnson is president.

The Argonaut Book Club met in the home of Mrs. Lester Moore with Mrs. Author Olive and Mrs. Allen Wooten as hostesses. 15 members were present. Rachel Adams, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hazel Steadman gave a book review on 'the Eagle's Song.'

Election notice for the fifth Civil District to elect a Magistrate is called by L. E. Scott, Chairman, Houston Thrasher, Dec and F. E. Higginbottom, Election Commissioners. Voting will be in the Selmer precincts. 9 am to 4 pm on November 8, 1949.

A letter of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sutton. Mr. Sutton fell from a ladder while painting the outside of his home on August 27 and broke some bones. He spent two weeks in the hospital and more at home in bed. Thanks for the cards, letters, flowers and delicious food.

Pleasant Grove community: Among those that attended the Adamsville Pickwick show were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox & children and Mr. Johnson. Mrs. Lucille Forsythe is working at Thrasher's Café in Selmer. Mrs. Lee Jones is better at this writing.

A birthday dinner was given in the home of Mrs. Hester Evins on Aug 16th honoring Mrs. Donie Templeton and Mary Nell Evins. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Abb Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moffit, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Evins, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Templeton and Gene, Mrs. Hester Evins, Gwendolyn, Mary Nell, Bobby and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chandler, Troy and Billie.

'Granny' O'Neal dies. Observed 102 Birth Anniversary October 11. Mrs. Catherine Young O'Neal, age 102, on Oct 11, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Lee on Sunday night, October 16. She was affectionately called 'Granny' O'Neal by all who knew her. The past few years she has been an invalid, being cared for by her daughter. Few people ever reach the century mark, and fewer still reach the age of 102. James K. Polk, the 11th President of the United States, was in the White House when she was born October 11, 1847 to John Alfonzo and Kitty Young, pioneers of McNairy. Mrs. O'Neal has lived a long and useful life, and was a member of the Christian Church. A brief prayer services was held in the chapel of Shackelford Funeral Home at 12:00 noon, on Tuesday, October 18, the procession then going to O'Neal Cemetery, near Enville, Tenn, for regular service, which was conducted by Rev J. D. Canaday, at 2:00 pm. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. Mrs. O'Neal is survived by three daughters, Mrs. M. E. Lee of Selmer, Mrs. Lon Canaday of Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. H. J. Dickey of Clarksade, Miss. Seven granddaughters, Miss Vera O'Neal, Selmer; Mrs. R. L. Oakman, Clarksdale, Miss.; Mrs. Chas Riggs, Mrs. Gattis Hall and Mrs. Gene Randoll of Kennett, Mo.; Mrs. Nelson Henry of Leatherville, Ark. and Mrs. E. L. Ray Lumpkin of Raft, California; three grandsons: F. Neal O'Neal, Selmer, Glenn Canaday, Bristol, Tenn. and Van Riggs, Jr. of St Louis, Mo.; and eight great grandchildren.

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Three students from McNairy County have been elected to serve as officers in the campus organizations at the University of Tennessee Junior College at Martin. Charlene Perkins, Adamsville, President, Nu Kappa Nu; Cavit Cheshier, Bethel Springs, President Freshman Class; Nancy Naylor, Finger, President Home Economics Club.

Demonstrations of a proposed system for grading markets hogs was held in Knoxville recently. It consists of grading the live animals then slaughtering which should produce a higher percentage of high-priced meats and a smaller percent of lard. Lard that used to sell 30 percent over live hogs prices during 1930-1940 are now 30 percent under.

Poll Tax repeal appears to be a hot issue on the state level. Whether the payment of poll taxes should be made a prerequisite to the right to vote, is a high controversial question and will be voted on at the November Constitutional Convention.

Local National Guard Unit as a recruiting campaign underway. Company D, 117th Infantry, Selmer, Tenn. calls for five officers and 112 enlisted men. They are short by 21 for enlisted men which Capt J. J. Ramer hopes to secure by Nov 19, 1949.

Tennessee farmers are neglecting one of their best sources of income when they fail to give proper attention to the laying flock and marketing their eggs.

The Etta Swaim Circle of the Presbyterian Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. Herman Wallace Monday night with 19 members present. Sue Beth Roberts gave the devotional and prayer. Dora Parker, Sue Milligan and Katheryn Scott gave a report on missions. Mrs. C. A. Scott gave a report on the missionaries of the month.

Community committees nominates as delegates to county convention of the Agricultural Conservation Program. Elected were in order of chairman, vice chairman, member, 1st alternate, 2nd

alternate. Selmer community: J. R. Woods and Albert Mayfield; M. B. Mitchell and Olen Ray; E. H. Kiestler and Romas Ray; Allie Hurst and J. N. Mitchell; Due Robinson and J. G. Ammons.

Finger community: Frank Plunk and Harlie Kiser; E. R. Wilson and E. S. Tedford; W. A. Plunk and Clarence Burkeens; Howard Plunk and Hank Carpenter; A. W. Vires and L. W. Robison; Vaudie Vires and Howard Cone; Roy McIntyre and Millard Moore.

Guys community: Ennis Suggs and Doyle Petty; J. E. Bolding and Burgess Hamm; Cecil Suggs and Harley Coke; L. T. Willis and Quinn Ingram; Charlie Bass and Mullens Petty; Lewis Hamm and W. E. Sharp; Howard Houston and Dick Green.

Leapwood community: D. L. Cagle and T. E. Moore; Garvin Harris and F. M. Goad; Thad Tacker and I. B. Dallas; Dee Meek and R. L. Hawkins; H. L. Hughes and Glen Harris; Lester Bishop and E. S. Crowe; Hillard Meek and I. G. Tidwell.

Michie community: Earnest Plunk and W. E. Smith; Earl Brown and L. A. Rickman; H. H. Garrison and Hayward Raines; Earl Miss and F. L. Barber; L. D. Jordan and James Ward; G. W. Carroll and Marion Baker; Roy Raines and T. K. Sanders.

For purposes of administering the farm program the county was divided into five communities as follows: Selmer: old civil district 1, 2, 6, and 14; Finger: 3, 8, 16, 17 and 19th districts; Guys: 4, 5, 14 and 18th districts; Leapwood 7, 11, 12 and 15th districts; Michie 9 and 10 civil districts.

Special Election, Tuesday November 8, 1949, for the purpose of voting for or against a Constitutional Convention. Precincts will open at 9:00 AM and close at 4:00 PM. Officers listed below in this order per precinct: Officer, 3 Judges, 2 Clerks and 1 Register:

First District, Leapwood Prec: J. E. Jamison, J. B. Larue, Lee Carothers, J. P. Surratt, I. D. Robison, O. C. Harris, Logan Surratt. Rocky Knob Prec: Lee Robinson, W. F. Maness, R. O. McCoy, H. A. Barham, Roy O'Neal, M. E. Bullman, Tab Young.

Second District, Rose Creek Prec: J. R. Leonard, Frank Brint, Willie Dillon, Ranzie Budlong, Mrs. Bessie Williams, Miss Minnie Fulton, John T. Moore. Hunter Prec: Lem Smith, W. E. McMahan, Marshall Hunter, Willie Kizer, Alfred Hunter, Mrs. Vester Smith, Earl King.

Third District, Adamsville Prec: Charlie Perkins, Andrew Surratt, Tom Moore, Jess Phillips, Carlie Hughes, Gilcie Majors, N. B. Caperton.

Fourth District, Gilchrist prec: J. L. Gilchrist, Bill Gilchrist, C. M. Daniel, Clyde Massengill, Gilcey Morton, Charlie Pounds, Ray Ward. Stantonville Prec: M. B. Melton, W. C. Smith, A. W. Christopher, Earnest Plunk, Cecil Surratt, Allen Garrison, Ocie Burks. Ray's Precinct: C. L. Crabtree, Dan Willis, C. L. Michie, Ben Hockaday, J. O. Gardner, John V. Houston, Mack Dickey.

Fifth District, Selmer Precinct: Tedford Jordon, Dave Robinson, A. O. Wooten, L. Whittington, Oscar McCullar, B. Y. Howell, Henry Carman. East Selmer Prec: Flake Humphrey, Tom Browder, Lee Jones, Jess Carothers, B. A. Kendrick, Vance Moore, Will Clifton.

Sixth District, Ramer Prec: Earl Jones, Billie Rhodes, Walter Smith, Erby Lott, Mrs. Eugene Hamm, Mrs. Cletis Shelton, Frank Tate. Chewalla Prec: Clifford Barnes, John Stanfield, Roscoe Baldwin, Johnson King, Mrs. Fred Fulton, Mrs. Chris Barnes, Gilbert Mullins. Guys Prec: Howard Houston, Lawrence Smith, O. H. Beck, R. L. Burns, Christine Sharp, Roy Sharp, G. H. Barnett.

Seventh District, McNairy Precinct: Atlas Cheshier, Logan Smith, J. R. Bell, Alfred Frye, Earnest Stout, Frank Clayton, Atlas Griswell. Bowman Store Prec: Bate Kernodle, Henry Maness, George Washburn, R. S. Garner, Warren Garner, Elmer Cox, Ernest Carothers.

Eighth District, Cypress Prec: John Howell, Albert Pittman, Jim Crocker, Nath Crews, Mrs. Orlen Parmley, Mrs. Tate Pittman, Ted Kirk. Taylor Prec: W. G. Minton, Dewey Taylor, Marsh Bodiford, Lloyd Vaughn, Lavada Kirk, Mrs. Arthur Byrd, Linnie Coleman. Neathery Prec: Duke Ferguson, Emmitt Sweat, Herman Fortune, Terry Dillon, C. D. Steadman, O. C. Steadman, Clyde Thorp.

Ninth District, Gravel Hill Prec: Opal Gray, Bob Hewitt, Alvis Huggins, Dewey Armstrong, Mrs. Opal Gray, Mrs. Henry Latta, Roy Seay. Caffey Prec: W E Whittemore, Foust North, Othel Elam, Elvis Curtis, Mrs. Eser Dee Bowen, Fred North, Delus Plunk. Michie Prec: Aubrey Vinson, Taylor McAfee,

Hacal Manuel, Kelsie Burks, Clifford Moore, H. L. Manuel, Earl Mills. Pebble Hill Prec: J. W. Baker, Sam Rickman, G. D. Kiddy, W. A. Rickman, Mrs. Lola Rickman, Mrs. Joe Dillon, Tom Wilds.

Tenth District, Purdy Prec: F. E. Joplin, Tom Garner, Will Surratt, Hays Combs, Bessie Dodd, Bessie Plunk, Everett Plunk. Finger Precinct: Harrison Brown, Dunk Patterson, J. E. Barham, Jewel Durbin, Clarence Barham, Guy Bishop.

Eleventh District, Bethel Springs Prec: Jess Powers, Ed Campbell, Otis Plunk, Charlie Beard, Evelyn Harris, Katie Lee Gault, D. N. Williams.

Twelfth District, Milledgeville Precinct: Lester Bishop, Taylor Nolen, R. E. Wade, Bob Malone, E. J. Bridges, Edwin Meek, J. C. Harvil.

Election Commission: L. E. Scott, Chairman, Houston Thrasher, Sec and F. E. Higginbottom.

Mrs. Viola Calvery, age 66, died at the home of her daughter in the Ramer community on Tuesday, October 25, 1949. She had been in failing health for several months. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Services were held at Pebble Hill on Wednesday, with interment in the cemetery there. She is survived by her husband, T. W. Calvery; one daughter, Mrs. James Burress, Ramer; one son H. C. Calvery; brothers C. H. Chambers and J. C. Chambers; grandchild, Maury Calvery. The Independent extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. William Lea, called 'Bill' by everybody that knew him, died while returning from a hospital on last Tuesday, Oct 25, 1949. While listed as a retired farmer, Mr. Lea continued to raise strawberries, watermelons, grapes, apples, potatoes and many other truck crops. He put in quite a lot of time in developing and selling rose bushes. Mr. Lea was a member of the Selmer Christian Church and was well like by everybody. Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were: Geo Bassham, Leslie Moore, Wilbur Wright, Allen Wooten, Shy Browder, and Ralph Huggins. Mr. Lea is survived by a son, W. T. Lea of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Miss Minnie M. Lea, and Mrs. John W. Robin of Louisiana; and a sister Mrs. Minnie Downing of Mena, Arkansas.

Funeral services for Howard C. May, age 4, were held in his parents home on Thursday, October 20, 1949. Burial followed in the McCalips Chapel cemetery. Rev T. D. McAlister was the minister in charge. Howard is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. May; four brothers, Robert, Carroll, Wm Terry, and Lee May; and one sister, Bertha Lee May.

Ramer community: Charles Hamm, of the Army Air Corps is home on furlough. MM3c J. D. Norris has been on furlough. Miss Norma Jean Long of Meridan, Miss arrived Monday to take up her duties as English teacher at Ramer School. W. D. Gibson is improving.

Gravel Hill community: Mrs. Perry Hamm was laid to rest here in the cemetery last Friday.

Beauty Hill community: John Allsion and family lost all they had by fire except their livestock and the clothes they were wearing. They are now living with her father Jack Gage. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nold are proud parents of a baby boy named James Eddie.

Showing at the Ritz next week: The Fountainhead - Daughter Of The Jungle - Roseanna McCoy - Sundown In Santa Fe - Any Number Can Play.

Old 16th community: There will be fifth Sunday preaching at Hopewell Sunday. We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Oscar Hudson which occurred last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Annie Smith and children have been picking cotton in Almo recently. Mrs. Lillie Newsome, who was badly burned, is slowly improving.

Election notice for the Fifth Civil District to elect a Justice of the Peace. Officers to hold election: Selmer Precinct: Shy Browder, Winfield Taylor, John King, Connie Smith, Mrs. Ethel Floyd, Mrs. Grady Abernathy and Virgil Johns. East Selmer Precinct: Boss Hockaday, Guilford Ammons, Art Harris, Fred Thomas, Mrs. Juanita Donahoe, Mrs. Willard Hamm, Pitts Maxedon. Hours 9:00am to 4:00 pm.

Bill, Carolyn and Bob Jarnigan, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyte Jarnigan model Trimfoot shoes for their second birthday at Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer community: A surprise 17th birthday party for Jack Russell Lewis. Present were: John

Ramer McComic, H. J. Maxedon, James Eldon Thompson and Kenneth Brumley. The guests and honoree did justice to the feast and practically wrecked the birthday cake. Miss Edrice Hamilton was injured in an automobile accident near Pinson last Friday night. Miss Emogene Jones, a nursing student at John Gaston hospital in Memphis is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott have announced the birth of a fine baby boy.

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On November 11, Selmer Lions will play their last game of the season at the Veterans Homecoming Day. Selmer played Camden last Monday and it was the best showing of the season. In the opening minutes Johnny Tackett went out with an 80 yard run. In the third quarter Joe Mitchell intercepted a pass that carried the ball to Camden's 12 yard line, and Jerry Barron dove the ball over to tie the score at 12. Selmer went down in the last few minutes of the game losing 18 to 12.

Selmer played Henderson under adverse weather conditions and lost 27 to 0. Selmer played Kossuth Miss and did every thing but play their water boy. It was too much but Selmer put up a valiant fight until the final gun. During the second half of the game, Selmer drove the length of the field three times only to lose the ball inside Kossuth's ten yard line. Final score 47 to 7 in favor of Kossuth.

Selmer PTA Halloween Carnival held last Monday night was a success. Rebecca Williams, a Junior, was selected as Harvest Queen and was presented the crown by retiring queen Betty Steele. Helen Moore and James Nelson Ozment was costume winners, and Jimmy Jones won the door prize.

A family reunion celebrating the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. H. L. McIntyre, was held on October 30 at her home in the Rose Creek community. Dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hansford Hodge of La., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Austin of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dillon of Jackson, Mrs. Andrew Gooch, Mrs. C. P. McIntyre, Miss Jo Brumley, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Troy McIntyre, all of Selmer.

Cadet James Hagy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith, Sr. of Selmer has received high honors at Castle Heights military academy.

Mr. William Jasper Massengill, passed away in Jackson Hospital on October 24, 1949, after a short illness. He was 85 years, 3 months and 6 days of age. He came from an old pioneer family and lived all his life in McNairy County. For the past several years he had been retired from farming. He was married to Cordelia Carothers, January 20, 1891. To this union eight children were born, five girls and three boys. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Cordelia Carothers Massengill; three daughters, Mrs. E. M. Kirk of Stantonville, Miss Erie Massengill and Miss Juanita Massengill of Leapwood. One son, Clint Massengill, of Leapwood; five grandchildren and three great grand children. He united with the Better Hope Primitive Baptist church on July 23, 1939, and was a devoted and faithful member until his death. Funeral services were held at Mars Hill on Tuesday, October 25, with burial in the cemetery there. Pall Bearers were: Mancel Kirk, Charles Langdon, Leondis Horton, Farris Massengill, John Massengill, and Elmo Clayton. Flower girls were Burnell Langdon, Audie Horton, Bernice Webb, Louise English, Demetra Barham and Reba Ussery. Shackelford Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Little Bennie Ray Durbin, age 7 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Durbin was laid to rest in the Gravel Hill cemetery on Tuesday, Nov 1. Services were conducted by Bro Bill Bailey, pastor of the Baptist church there. He died on October 31. The cause of his death was not given. Survivors besides his parents include one sister, Brenda Joyce Durbin.

The Eagle Beaver Chapter 14 of Trades and Industry Class of Selmer High School held its first meeting Oct 25. Officers elected: President - Kenneth Hawkins; Vice President - Olan Hamm; Sec -

Wendell Curtis; Treasurer - Hubert Miller; sergeant-at-arms - Alvin Wilson; reporter - Jimmy Weatherford; advisor - Mr. L. H. Plunk. Mr. B. T. Kiser - principal and Mr. J. C. Taylor, county supt.

Mr. Ambropus P Wallace, age 76, of the Guys community died on Monday, October 31. He was a Baptist. Funeral services, conducted by Bro Armour, were held at the Baptist church at Chewalla with interment in the Indian Creek Cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Home was in charge. The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Lyla Jones, Mrs. C. T. Prince and Mrs. M. N. Mullins and one brother Crawford Wallace.

Future Homemakers Club organized at Selmer High with the motto 'Toward New Horizons.' Officers elected: President, Gladys Mccullar; Vice pres, Dean Herchenhahn; Sec, Rebecca Sanders; Treasurer, Joyce Watson; reporter, Martha Jane Smith; parliamentarian, Maxine Goodrum; historian Virginia Steadman.

Gravel Hill community: Mr. J. B. Huggins celebrated his 82nd birthday quietly Monday at his home. He received gifts from Texas, Oklahoma, Memphis and Birmingham.

Rose Creek community by Jo Edna Smith: Mrs. Tom Estes has gone to Arkansas to visit her mother who is sick. Acie Flower is able to go back to school after and extended illness.

Pebble Hill community by Mrs. Gerry Kiddy: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wardlow have a new granddaughter, Brenda Jo Childers born last week. Mrs. Dave Fisher is improving. Miss Alma Caldwell is still confined to her bed. Funeral services for Mrs. Walker Calvery were held at Lebanon Methodist Church last Tuesday with burial in cemetery here.

The Mt Gilead Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Hoyt Isbell with 11 members present and one new member, Mrs. Arch Russell, and one visitor, Mrs. Lily Moore. Mrs. J. E. Henley had recreation time with Mrs. W. H. Jordan and Mrs. E. C. Causey winning the prizes. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ab Henson.

1937 Pontiac Automobile for sale. Good tires, has radio, heater, fog lights, seat covers and fan. Price at \$275. See R. H. Barner at Bethel Springs.

For sale - 3 room house, 4 acres of land on No 45 highway, located across from Allen McCoy's Store. See Sam Washburn.

Delrose Premium Flour - look for a prize in every 25 lb or 50 lb bag.

Land posted between Selmer and Bethesda Church: Noah Robinson, U. P. Roland, Roy C. King. My land, located in the old 13th civil district is posted against hunting and trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted. Mrs. Effie Weatherford.

Pleasant Grove community: people are getting behind in gathering crops because of rain. Mrs. Lonnie Sims, Mrs. Carl Gresham and Mrs. Shad DePoyster are on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. Tommie Prather and Mrs. Jimmie Prather attended the funeral of Jerry Taylor at Corinth, last week. He lived in this community several years ago and was called 'Uncle Jerry' by all who knew him. He was 87. We are sad about Mr. Onie Barnes' family. His wife and three daughters are in the hospital at Corinth with spinal meningitis. The home demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Cox last week for tray making but our aluminum didn't come.

The Selmer Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church observed the Week of Prayer recently. The Ruth Circle met in the home of Mrs. Guy E. Robinson with Mrs. A. P. Robinson assisting. Mrs. Kenneth Chambers presided and Mrs. Lloyd Ramer led the program. The Mary Circle met in the home of Mrs. Herchenhahn with Mrs. H Sutton as co-hostess. Mrs. Jewell Maness is the chairman and the program was led by Mrs. Allen Simpson. They welcomed a new member Mrs. Frances DeBarbeladen. The Martha Circle met in the home of Mrs. Ethel Floyd with Mrs. Maidell Smith co-hostess. Mrs. Jewell Lancaster presented the program and they welcomed a new member Mrs. J. E. Vires.

McNairy County Singing Convention at Milledgeville Methodist church, November 6. All day service. Barbecue served. Entertainment by Sand Mountain Quartet, Melody Men Quartet, James D. Walbert, G. K. Vaugh, Mitchell Quartet of Corinth, Dock Whitaker's Quartet.

Sponsored by Hinton Chevrolet Co, Corinth, Miss. - Allen Smith, Corinth - Sweat's Grocery, Stantonville - Davis & Guinn Construction, Savannah - G. E. Carroll Merchandise, Stantonville - Potts Motor Co, Corinth - Reid Brothers, Corinth - Thomas-Farris Pontiac Co, The Clock, East Selmer - Steele's Jewelry & Gift Shop, Selmer Frozen Food Locker, Selmer - Joe Kirby - 20th century Café - Gulf Refining Company - Huggins Drug Store - Selmer Drug Store - Hamilton Cleaners - Sibley Chevrolet - Latta Motor Company.

Ramer community: Ideal fall weather, the warmest in years, was brought to an end by a cold wave and freezing temperatures Monday night. Cotton, which was cut to half a crop, or less, by rain and boll weevil, continued to bloom; tomatoes were as fine as the first crop in mid-summer, other late vegetables flourished and flowers were beautiful.

Mt Zion near Milledgeville community: Mrs. Lee Meek is in the Fitts-White Clinic in Jackson and is in serious condition.

Personal appearance in Selmer tonight, Bill Monroe and His Blue Grass Boys. Selmer School auditorium. Admission 75¢ children 50¢.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Any Number Can Play with Clark Gable - Fighting Fools - Come to the Stable - West of Eldorado - Father Was a Fullback.

Place your order now for fat dressed Thanksgiving turkey at A & G Market. Phone 115-J.

Selmer community: home from school last weekend: Miss Janet Sparks, Billy Kirkpatrick, Miss Patricia Basinger and Miss Sarah Lunceford. On October 27th, Mrs. W. H. Ryals celebrated her 89th birthday with open house throughout the day. Little Linda Coats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coats, observed her fourth birthday with a party with her little friends. A wedding of interest at the First Christian church, Miss Joyce Massengill became the bride of Joel Jett Ramer.

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Sheriff reports raids on 'Joints' and 'Stills' last week. Kirkpatrick, along with deputies Leonard and Randolph, and Patrolmen Gattis and McClaren and John Freeman made a raid on a whiskey still last week. They heard a shot as they neared the location. The still was found in full operation, but no operations. The officers seized new liquor and twelve barrels of fermented mash. A raid was made last week on a new 'joint' at the state line.

The following retail grocery stores will close at noon today to observe Armistice Day: Cox Bros, Groc; A & G Market; Liberty Cash Grocery; U-Tote-Um Grocery; Kroger Grocery; Weatherford Bros Grocery.

Veterans Homecoming and Victory Day Celebration today. A musical show by the Dixieairs will start at 9:30 am. Other events in order: All 'Gold Star Mothers' will be honored. Memorial service, honoring all war dead. Welcome address by Selmer Mayor, Will Tom Abernathy. Firing salute to war dead by the National Guard Squad. Prayer. Speeches. Parade - assemble at east Y by 12:45 pm. After the parade - football, Selmer vs Bolivar High. Vaudeville Stage show with Sunshine and the Dixieairs. At 7:30 there will be a street dance, weather permitting.

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the sale of poppies, made by disabled veterans of two wars, in remembrance of America's war dead. They are also pushing a membership drive. Nellie Fesmire is local auxiliary unit treasurer.

Destruction of cotton stalks as soon as possible after picking is recommended to reduce the over-wintering population of boll weevils.

Mrs. Taylor Ann Hogan, age 73, long time resident of the Gravel Hill community, died on Nov

4, 1949. Services conducted by Rev Hardwick, were held at the Gravel Hill Primitive Baptist church on Nov 5. The deceased is survived by a son, George Hogan, of Ramer, and a daughter, Mrs. Edna Earl Davis of Memphis. Gravel Hill news says she is survived by son Cayce Hogan and Mrs. Forest Davis; and two brothers, Albert and Willie Robertson.

Jim Bell Smallwood, age 80, a resident of the Purdy community, died on Friday, Nov 4, 1949. Services were held at the Bethesda Church with burial at the church cemetery. He was a Presbyterian and a Mason. Burial was in the Bethesda cemetery with Shackelford Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bernie Reed, Hattiesburg, Miss and Mrs. C. R. Inman of Purdy. Ten grandchildren also mourn his passing.

The local American Legion Auxiliary has a project underway to aid the patients of Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis for Christmas. One can take presents, unwrapped to Selmer Drug Company. Mrs. G. W. Richardson is the president. Remember that Christmas time is a time to share. Let's share with those who are still paying for the freedom that gives us the right to share with anyone we choose in any way we choose.

Friday, November 11, today is the big day to get your child's picture taken at the Atlas Home.

420 qualified voters in the fifth district came to the polls at Selmer and East Selmer on Tuesday to select a Justice of the Peace to fill the unexpired term of the late Granville McCormack. Five men sought the post and their vote as follows: George Hall - 89, John Lee Hendrix - 142, Cooper Randall - 29, Frank Robinson - 119, and Lanie Smith - 41.

Unofficial vote in the Constitutional Convention last Tuesday show 324 for and 738 against. Four precincts had not reported in time for release here.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Father Was A Fullback - Duke of Chicago - The Big Steal - Jessie James, Jr. - White Heat. Cartoon on Saturday and Sunday.

Outdoors in Tennessee article states, 'The fellow who paddles his own canoe seldom rocks the boat.'

Stantonville Homemakers club met recently at the school lunch room. Meeting was short due to such a busy time picking cotton and illness. Mrs. Reid Phillips served refreshments. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Bascom Dancer.

Our lands, all joining tracts, located in the old 19th District are posting our land against hunting and trespassing: John Dennie, Orpheus Hester, M. H. Shelton, J. R. Johnston Jr., Foy Patterson, Due Hester, A. E. Kernodle, E. J. Wilbanks, A. A. Horton, Paul Johnston, Maynard Murray, Scott Robinson estate, Charlie Williams, Mrs. Clara B. Cobb, Robert H. Croskery, E. V. Coley.

District Singing Convention at New Hope, Sunday, November 13 at 1:00 pm. The Mitchell Quartet will be there. New Hope is located about three miles south of Gravel Hill on the old Gravel Hill and Michie Road. L. C. Ingle, president.

Bethel Springs 4-H club met on Nov 4. The members sang, 'The More We Get Together,' 'She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain,' and '4-Leaf Clover.' Minutes read by Betty Ruth Holland. Mary Murry led the singing. Agnes Dickson told us 'How To Say Hello' and then we all sang 'The More We Eat.' Faye Hines showed us a game called 'Something New.'

Cpl Layton Gage, son of Mr. Christopher C. Gage of Bethel Springs transfers with the army in Kyoto, Japan.

Election on November 15, 1949 to elect a Mayor and five Aldermen. Officers are: Selmer precinct: Shy Browder, L. Whittington, A. O. Wooten, Geo Miller, Mrs. Ethel Floyd, Mrs. Grady Abernathy. East Selmer: W. W. Thompson, Jess Carothers, Art Harris, Fred Thomas, E. A. Kendrick, Vance Moore, Virgil Joplin. Hours from 9am to 4 pm. L. E. Scott, F. E. Higginbottom, Election Commissioners.

Ramer community: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robertson came from their home in Missouri to attend the funeral of his sister Mrs. Taylor Hogan. Mrs. J. R. Hamm and Mrs. J. E. Town visited Mrs. C. C. Turner, near Chewalla Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Turner observed her 86th birthday. A. B. Lawson has an

eye injury but vision will not be impaired. Ramer High basketball teams were seen on the local court in the first games of the season last Friday night. Grammar school boys played Gooch school and the high school teams, both boys and girls played Bethel Springs. Ramer won all three games.

Chewalla community: Arnet Barnes who is stationed in South Carolina is home on furlough. Uncle John Smith is seriously ill at this writing. Dorothy Martin was sick last week but back in school now. Miss Sofa Carter is staying with Dr and Mrs. Harbin, due to the illness of Mrs. Harbin.

See the new Stylelline De Luxe Sport Coup at Sibley Chevrolet, with center-point steering; world's champion valve-in-head engine, curved windshield with panoramic view, Fisher unisteel body construction, 5 inch wide-base rims plus low-pressure tires, and hydraulic brakes. Phone 205.

Selmer community: After living in Missouri for some time, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chambers and little son have returned to make their home in Selmer. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Banks are proud parents of a 9 lb baby boy named Jan Darrell born at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic on Nov 3. Mrs. Banks is the former Pauline Hockaday. Mrs. Pole Hester is real sick. Among those who attended youth meeting at Humboldt Presbyterian Church recently were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCullar, Bro and Mrs. Heston Milligan, Mrs. Herman Wallace, Mrs. George Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Parker and Billy McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bassham were host at the October meeting of the Selmer Rose Club. February is the recommended month for this area as being the most desirable for planting roses but for best results preparation must be done in the fall. Select a location where drainage is good. A sunny location as far from large trees and shrubs as possible. Space roses at least 18 inches apart if planting more than one. Dig a trench 3 ft wide and 2 ft deep. In refilling, alternate layers of soil with either leaf mold, rotted corn cobs or cotton boil hull. Tramp this down thoroughly and when planting time comes in February the soil will be mellowed and in excellent condition. Any type of fertilizer may be used but care must be taken at planting time that no fertilizer comes in contact with the roots. Rachel Garrison reporter.

Stephen Foster Music Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Matthew Bigger with Mrs. Irby Basinger and Mrs. Jimmy Hodges acting as co-hostesses. A business session was led by President John D. Wyatt. Mrs. Tom Ellis gave a discussion on light opera. Mrs. Charles Ammons, Mrs. Irby Basinger, and Mrs. Harry Cain played selections on the piano. Lola Bess Basinger played the 'Spinning Song' and John D. Wyatt sung 'Lucky Old Sun.' A delightful party plate was passed again and again for the guests lingered long after being served, which is splendid indication of a successful party.

The political cartoon shows: Stop Deficit Spending. It is called 'Falling on Deaf Ears.'

Grady Counce & Son is ready to demonstrate the beautiful Chrysler New Yorker. A Car that's built for value...priced for buying.

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The 1950 Ford will be on display at Latta Motor Company today. The 50's Ford will be offered in two lines - the Custom Deluxe and the lower-priced Deluxe series. A colorful new crest appears for the first time on the front of the hood and center of the trunk lid. Comfort features offers a new non-sag front seat spring and a new sponge rubber seat cushion. Doors will be equipped with new rotary locks as in the costliest cars and there will be arm rest door closers. Colors are offered in a brilliant array of 11 choices.

First Christian Church to have a service on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 o'clock am. A cordial invitation is extended.

Gravel Hill Baptist church will have an all day Thanksgiving service the Sunday before. An

offering will be taken to apply on the new pastorium.

Little Jimmy Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Haynes wins first place in a national photographic baby contest.

Pep Rally held at Selmer High School on the eve of the Selmer-Bolivar football game. A huge bon-fire was built and the Selmer band was on hand to provide music for the gala festival. The team was introduced to the crowd and Robert Earl Sibley, captain, gave a little talk. The cheer leaders were present and many 'yells' could be heard ringing across the hills and hollows of Selmer. Miss Geraldine Clark is sponsor of the pep squad.

According to C. L. Moore, Attendance Teacher for McNairy County Schools, attendance is very low. Cotton picking season is over, so he urges parents to send their children to school. He gives some good reports of attendance: Richard Lee Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brown, is a senior at Selmer school, has missed only two days since entering school at age six. Mary Jean Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Taylor, is a senior at Ramer school and has never missed a day since she entered school. Garvin Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tate, a senior at Ramer school has missed only seven days due to a serious illness, since he started to school at age six. Garvin, many times had to go several miles around Cypress bottom during high waters to get to school. James Edward Helton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Helton, a pupil in the fourth grade at Selmer, has not missed a day since he started school.

Due to the failure of the cotton crop throughout many sections of the county, there will be several boys and girls who will be unable to attend school unless we secure clothing for them. If you have extra clothing, call at No 250-W to be picked up.

Miss Mary Bess Abernathy was hostess recently at a lovely party honoring Mrs. Mike Rutherford of Tupelo, Miss. She was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Guilford Ammons. Mrs. Coy Gooch presented two contests, of which Mrs. Lillie Emmons was a winner. Martha Lynn Jordan gave a reading and Mrs. Leo Wingate sang.

The McNairy County Singing Convention held recently at Milledgeville, with Dock Whitaker acting as master of ceremonies, was certainly a success. Two local singers mentioned were John Swaim of Selmer and Mrs. Brooks Derryberry of Ramer.

Friday, November 11, celebrated in Selmer as Veterans Homecoming and Victory Day, proved also to be victory for the Selmer High School football squad. A record crowd of around 500 saw the Selmer Lions win their first game of the 1949 season in a game with Central High Tigers of Bolivar with a score of 13 to 7. Selmer's offensive team drove the ball down the field on a sustained march, and Hubert Miller carried the ball over on a reverse that was good for 23 yards and a touchdown. Ray Hamm's pass to Wood was good for the extra point and Selmer led 7-0. In the second quarter, Johnny Tackett got loose for a 50-yard run and the score was 13-0. It was in the last few minutes of the game that Bolivar gained their seven points.

Beauty Hill Community - Quite a bit of moving has taken place in our community recently. Melvin Holland and family have moved to Bethel Springs and John Allison and family are now occupying the house vacated by them. The Cletus Burkeens family have moved into the house vacated by J. N. Nold. Rev Turnbow and his sister have moved into the house where the Burkeens did live. Mrs. Minnie Yarbro, who is in bad health, is staying with her daughter Mrs. Nellie Plunk. Little Linda Lipford recently fell and broke her arm. There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Beauty Hill church, on Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited.

Melba Hendrix and Donna Parker were hostesses to the Melody Etude Club Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur Olive. Lola Bess Basinger presided. A program of Folk and Indian music was led by Alice McBride. Folk songs were played and sung by Nancy Smith, Keith and Harold Null, Billie Grisham, Joe Tackett, Donna Parker, Don and Jimmie Simpson and Melva Hendrix. Indian music was played by Brenda Sibley, Donald Green and Janice Grisham. (Not sure which name correct - is given as Melba Hendrix and Melva Hendrix.)

Guys Community - the community regrets the loss of two families. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Suggs and little daughter have moved to Gravel Hill. Mrs. Baker Hollman and children have joined Mr. Hollman in Memphis. Mr. Sam Ingram carried his father, J. Q. Ingram, to Veterans Hospital last week. Howard Houston and J. R. Hamm have been ill. Marlin Harbin and Lanoel Rinehart spent the week-end in Knoxville with Lee Harben recently. They attended the football game between Illinois School for the Deaf and Knoxville School for the Deaf. J. Sam Sharp is in a Corinth Hospital.

Huggins Drug Store: Use our Lay - A - Way for your Christmas gifts. Any item can be purchased for a little down and a little a week. Phone 20

Letter to Editor. Atoka, Okla. I am renewing my subscription for another year. Whenever I fail to renew my subscription you may know that my toes are turned up toward the bermuda grass roots. The Independent is a voice to me from my native hills. Signed John Mason.

Ramer Community - Mrs. Eugene Hamm and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamm attended the funeral of the latter's great grandfather, Mr. Milligan, at Mt Zion, Shiloh Park. T. Teague has gone to Ft Pillow where he has employment. Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Gibson have been sick with the flu. James Shelton has been in Memphis for x-ray treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smith were honored Sunday with a surprise observance of their golden wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the former Miss Laura Nethery, were born and reared in McNairy county. They are farmers and have lived in the Ramer community most of their married life. They have six children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all of whom were present except one great grandson. Present with their families were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. David Harold Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCullar, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Shack Franklin, and Arno Smith who lives with his parents.

Friends over the South are sad today, and particularly in McNairy County. Dr Henry Clark Sanders, Baptist Lay Leader, traveler, benefactor and country physician, is dead. He succumbed to a heart attack at the home of his brother, Dr E. G. Sanders, at Stantonville, on Wednesday Nov 16. Funeral services to be held at Clear Creek Baptist Church in the Lawton community. Interment will be in the old family cemetery, north of Clear Creek Church. Shackelford Funeral Directors have charge of the arrangements. He attended Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he graduated in 1895. Returning to his home community where he was brought up, he entered his life's work as a physician. In 1907, Dr Sanders set out for Florida in a wagon, drawn by two young mules, to visit relatives and see the sights. In the field of religion, few lay leaders will ever reach the heights attained by Dr Sanders. He retired from active practice of medicine about 20 years ago. He leaves two brothers, Dr E. G. Sanders of Stantonville and L. A. Sanders of Chickasha, Okla., besides several nieces and nephews.

Miss Mabrice Irene Mullins, age 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mullins of Sulphur Springs community, was claimed by the Grim Reaper on last Saturday, November 12. She attended Selmer High School and had been ill for the past two months. Funeral services, conducted by Bro Howard S. Kold, pastor of the Selmer Baptist Church, were held at Sulphur Springs Church on Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 pm. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers and flower girls were classmates from the Selmer School. She is survived by her parents; grandparents, Mr. Geo Mullins of the Lawton community and Mr. and Mrs. Mose Matlock of Selmer; one sister, Miss Maglene Mullins

Taxi Service - day or night - now located at Royal Café. Day phone 85. Night phone 222-W. Marvin Barnes.

Do you need coal? Call Tab Hill at Bethel Springs. Call 62-W.

For sale: Eight - 10 week old pigs and one sow. See W. L. Crawford.

Posted lands in the old 19th district. Signed: John Dennie, Orpheus Hester, M. H. Shelton, J. R. Johnston Jr., Foy Patterson, Due Hester, A. E. Kernodle, E. J. Wilbanks, A. A. Horton, Paul Johnston, Maynard Murry, Scott Robinson estate, Charlie Williams, Mrs. Clara B. Cobb, Robert H. Croskery, E.

V. Coley.

Posted lands in the fourth civil district. Signed: W. C. Swinee, Annie Hoover, A. W. Christopher, M. B. Melton, J. M. Cole, J. F. Templeton, Abb Templeton, Mollie Steel, T. K. Sanders, C. J. Wagoner, O. F. Wagoner, Mattie Dancer, F. M. Massengill, Henry O. Smith, Martin Smith, Plunk Brothers, J. O. Smith, Anderson Jones, John Sheron, Arron W Christopher, Earl Christopher, Ben Case, E. M. Tueton, Jasper Wharton, N. F. Barber, D. G. Barber, F. L. Barber, Pugh Gray, R. A. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tickle.

Gravel Hill community - Perry Moore was entertained in his home Saturday for his 8th birthday party. Present were: Alexander Garrison, Charles Ray Counce, Leon Bass, Richard Wilkerson and James Opal Gray.

Stantonville community - Mrs. Willard Smith is home from Memphis, where she went to see diagnostician. Her condition is reported as fair.

Mt Zion community - Mr. and Mrs. Levi Michael received sad news that their granddaughter, little Angelia Lucci, of Brooklyn, NY, was drowned when she fell in a bathtub of water. The mother was Lucille Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willis celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary Sunday with 59 people present. This also being Mrs. Willis' 70th birthday, it was a big surprise when all the family gathered with baskets of food. Pictures were made of all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All of the children were present, except one - Mrs. Roscoe Steele, of Selmer. Only 11 of the entire family were absent. Those present with their children: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Willis, Mr. Bill Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Case, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Browder, Miss Netta Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henson, Mrs. J. L. Henson, Mr. and Mrs. James Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dophia McCullar, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Case, Mrs. Gilbert Mulder, Mrs. Arnold Hockaday, Mrs. Josie Houston, Miss Ola Raines.

Selmer Community - An event of interest to their many friends and to the entire community took place this week when Mr. and Mrs. Flake Humphrey opened their new grocery in East Selmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have had years of experience in their present line of business.

Mr. John Jackson Smith, age 79, of Chewalla, Tenn, died Monday, November 14, 1949. He was a member of the Baptist denomination. Services were held at the Chewalla Baptist Church with interment was in the Indian creek cemetery. He leaves one daughter Mrs. Mary Martin of Chewalla.

Mr. Edgar Wagoner, age 73, longtime resident of the Clear Creek community, died on Thursday, Nov 17. He had long been a member of the Baptist church and was a deacon prior to his death. Services will be conducted at the Clear Creek Baptist church this afternoon and burial will be in the Clear Creek cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Mrs. Rosa Bearden Wagoner, one daughter Miss Edna Wagoner and one son Enloe Wagoner. Other survivors include four grandchildren, Carolyn, Nancy Martha and Joe Wagoner.

Showing at the Ritz next week: White Heat - Rose Of Washington Square - Look For The Silver Lining - Susanna Pass - The Girl From Jones Beach.

Friday, November 25, 1949

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Veterans can still get permanent poll tax receipt says Trustee D. T. Hamilton.

The Stephen Foster Club presented a concert at the First Christian Church in Selmer with a performance by Mr. Julian Hendren and Mr. Benny Smith of Nashville. A reception was held at the

home of Mr. John D. Wyatt, president of the club. The following patrons help make this concert possible: L. R. Weatherford, Louis Adams, Brooks Jones, M. W. Bigger, G. E. Sibley, A. B. Scott, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Grady Counce, John D. Wyatt, V. L. Robinson, R. B. Gooch, Miss Pauline Smith, J. L. McReynolds, Mrs. Minnie McCullar, Dr T. R. Barr, Dr Montie E. Smith, Jr., W. M. Roberts, S. R. Chambers, R. P. Shackelford, and Tom Ellis.

News from County agent: Robert Rouse, a member of the Finger 4-H Club, produced 291 bushels of corn on 2.4 acres this year. This may be a record for the county this year. Leon Smith, of the same club had one of the best cotton projects in the county.

Cotton Production: The short-term outlook for cotton is not very promising and other suitable profitable use of the land should be sought.

Towns in McNairy County received sales tax checks this week. Adamsville \$277.23 - Bethel Springs \$215.92 - Selmer \$369.00

This year, several civic organizations are making plans to liven up Selmer with beautiful electric lights and Christmas trees. Five strings of lights will be strung across Court Ave and Christmas trees will be provided to the business men of Selmer, if they will decorate and light them. The Court House will be decorated, with the approval of Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick and County Judge R. Carter Smith. Santa Claus will come to Selmer on the night of December 15 and will interview the children from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Sponsoring organizations are the Selmer Lions Club, Hamilton Finley Post No 2418 Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. If you wish to assist in this endeavor, contact Mr. Alton Scott, Mr. George Huggins or Mr. H. Y. Carroll.

The November meeting of the Pickwick Shrine Club was held at Shaw's Restaurant, Shiloh Park, last Friday night. Members attending from McNairy County: Adamsville - H. E. Brawner, H. L. Foster, Sam Taylor; Selmer - Louis Adams, D. T. Hamilton, J. W. Hamilton, Edgar Hodges, D. McCaskill, P. H. Thrasher. Officers elected from McNairy County were: President, H. E. Brawner of Adamsville; Treasurer, Edgar Hodges of Selmer; Secretary, Louis Adams of Selmer.

Mr. Robert D. Combs, age 64 died at his home near Stantonville on Monday Nov 21, 1949. Services were held the following day at the Stantonville Methodist Church, conducted by Bro Dickey. Interment was in Crump cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Elmo Holland, Elmo Elam, Buddy Dickey, Leonard Chambers, Bob Pickett and Quincy Rushing. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ersie Combs; one daughter, Miss Omega Combs; one brother, Jim Combs; six sisters, Mrs. R. L. Pickett, Miss Lessie Combs, Mrs. Esabella Nowling, Mrs. Clay Anderson, Mrs. Bell Cook and Mrs. Henry Hockaday.

Mrs. Eva Marie Lockman, wife of the late F. L. Lockman, died at a hospital in Memphis on Saturday, Nov 19, 1949. Her husband preceded her in death about eight months ago. Funeral services were held at the National Funeral Home in Memphis on Monday, Nov 21. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery in Selmer. She leaves a son, Troy Lockman of Selmer and a grandson, Durwood Lockman of Louisiana. The Independent extends sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Angilea Elizabeth Richards, age 71, of Bethel Springs, died Saturday, Nov 19, 1949. She was a Methodist. Funeral services, conducted by Bro Fry, were held at the Sulphur Springs Methodist Church on Monday, Nov 21, at 2:00 pm with interment in the cemetery there. She is survived by her husband, J. H. Richards, a daughter, Mrs. Opal Gilchrist, and a son, L. H. Forsyth

Mt Zion Community: Brenda Joyce Henson is sick this week with tonsillitis. We are glad Mr. Jim Ashe is able to be up after a few day's illness.

Ramer Community: Horace Chandler was in Memphis last week on account of the illness and death of his brother-in-law, Phil Parvin. Ramer High basketball teams played Adamsville here last Friday night in close and interesting games. Ramer won - the girls by two points and the boys by one point. A fire of undetermined origin badly damaged the house occupied by Terry Warren and family Sunday night. Mr. Warren was alone in the house while Mrs. Warren and children were at church. The Ramer Cumberland Pres Church is conducting a visitation program this week. Women of the church are

serving supper each night for the laymen who take part in the program.

Notice to creditors: Estate of Orval B. Davis.

If you are 85, 45 or 3 - Hadacol helps all ages. Don't go on suffering. Don't continue to lead a miserable life. Give Hadacol a trial!

Chewalla Community: Miss Betty Ledbetter returned home from the hospital Wednesday. Mrs. Maxine Barnes is back home now, after a serious operation performed recently.

Rose Creek Community: Mrs. Tom Estes is in Arkansas with her mother, who is very ill.

Rocky Knob Community: Rev Valley Carter filled his regular appointment here Sunday. There will be a young people's meeting Friday night. We are expecting a number of young people from Vernon's Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Keene gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Ludie Nash, Ralph Kerby and Mrs. Edna Hampton.

Pebble Hill Community: Mrs. Oscar Hopkins is in the Corinth hospital. She is a former resident of this community. Misses Marie and Laurene Kiddy were among those from Michie school who went to Rhea Springs for a picnic recently. Miss Dove Fisher is in the hospital in Memphis. Several from here attended the harvest festival at Michie School last week.

Card of thanks from the family of Mr. Ed Wagoner.

Love Never Fails - Not the flowers that twine, In the warm sunshine, On a morning bright in May, Nor the birds that sing, In the gorgeous spring. Can make a beautiful day. But the heart that shines, With a love sublime, Tho the clouds be cold and gray, And the hands that bless, With a fond caress, Can make a beautiful day. Albert S. Williams, Adamsville, Tenn.

Mt Gilead Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Ab Henson recently. Twelve members were present, including one new member, Mrs. Hugh Woods. Mrs. Lily Moore, visitor was present. Meeting called to order by the president Mrs. E. C. Causey. Devotional by Mrs. W. H. Jordan. Game prizes won by Mrs. Marshall Mitchell and Mrs. Ab Henson. Delicious refreshment were served by our hostess, assisted by her two daughters Lila and Faye.

On Nov 10, the gymnasium doors were opened wide for the first annual harvest festival at Michie High School. Nominated for queen: Oneida White (Freshman) Norma Briley (Sophomore) Peggy Price (junior) Joyce Garrett (Senior). Miss Peggy Price was crowned queen during the night of entertainment. A good time was reported by all.

For Sale: four room house on 2 acres of land, 1 miles west of Stantonville, on Hwy 57. (?) House has running water and lights. Wired for electric stove. Plenty of out buildings. See Ab Templeton.

For sale: Good 6 room house on 5 1/2 ac of land. Cellar, outbuildings. Wire for electric stove. Good well for water. Mile from two churches and school. G. L. Blasingame, Ramer.

Showing next week at the Ritz... The Girl from Jones Beach - Streets Of San Francisco - It's A Great Feeling - Crashing Thru - Mighty Joe Young.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting at the courthouse. New members are Mrs. Addie Abernathy and Mary Bess, and Mrs. Coy Gooch.

Boll Weevil Furniture Sale at T & C Furniture Company. We have been told that the insect known as the Boll Weevil has seriously curtailed the cotton crop in this section. Our prices are Real, Genuine and Honest Bargains. Come and see.

Selmer Community: the people of Selmer were sorry to learn that the home of Hugh Joplin near Falcon was recently destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith announce the birth of a daughter who arrived at Humphrey-Phillips Clinic Nov 21.

Looking Back Sixty Years Ago Friday, December 2, 1949

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Santa Claus is coming to Selmer December 15th and will interview the young folks.

Farm acreage allotments for the 1950 cotton crops will be in the mail soon. All farms with the same amount of cropland will have the same acreage allotment. The County Farm office is closed every Saturday. This is in keeping with the policy of the State Office so farmers having business to transact should call at the office some other day, other than Saturday.

Sheriff Hugh Kirkpatrick, accompanied by R. B. and J. R. Leonard, and I. W. and W. W. Randolph, and Patrolmen Gattis and McClaren confiscated a large whiskey still on Saturday, four miles north of Ramer. Officers had been watching the still for several days. This still had two 'worms' instead of the customary one. 18 barrels of mash were ready for cooking.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick, with deputies I. W. Randolph, Rosco Garrison, John Dillon and Connie Smith, with patrol men Garris and McClearen raided a place in Bethel Springs and found approximately four half cases of beer.

Cpl Layton H. Gage, son of Mr. Christopher Gage of Bethel Springs has been promoted to Sergeant. Gage entered the service in December 1942 and during World War II participated in the European Theater of operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby L. Basinger of Selmer announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Lee, to Bert Arnold Maxedon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Maxedon of Selmer. Wedding plans were made today at a tea given by Mrs. Jimmie Hodge at her home on Adamsville Road, honoring the lovely bride-elect.

Two of Selmer's young men, now enrolled at U-T Junior College at Martin, made first-string football players this season. Robert E. Ammons Jr., son of Robert E. Ammons formerly of Selmer. Ammons graduated from Selmer High School in '42-43 and played four years basketball. He enlisted in the U S Navy, serving five years. He lettered in basketball last year at U-T and playing left end on the football team and is co-captain. Gerald Kinchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kinchen, spent four years in the Navy and upon returning to civilian life, went back to Selmer High School to finish his work. He graduated spring '48. At U-T he plays first string tackle.

Playing With shotgun Proved Fatal for Franklin Hughes. Details are scanty on the accidental shooting of young Franklin Hughes, age 16, of Henderson, Tenn. According to reports, young Hughes was scuffling over a 12-gage shotgun with another boy when it went off, killing him almost instantly. Services, conducted by Rev W. P. Littlefield, were held in the Old Union Church the next day after his death, Nov 23, 1949 at 2:00 pm. Interment was in the cemetery there. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hughes, three brothers, Alvin Hughes, C. C. Hughes, Jr. and J. C. Hughes; and five sisters, Opal, Bobbie Sue, Dorothy Ann, Barbara Gail and Glenda Ruth.

Robert Earl Donahoe, age seven months, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Donahoe died at his home on Thursday, Nov 24. He was laid to rest in the Mt Pleasant cemetery, following appropriate services in the church there, conducted by Bro Homer Moore. Besides his parents, the deceased is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Donahoe

Community Committeemen elected for next year: 1st Community (old 1, 2, 6 and 13th Districts) J. R. Woods, M. B. Mitchell, E. H. Kiestler - 2nd Community (Old 3, 8, 16, 17, 19th Districts) Frank Plunk, E. R. Wilson, W. A. Plunk - 3rd Community (old 4, 5, 14, 18 District) Ennis Suggs, Burgess Hamm, C. A. Suggs - 4th Community (old 7, 11, 12, 15th Districts) D. L. Cagle, R. G. Harris, I. B. Dallas - 5th Community (old 9, 10th Districts) Elmo Holland, H. H. Garrison, F. L. Barber.

Buena Vista Community - Health in this community is very good at this writing. Carlton Hendrix is attending the Junior College at Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sisk moved to Bethel Springs last Friday.

Stantonville Community - Mr. Erette Stephenson of Redwood City, Calif joined his sister, Mrs.

Lucy Higgs, at the home of their niece, Mrs. Annie Hoover last week. It has been forty years since they were together. The children and grandchildren of Mr. Bud Cole met in his home on Nov 22 for his 89th birthday. Present were: Mrs. Annie Hoover, Mrs. Lucy Higgs, Mr. Erette Stephenson, Mrs. Mildred Majors and children, Larry and Anna Lou, and Rhea Hoover. Mrs. Lucy Higgs of Texas has been visiting for several months and was given a farewell party. Attending were: Mesdames Cora Smith, Effie Mills, Ellen Tanner, Maude Cole, Della Smith, Bertie Hoover, Mable and Euthia Dancer and Miss Jean Dancer.

Chewalla Community - Misses Virginia and Inez Derryberry, Vila Reed, Clara Mae Gurley, Mrs. Vera Wrenn and Robert Derryberry went on a tour Sunday afternoon to the Memphis Zoo.

Beauty Hill Community - Mrs. Mary Grimes and children of near Leapwood have recently moved into this community. Mr. Benny Mullens is building a new house. Junior Lee Hendrix of the U S Navy is spending leave with his family at Bethel Springs.

Iola Home Dem Club Meeting. There was a splendid meeting at the home of Mrs. John Weaver recently with nine members present. Miss Betty Jo Sams, our agent, showed the whip and whereabouts of making a tasty pie crust. Christmas potluck meeting in the home of Mrs. Dave Plunk. Mrs. Hubert McIntyre, reporter.

49¢ sale going on at Kroger.

Gravel Hill Community - the people of our community enjoyed an old-fashioned box supper at the school building last Thursday night. The proceeds are to go for the benefit of the school. Several hogs were slaughtered in our community last week - it being ideal weather for the job.

For sale: second-hand girls bicycle. See Anne Claire Wright.

Old Cool Springs Community by Mrs. W. A. Plunk - Mr. W. C. Moore who has been confined to his bed for several months is not so well at this writing. Harold Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odus Phillips, had the misfortune of falling off a horse Sunday and breaking an arm. Mr. W. F. Maness, Miss Margie and Claud Maness and Arthur Plunk attended the funeral of Mrs. Marcus Womble of Finger Sunday. Little Peggy Jo Robison is suffering with a broken shoulder, caused from a fall. A young peoples rally held here Friday night was very good.

Letter to the Editor from Maude W. Cole of Stantonville - I lost my only living brother - Mr. Horace M. Wolverton, of Okmulgee, Aola, the 20th of September, 1949. Out of the family of five of Jas. T. Wolverton, only two are living; my sister, Georgia Daniel of Corinth, Miss. and myself Maude W. Cole.

Mrs. Eller Hopkins celebrated her 73rd birthday at the home of Mrs. Carl McClain on November 27th. Present were: seven of her eight children and her sister, Mrs. Amy Huggins and family of Memphis. Also present were 27 of the 41 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren. In the afternoon, all gathered inside for gospel songs. When the crowd left - everyone feeling it was good to have been there.

Etta Swaim circle of the Presbyterian Missionary Society met Nov 15th at the church. Mity Lena McAlpin was hostess and 18 members present. Those taking part in the program were: Margrett Wallace, Louise Hamilton, Katherine Scott, Maxine McCullar, Ethelyn Thomas, Sue Milligan and Mrs. C. A. Scott with Bernice Gooch leader. A handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Scott for her birthday.

Judith Hamilton was hostess for the Junior Etude Club Monday evening. Martha Jane Smith and Freida Moore were assisting hostesses. Devotional by Mrs. Ammons and a story by Betty Hamm. Judy Hamilton sung 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart' accompanied by Mary Frances Meeks. Other vocals were: 'I Love You Truly' by Martha Jane Smith, 'O Promise Me' by Faye Hamm, accompanied by Anita Johnson. 'The Kiss' was played by Shirley Jaggars and 'Love's Old Sweet Song' by Betty Jane Robertson. Frieda Moore and Marjorie Steadman played other wedding music.

Guys Community - Among those attending the funeral of Mr. John Smith at Chewalla recently were: Mrs. C. A. Suggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wren, Mrs. C. F. Rinehart, Mrs. R. L. Burns, Mrs. G. B. Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green, Mr. J. H. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harben and children, Ernest

Sharp, Mrs. Dee Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis. Mrs. R. C. Green will entertain for Mrs. Arthur Ray Anderson of Ramer on Saturday afternoon with a bridal shower. Mrs. Anderson, the former Martha Faulkner of Guys, has been the pianist at the Church for some time.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Mighty Joe Young - Joe Palooka In Winner Takes All - She Wore A Yellow Ribbon - Sheriff Of Cimarron - Task Force. Price 10¢ and 30¢ on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Kemp of Adamsville was taken to Community Hospital in Corinth last week and remains in critical condition. She is the former Grace Foster of Selmer.

The Stephen Foster Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Jones. Mrs. R. B. Gooch, Jr. and Mrs. W. D. Robinson were co-hostesses. Thanks was given to Tyler Gooch for his generosity in furnishing flowers for the season's first concert. Those on the program were Mrs. Leo Wingate, Leo Wingate, and John D. Wyatt. 'Three Little Maids From School' cleverly done by Mrs. Jimmy Hodge, Mrs. S. K. Chambers and Mrs. R. B. Gooch, Jr. was the most enjoyed and most applauded number on the program.

The children of the late Jesse R. and Lena Wright gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sewell of Enville for a family reunion. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wright, Kathleen and Martha Ann Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Anne Claire, all of Selmer. J. A. Wright of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fly, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Ragland and children, Marianne, David and Freddie of Milan; Mrs. Luther White and son George; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cheatham of Henderson; Mrs. Tolie Wright, Robert and Bobby Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright and daughter Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Pugh and daughter Jackie, of Morris Chapel; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wright and Myrlee, Mrs. Wilma Vinson and sons Billy and Wallace of Adamsville.

Miss Mary Ann McComic entertained an number of girls with a theater party Thursday night at the Ritz. Those present were: Barbara June Kemp, Elizabeth Ann Burks, Lola Bess Basinger, Betty Green, Martha Jane Smith and Anne Claire Wright.

Avon from Nora White, your representative. Cotillion \$1.65 and Swan Lake \$1.45.

All New, All Proved, Here Now Heavy Duty Engineered International Trucks at Grady Counce & Son. Also, Mrs. Homemaker see the new Refrigerator with room to spare/ Phone 41.

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Platform Arts Dept of Selmer High School will hold open house in its newly decorated studio. An hour of song will be presented by the students using the baby grand piano purchased last year.

Grady Counce & Son, automobile and implement dealer was robbed last Friday night. A back window in the garage was broken. Then the stock window to the main part of the building and show room was pried open. The safe was opened with a cold chisel and sledge hammer. \$375 in cash and checks worth \$132 was taken.

On Saturday night, a car was stripped on the parking lot of Grady Counce & Son. Sheriff Kirkpatrick, Mr. Ermic McCullar and Mr. Grady Counce went to Harlan, Ky. to arrest three people.

Selmer Mayor, Will Tom Abernathy says the Town is most beautifully decorated for the Yuletide Season. The lights across the street was done by: Alton B. Scott, H. Y. Carroll, Tedford Jordan, Prince Kerby, Gene Burks, Bert Arnold Maxedon, Charles Ammons, Grady Cox, Edward Surratt, Carl Robertson, George Brooks, George Huggins, Romas Hall, John Ramer McComic, Mac Whitten, Fred Plunk, Lincoln Taylor, James Shelton, Jimmy Walker, Hilton Walker, Richard Hines, Benny Coley.

For the trees which so beautifully line the streets, thanks to: Brooks Jones, Joe Dave Robinson, Bowers Tackett, Jimmy Weatherford, Johnny Tackett, and Jeff Lambert. Thanks also to W. M. Roberts, Manage of Pickwick Electric, Gene Burks and all the other crew.

Selmer Basketball season opened last Friday night when Selmer played Bethel Springs. Selmer boys won 45 to 11 but the girls lost 32 to 22. On Saturday they played Henderson at Henderson and had a split bill again. Selmer lads won easily by a score of 53 to 25. Girls dropped their second game with a score of 56 to 22. Tuesday on the road to Grand Junction for a double header and both teams victorious. Boys won by one sided score of 88 to 35 and the girls 32 to 23. Tom Ellis is the coach.

Home Demonstration Council met to discuss the 1950 program. Attending were: Mrs. Frankie Gilbert, Mrs. Troy Everett, Mrs. Joe Harris and Mrs. Cecil Cox of Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Archie Raines and Mrs. Norman Carroll of Stantonville; Mrs. Arthur Vires from Iola; Mrs. Carl Causey and Mrs. Jehugh Henley from Mt Gilead; Mrs. Edwin Meek from Mt Zion; Mrs. Milton Dickerson, Mrs. J. Win Robertson and Mrs. Louise Feldmon from Acton.

Selmer Lions Club has arranged a special dinner at Logan's Lake for members of the football squad. A special movie is planned for the entertainment.

Selmer High School has a local Beta Club. Members are selected by the faculty on character, attitude and grades. Members are: Wilbur Gene Ashe, Mauvaleen Barnes, Howard Emmons, Inez Kirk, Joan Mattox, Jimmy Plunk, Rachel Prather, Emma Lee Rinehart, Rebecca Sanders, Robert Earl Sibley, Martha Jane Smith, Margaret Weatherford, Joy Weaver, Mary Alice Whitaker, Dorris Whitten, Christine Wilson, Anne Claire Wright. Beta Club members last year, who are also eligible this year are: Richard Lee Brown, Billy Barnes, H. J. Maxedon, Mary Grace Kiser, Verlin Horton and Sarah Robinson.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick and Patrolmen Gattis and McClearin carried out another State Line raid last Friday night. A case of whiskey was seized.

James Blasingame, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blasingame, of Ramer has been initiated into the University of Tennessee Alpha chapter of Delta Nu Alpha.

McNairy County received \$3,668.02 from the state from taxes collected on alcoholic beverages.

Mrs. May Bell Hawkins, age 61, died Saturday, Dec 3, 1949. She resided at Finger and was a Missionary Baptist. Funeral services, conducted by Rev C. B. Turnbow, were held at good Hope on Sunday December 4, at 2:00 pm. Burial was in the Good Hope Cemetery, with Shackelford Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. She is survived by one daughter Mrs. Lola Mae Smith; three sons, Willie, Jimmy and J. B. Baggett; 24 grandchildren and two great grandchildren

Honor Roll of Selmer High School released by Principal Kiser: Wadene Tull, Mary Lou Marcus, Grady Taylor, Anne Claire Wright, Rebecca Sanders, Rudolph Gooch, Wilbur Gene Ashe, Marie Jones, Jimmie King, Mary Alice Whitaker, Martha Jane Smith, Rachel Prather, Joyce Watson, T. L. Michael, Betty Jo Hurst, James Alton Scott, Jimmy Jones, Inez Kirk, Glen McBride, Gene Rinks, Jimmy Plunk, Wayne Martin, Joy Weaver, Christine Wilson, Emma Lee Rinehart, Carlene Wilson, James Eldon Thomas, Joyce Jones, Margaret Weatherford, Joan Mattox, Mauvaleen Barnes, Kenneth Randolph, Patricia Carroll, Sarah Robinson, Olan Hamm, Mary Grace Kiser, Nyta Joyce Morrow, Richard Lee Brown, Billy Barnes, June Weatherford, Robert Earl Sibley, Jean Irwin, Hugh Buford, Coy Grantham and Howard Emmons.

4-H Achievement Day attended by 462 members at the Ritz Theater December 1. Jimmy Jones, County President presided during the morning. Bo Higginbottom of Rose Creek led the pledge. 'Dairy Food Demonstration' was given by Betty Jane Smith of Stantonville. Other topics were given by: Bobby Gibson of Rose Creek; Katherine Milam and Anna K. Dickson of Bethel Springs, Billy Barnes and Joyce Mitchell of Selmer; Anne Copeland of Acton; Bruce Hamm of Adamsville; Loel (?) Barber of Finger; Charles Raines of Stantonville.

Awards given in place order: Potatoes - Neese Moore, Rose Creek and Martha Ann Robison, Finger.

Cotton: Leon Smith, Finger; Lynwood Moore, Rose Creek; Gene Dickey, Stantonville; Larry W. Raines, Stantonville.

Corn: RaNell Robison, Finger; Wayborn Russom, Rose Creek; Delores Smith, Stantonville; Leon Maness, Bethel Springs; Robert Rouse, Finger.

Corn and Pig: Ralph D. Smith, Stantonville.

Poultry: Jessie Wilson, Rose Creek; Lula Mae Moore, Rose Creek; Frances Ann Wilson, Rose Creek, Maryleene Barber, Leapwood.

Swine: Bo Higginbottom, Rose Creek; Noma J. Russom, Rose Creek; James Gordon Moore, Bethel Springs; Curry L. Hendrix, Bethel Springs.

Achievement: C. T. Raines, Michie; Bo Higginbottom, Rose Creek; Bruce Hamm, Adamsville.

Food Preparation: Lael Barber, Finger; Elizabeth Fieldman, Acton.

Gardening: Mary Magelene Mullins, Rose Creek, Willie Jo Hurst, Bethel Springs.

Handicraft: Patricia Nunley, Stantonville.

Home Improvement: Peggy J. Gage, Bethel Springs; Wadene Tull, Rose Creek.

Best Record: Anna J. Dickson, Bethel Springs; Betty J. Smith, Stantonville.

Achievement: Joyce Mitchell, Selmer; Joyce Raines, Stantonville.

Medal Awarded: Dairy Production - Anna K. Dickson; Dairy Foods - Betty Jane Smith; Achievement and Dress Contest - Joyce Mitchell; Dress Contest - Annie L. Robinson & Wilma Higginbottom.

Clubs having the largest attendance: Rose Creek, Bethel Springs and Stantonville.

Letter from W O Wagoner of Dry Prong, LA: 'With sorrow I have noted the passing of several of my old friends and kinfolk since I was over that way a few years ago. Amanda Wagoner Foster, wife of the late Joe Foster, was my sister. Edgar Wagoner was a cousin on my father, Murph Wagoner's side. And the late good Dr H. C. Sanders, a kinsman on my mother's side. Her grandfather was named Stanford Sanders, who was a brother, I believe, to Dr Sanders' father or grandfather. The late Bill Lea, Grady Abernathy and Mrs. Mary Abernathy Steadman, were my old schoolmates and friends. It is characteristic of old age that we tend to revert to the scenes of early life. I have passed my 69th milestone and realize I am living on borrowed time.

Eating out: 65 million persons on the United States will eat at least one meal in a public place today. This is three times more than in 1940.

Letter from Lake Springs, MO, Arlie R. Sanders. 'I think of my school days at New Salem school in good old McNairy County. I remember my classmates, especially those that accepted the call of God to the ministry of his Gospel. As I recall there were eight in all: two Cude brothers, namely Charley and Oliver, two Wilson brothers, John and Dick; Willie Swaim, Mack Archie, Willie Churcher and myself. I let my mind run back to the school days and Sunday School and church at New Salem and later around Bethesda. I am nearing my 73rd birthday on Jan 22, 1850. My parents were the late J. Dudly and Mary Ann Sanders. She was the daughter of the late Chesley and Lusetty Rimmer.

Americans spend more than \$4 billion annually to enjoy the sports of hunting and fishing.

For Sale: a good small farm, known as the Bill Lea Farm. 5 room house, deep well with electric pump in concrete block well house, good orchard, two acres of strawberries. See Mrs. Minnie McCullar.

Chambers Style Shop has a Winter Clearance Sale.

Money saving Christmas Gifts at J. E. Hodges & Son.

Ramer Community: Archie Hamm and J. D. Jones who are in FBI training in Washington have been home for 10 days. Transfers of real estate in Ramer: Mr. and Mrs. Lyde Dancer and Mrs. Ira Dancer sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. John Steadman and moved to Selmer. Coach and Mrs. Johnson have purchased Mr. and Mrs. Carlie Prather's home. Mr. and Mrs. Prather have also moved to Selmer. A tenant house and contents on Warner Tate's farm, in which Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore and children lived, was a total loss from fire Saturday night. The barn was also destroyed. The family was at the

home of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collins, where she has been confined since returning from Webb-Williamson hospital.

Stantonville community: On Nov 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Wyatt gave a birthday dinner in honor of their son Charles and little Butchie Lewis. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Buford Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Burks and Elizabeth Ann of Selmer, Mrs. R. A. Lewis and Butchie of Shiloh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wyatt, Judy and Peggy. Mrs. Wyatt made pictures.

Gravel Hill community: A large crowd attended the baptismal service at Selmer Sunday afternoon. We are grateful to Selmer Baptist Church for the use of their church and baptistry.

Stretch your Christmas money at Western Auto Store. Home owned and operated. H. Y. Carroll, Mgr. Phone 106.

On Sunday, November 27, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss Moore went to Sunday School and Church and when they arrived home at the noon hour, to their great surprise, dinner on the table. Their children had come and prepared a big dinner to celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son; Mr. and Mrs. Romas Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Oclis Moore and children; Mr. and Mrs. Artie Goodrum and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman and son; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price and son; Curtis Moore; Miss Betty Sue Moore; Mrs. G. F. Whitten, all of Selmer. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jolly and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and children, all of Bethel Springs.

Mrs. Vernon May and Mrs. Roy Downs were hostesses to the Selmer Rose Club recently.

Card of thanks to our friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement, from Mrs. R. D. Combs and Omega.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Task Force - Kiss In The Dark - Oh, You Beautiful Doll, Gun Runner - The Red Danube.

Chewalla community: Mrs. Bell Phillips has been seriously ill.

Pebble Hill community: Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Burks have moved near New Hope. Mrs. Johnny Huggins is able to be out after a serious illness. Also Vadene is much improved after a tractor accident in which she was painfully injured. Miss Joyce Fisher who underwent an operation a short time ago in Corinth, has returned home.

Old Cool Springs community: Bro Carter delivered a fine message at Rocky Knob Sunday with a good number present. Mrs. H. A. Barham is still on the sick list. Mr. John Starks is very ill at this writing.

Exciting Christmas gifts at the Vogue.

Selmer community: C. H. Chambers, merchant and rolling store operator of Michie was transacting business in Selmer recently. Mrs. Frank Wilkes is recuperating from an operation at the home of Mrs. Henry Coats. Mrs. Lan Woods fractured her ankle. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrum have announced the birth of a fine girl. Mrs. Goodrum is the former Nola Day Dunnaway. Mrs. Cooper Randall has entered a Brownsville hospital where she will receive treatments. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Huggins and Mrs. B. W. Fisackerly received minor injuries when the car in which they were riding left the road and crashed into a pole. Mrs. E. H. Crump is in critical condition.

History of Falcon by Joe Alexander: "In 1874 the little town of Falcon was ushered in as a little village Town. A man by the name of Ben Person had a switch put in and a depot was built and a survey was made. Lots and streets were laid off and the little village began to grow. Rev R. Young came. He and his son ran a store at his home one mile southeast of Falcon. They moved both building and goods to Falcon. J. M. Nelson was the next to come.

Business houses were established, started south and running north: W. Rosson - saloon; W. A. Tedford - saloon; Smith & Peoples - general merchandise; D. Horn & Co - general merchandise and grain store. Later on, H. C. Gooch, P. J. Howard, W. A. Gooch, Tid Jones, F. P. Browder, Erwin Bros, Null, G. W. Farris. Cicero Jeans house was occupied by Maxedent and Hunter and later by Shytes and Newman. Prather-Simpson and Tedford Co, R. H. Freeman drug store, Holcomb Hotel, extreme south, Aaron Gage Buggy and Wagon Shop, William Carmen blacksmith, P. Holcomb first cotton gin, later

Alexander Brothers and McCullar.

Other businessmen and citizens were: Dr J. L. Smith, Benton Peoples, Josiah Horn, William Horn, Henry Horn, John Taylor, Dr A. L. Sanders, Albert Adams, N. D. Erwin, N. A. Erwin, Arlie and Edgar Prather, J. D. Null, W. J. Null, Eid Jeans, Frank Locke, W. R. Coln, Ed Stubblefield, John Carter, Jim D. Perkins, M. N. Carter, Dr Bud Shytes, Dr Tom Shytes, Dr Frank Young, Dr L. C. Prather, Dr W. C. Atkins, Attorney A. W. Stovall, Attorney Christopher, Attorney James Pace. Station Agents, J. F. Williams, Sam McCullar, Richard Patrick, C. C. Taylor. Dr John Smith, Dr Ernest Smith, John W. Gooch, John Deaton, L. C. Roten, Dock Locke, Mrs. Edith Warren boarding house, William Chapman, G. W. Alexander, U. S. Alexander, Hosteters, Robert Browder, Rev W. J. Williams, Rev Dickey, James Brown, Robert Gray, W. H. Stone postmaster, Clint Stone, Edgar Stone, George Carmen, Nat Carman, Henry Carman, Prof Norman, Richard Wise, Peck Busby, Brown Ahearn, Carroll McCullar, Bob Emmons, Charlie Lewter editor, W. E. Grimes editor, John Brooks, Wilson Moore, Robert Bell Sr., J. A. A. Coleman, long time station agent. Hosteter mill, one half mile below Falcon was a busy place. McCullar mill was the same distance above town.

Falcon was the county seat for a few courts, but lost out. After Selmer was voted county seat in 1890 Falcon began to go down. Today, December 9, 1949, the J. M. Nelson store is the only building left. The writer saw this town come and go. We must all admit that Falcon was one of the most thriving towns for a few years in the county. Quite a lot of old businessmen sleep in the old cemetery east of town."

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Towns in McNairy county received their portion of sales tax for last month. Selmer received \$369.72, Adamsville \$277.78 and Bethel Springs \$216.35.

McNairy County has lots of rough step land that should be set in trees now according to the county agent. For the poultry program, shop early for baby chicks. December is not too early to order. February chicks are more profitable than March chicks and March chicks are more profitable than April chicks.

Selmer Lions football team entertained by the Lions Club with a banquet at Logans Lake on Monday night. Present were: coaches Tom Ellis and George Miller. Football boys: Johnny Tackett, Will D. McClain, Robert Sibley, Jack Lewis, Bobby Kinchen, Jimmy Weatherford, Billy Kirk, Jerry Barron, Hubert Miller, Lawrence Kirk, Joe Mitchell, Douglas Wood, H. J. Maxedon, Guy Replogle, Johnny Hawkins, James Eldon Thomas, Leland Kiser, J. H. Whitaker, Leon Horton, Bobby Kirk, Billy Patrick, Junior Pollard, Bryan Dunaway, Bobby Mitchell, Joe McReynolds, R. Brown, Glen McBride and Ray Hamm.

Lions present: B. T. Kiser, Joe Dave Robinson, Brooks Jones, Tom Ellis, Ira Anderson, Wilbur Wright, R. H. Croskery, J. L. McReynolds, T. W. McBride, Oscar McCullar, W. B. Tackett, Alton Scott, H. Y. Carroll, O. V. Erwin Jr., Will Terry Abernathy, J. M. Hailey, F. M. Barron, B. B. Replogle, Otis Plunk, W. F. Wilkerson, Vance Moore, Bill Smith, D. T. Hamilton, J. C. Taylor.

All Election Officers who were qualified and served in their respective districts in the Constitutional Convention held on Nov 8, 1949, are requested to come in and pick up their state warrants. L. E. Scott, McNairy Co. Election Comm.

Selmer boys basketball team lost a heart-breaker to Bolivar last Tuesday night. This is the first game lost out of five games played. Those that played : Main team - Weatherford, W. McClain, B. McClain, Bob Kirk, Billy Kirk. Substitutes - McCullar, Hawkins, Martin, Emmons, Tackett, L. Kirk,

Kiser, C. Kirk. There were 20 personal fouls made by Selmer with Weatherford and Billy Kirk put out.

The girls game was lost to Bolivar by 23 to 32. Those that played: Main team - Baker, Hall, Burkeens, Clifton, Watson, Mitchell. Subs - Smith, Wilbanks, Horner, Jones, Whitaker, Weatherford, Isbell.

Adamsville schools has quite a record for perfect attendance. (Sickness is a legal excuse and not counted.) List by grade with pupils names and days missed. Covers from first day started to school at age 6 to present:

Grade 3 - Jack Walker, Jo Page Varnell, Ferrell Maness 1, Jo Ann Abernathy, Glenda Freeman 2.

Grade 4 - Donna M. Finger 3, Jimmy M. Pettigrew, Harold Smith, James Turnbow, Betty Helton 5.

Grade 5 - Norma Jean Smith, Marion Sharp 1, Jane Hamm, Joe David Pettigrew 6, Nancy Hudson, Jerry Littlefield 3, Gene P Goodrum, Billy R. Stanfill 4, Don Hunt 5.

Grade 6 - Buford Pusser 3, Dwain Stanfill, Donald Browder 8, Larry Browning 7, James R. Browning 5, Margaret Littlefield, Mary Littlefield 10, Billy Don Bridges 2.

Grade 7 - Jimmy Gray 4, Nadine Smith 15, Charlotte Sharpe 7, Billy Mitchell 10.

Grade 8 - Ida Lou Morris 1, Vernell Collins 15, Delores Matlock 5, Bruce Hamm 6, Billy Max Majors 9.

Grade 10 - Mary Ann Littlefield, Lewis Landreth, Freeda Ellis, Bobby Brooks, Gene Blanton 10, Margaret Littlefield, Bettye Bishop, Marvin Snodgrass 15.

Grade 11 - Abernathy Walker 10, Franklin Hughes 12, Martha Clark 15.

Grade 12 - Hermie Gay Plunk 10, Anita Littlefield, Max Browder, Virginia Teuton 15.

Local Sec-Treas of the Tennessee national Farm Loan Assoc., Ted Martin, was selected to attend the national meeting in Oklahoma City. A. C. Raines of McNairy County was chosen to go to the conference in Louisville, Ky.

Library Club of Selmer High School organized for the school year at the home of Martha Jane Smith. Emma Lee Rinehart gave a report on Alfred Crabb and his books. The fee to join is 'the work that you do in the Library.' Officers elected; President - Malene Jones, Vice P - Joann Mattox, Sec - Marjorie Steadman, Treas - Martha Jane Smith, Reporter - Anne Claire Wright, Program Chairman - Joann Barr. Committees: Art - Martha Ann Barber, Frieda Ann Moore, Elizabeth Ann Buford. Social - Dean Herchenhahn, Emma Lee Rinehart, Inez Kirk. Program - Audrey Sipes, Jo Ann Barr, Virginia Steadman, Betty Martin.

The Selmer Methodist Church has received a gift of Electronic Chimes in memory of Mr. Grady Abernathy by his son Will Tom Abernathy.

School children, women and other part-time workers employed temporarily for the Christmas holidays should have a social security card.

Outdoors in Tennessee: Papa large-mouth bass doesn't grow as large or live as long as mama large-mouth bass.

Crooked Creek community: Betty Watson is back in school after several days of illness. Mrs. Cora Emmons and family left to join her husband who is employed in Texas. Mr. Cub West has spent several days in a Memphis hospital. The Chandler family, formerly living near the Jones settlement have moved on the farm known as the Connie Smith farm.

Chewalla community: Mr. and Mrs. Leland Crabb have moved from here to the Cypress community. Missess Virginia and Inez Derryberry and Mr. Kyle Howell attended the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville Saturday night. A Christmas play will be at the Chewalla School on Monday night.

Jordan's Store says the Christmas Season demands practical gift shopping and one can find practical gifts at Jordan's.

Travel Greyhound to New York, NY one way \$18.25 round trip \$32.85. Greyhound Post House, Phone 9103 in Selmer.

Order your Christmas turkey now from Kroger. Bargains: 25 lb bag Kroger flour \$1.95. Cigarettes 10 package carton \$1.88 gift wrapped, popular brands.

Selmer is decorated better than ever before for the Christmas season with beautiful lights and Christmas trees. The move to decorate the town was started by three civic clubs: Selmer Lions Club, Hamilton-Finley Post No 2418 Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Showing at the Ritz next week: The Ted Danube - Rhythm Hits the Ice - Fighting Man of the Plains - Carson City Cyclone - Everybody Does it.

Rocky Knob community: Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Phillips are the proud parents of a ten pound boy born Dec 12.

Stantonville community: Mr. and Mrs. Olus Smith and Wayne have moved from this community to Selmer.

Buena Vista community: Having lots of bad weather now and health in our community is not so good. Mrs. Martha Jenkins has been real sick for two weeks. The Sunday School at New Salem will have a Christmas program and Christmas tree on Thursday night.

Old Cool Springs community: health is not so good at this writing. Quite a number are sick with bad colds. Carolyn Plunk attended the cake walk at Finger School recently.

Gravel Hill community: the Log Cabin Folks from Radio Station WDXI will entertain at our school Tuesday night.

Rose Creek community: Billy Smith, of Lambuth College is home. Mrs. Tom Estes has returned to Arkansas to say with her mother, Mrs. Mary Isbell, who is ill.

Mount Zion community: Union Grove will have a Christmas program by the young people on Dec 24.

Get Christmas flowers at Ty's Flower Shop at 105 N End St, Selmer. Phone 338 J.

Huggins Drug Store has Old Spice set \$1.25 to \$5.00 Eve Paris sets \$1.50 to \$15.00, Compacts \$1.00. Pocket Watches \$2.25 and 3.50.

Liberty Cash Grocery - Low Prices Every Day. Phone 10 - Free Delivery.

Guys Community: Mrs. C. D. Bass has entered the hospital in Corinth. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sharp, Mrs. Lewis Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp and Richard Sharp visited Mr. J. L. Meeks who is seriously ill. Mrs. A. K. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sharp, Ernest & Richard and Mrs. John Sharp attended Lee Rubel's funeral at the Waldron St Christian Church in Corinth.

Rev Bilbo Lively of New Albney, Miss. has been called as pastor of the Pocahontas Baptist church. He will fill his regular appointment this coming third Sunday at 3:00 pm. Mrs. M. L. Wardlow is clerk of the church.

Old 16th Community - Next Sunday, Bro Elmo Blakely will fill the pulpit at Hopewell. There will be a Christmas tree and program at Hopewell Church on Dec 24. Mr. Virgil Lee has recently purchased a new truck. The people of this community were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Jim Dunn on Nov 30. He had been confined to his bed for some time. He was laid to rest in the Sweet Lips Cemetery.

Private First Class Lloyd P. Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Swain of Bethel Springs is stationed at Ooka Japan.

Counting Noses - Beginning next April census takers will start calling on everybody and 'Sister Sue' to learn the nation's population.

Selmer Rexall Drug Store has Christmas Candy - Smoker's Gifts - Shaving Supplies - Famous Perfumes - Fragrant Colognes - Beauty Items - Writing Needs.

J. E. Hodges & Son - All prices drastically reduced during our December Sale.

Browder - Littlefield has gifts for the ladies.

Selmer Community - After being sick for several days Miss Martha Frances Gooch has resumed her duties at the Humphrey-Phillips Clinic. The condition of Mr. J. L. Meeks is serious. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Misner have been at the bedside of his father in Memphis.

Miss Patricia Lee Basinger was given a kitchen shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Basham with Mesdames D. G. Robinson, H. M. Lewis and Allen Wooten co-hostesses. Rodney Bassham favored the guest with two piano solos and Helen Moore sang a Christmas carol.

Miss Fairy Ruth Robertson became the bride of John R Hunter on Dec 8 at the Methodist Church. Attendants were: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Estes, Flake Humphrey, Will Tom Abernathy and Hugh Kirkpatrick.

R. O. Horner has the perfect gifts for little girls.

Friday, December 23, 1949

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Local businesses will close Monday, Dec 26: U-Tote-E Grocery, Liberty Cash Grocery, A & G Market, Cox Box Grocery, Kroger, Weatherford Bros Grocery, Frozen Food Locker, McNairy Independent, Guy Robinson, Jordan's, Selmer Bank & Trust, Western Auto Store, J. H. Bigger & Son, Sherman's Store, Steele's Jewelry, Hamilton Cleaners, Selmer Furniture & Appliance Co, McCoy's Variety Store, Chambers Style Shop, Mrs. I. H. Brooks, R. O. Horner, Browder & Littlefield, Jaggars Kiddie Shoppe, J. E. Hodges & Sons, Smith's Variety Shop, Selmer Hardware, Courthouse.

Christmas Services will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec 25. Worship at 8:45 am and Sunday School and 9:45 am. Feature of morning worship will be a solo by Mrs. John Capps, the former Mary Frances Baker of this city. Special music will also be given by Misses Martha Jane Smith and Marjorie Steadman, Anita Johnson and Faye Hamm at the two pianos and Mrs. Charles D. Ammons at the organ. Others in the program: Freddie Turner, Patsy Robinson, Willard Knight, Joan Cude, Jimmy Simpson, Barbara Phillips, Helen Kay Shelton, Sammy McCullar, Jerry Graham George Graham Jr., Edwin Barron, Carroll Graham, Don Maxedon, Dudley Dancer, Junelle Johnson, Don Simpson, Brenda Sibley, Elizabeth Ann Phillips, Mary Frances Meeks, James L. Rinehart, Mary Elizabeth McCullar, Phyllis Boggan, Robert Gann Cox.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church to have a musical of hymns and carols by the young people's choir on Sunday night, Dec 25th at 7:00 pm.

Jack T. Barr, one of our hometown boys, is now a graduate of John A. Guyton School of Mortuary Science of Nashville.

Loyal Workers class of the First Christian Church had a Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Houston Thrasher.

Selmer Lions Club has done a great deal of work this to help restore eyesight to those in need. The club has sent several McNairians to Memphis for examination. The last person send was Lou Venia Reinhardt of Route 2, Ramer, and her sight was restored.

Stantonville Community: Little Miss Betty Lou White, from the School for the Deaf at Knoxville, is home for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John White. Mesdames Jonah and Bass Dancer served a family dinner honoring Jean Dancer on her birthday and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bass Dancer. Present were: Jonah Dancer family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dancer, Mr. and Mrs. W D Massengill, Jimmy Mills and little Miss Dollie Sue Jaggars. Mrs. Bass Dancer, Mrs. Archie Raines, Maxine Carroll and Euthia Dancer, representative of the Stantonville Community Improvement Club, attended the awards dinner at the New Southern Hotel in Jackson recently. They won a \$25 award in the contest.

Little Joyce Prather, age 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alford R Prather was claimed by the Death Angel on December 16, 1949. An acute attack of appendicitis is reported to be the cause of her untimely death. Services were held at the Selmer Presbyterian Church with interment in the Mt Vernon

cemetery. Besides her parents, she is survived by three sisters, Patricia, Martha and Linda Prather; grandparents, Mrs. Mollie T. Prather of Selmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richard of Ramer, Tenn.

News of the passing of Mrs. Mary Lou Michie of Stantonville, was a shock to the entire county. Death came on Sunday, Dec 18, 1949, following a long illness of some six years. She was 89 and a member of the Stantonville Church of Christ. (She would have been 90 on January 13.) Services were held at her church on Monday, Dec 19, with burial in Clear Creek Cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. The deceased is survived by her husband, Ephriam Michie, brother R. A. Tanner and nephew Frank W. Romine.

Mrs. Alice Goad, age 71, died at her home on Sunday, December 18, 1949. Funeral services were held at the Adamsville Baptist Church with burial in the Adamsville Cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were: C. H. Duren, Howard Duren, Hugh McArthur, John Malone, Henry Carothers and Chas Perkins. She is survived by her husband, Frank M. Goad, three daughters, Mrs. Ima McNeil, Miss Olene Goad and Mrs. Fred Counts; three sons, Barlow, Robert and Samuel T. Goad, and four grandchildren.

Mr. George W. Massia, age 58 of Adamsville, died at his home on Saturday, December 17, 1949. Death came as a shock, for Mr. Massia was in apparent good health. Funeral services were held at the Adamsville Baptist church on Sunday, Dec 18, with burial in the Morris Chapel cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lena Massia; four sons, Coy, Jerry, John and Gilbert Massia; and one daughter, Mrs. Joel Bridges.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Kerby, age 80, passed away on Dec 15, 1949. Funeral services were held at the Bethel Springs Church with burial in the Mars Hill Cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were grandsons: Rudolph Barber, N. A. Robison, O. K. Weatherford, Kerby Ferrell, Murel Lockman and O. A. Sipes. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Bethel Springs. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Bud Kerby and three daughters, Mrs. Lula Robison, Mrs. Lula Gipson and Mrs. Eula Ferrell; ten grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Mr. John Andrew Case, age 74, died at his residence near Selmer on Sunday, December 18, 1949. He was laid to rest in the Mt Vinson Cemetery on Dec 19. He was a Baptist. The deceased is survived by two sons, R. L. and G. R. Case.

Selmer Community: Mrs. Lillie Huggins is slowly recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident. Mrs. Lan Woods is confined to her room because of a broken ankle. Miss Martha Abbot and Lynn McNatt's approaching marriage has been announced. Bill Wright, a senior at University of Colorado at Bolder is visiting his brother, Wilbur Wright during Christmas. Others home from school for the holidays are James Hagy Smith, Jimmy Thompson, Alice McReynolds, Blair Scott, Joe Wood, Mary Emma Steadman, Lola Frances Kiser and Jane Wood.

Rose Creek community: After the death of her mother, Mrs. Tom Estes has returned home from Arkansas. Barbara Ann King, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren King is sick. There will be a Christmas at Sulphur Springs Church Friday night Dec 23.

Gravel Hill community: The women of the community enjoyed a quilting in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Armstrong recently. The young ladies of Gravel Hill church enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Miss Myrlene Bolding. Nola Gene Huggins is home for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huggins had a letter from Mr. Arch Hamm saying his daughter Mrs. Blanch Hamm Bias is sailing for her mission work in Brazil in January.

Just Opened: City Plumbing and Electric Shop at 121 E Court Ave. Wm. B. Caldwell, proprietor.

Beauty Hill community: There is much sickness in the community. Mr. Frank Lipford and Marcus Hill are on the sick list. Jack Gage is better. Mr. and Mrs. Monty Beard have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Garner. James Eddie Miller and wife have moved into the new house built on the Major Hill farm. Mrs. Ada Williams of Leapwood is seriously ill in a Memphis hospital. Her sister is Mary Grimes. There will be a Christmas program at the Beauty Hill Church,

Saturday night, Dec 24. The young people are putting on 'The Empty Room.'

Old Cool Springs community: Bro Carter delivered a splendid message here last Sunday. Mrs. H. A. Barham and Little Lila Mae Plunk are on the sick list. There will be a Christmas program and tree at Rocky Knob Church Friday night, Dec 23. The play 'A Happier Christmas' will be presented by: Neva King, Carolyn Plunk, Harold Maness, Doris Hampton, Sue Nell Maness, J. B. Kerby, Gerald Phillips, Jerry Keens, Robert Lewis Plunk, Muriel Kirby, Ralph Kirby, Neal Phillips, Frances Hampton, Don Plunk, Marie Phillips, Glenn Phillips, Edna Hampton.

Ramer community: Army Cpl. Ted Overton is home for the holidays. Dewey Depoyster had an operation on his throat at Memphis. Mrs. M. C. Key has a sprained ankle. College students home: Edith Gibson, Mabel Lawson, Helen Gibson, Will R. Majors, Harvey King, Bunkie Vaughn, Kelcie Hamm, James Blasingame, Wm. Coleman Gibson. Mrs. Arnie Huggins is improving at her daughter's home, Mrs. Hattie Lawson. J. J. Teague is having the residence recently vacated by J. O. Brown remodeled by Lide Dancer of Selmer. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smith and son Arno will move there. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dickey will move where the Smith family now live. Several from Ramer attended the funeral of Miss Clay Ijams in Corinth. A large audience was present to the 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' given at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Showing at the Ritz new week: Everybody Does It - Flame of Youth - Intruder In The Dust - Renegades of Sonora - Abbott & Costello Meet The Killer Boris Karloff.

Mr. Neal Mitchell, a former resident of Michie and Miss Kathleen Clark were married in San Francisco Dec 10, 1949.

Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration club elected new officers: Pres - Mrs. Cecil Cox, Vice Pres - Mrs. Lula Mae Wilks, Sec - Mrs. Patty Everetts, Treas - Mrs. Ruby Harris, Reporter - Mrs. Ethel Gilbert, Song Leader - Mrs. Evelyn Tackett, Devotional - Lois Prather.

Mt Gilead Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. E. C. Causey. Those with perfect attendance for the year: Mrs. Carl Wilson, Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, Mrs. Uyles Wilson and Mrs. Ab Henson.

Stantonville Home Demonstration Club elected officers: Pres - Della Smith, Vice Pres - Maxine Caroll, Sec-Treas - Mary Nell Plunk, Reporter - Euthia Dancer. Project leaders appointed were: Mable Dancer, Gladys Pratt, Nona Plunk, Dora McCormack, Emma Raines, Lois Moffett, Lizzie Phillips, Reatha Garrison, Bessie Carroll, Mary Nell Smith and Kessie Killingsworth.

Letters to Santa Claus: Ginger Rogers Dickey 'wants dishes and doll clothes and remember my sister Betty.'

Douglas Raines, 'can hardly wait for you to get here with my Roy Rogers cowboy outfit and basketball set. And Santa, maybe you can get around to the little boys and girls this year that you didn't visit last Christmas.'

Janice Marie McGee 'I've been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a sleepy doll and a doll stroller, a doll bed and a wagon.

'I want a purse, a air ball, necklace and bracelet,' says Betty Mayfield.

Daphene Wilkerson 'This is what I want you to bring me: a guitar and fiddle, the big doll with blue overalls and cap, yellow polo shirt.'

'I want you to bring me a large doll that says 'Mama' and bring my little brother Barry a big red wagon. I will be looking for you, ' Brenda Joyce Henson.

'I am in the 1st grade and Miss Ruby Johnson is my teacher. I sure do love her. Please bring me a basketball set and anything you have that you think my Mother can pay for. Bring Mother and Shirley something. Shirley is my sister. She is 13. We have the same birthday, April 3.' Farris Holmes

Richard Mattox 'I want a Joe Palloka Boxing set, Donald Duck ring, fire truck, football suit, farm set. Bring David a teddy bear and presents for all the other children in town.'

Jean Anderson, 'I would like a doll house and plastic furniture for it and a doll and layette. Bring Elaine some little crib toys.'

Bill Anderson, 'Since I am only four years old, my sister must write for me. Please bring me a toy service station, a steam shovel, pump-up racer and a new teddy bear, my old one has lost his eyes and tail.'

'I want you to bring me a doll, doll buggy and a doll bed. I have a little sister that wants you to bring her a teddy bear. She has been a good little girl this year.' Judy Wyatt

'I want basketball. My little brother, 9 months old, wants a rubber doll. My other brother wants a little red wagon. My sister wants a dresser set. My other sister wants a basketball. I want you to come to our Christmas tree at Rose Creek school.' Peggy Jena Henson.

'I am only 9 months old, please bring me a teddy bear and doll. Remember my mother and daddy and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Wess Moore.' Katherine Ann Jolly.

'I go to school at Center Ridge and church at Mt Gilead. Please bring me some toys and a billfold. I have a sister, Carolyn, she wants a dresser set and washing machine. I have two brothers, Jerry Wesley and Jimmy Wayne, bring them something if you want too.' Paul Moore.

'Santa, I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a big truck, ear muffs and a big airplane. Remember my little brother Harold Eugene. Bye Bye.' J. T. Leonard.

'Please bring me a basketball and a knife for Christmas. Don't forget to bring my grandpa a pipe. He is 89 years old. He has just one hand and can't do anything but smoke.' Acie A. Flowers.

'I am in the fifth grade and I haven't missed a day in school. I want you to bring me a doll and a doll high-chair and doll bed.' Reba Faye Hill.

'Will you bring me a gravel truck, scooter and jeep. Don't forget my mother and Mrs. Kennedy.' Joe Neal Hill.

'Thought I'd write and let you hear from a boy who lives by myself. Last year I did not write because I was a nurse to my dear old mother, who was 97 year and four months young. Now she has passed on and I am so sad and lonely. There are four shut-ins in my neighborhood, please visit them. Also have lots of little boys and girls. I haven't been so good this year but will you print my letter anyway.' Miles Henry (Miles was 65 when he wrote this.)

Merry Christmas wishes from Selmer merchants and citizens:

Browder & Littlefield; Burks Grocery & Feed Store; Charles Lee; City Service Station; Cox Bros. Grocery & Market; D. T. Hamilton, Trustee; Drewry's Crystal Ice Company; Estes Esso Station; Grady King; Grady Counce & Son; Gulf Refining Company, R. B. Gooch; Guy E. Robinson; Hamilton Cleaners & Hamilton Barber Shop; Hendrix Soda Fountain.

Huggins Drug Store; J. E. Hodges & Son; J. H. Bigger & Son; Jordan's; Kirk's Café; Latta Tractor & Implement Co; Latta Motor Company; McNairy County Farm Bureau - Joe Kerby, Sec; McNairy County Independent; Modernistic Beauty Shop - Jimmie & Iona; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Jaggars; Mrs. I. H. Brooks; Pickwick Electric Membership Corporation; R. O. Horner's Store; Ritz Theatre.

Selmer Furniture & Appliance; Selmer Implement Co - T. W. McBride; Selmer Beauty Shop - Arminta, Gladys & Lorene; Selmer Bank & Trust; Selmer Frozen Food Locker; Selmer Rexall Drugs; Selmer Service Station; Shackelford Funeral Directors; Sherman's Store; Sibley Chevrolet; Smith's Variety Store; Standard Lumber Co; Steele's Jewelry & Gift Shop; T & C Furniture Co; The Clock Service Station & Café; The Vogue; Thomas- Farris Pontiac Co; Thrasher's Café & Service Station; Tower Service Station & Grill; Ty's Flower Shop; U-Tote-Em Grocery; Western Auto Associate Store; Wilkerson's Liberty Cash Grocery; Woodmen of the World, Sid Burks.

Merry Christmas and a happy prosperous new year from Bethel Springs merchants and citizens: J. W. Cheshier; Frank Deaton General Merchant; Finley's Service Station; Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Long; McGee Lumber Company; Nickles Café & Grocery; Joe K. Walker Monument Works.

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Local Electric Co-op may soon have a new sub station at Pickwick Dam. To the members living in and around Counce and Michie, this new sub station would provide almost unlimited cheap electrical power for any development in the area.

In the Christmas lighting contest, judged by the ministers of Selmer, winners were: First place resident: Mr. and Mrs. Alton Scott and they received a floor lamp as prize. Honorable mention Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wallace. In the business district: Weatherford Bro Grocery and their prize was a desk lamp. Ty's Flower Shop was judged second best.

Social Security tax rate goes up Jan 1, 1950 one and one half percent on employee and one and one half percent on employers.

Selmer Lions and Lionesses journeyed to Adamsville to play what promised to be one of the most exciting games of the season and the fans were not disappointed. The Lionesses played a fighting game until the half, after which they dropped slowly behind. Final score was 39 to 14. Line-up Adamsville: Plunk 6, Wilson 7, Carroll 17, Tidwell, Meeks, Season (?), Subs Young 9, M Littlefield. Selmer lineup: Baker 4, Hamm 6, Burkeens 2, Clifton 2, Watson, Mitchell. Subs Wilbanks, Horner, Whitaker, Weatherford, Smith.

When the Lions took the floor against the strong Adamsville quintet, it was the start of a game that will long be remembered. At the half, the score was 20 to 18 in Adamsville's favor. In the third quarter the tide slowly began to turn. Final score 45 to 28 in favor of Selmer. Selmer lineup: Weatherford 9, B. McClain 22, Bob Kirk 2, Bill Kirk 12, Hawkins. Subs W. McClain, Martin, McCullar, Tackett, Emmons. Adamsville lineup: Varnell 10, Browder, Combs 8, Morris 7, Dill 2. Subs Snodgrass 1, Walker, Barnett Davis. Referees: Roberts and Varnell.

Another thriller was when Selmer boys played Memphis Tech High School. Selmer soundly whipped Memphis Tech 53 to 31. Selmer lineup: Weatherford 7, Bob Kirk 13, Bill McClain 16, Bill Kirk 1, W. McClain 2. Subs: Hawkins 2, McCullar 4, Martin 2, Emmons 4, Tackett 2.

Mr. George Ferguson, age 63, died on Friday, December 23, 1949. Funeral services were held at the Refuge community church, with interment in the cemetery there. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Geo Ferguson; and one son, J. B. Ferguson; and two daughters, Miss Georgia Faye Ferguson and Mrs. Mattie Sanders.

Miss Fannie Bell Gladish, age 79, who resided at Adamsville, died on Tuesday, December 20, 1949. Services conducted by Bro Albert Plunk were held at the Mt Vinson Church on Wednesday, December 21, at 2:00 o'clock, pm. She was a Methodist. Survivors include three brothers, W. W.(.) Lee and George F. Gladish; and three sisters, Mrs. Johnie Scott, Mrs. Lillie Hardin and Jessie Plunk. Shackelford Funeral Directors had charge of arrangements. Burial was in the Mt Vinson cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jackson of Morris Chapel died on Christmas Eve, the result of a fire and explosion caused when Mr. Jackson attempted to start a fire with fuel oil. Mrs. Jackson lost her life at the fire and Mr. Jackson died at the hospital. Services were held at the Morris Chapel Methodist church and burial in the cemetery there. The survivors are: one daughter Mrs. Francis Russell; one son, Price Jackson; and two grandchildren, James Michael Russell and Phyllis Ann Jackson.

An article from Shreveport, La. tells about a former McNairian, Mrs. Lessie B. Lea. Mrs. Lea is the former Lessie Barnhill, daughter of the late J. T. Barnhill and Mrs. Docia Barnhill, who resided at Chewalla, this county, until the year 1893, when they moved to Selmer. Mrs. Lea left Selmer in 1904. A native of Tennessee, Mrs. Lea came her with her husband, the late A. C. Lea back in 1904 when she started to work as deputy U S Marshal. Taking a few leaves, she has worked ee years and 8 months. Mrs. Lea now resides with her mother, Mrs. Docia Barnhill in Shreveport.

Ramer community: Mrs. D. B. Perry is home from the hospital and Mrs. C. L. Majors has been quite sick. A group of young people, led by Bro Richardson, sang carols for the aged and shutins Friday night. A wedding of interest is that of Miss Mary Jean Taylor and Billy Joe Miller, who were married December 23 in the First Baptist Church at Corinth. Rev Hines spoke the ceremony in the presence of Betty Sue and Kay Taylor, sisters of the bride and Bobby Sue Teague. The couple will reside in Selmer.

Girl's winter coats and dresses have been reduced at Jaggar's Kiddie Shoppe.

Selmer community: Mrs. I. H. Brooks has been sick with pneumonia.

Gravel Hill community: Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Gooch, Mrs. Julia Gooch, Mrs. Rosa Springer, and Mrs. Felin Bolton were visiting 'Aunt Matt Dameron' recently. Aunt Matt is 101 years old.

Showing at the Ritz next week: Abbot & Costello Meet The Killer Boris Karloff - Massacre River - The Doctor And The Girl - Law Of The Golden West - The Fighting Kentuckian. Cartoon on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Patricia Lee Basinger and Bert Arnold Maxdon were married in a lovely wedding at eight o'clock on Christmas morning at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Irby Basinger. Her sister, Miss Lola Bess Basinger was maid of honor and P. J. Maxedon attended his brother as best man. The couple left for a honeymoon trip to East Tennessee and will return home to an apartment on Pharr Ave.

Miss Pauline Brice and Mr. Ted Smith were united in marriage at West Shiloh Baptist church on December 24. Matron of honor and best man were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore. Mr. Smith is commander of the V.F.W. Post in Selmer and Principal of Stantonville Junior High. After a trip to Birmingham the couple will reside in Selmer.

The Stephen Foster Club met in the home of John D. Wyatt with Lynn McNatt co-host. Members enjoyed discussions and music by Mrs. Nora Houston, Mrs. Harry M. Cain, Mrs. Leo Wingate, Mrs. Charles Ammons and Christmas carols directed by John D. Wyatt. Before adjourning, members exchanged gifts and holiday cheer.

Leapwood community: Mrs. Jennie Massengill, who has been sick for the past year, has not improved. Those visiting her bed side were: Mesdames E. M. and M. G. Kirk, and Mrs. Pearl Gilbert of Finger, Lester Hayre and family, Juanita, J. B. and Scotty Massengill.

J. A. Patrick says what we need in McNairy County is cows, cows and more and better cows. We have a lot of rolling land that would make good pastures. He would like to know how many farmers north of No 64 highway would be willing to go in the dairy business in a small way, say with 10 milk cows each. The only Grade A Milk Plant near us is in Jackson, Tenn.

On Friday, Dec 23, the employees of Brown Shoe Company, Factory F, enjoyed a Christmas program put on by local talent in the factory. The program was followed by a Christmas tree, at which Santa Claus supervised the distribution of a mountain of presents.

Hamilton Cleaners best wishes for a new year, "Here's hoping that 1950 sees you ship come in - in shipshape condition...that untroubled water lie ahead...and that all storms pass you by! So, all aboard and full steam ahead for everything good and a Happy New Year."