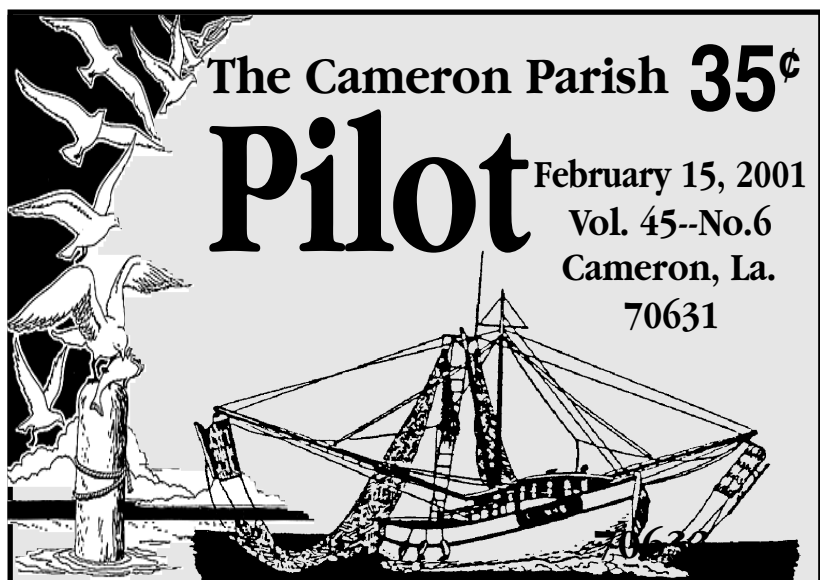




Courtney Conner



Miss Conner Mardi Gras queen in LC

Courtney Nicole Conner, 19, of Lake Charles, was chosen as Miss Mardi Gras of Imperial Calcasieu 2001 at a pageant held Sun., Jan. 28, in the Lake Charles Civic Center. She will reign over this year's Mardi Gras festivities in Lake Charles.

Miss Conner is the daughter of Eddie Jo and Tammy Conner of Lake Charles, formerly of Creole. She is a student at McNeese and was Miss Cameron 2000. She represented Cameron Parish in the Fur Festival's queen contest held in January.

Ray Dimas, former S. B. member, dies

Raymond Dimas, 79, of Creole, former Cameron Parish School Board member, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in a Lake Charles hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 14, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph McGrath officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

A native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Dimas moved to Cameron in 1947. He was a Lay minister of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was former Post Commander of VFW Post #10019 and was a 4th degree and former Grand Knight, J. P. Boudoin Council #3014 Knights of Columbus. Mr. Dimas was a member of American Legion Post #176.

Mr. Dimas served as a Cameron Parish School Board Member from January, 1959 to December, 1970 and was president of the board in 1969-1970.

He was a former director of Civil Defense and a member of the Cameron Farm Bureau and Cameron Lions Club.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II at Normandy Beach. He retired from La. Menhaden and Zapata Protein.

He was recipient of the Bishop's Medal.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Nunez Dimas of Creole; five sons, Jean Dimas, David Dimas and Gary Dimas, all of Creole; Jerome Dimas of Orange, Tex.; and Joey Dimas of Iowa; two daughters, Theresa Townsend of LaMarque, Tex., and Christy Fitzhenry of Sealy, Tex.; four brothers, Ross Dimas and Ben Dimas Jr. of Albuquerque, N. M., Alfred Dimas of Lakewood, Calif., and Jimmie Dimas of Belen, N. M.; three sisters, Dora Sanchez and Melba Olona of Albuquerque and Peggy Sanchez of Belen; his mother, Annie Dimas of Albuquerque; 20 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Lighthouse meeting set

The Cameron Preservation Alliance - Sabine Pass Lighthouse, Inc. will hold a meeting at the Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Picard Road, Port Arthur, Tex., on Mon., Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Activities and fund raising plans will be addressed. Progress report from the engineering department at McNeese University will be discussed.

All interested persons are welcome to attend; new members are welcome.



Millie Harris

Fur queen has political ambitions

Millie Harris, the 2000 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival Queen, told reporters in Washington last week that she plans to run for Lieutenant Governor in seven years.

Miss Harris, who is 25, is from bridge City in Jefferson Parish and reigned over last year's Fur Festival. She crowned the new queen, Courtney Tatman of St. Charles Parish, at the 2001 festival in January.

The 2000 queen is in Washington to attend the annual Louisiana Mardi Gras Ball which will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Tues., Feb. 20. The past year's Fur Queen receives this trip every year from the festival.

According to the New Orleans Times Picayune, Miss Harris made her political announcement last Thursday night at a mock jazz funeral which featured Sen. John Breaux rising from a coffin. The Picayune's columnist wrote:

"Amid the throng of aspiring politicians, Millie Harris of Bridge City appeared to be the only declared lieutenant governor hopeful. She said she plans to run for the state's number 2 job in seven years.

"Wearing a tiara and sash made from nutria fur, Harris said she frankly finds politics distasteful. 'I strictly want to be the hostess for our state,' she said.

Heather Sturlese of Grand Chenier also will be at the Mardi Gras Ball Tuesday night where she will reign as the Mardi Gras Ball Queen. She was selected for the honor by Congressman Chris John, who is chairman of this year's ball.

Miss Sturlese also was Fur Queen in 1999 and was Miss Cameron in 1998.

Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 19



THE RECENT death of Bill Turnbull in Cameron brought to an end his distinguished second career as an outdoor and nature photographer. The late afternoon scene of the waves washing up on Rutherford Beach was one of his many striking pictures of Cameron Parish's outdoor wonders.

Mardi Gras ball and run announced

The Krewe de Deux Lac (Grand Lake-Sweet Lake) will hold its 11th annual Mardi Gras ball Sat., Feb. 24, at the Grand Lake-Sweet Lake Fireman Center in Grand Lake.

The Krewe festivities will begin at 7 p.m. when the court will be presented then there will be a costume contest and the ball.

Master of ceremonies, Carolyn O'Connell will open the festivities by introducing the flag bearers, James and Tricia Carroll, James Tricia Carroll the Krewe Flag, and Albert and Lena Guidry, the American Flag.

The 2000 King Jean LaFitte X, Patrick Hebert, and Queen Christine X, Shirley Chesson, will be introduced. Following will be the introduction of the 2001 court, First Duke John T. Constance with First Duchess Laurie Jones; Second Duke John Ed Duhon with Second Duchess Peggy Fontenot; and Third Duke Wendell Mhire with Third Duchess Mary Constance.

After the court 2001 King Lafitte XI Jerry G. Jones and Queen XI Sue Reed will be presented and crowned by the 2000 King and Queen.

The costume contest will have competition in the following categories: most original, most beautiful, most hilarious, and a womanless dress contest.

Music for the dance will be provided by the Jimmy Aguillard Band.

Festivities charge will be \$10 per person, BYOB and those who wish can bring snacks. No one under the age of 21 will be admitted. ID's will be checked at the door and security will be provided.

The Krewe will hold its annual run through the Grand Lake-Sweet Lake community Feb. 17.

School Board will meet here Monday

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold its monthly meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, at the School Board office.

The board will recognize the Student of the Year parish winners who are: Grade 5 -- Chynna Little, South Cameron Elementary; Grade 8 -- Matt Miller, South Cameron High; and Grade 12 -- Kristin Howerton, Grand Lake High.

Other items on the agenda include:

*Recognize Student Councils.
*Receive staff report on issues related to Grand Chenier School.

*Receive report on first time freshmen.

*Consider receiving revised policies: JBC - School Admission; ED - Student Transportation Management.

*Consider receiving a proposed new policy: ID DFA -

Technology Assistive Devices for Disabled Students.

*Recognize Cameron Communications for providing a graduating senior within our service area on opportunity to apply for a two-year scholarship at McNeese State University.

*Consider advertising for Food Service Supervisor.

Ambulance meeting at new site

The time and place of the Feb. 21 meeting of the boards of the parish's two ambulance districts has been reset. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. (instead of 6) at the Cameron Police Jury building (instead of the Council on Aging Building.)

The boards will open bids on a new ambulance, hold an employee hearing, hire a new secretary and discuss Medicare write-offs.

The meeting is open to the public according to board presidents Glenn Trahan and Clifford Hebert.

Energy aid is offered

Applications are being taken by the Cameron Community Action Agency for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Eligible households with children age five years and younger, the elderly and handicapped persons will be given priority.

Residents of Cameron Parish may call the office to see if they qualify for LIHEAP assistance. Call 775-5145 in Cameron or 598-5158 in Grand Lake to make an appointment or for information. Applications are taken Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. by appointment only.

Sr. parents to meet

All parents of the 2001 senior class of South Cameron High School are asked to attend a meeting on Wed., Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Tarpon Hall at the school. Plans will be made for the after graduation party.

Holly Beach gets writeup

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Holly Beach has again gotten some national exposure -- this time from a columnist in the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal-Constitution, who did a series of columns last fall on a number of offbeat locations around the South. Her column on Holly Beach is headed: "A sleepy beach in winter in an unaffected spot." It reads in part:)

Dear Reader:

Wish you were here. Then there would be two of us. The six miles of this public beach with its ramshackle, colorful, chock-a-block working man's camps is deserted. By deserted I mean you could erect a kiosk and give away cold beers wrapped in \$50 bills and there would be no takers.

Alone. That's how you'll be at Holly Beach in the wintertime. There are worse places, and ways, to be.

I drove down from Abbeville and took the Hug the Coast Highway, then cruised across Pecan Island -- which isn't really an island but a chenier, a high spot in the marsh -- and then Grand Chenier, through the town of Cameron (elevation: 4 feet; population: 2,000). Then I rode the ferry from Cameron across Calcasieu Pass to Holly Beach.

Much of this area was accessible only by boat until 1953, when the Hug the Coast Highway was built. Electricity and phones didn't make it to many of the homes until 1960.

I had read a little about this funky beach and wanted to visit. It sounded like the antivenin for Hilton Head and Sea Island. Waterfront for the masses. A beach for all the rest of us.

Called the Cajun Riviera, in winter its few motels cater to anglers and off-duty oil rig workers and maybe a few souls just hiding out.

There was more interesting flotsam on Holly Beach than I've seen on any beach in a long time. Plastic laundry baskets, sandals in all sizes, ketchup bottles from the 1960s. It was like a discount store from the deep.

That's just the junk the Gulf throws up. People throw up things, too. Camps. Cabins. Trailers anchored with

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PICTURED ABOVE are the Cameron Parish Head Start royalty, who were presented on the Thursday night Fur Festival ceremonies in the Cameron Elementary Auditorium. Cameron Friendship Class I royalty was: Queen Kayleigh Fuselier, King Logan Manuel, Princess Kristen Cormier, and Prince Blake Hebert. Cameron Friendship Class II royalty was: Queen Morgan Hardie, King Nikolas Navarre, Princess Madison Bonsall, and Prince Larry LeDoux.



THIS IS ONE OF a number of posts that have been put up on Holly Beach by the Police Jury blocking off the waterfront from traffic. Motorists are asked to park their vehicles north of this line.



Grand Chenier 4-H

Grand Chenier 4-H Club is recognized

The Farmer's Rice Milling Company has once again recognized an outstanding 4-H Club in Cameron Parish along with six other rice producing parishes for their efforts in community service and club leadership activities.

Grand Chenier Elementary 4-H Club received a check for \$250 from the Farmer's Rice Mill at their February 9th club meeting.

Throughout the year, the

club has collected canned goods, coats, blankets, and clothes for the needy; collected toiletries for the men's prison; sent Halloween cards to the swing bed patients at South Cameron Memorial; collected baby items and maternity clothes for New Life Council; furnished refreshments for Teacher Appreciation Week and the Veteran's Day program; participated in Beach Sweep; cleaned the school playground after football games; collected eye glasses

for the Lions' Club; and collected used Christmas cards for St. Jude's Hospital.

The club leaders are Mrs. Carolyn Richard and Mrs. Norma Jo Pinch.

S. C. Elem. 4-Hers win at local show

The Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show was held in the Parish Barn in Cameron. The beef show was held Jan. 14, and the livestock show was held Jan. 18-20. The South Cameron Elementary 4-H exhibitors and their placings are:

Kathryn Reina, market hogs 2nd and 5th; showmanship 8th.
Katelyn Reina, market hog 3rd; showmanship 3rd; breeding hog, grand champion Dubroc; grand champion breeding gilt and grand champion La. bred; beef - showmanship 2nd.

Chandler LeBoeuf, goat 1st, 2nd and 5th; showmanship 1st; hogs 2nd, 3rd and 6th; beef 1st; showmanship 3rd.

Joel Rogers, beef 4 1sts; grand champion Red Brangus bull; showmanship 1st.

Kimily Bourriaque, lambs 2nd and 4th; showmanship 1st; beef 2nd; showmanship 5th; pigs 2nd and 4th; showmanship 1st.

Victoria Wilkerson, beef grand champion; goat reserve parish bred.

James Duhon, beef grand champion commercial heifer; pigs 2 4ths.

Ty Savoie, lambs 5th and showmanship 1st.

Keaton Boudreaux, beef 1st; showmanship 1st.

Amanda Wicke, reserve champion Black Brangus.

Kyle Benoit, beef 1st and grand champion parish bred; hogs 5th and 6th.

Blake Bonsall, beef reserve champion Hereford bull; showmanship 2nd; lambs 1st, 4th and reserve champion market lamb division II and reserve champion parish bred lamb division II; showmanship 2nd.

Sarah Boudreaux, beef 1st and showmanship 2nd.

Dustin Boudreaux, beef 2nd.

Chelsi King, hogs 1st.

Alan Meyers, grand and reserve champion broilers; hogs 5th and beef 1st.

Kassie Benton, hogs 5th.

Lexie Canik, beef grand champion Brahman heifer; hogs 4th.

Katelyn Reina, Reporter

South Cameron Elem. 4-Hers win at district

South Cameron Elementary members placing at the District Livestock Show in Lake Charles were:

Kathryn Reina, market hogs purples; showmanship 5th; market hog, purple; breeding hog, reserve champion Dubroc; reserve champion La. bred; showmanship 2nd; beef 2nd and 3rd.

Chandler LeBoeuf, beef 2nd; hogs 3rd and 2 purples.

Joel Rogers, beef 3rd, 4th; grand champion Red Brangus heifer; reserve champion Red Brangus bull; showmanship 4th.

Kimily Bourriaque, lambs 2nd and 6th; showmanship 2nd; beef 2nd and showmanship 4th; hogs 1st and 4th reserve champion La. bred - Division II; showmanship 3rd.

Victoria Wilkerson, beef 2 - 1st.

James Duhon, beef 2nd; hogs purple.

Ty Savoie, lamb, 1st and showmanship 3rd.

Keaton Boudreaux, Beef 2nd; showmanship 5th.

Hackberry 4-Hers win at show

Seven members of the Hackberry Jr. 4-H Club participated in the Southwest District Livestock Show at Burton Coliseum recently. They were:

Steven Welch, purple ribbon hog; Shawn Eubanks, two purple ribbon hogs; Nicholas Wolfe, purple ribbon and Division Winner hog.

Megan Swire, one purple ribbon hog and one purple ribbon fourth place hog; Annie Alexander, purple ribbon hog, and fourth in hog showmanship.

Whitley Reed, purple ribbon hog; LoriBeth Shove, fourth Brahman bull and fifth Hereford heifer.

These exhibitors will participate in the State Livestock Show Feb. 12-7, in Baton Rouge.

Darra East, Reporter

Hackberry 4-H club activities

By MICAH SILVER

Mrs. Penny Thibodeaux, Parish 4-H Agent, gave a presentation on how to put a record book together at the Feb. 9, meeting of the Hackberry Senior 4-H club. She reminded club members that record books for parish competition are due Mar. 23.

CRD committee chairman, Kristin Gray, reported on the January club activity, which was visiting Abraham's Tent where members performed kitchen duties and served meals. The activity for February will be making Valentines for the Senior Citizens at the local Council on Aging.

Dusty Hebert presented a computer project talk.

Members who show animals at the various livestock shows are: Bethany Richard, Kristin Gray, Blake Murphy and Malorie Shove.

Mr. Mike Lavergne presented ribbons to parish poster contest winners. Micah Silver won the first place overall ribbon with his beef poster. It will compete in the state poster competition. Josie Brown won first place with her rabbit poster in the senior division.

Door prizes were won by Blake Murphy, Lionel Swire, Paige Sanders and Josie Brown.

Our next club meeting will be Fri. Mar. 30.

Librarian speaks to Hack. 4-hers

By MICAH SILVER

Mrs. Charlotte Trosclair, Cameron Parish Librarian, told members of the Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders Club at their Feb. 8, meeting about the many free services available at the Cameron Parish Library. Of most interest to members was the Louisiana Library Computer Connection where databases were specially selected to meet the informational needs of every Louisiana citizen.

For the community service project for February, members voted to bring Valentine cards to the swing bed patients at South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

On Mon., Feb. 26, members will go to different business places with their Pig Squeal Fun Raiser.

Members will visit Abraham's Tent and do kitchen duties and serve meals on Mar. 17. They will meet for lunch and hold their monthly meeting that day. Later that evening they will attend a Lake Charles Ice Pirates game.

Members signed up for Challenge Camp counselors and the upcoming Junior Leadership conference Mar. 23-25.

Club members will assist with the Cameron Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Activities to be held Feb. 24, and Mar. 31, at the Cameron Parish Mosquito Control Barn.

gave a presentation on record books.

Jaclyn Higgins, Reporter

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Grand Chenier 4-H club hears talk by deputy

Butch Conner with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department was the guest speaker at the Jan. 26, meeting of the Grand Chenier Elementary 4-H club. He spoke on careers in law enforcement. He told the club that "being a deputy is only a part of law enforcement, there are other jobs in enforcement such as game wardens and dispatchers."

Members attending the parish livestock show were recognized. They were: Dylan Conner, Shylyn Nunez, James Richard, Jake Boudreaux, Barrett Hebert, Hunter Canik, Danica Mhire, Brett Richard, Christian McCall, Tamara Jo Nunez, Bailey Richard, Dixie DeSonier, Emily Primeaux, Colby Nunez, Buddy Miller, Lakin Canik, Matthew Styron, Jess Broussard, Haley McCall, and Shyron Broussard.

Alize Nguyen and Jake Boudreaux gave the club a report on the upcoming dates for the district and state livestock shows. Activities for the month were given by Colby Nunez - eye glass collection for Lion's Club; Kaysha Miller - money for women's shelter; Jill Duddleston - clothes collection for family due to fire; Jess Broussard - saving of can tops for a needy cause; and Barrett Hebert - Valentine potpourri jars to swing bed patients. Emily Primeaux

announced that the next club meeting will be Feb. 9.

Shylyn Nunez and Dixie DeSonier presented a demonstration on arranging fresh flowers. They told the club, "when using fresh flowers always recut the stems before arranging so the flowers can drink water to last longer."

Leaders Mrs. Norma Jo and Mrs. Carolyn reported to the club that the Book Fair was a success. Mr. Mike presented a program on the result of mixing different foods together.

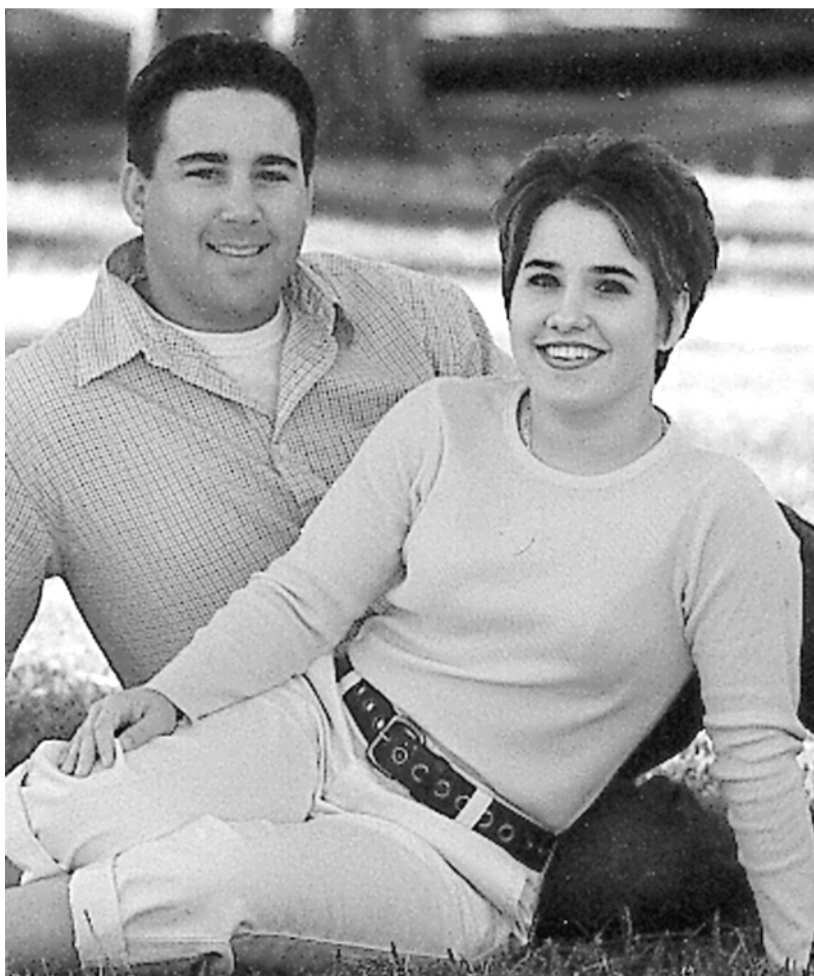
Pastor and wife to be honored

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron will honor its pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Lannis Joseph, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18.

The Rev. Willie Smith, Sr., pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Cameron and the Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Opelousas, will be the guest speaker.

FOR THE RECORD

In the birth announcement of Kayla Renee Lawrence, the name of her great-grandmother, Ann Pelican, was inadvertently omitted.



BLAINE AND DANA Boudreaux of Creole announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Rene Boudreaux to Lance Paul Bonsall, son of Tommy and Gayle Bonsall of Grand Chenier. The wedding is set for Saturday, April 21 at Christ the King Church in Lake Charles at 2 p.m. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



TERRANCE PERRODIN of Hackberry and DeAnna Ashley of Moss Bluff were married Dec. 16, 2000 at the Pentecostal Church of Hackberry. Pastor Jimmy Sanner officiated. Parents of the bride are Thomas and Ramona Ashley of Moss Bluff. Parents of the groom are Nell Perrodin and the late Joseph Perrodin. The couple resides in Hackberry.

Memorial books are given to Cameron Parish Library

MEMORIAL BOOKS
New memorial books in the Cameron Parish Library are listed as follows, with names of the ones in memory and donors, respectively:

- A Fistful of Kings, Lillian Mouton by Janie and Bill Turnbull.
- Fish Recipes, Dora Welch by Janie and Bill Turnbull.
- Freshwater Fishing, Wade Dupont by Janie and Bill Turnbull.
- Still Waters, Adam (Jodie) Savoie by Janie and Bill Turnbull.
- Gun Dog, Jodie Savoie by Betty Savoy.
- Healing Fear, Dr. J. L. Comeaux by Betty Savoy.
- Superstars On Stock Car Racing, Cooper Billings by DeDe Nunez and children.
- What Flower Is That?, Dora Welch by Bonnie Conner.
- Holiday Fruit, Lillian Mouton by Gilbert, Vanessa and Andrew Mudd.
- The Supper Book, Emma LeBoeuf by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family.

Alzheimers support group to be formed

The Cameron Council on Aging/Area Agency on Aging is seeking names and addresses of individuals suspected to have Alzheimers Disease who reside in Cameron Parish. The agency is attempting to establish a support group and other activities in Cameron Parish.

Please call Dinah Landry at 337-775-5668, leave a name, telephone number and address of Alzheimers patient. If you are interested in being part of this program but do not know of anyone who is suspected to have this disease, please call and leave your number.

The program is open to the general public.

Alliance has meeting in Grand Lake

The Grand Lake-Sweet Lake Action Alliance held its February meeting Feb. 1, at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building. Guest speaker was James Ducote, Economic Development Coordinator for Cameron Parish. Mr. Ducote gave the group a review of options for growth in the Grand Lake area as well as Cameron Parish.

Member Harold Savoie reported that the cellular tower is up and the cellular telephone reception is greatly improved. Movement towards establishing a community cemetery is in motion. The group is looking at property to be donated to the group located on Robinson Road. The next meeting of the Action Alliance will be held March 1, at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building.

S. Cameron FBLA busy

By JOBY RICHARD

In September and October, the South Cameron FBLA conducted its yearly fund-raiser. In November, we did a Food For Families canned good drive. In December, we collected pennies for March of Dines and brought toiletry items to the swing bed patients at South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

In January we went to the

District Conference at MSU. During National FBLA Week in February, we brought goodies for faculty and had a small Valentine fund-raiser.

In March some of the club will attend the State FBLA Conference in Baton Rouge. Ms. Sandra Hession, club sponsor, brings the three most active members who didn't place at District to State as a reward for their hard work.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A joint public meeting of the Lower Cameron Ambulance District and the Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2 will be held as follows: **Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, 6:30 p.m. at the Cameron Police Jury Building in Cameron, La.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court office until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 20th, 2001, located at the Cameron Parish Court House, at 119 Smith Circle, Room 21, Cameron, Louisiana, for the building and installation of a 20-foot 10-inch long, 30-inch deep, and 29-inch tall work table with countertop covering and hardwood edge trim with 24-inch tall divider blinders installed between work stations. All exposed wood is to be stained and varnished. Complete specifications may be acquired by contacting the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court during normal business hours.

/s/Carl Broussard
**CARL BROUSSARD
 CAMERON PARISH
 CLERK OF COURT**
RUN: Feb. 1, 8, 15 (F-5)

CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY CALCASIEU PARISH CONSORTIUM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) LEGAL NOTICE COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES BIDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Request for Proposal (RFP) Announcement - This is to announce that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) will be accepting proposals from agencies to provide comprehensive services to Youth ages 14-21. Service Providers should be the coordinators of Program Design and Program Elements by either delivery of or the coordination of delivery the Required program elements. These Program Elements include (1) Tutoring & Study Skills & Instruction leading to the attainment of a secondary school diploma; (2) Alternative Secondary school services; (3) Summer Employment Opportunities that are directly linked to academic and occupational learning of training providers; (4) paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing; (5) Occupational skill training, as appropriate; (6) Leadership development opportunities, which may include community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive social behaviors during non-school hours, as appropriate; (7) Supportive Services; (8) Adult mentoring for the period of participation and a subsequent period, for a total of not less than 12 months; (9) Follow-up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation; (10) Comprehensive guidance and counseling, which may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling and referral, as appropriate. All youth are to be served by year-round services.

Eligible youth include youth who are 14-21 years of age. A minimum of 30% of funds must be expended on out-of-school youth -- a youth who is not attending ANY school (regular school, alternative school, adult education, or postsecondary school) at the time of enrollment. Youth must meet the criteria for low income and they must meet one or more of the following characteristics: Deficient in Basic Literacy Skills; School Dropout; Homeless, Runaway, or Foster Child; Pregnant or Parenting; Offender; Individuals who Require Additional Assistance to Complete an Educational Program; Member of a Family Receiving Public Assistance.

Performance Requirements for Youth include the following: Youth Aged 14-18 -- Skill Attainment, Diploma or Equivalent Attainment Rate, Placement & Retention Rate (in post-secondary education, advanced training, military service, employment, or qualified apprenticeships), Customer Satisfaction Rating, Youth Aged 19-21 - Entered Employment Rate, Retention in unsubsidized employments 6 months after entry, Earnings Change in 6 months, Employment and Credential Rate, and Customer Satisfaction Rating from employer.

Bidder's Conference: The RFP may be obtained at the Bidders Conferences scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2001 at the Calcasieu Workforce Center located 6th Floor of the Magnolia Building at 1011 Lakeshore Drive in Lake Charles, La. The conference will be at 9 a.m. Interested agencies unable to attend the conference may pick up an RFP any time after the 9 a.m. Bidder's Conference. One-on-One Workshops will be provided (by appointment only) to assist with the RFP if needed.

DUE DATE: The RFP must be completed and submitted to the Calcasieu Workforce Center by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 9, 2001, for funding consideration.

Evaluation and Award: Each proposal received will be evaluated by a Committee of the Youth Council and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Staff. Projects will be awarded based on availability of WIA funding, impact of a reduction in funding requests in proposals (should such a reduction be required), and on achieving a standard score designated by the Youth Council Review Committee. Awards will be made at a Public Meeting of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) scheduled for April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Pat's of Henderson Restaurant. The time frame for operating the projects is April, May, and June, 2001, with the expectation that one year extensions may be granted by the WIB (subject to meeting required performance and deliverables and availability of funds).

Disclaimer: The Workforce Investment Board reserves the right to cancel in part, or in its entirety, this Procurement based upon the best interests of the Board. The Board also reserves the right to reject any non-responsive proposals. Any programs awarded are based upon actual receipt of and availability of funds provided through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Contact Persons: Questions on the proposal or the proposal process should be directed to Juanita Poland, Planner, or Jean M. Augustine, Board Staff Director, of the Workforce Board by calling (337) 437-3380.

The Workforce Investment Board is an Equal Opportunity Em-

ployer/Program. Auxiliary aids are available to the disabled upon request. (TDD 1-800-846-5277). The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury sponsors the program.
RUN: Feb. 1, 8, 15 (F-11)

NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Fire Protection District #14 will receive sealed bids until the hour of 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 20, 2001 on the following:

NEW FIRE TRUCK
 Detailed specifications on truck for bid can be obtained by calling (337)598-3439 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. All Bids must be submitted in writing to the Fire Protection District #14 by mailing to the Cameron Parish Fire Protection District #14, 957-A Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, La. 70607 and mark the outside of the envelope "TRUCK BID".
 Cameron Parish Fire Protection District #14 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive formalities.
 /s/ Patrick Hebert,
 Secretary/Treasurer
 Cameron Parish Fire
 Protection District #14
RUN: Feb. 1, 8, 15 (F-14)

NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE BILL - SRS 01-N128)
 Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with law, that there may be introduced at the session of the legislature to be convened on March 26, 2001, a bill to authorize the levy and collection of a parcel fee by the Cameron Parish School Board for operating, maintaining, and improving the public schools in the district, subject to voter approval.
RUN: Feb. 8 & 15 (F-17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency Review of a Proposed Initial Exploration Plan by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Chieftain International (U.S.) Inc., 2001 Bryan St., Suite 2000, Dallas, Texas, 75201-3005.
 Location: Lease OCS-G 16120, West Cameron Block 135, Offshore, Louisiana.

Description: Exploratory activities will include the drilling and completion of five (5) exploratory wells. Support operations will be from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th Floor of the State Lands and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, Post Office Box 44487, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of the date of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Division obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.
RUN: FEB. 15 (F-28)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Darrell Duhon, Mr. Anthony Hicks, Mr. Donald Broussard, and Mr. Richard Erickson. Members absent: none. Employees present: Mr. Jackie LaBauve, Mr. Kelly Cloud, and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve. Guest: none.

Mr. Schexnider called the meeting to order.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Broussard moved, Mr. Duhon seconded, and carried to move the December meeting to December 8, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Erickson seconded, and carried to pay all the bills.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/Alton Schexnider,
ALTON SCHEXNIDER, PRESIDENT
 ATTEST:
 /s/Richard Erickson
RICHARD ERICKSON, SEC./TREAS.
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-29)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held Friday, December 8, 2000 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, Mr. Anthony Hicks, and Mr. Donald Broussard. Members absent: none. Employees present: Mr. Jackie LaBauve, Mr. Kelly Cloud, and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve. Guest: none.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schexnider.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to give all permanent employees a raise of \$1.00 per hour.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and carried to pay all the bills.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Duhon seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/Alton Schexnider
ALTON SCHEXNIDER, PRESIDENT
 ATTEST:
 /s/Richard Erickson
RICHARD ERICKSON, SEC./TREAS.
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-30)

PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held Wednesday, December 27, 2000 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, and Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: none. Employees present: Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve.

Mr. Schexnider called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Erickson seconded, and carried to adopt the revised budget for 2000.

A public hearing was held on the budget for 2001. There was no response, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to adopt the budget for 2001.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/Alton Schexnider
ALTON SCHEXNIDER, PRESIDENT
 ATTEST:
 /s/Richard Erickson
RICHARD ERICKSON, SEC./TREAS.
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-31)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Darrell Duhon, and Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: Mr. Alton Schexnider and Mr. Richard Erickson. Guest present: none. Employees present: Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve.

Mr. Broussard called the meeting to order.

Mr. Duhon moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting, Mr. Hicks seconded, and it carried.

Mr. Hicks moved to pay all the bills, Mr. Duhon seconded, and it carried.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/Donald Broussard
DONALD BROUSSARD, VICE-PRES.
 ATTEST:
 /s/Darrell Duhon
DARRELL DUHON
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-32)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency Review of a Proposed Initial Development Operations Coordination Document by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the Plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Remington Oil & Gas Corporation, 8201 Preston Road, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75225.

Location: Lease OCS-G-16270, East Cameron Block 305, Offshore, Louisiana.

Description: Proposed Development Operation Coordination Document for the above area provides for the exploration for oil and gas. Development activities shall include the drilling of one (1) development well, completion of one exploration well and shall include drilling from a jack-up rig, installation of a production platform, pipeline and transport of drilling crews and equipment by helicopter and/or cargo vessel from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th Floor of the State Lands and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, Post Office Box 44487, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of the date of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Division obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-33)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency Review of a Proposed Exploration Plan by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the Plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Vastar Resources, Inc., 15375 Memorial Drive, Houston, Tx 77079.

Location: West Cameron Block 101, OCS-G 16115. Lease Offering Date May, 1996.

Description: Proposed exploration plans for the above area provide for the exploration for oil and gas. Exploration activities will include drilling from a jackup rig and transport of drilling crews and equipment by helicopter, crew boat, and workboat from an onshore base located at Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be located near or affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th Floor of the State Lands and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Section, Attention: OCS Plans, Post Office Box 44396, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. Comments must be received within 15 days of the date of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Section obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-35)

NOTICE

In compliance with Act #467 of the 1999 Legislature regarding open public meeting laws, regular meetings of Cameron Parish Recreation District #5, for the year 2001, are to be held as follows:

A. Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

B. Meetings will be held at the Recreation Center located at 108 Recreation Lane in Grand Lake, La. 70607.

C. Time of meeting will be 6:30 P.M.

D. Change of meeting or call for Special Meeting will be published at the Recreation Center at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meetings.

E. In case of extraordinary emergency, such notice shall not be required,

Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

(Lake Charles American Press, Feb. 9, 1937) GRAND CHENIER SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Feb. 8--The Grand Chenier High School announces the following honor roll for the first semester of the current session:

First grade--Lilly Baccigalopi, Mabel Bertrand, Alberta Conner, Mona Lou Conner, Leola East, Lynn Jones, Emma McCall, Vivian Mhire, Louis Miller, Vernie Miller, John Richard, Lee Quibodeaux.

Second grade--Hulaine East, Althea Mae Meaux, Marion McCall, Patricia Miller, Huey

however, the public body shall give such notice of this meeting as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 CAMERON PARISH
 RECREATION DISTRICT 5
 ANITA KINGHAM,
 CHAIRPERSON**

**MARSAILET DUHON,
 SECRETARY/TREASURER
 C. P. RECREATION #5
 RUN: Feb. 15, 22 (F-37)**

**NOTICE
 NUMBER 37,513
 14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 PARISH OF CALCASIEU
 STATE OF LOUISIANA
 IN THE MATTER OF
 THE SUCCESSION OF
 PATSY ANN GRANGER**

NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Administratrix of this succession has petitioned the court for authority to revise the terms of the Order approved by the Court to sell the deceased's undivided one-eleventh interest in the following described property at private sale in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 3281 of the Code of Civil Procedure to delete the condition that the sale be subject to a reservation of oil, gas and other minerals by the Seller:

An undivided 1/11th interest in the following described property:

A certain tract of land lying and situated in the Parish of Cameron, and described as follows:

Ten (10) acres of land on the East end of the West Half of Lot 26 of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 9 West, containing 10 acres more or less.

Any opposition to the proposed revised Order for the sale of this property must be filed within seven (7) days from the date of the last publication of this notice.

Lake Charles, Louisiana this ____ day of February, 2001.

**BY ORDER OF THE
 14TH JUDICIAL
 DISTRICT COURT
 James R. Andrus, Clerk of Court**

Deputy Clerk
 February ____ 2001
RUN: Feb. 15, Mar. 8 (F-38)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in regular session on Tuesday - January 9, 2001 at 6:15 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Waterworks Office in the Village of Johnson Bayou, Louisiana. Members Present were: Mr. Lloyd Badon, Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mrs. Connie Trahan, and Mr. J. P. Constance. Members absent were: None. Guests attending were none.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Constance, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon, and carried to approve the bills as paid.

Double occupancy on a single meter was discussed. No action was taken at this time and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss n a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Badon, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next Waterworks Meeting will be held on March 13, 2001 at 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks Office.

APPROVED:

/s/ Nathan Griffith, Chairman
ATTEST:
 /s/ J. P. Constance,
Secretary
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-39)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency Review of an Initial Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD) by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the document's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Ocean Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 80369, Lafayette, LA 70598-0369.

Location: High Island Block A-329, OCS-G 15815.

Description: Proposed DOCD for the above area provides for the development and production of hydrocarbons. Support activities are to be conducted from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be located near or affected by these activities.

A copy of the document described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Section Office located on the 10th Floor of the State Lands and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Section, Attention: OCS Plans, Post Office Box 44487, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of the date of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Section obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-40)

FFA judging contest set

The McNeese State University Department of Agriculture will host the annual Invitational Future Farmers of America Judging Contest at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 1, at Burton Coliseum.

More than 1,200 students from 50 high schools throughout Louisiana and East Texas will compete in six events. This contest is designed to allow participants to apply classroom instruction to practical situations and problems.

A sweepstakes trophy will be presented to the school earning the most cumulative point in all six contests, which include Meats Identification, Pasture and Range, Horticulture, Quarter Horse, Poultry and General Livestock Judging.

Trophies will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams in each event, while individuals with the highest scores in each contest will also be recognized.

addition to its hall here. The addition will be 14 feet wide and the entire length of the present hall.

Deil LaLande was named chairman of the project, with J. Berton Daigle as assistant. The addition will permit the post to hold larger functions.

The building was donated to the Cameron post by the Louisiana Department of the VFW, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957. The building was used as a temporary school for Cameron until a new school could be built after the storm.

QUOTAS ARE APPROVED

Cameron Parish rice farmers approved marketing quotas on the 1968 rice drop by a vote of 77 to 1. The estimated number of eligible voters in the parish is 121.

Since the national vote was in favor of the marketing quota, it still stands for the 1968 rice crop. Under the program, growers who exceed their acreage allotments will be subject to marketing quota penalties on excess production, based on 65% of the June 1, 1968 parity price for rice. None of their crop will be eligible for price support.

Growers who keep within their allotments may market all their rice production without penalty, and will be eligible for price support loans at not less than 65% of parity.

MISS BERWICK

Miss Vicki Gail Folse, originally of Cameron, was recently named "Miss Berwick" of 1968. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Folse. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Matilda Doxey.

Vicki is a senior at Berwick High School, where she is serving as class president for the fourth year. She was a cheerleader and is the editor of the Panther Printz. In the Senior Hall of Fame, she was "Wittiest" and "Most Dependable."

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Sheep Showmanship Awards were presented to 4-H members at the parish livestock show Saturday. Assistant County Agent Ulan Guidry presented a champion trophy to David Hinton and reserve champion trophy to Tonia Penny, both of Hackberry. Mervyn Taylor presented a champion trophy to Cynthia Lowery and reserve champion trophy to Ricky White, both of Hackberry.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A joint public meeting of the Lower Cameron Ambulance District and the Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2 will be held as follows:
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, 6:30 p.m. at the Cameron Police Jury Building in Cameron, La.

New Business: Opening Bids for Type III ambulance, employee hearing, secretary, Medicare write offs.

**Clifton Hebert, President
 Lower Cameron Ambulance District #1
 Glenn Trahan, President
 Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2
 P. O. Box 248
 Creole, Louisiana 70632**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Tom Javins at 337-542-4926, describing the assistance that is necessary.

RUN: Feb. 15 (F-26)

CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

HOUSE FOR Sale: 2 lots on corner of 110 Asa St. in Cameron. Convenient location. 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath downstairs. Huge bedroom and bath over 2 car garage. Gas logs in den, Ben Franklin stove on back porch. Central air and heat, ceiling fans, storage room in attic. Fruit trees and large elm trees in yard. Asking \$75,000. For more information call 337-479-0532. 2/7-28p.

CUSTOM BUILT steel frame 3 BEDROOM, 3 Bath, fireplace, sunken living room, spacious island kitchen, 24' X 8' office, 2 storage rooms, new roof and A/C. \$99,900. (337)478-7411. 1/25-3/1c.

GRAND LAKE

3 YR. old, 4 BR, 2.5 Bath double wide Manufactured home on 1.66 acres in Grand Lake. \$95,000.

9.5 ACRES located off Granger Road. Wooded with 330 ft. of road frontage. Adjoining acreage available.

Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. at 436-6639 and ask for Grace - 598-2573 home or 490-5140 pager. 11/17tfc.

RV SALES

KITE BROS. RV Center has over 200 units to choose from. Hwy 171 N, DeRidder, LA. 1-800-456-2724. Mon-Fri 8-5, Sat 8-12. 1/4tfc.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity, Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your powers, Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Holy Spirit you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person says this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted! This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

FOR SALE

DIXIE DIRT & Sand. Nursery grade topsoil, sand, clay, rock, bottom ash. Clearing, dozer work, house pads. Free estimate. Owners: Butch and Jackie Bertrand. 337-542-4693. 24 hour answering service, call 337-598-2485. 2/8-22p.

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WANT TO BUY

I WOULD like to purchase a print of "The Battle of Calcasieu Pass" by Joe Umble, done for the Cameron telephone book around 1992. Please call Lynda Green at (337) 562-8785. 2/15-22p.

NOTICES

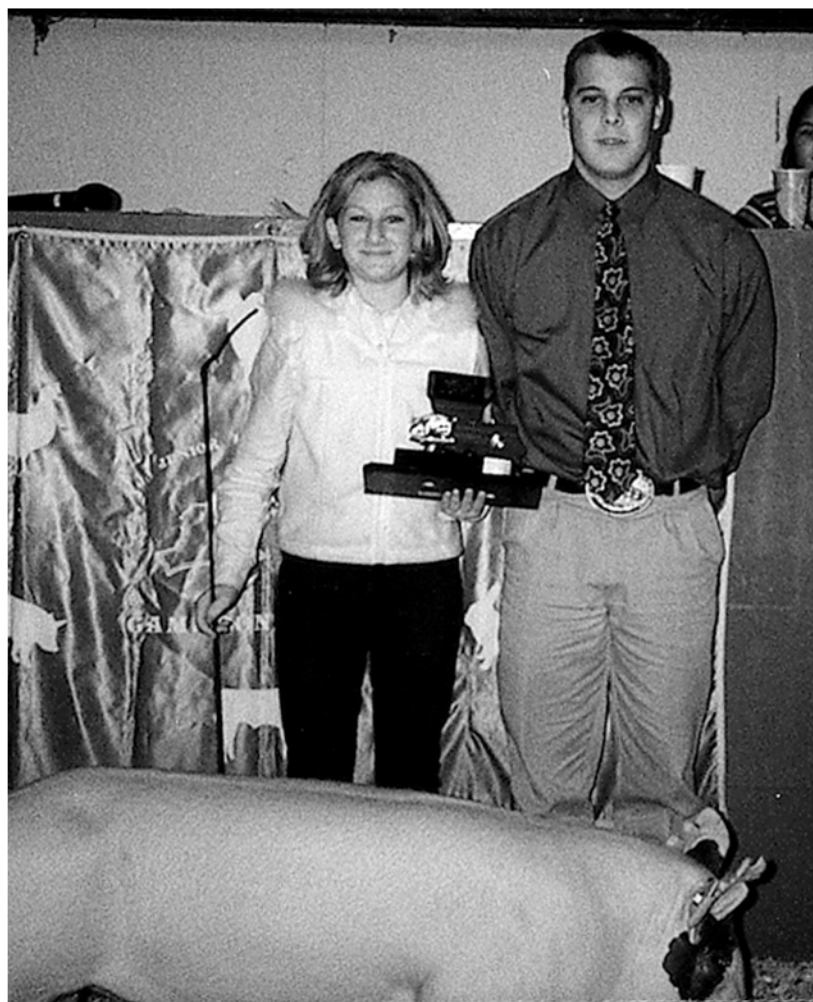
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CARD OF THANKS

NOVENA TO St. Jude: may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude for granting my petition. ST



PICTURED ABOVE IS Laikin Mock who won Overall Swine Showmanship at the Parish Livestock Show which was held Jan. 16-20. She is pictured above with the judge, Kade Huval.



BRANDT POOLE of Grand Lake won Grand Champion Meat Goat at the State Fair of Louisiana in Shreveport in Oct. This was the first time that the champion goats were sold. Shown above, from left, were: Blake Ryals, Brandt Poole, Roddy Poole, and Mike LaVergne.

Funerals

FURMAN J. DAVIS

Furman James Davis, 80, died Monday, Feb. 5, at his home in Tampa, Fla. Internment was in the Florida National cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., with military honors.

Mr. Davis and his family lived in Cameron for several years where he was part owner of the Cameron Super Market. While here he served as commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a World War II veteran and Prisoner of War. He was born in Augusta, Ga., to the late James Austin Davis and the late Stella Kelly. Davis was a navigator on a B-17 bomber and was shot down over Germany, was captured and taken to stalag Luft III where he spent nine months as a POW.

After liberation in 1945, Davis remained in the military. His assignments took he and his family to many places in the Untied States and to Japan twice. During his career, Davis was awarded numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star and two Purple Hearts. He retired with a medical discharge.

Survivors his wife, Mary Dean Cook Davis; three daughter, Vicky Gebhardt, Dianne Dlouhy, Mary Patricia Miller; one son, George Davis; two sisters, Mary Davis Henry of Cameron and Wilma Davis Bride of Lake Charles; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

MARY BENNETT

Funeral services for Mary Ann Simon Bennett, 50, of Grand Chenier, will be at 2 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 15, in Duhon Funeral Home in Crowley.

The Rev. Joseph Greenwell will officiate; burial will be in Hanks Cemetery in Morse.

Mrs. Bennett died Tues., Feb. 13, 2001, in Lake Charles. She was a native of Crowley.

Survivors include her husband, Kurt Bennett of Grand Chenier; six sons, Dennis Landry, Danny Landry and Chad E. Miller, all of Lake Charles, Ray Landry of Cow Island, James Simon of Egan and Ronnie Lanthier of Jennings; one daughter, Amerlia Lambert of Westlake; three sisters, Betty Simon Murphy of Roberts Cove, Sally Simon of Pecan Island and Debra Simon of Crowley; her father, Eddie Simon Jr. of Pecan Island; and 13 grandchildren.

Letter to the Editor

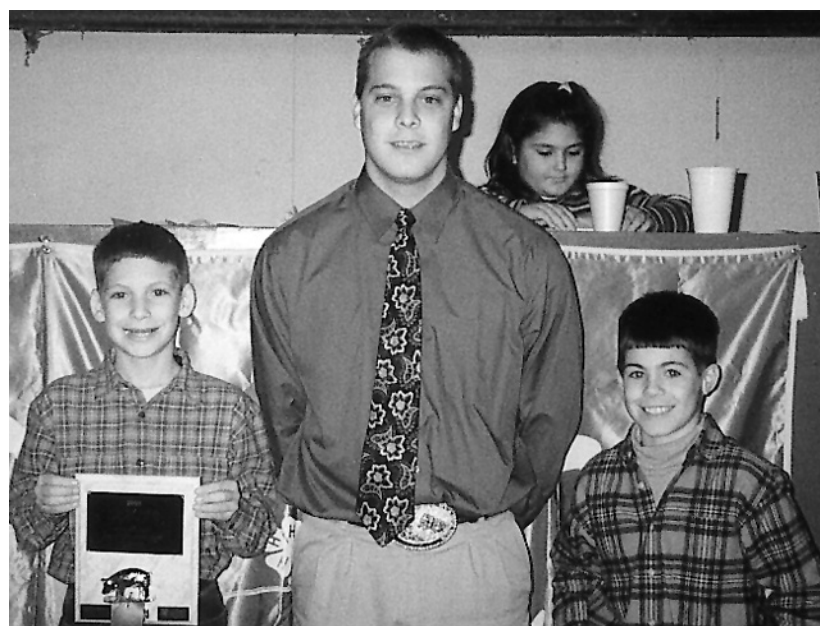
Dear Editor:

Florida recently passed a law that requires anyone born after Sept. 30, 1980 who operates a vessel powered by a 10 horsepower or larger motor must pass an approved Boater Safety Course, Possess a Photographic Identification and have a Boater Safety ID Card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

My hat's off to the State of Florida, we have too many people running around in boats who have no idea what boat safety is. With the growing number of jet skis, we are having more and more boating accidents and serious injuries and deaths related to these boating accidents.

I would hope that Louisiana would enact a similar law. Remember, boats do not have brakes; they are not easy to stop. Boats are safe when operated by people who truly understand boat safety. If we require people who want to drive cars to take a driver education course, then we should require those who want to operate boats to take a boating education course.

Sincerely,
/s/ Henry M. Mouton,
Lafayette, La.



PICTURED ABOVE, from left, are: Ross Rowland, Kade Huval and Jade Miller. Ross placed first in 9-year-old Swine Showmanship at the 2001 Parish Livestock Show held recently. Jade placed second, and Danica Mhire placed third. Kade Huval was the swine judge.

Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

I received a letter from an old friend and former resident of Hackberry, Lillian Buxley, whose address is A-2-5 South 19th St., Collinsville, Okla. 74021. She said to tell all of her friends here hello and to write to her. She lives near her son and daughter-in-law and is 82.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower was held Sun., Feb. 4, honoring Misty McClelland, bride-elect of C. R. Fountain Jr., both of Hackberry. The shower was held in the

home of her mother, Ellen Stoddard. Hostesses were Catherine Guillory, Lindy Hinton and Ellen Stoddard. The wedding is set for March 10

On Honor Roll

Lindsey Diane Bufford of Hackberry was among the Northwestern State University students named to the Honor Roll for the fall 2000 semester. Students so honored had a grade point average of between 3.0 and 3.49.

Winners of spelling bee announced

Cameron Elementary School winners of the spelling bee were:

Second grade - 1st, Kelly Guidry; 2nd, Tyler Conner; 3rd, Taylor Rhodes.

Third grade - 1st, Shelby Willis; 2nd, Ross Rowland; 3rd, Iliana Campos.

Fourth grade - 1st, Blaire

Willis; 2nd, LaKaysha Lassien.

Fifth grade - 1st, Rachael Fountain; 2nd, Kristyn Dupuie; 3rd, Lori Bouillion.

Sixth grade - 1st, Dylan Leidig; 2nd, Aaron Doxey; 3rd, Baret Bercier.

Seventh grade - 1st, D'Nae Desonier; 2nd, Mercedes Lassien.

HOLLY BEACH.....Cont. from Pg. 1

bridge pilings. Mustard-yellow paint is popular. Nobody seems to assume that any ocean-front structure is going to be here this time next year. Those who frequent Holly Beach have decided that the best way to best a hurricane is to build dwellings that are disposable, same as razors and diapers.

No problem finding a room. John Walters of the Gulfview handed me a plastic garbage bag containing my sheets and towels and led me to a cabin on stilts that could have housed six. It was spacious, clean, basic and cheap. It listed to port.

"It's supposed to turn cold tonight," he said. "Here's your heat." Walters pointed to a gas burner on the stove.

(The burner kept me warm even when the temperature dropped below 40, but the windowpanes rattled like a drunken dancer's castanets.)

Those of us who love the seaside go through stages. It's a lot like a long marriage. First, the relationship is overwhelmingly physical. You want to stretch out across the sand and let the surf tickle your toes.

Later, you find more satisfaction in the philosophical aspects of your love. You can sit for hours and stare toward Belize and feel no need for actual contact.

Sitting, staring, is what I did on Holly Beach, my first trip this year to a place I've always wanted to visit but never had. I sat there and looked beneath the porch's rope clothesline, out to a sea that doesn't give a flip if you have a stock portfolio or a third mortgage. Everyone should be entitled to this blue view. And here at the edge of Nowhere, everyone's privy.

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or Canola Oil.....	48 Oz. \$1.79
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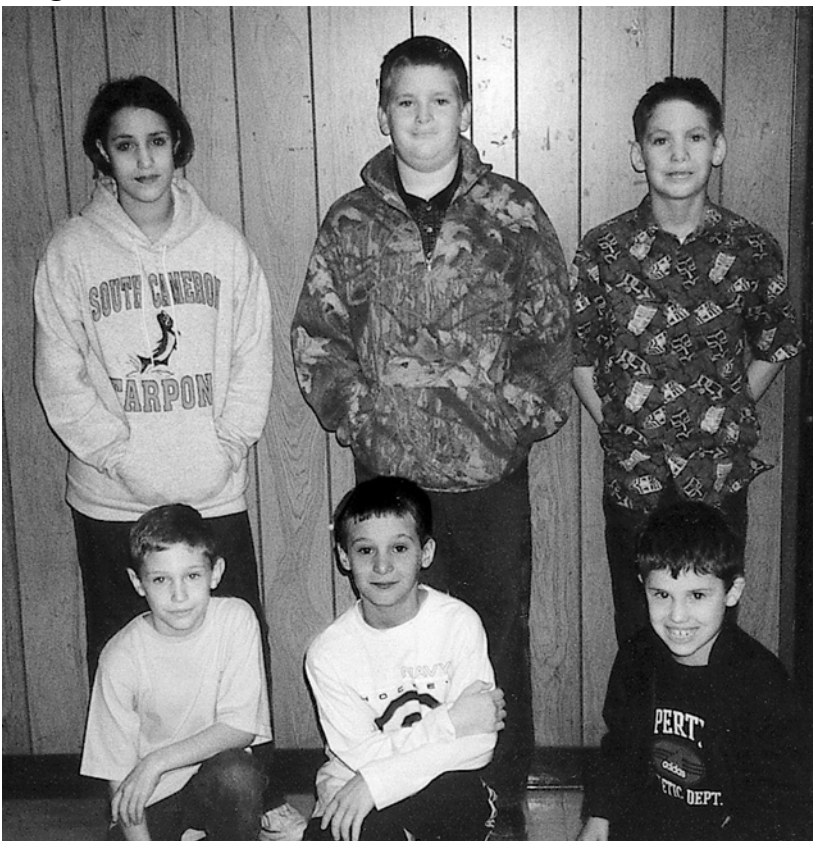
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SHOWN ABOVE were members of the Cameron Elementary 4-H who attended the Shooting Sports project held at the Parish Barn Jan. 27. They were (standing, from left): Melissa Nunez, Thomas Hunt, Ross Rowland; (kneeling) Christopher Trahan, Dex Murphy, and Kade Pierson.

CAMERON OUTDOORS

By Loston McEvers

WINTER STILL AROUND

It seems old man winter is still around, as last weekend saw our beautiful 70 degree weather drop 30 plus degrees. That sure put a "whoa" to my fishing trip.

Many local anglers and hunters who attended the big boat show last year in New Orleans are planning to attend again this year. The Louisiana Sportsman's Show returns at the New Orleans Superdome on Wed., March 7 through Sun., Mar. 11. The general public will see the whole floor of the Superdome covered with 400 booths of the newest selections of sportfishing gear, boats, and hunting equipment. There will also be fishing pros and different shows to attend.

DOG CHOW

An alligator crawled out of a pond and ate a 65 pound Labrador Retriever after the dog splashed water while training with its owner from Kansas. The owner grabbed the dog from the gator but was knocked down by the alligator's tail. A comment from a city councilman - "We don't live in Kansas, we live in Cajun Country, and yes, we have problems with gators here in Bossier City, Louisiana".

ENDANGERED SPECIES

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that there would be no new endangered species list for this year.

Currently 1200 species are listed as endangered or threatened in the United States and more than 300 more are listed as candidates.

WETLANDS

The Supreme Court ruled that the Clean Water Act does not authorize the federal government to regulate the dredging and filling of isolated ponds and wetlands. This could remove 20 percent of the nation's water from federal protection.

Water pollution from farm runoff (hog, horses, cows) manure and weed killers and fertilizer has caused dead zones, as well as saltwater intrusion which has caused wetlands lost. From 1986 to 1997, studies show that the nation lost an average of 58,000 acres per year, adding

this up comes to over 6 million acres in just 11 years. Surely, something needs to be done.

HUNTING NEWS

Snow and blue goose special season is now open through March 11, and has many hunters in the marshes and rice fields; no limit, no plugs in your gun, electronic calls and one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset surely gives the hunters the advantage.

In our area in the marshes, they're killing geese, but not in large numbers, but I'm told in the rice fields four hunters hunted for ten hours and killed over 100. That's a long time to hunt, however, they wouldn't tell me how many boxes of shells they shot, but did say way too many. It seems with the unplugged guns, the shells go by way faster.

Besides geese, the season on rabbits, quail and snipe is open through Feb. 28.

In November, 1995, seven major airports in the midwest had to close because air traffic controllers were unable to distinguish between large flocks of ducks and geese and approaching aircraft. In our Mississippi Flyway, it takes ducks just two days from Canada to Louisiana (a 1500 to 2000 mile trip) to fly down, averaging 50 mph, flying about 1500 to 300 feet high during the day and 500 feet high at night. Geese migrate at higher altitudes and fly as high as 20,000 feet, maybe with this special season there won't be as many going back.

Remember, Lemesche Bass Club meets on Wednesday night, 6 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Creole KC Hall.

SUNRISE-SUNSET

Fri., Feb 16, 7:10 a.m., 5:35 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 17, 7:10 a.m., 5:36 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 18, 7:09 a.m., 5:37 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 19, 7:09 a.m., 5:38 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 20, 7:09 a.m., 5:35 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 21, 7:08 a.m., 5:40 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 22, 7:08 a.m., 5:41 p.m.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

BOYS

Lake Arthur 84, S. Cameron 62 - Justin Swire slammed in 26 points for (2-17, 1-6) South Cameron. Neil Higgins had 15 points and Jeff DeShields added 10.

Bell City 51, Grand Lake 42 - Kris Howerton led Grand Lake with 24 points. Grand Lake fell to 17-17 and 2-5 in district.

Hackberry 60, Pecan Island 43 - Curtis Welch and Whitney Drounett scored 18 points as the Mustangs improved to 25-7 and a perfect 5-0 in district.

Hyatt 54, Johnson Bayou 45 - Jeremy Trahan scored 21 points and Brodie Trahan added 12 as Johnson Bayou dropped to 7-28 and 1-4 in district.

Grand Lake 65, Starks 38 - Matt Griffith slammed in 22 points as Grand Lake improved to 18-17 overall and 3-5 in district. Scotty Young added 19 and Kris Howerton had 11 points. Grand Lake played Hamilton Christian Tuesday night in a third place tie-breaker in District 8-B.

Hackberry 51, Hyatt 25 - Jake Buford had 14 points for Hackberry, more than Hyatt's total for the first three periods. The #3 Mustangs finished the regular season at 26-7 and a perfect 6-0 and won the District 10-C title.

Pecan Island 76, Johnson Bayou 26 - Jeremy Trahan scored 8 points as Johnson Bayou dropped to 7-29 overall and 1-5 in district. They are tied for second with Hyatt.

GIRLS

Lake Arthur 54, S. Cameron 28 - Ashley Nunez scored 12 points for the (1-18, 0-6) Lady Tarpons.

Bell City 49, Grand Lake 33 - Maggie Garvin had 10 points as Grand Lake dropped to 7-25 and remain winless in district play.

Hackberry 70, Pecan Island 11 - Leah Billedeaux led the Lady Mustangs with 11 points. Meagan Broussard added 10 as Hackberry improved to 25-7 and a perfect 5-0 in district.

Hyatt 34, Johnson Bayou

1927 celebration is recalled by article

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Recently the Pilot ran the first part of an account of the joint observance of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller and the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Canik in Grand Chenier on Oct. 25, 1927. Following is a continuation of this remarkable newspaper account.)

Church Packed

The Church of St. Martin, at Grand Chenier, was packed to the fullest capacity by 7:30 in the morning, the hour set for the ceremonies.

Rev. Father C. Merrinboer, pastor of Cameron parish said the impressive ceremony which united in marriage Miss Miller and Mr. Canik, followed by low mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, grandparents of the bride, with their eleven sons and daughters kneeling with them, then partook of the holy communion and renewed the vows they had taken 50 years ago, Rev. Father H. Cramers, of Lake Charles, pronouncing a solemn blessing upon their marriage.

The sons and daughters at their side were H. A. (Arceneaux) Miller, Dr. L.O. Miller, Mrs. Alice Theriot, Mrs. Peter Broussard, Mrs. Chas. Richard, Severian Miller, Prevate Miller, Dr. M.O. Miller, Mrs. Sosthene Broussard, Mrs. D.Y. Doyland, and Mrs. Steve Carter.

Speaking in French and later in English, Father Cramers congratulated the bride and groom of 50 years on a long life of good works and expressed the appreciation of the community for the home which they founded.

"Only once in a life time may we be granted the honor of gathering around a couple to extend to them our congratulations on having reached their 50th wedding anniversary and at the same time see their granddaughter pledge her vows to her husband," he said. The sight of Monsieur and Madame Miller's children and grandchildren, gathered in this chapel with them today to implore the blessing of God, proves the example they have set for their family.

There were many gathered about the chapel door outside, who could not find even standing room within.

Reception Followed

Following the services, a cordial invitation was extended to everyone to attend the reception to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. There a wedding breakfast was served.

The yellow-and-orange calenda, entwined in streamers of Spanish moss, formed effective decorations for the house, as well as for the chapel, yellow being the predominating not in the color scheme. The golden anniversary color was again featured in the low bowl of yellow roses which centered the dining table.

One room was devoted to the display of wedding and anniversary gifts, including many useful and beautiful articles. A car was the gift of the 11 sons and daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, while they in turn, celebrated their golden anniversary by presenting to each of the 11 \$100 in cash. The taking of pictures of family groups occupied some time.

Later, the sentiments of the thousand of more guests who had gathered from all parts of Cameron parish and some from other points, to give their best wishes for a long and happy life to the young couple and for many more years of happiness to the older one, were expressed by several chosen spokesmen, introduced by Dr. V. A. Miller, of Lake

33 - Hyatt outscored Johnson Bayou 16-7 in the last period to come from behind and won. Amber Romero led JBHS with 13 points, Lacy Rodrigue added 12 as Johnson Bayou dropped to 13-19 and 2-3 in district.

Starks 49, Grand Lake 44 - Natalie Precht scored 11 points and Tiffany Breaux added 10 as Grand Lake dropped to 7-26 and winless in district.

Hackberry 59, Hyatt 29 - Defending Class C Champion and #2 Hackberry finished the district undefeated. Penni Wing led the Lady Mustangs with 15 points. Meagan Broussard had 14 points and Leah Billedeaux added 13.

Johnson Bayou 68, Pecan Island 25 - Johnson Bayou (14-19, 3-3) ended the regular season tied for second in District 10-C. Lacy Rodrigue slammed in 22 points for JBHS, Amber Romero had 11 and Megan Roberts added 10. Johnson Bayou met Hyatt Monday night for a tie-breaker game.

Arthur.

Mr. Robira Spoke

District Attorney J. J. Robira, of Lake Charles stressed the point that in this day of common matrimonial disturbances a happy home, with a contented husband and wife through 50 years, with a large family of children grown to splendid manhood and womanhood is indeed a blessing to a community.

"Their life together stands forth as a worthy example to the young couple who knelt at the altar this morning and took the marriage vows. Let us hope they will see the day when their friends and neighbors will gather to honor them, as their grandparents are being honored today. It is unfortunate that every young couple starting life together cannot have such an example set before them by their parents and grandparents. It gives us great pride to point to this large and prominent family, known not only throughout Cameron parish but far outside, as standing for all that is noble and upright, loved and honored by all."

"God has rewarded you for your life and good deeds, with these children and grandchildren, a family to be proud of," declared Senator A.O. King, of Lake Charles, and that, he added, "is a reward far beyond the worth of money."

Father Cramers, pastor of Cameron parish, and of the Miller family 25 years ago, pointed out the fact that Cameron parish had no need of criminal court merely because the people live as people should live, in the fear of God, as has been taught in the Miller home. The duty of sons and daughters in being diamonds in the crown of your father and mother was stressed by Father Merrienboer.

Father Maurice of Lake Charles expressed his congratulations and best wishes for the happy day.

Feast at Noon

At noon, a beautiful feast was spread on the long table under the trees, in the side yard, and there the great crowd of guests were fed. The huge brides' cake, baked for both brides by Mrs. Sally Eagleton and Mrs. H. A. Miller, with its 50 candles and its tiny bride and groom standing under a silver bell, was the center of attraction. The daughters and daughters-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, assisted by a number of others, served the huge crowd. There were 75 cakes donated for the feast, by various members of the family.

The bride and groom of half a century proved to be among the best dancers on the floor and almost as tireless as the bride and groom of the second generation, in the dance to which much of the afternoon was devoted. The music was furnished by Laurent Sturlese playing a violin 91 years old, made in 1736.

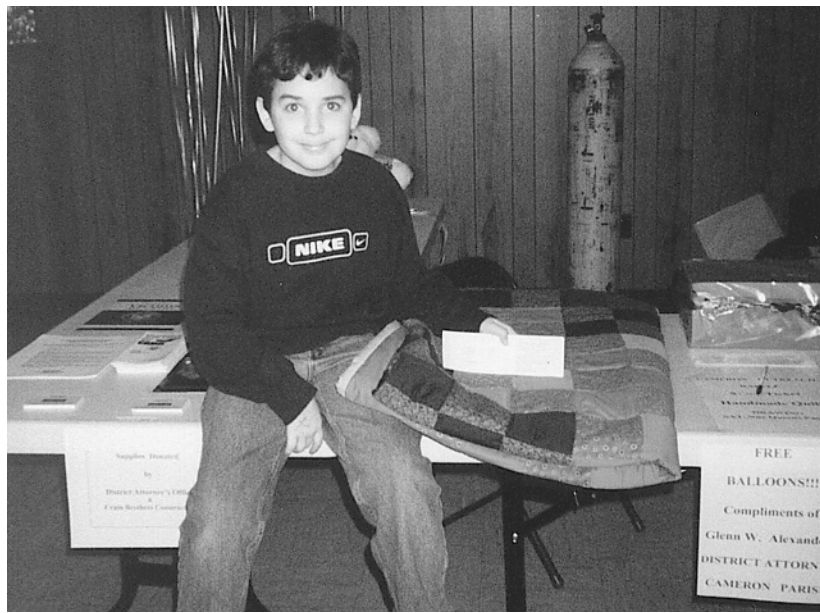
It was a late hour when the merry-making ceased and the last of the guests departed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller many more happy anniversaries, and for the granddaughter and her husband, as joyous a golden anniversary as this, 50 years from now.

It is almost impossible to believe that this their golden anniversary, by looking at Mr. and Mrs. Miller. There is very little visible gray hair on the head of either. Mr. Miller is just as straight, tall, and sturdy-looking as any of his sons, and he can ride just as tirelessly in driving cattle, a task which occupies much of his time, since there are usually somewhere around 1000 head in his herds. He rises at 4:30 each morning and does most of the milking of 35 cows. They milk the cows merely to tame the calves and to make them gentle and easier to handle later, he says - the milk he has to feed to hogs.

As a matter of fact, though a golden anniversary usually denotes age. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are not old. He is 70 and she 65. They were both born and reared on "the ridge" and that end of it is known as Grand Chenier.

Mr. Miller, feeling almost as young, at 70, as his young grandson-in-law who was made a member of the family yesterday, attributes his strength and splendid health to the fact that he has never used tobacco, nor coffee, and does not drink alcoholic beverages. He rises early and returns (? not readable) at an early hour. It was only recently that he had his first dental work done having the experience for the first time of having a tooth extracted. He has enjoyed almost perfect health.

Story to be continued at a later date



COLLISE DUPONT was a volunteer who helped sell raffle tickets for the quilt made by the women of the Cameron Methodist Church to raise money for the domestic violence outreach program here. Tessa Hernandez is coordinator of the program.

Cameron Parish once had big orange groves

By W. T. Block

A recent article in the Pilot questioned why more satsuma orange groves were not planted in Cameron Parish, such as was there a century ago, and it speculated that there may have been 'killer' freezes that destroyed the orchards. Yes, the decade of the 1890s unleashed every extreme weather factor in its bag of tricks. Surely surviving microfilm of the old Lake Charles newspapers must confirm those extremes of weather. The information I have is of Orange and Jefferson counties only, but it requires no college degree to discern that whatever affects those counties will equally bless or distress our neighbors - Calcasieu and Cameron parishes.

And yes, orange production was once of such importance in Cameron Parish that it supplied Galveston with most of its fresh fruit. In Sept. 1897, my Uncle Austin Sweeney sailed out of the Mermentau with 90 sacks of oranges on his schooner, but the offshore waters were so rough that he dropped anchor in Sabine Pass. The next day a small hurricane came ashore at High Island, Texas, but it was of sufficient force to kill 10 persons at Sabine Pass and Port Arthur.

On the night of Feb. 14, 1895, it snowed 31 - repeat 31 - inches at Beaumont, a fact well established in Galveston Daily News and Sabine Pass News. The snow was so deep in Orange that the switch engine could not move box cars of lumber from the sawmills. That condition paralyzed industry and transportation all over Southeast Texas for 3 days, with drifted snow 6 feet deep in places.

At Beaumont Al Doucette and W. G. Hinman had just returned from the Northwestern States, where they had been lumberjacks. On Feb. 15th a crowd of boys followed them as they walked the full length of Beaumont's Pearl Street on SNOWSHOES. Snow also drifted so deep on my father's farm at Port Neches in 1895 that it covered up the fence posts.

On March 28, 1867, "the cold was so severe that the steam pipes of steamboats, in buildings, and in sawmills were

frozen and burst. Such extreme cold at the end of March was never before known in Southeast Texas. (Galveston Weekly News)

Whatever orange orchards existed in Cameron Parish froze on the night of Feb. 14, 1899. The microfilm of 2 newspapers confirm that:

"...Sunday was the coldest day ever known in Sabine Pass, the thermometer registering 8 degrees here and 4 degrees in Beaumont. The Pass was frozen over, a solid sheet of ice connecting Texas and Louisiana. Skating was engaged in in the lake above here..."

Dutch immigrants newly-arrived in Nederland had brought with them their ice skates from Holland. Several of them caught the train to Sabine Pass and spent the day skating on the lake. The schooners Saint George and Chamberlain broke their moorings and drifted toward Blue Buck Point. Each schooner "...was badly mauled by the floating ice, which gouged holes through the gunwales of each boat, causing them to sink on the lake shoals..."

The Sabine Pass and Galveston newspapers of Feb. 16, 1899 again noted that:

"...Large quantities of fine speckled trout, averaging from 3 to 9 pounds, were picked up on the beach here Tuesday and Wednesday. They had become helplessly benumbed by the cold water, and they were washed ashore in large piles by the beach tides, where they quickly froze solid..." Some Sabine Pass teamsters went fishing with their shovels, filling their wagons with tons of frozen fish, which they shipped to Beaumont and Port Arthur by train or sold to the lumber and sulphur ships loading in the port.

The saddest sight I ever saw occurred during the blizzard of Jan. 18-21 of 1935, when 25,000 cattle froze to death at Sabine Pass. I saw cattle still standing by the barbed wire fences which were frozen solid.

So, neighbor, keep your ice skates honed and your snowshoes handy! If it happened here once, it can surely happen again.

Crab Task Force meeting slated for February 22

The Crab Task Force will meet on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 4:00 pm in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building in Baton Rouge. Mike Comardelle, chairman of the task force, will preside over the meeting.

The Crab Task Force is an industry group comprised of fishermen, soft crab shedders, dealers and processors. The Crab Task Force meets quarterly.

Agenda items will include, but not be limited to, the following: election of officers; task force vacancies; enforcement of various undersize crab regulations; tracking of enforcement citations; closure of canals; ghost traps; and upcoming legislative session.

Blackbird baiting to be done

While many farmers are trying to make planting decisions in a climate of high costs, intense foreign competition and historically low prices, there is also grave concern about what is in the sky, by the millions -- blackbirds.

Because of the locally severe damage caused by blackbirds to sprouting rice in Calcasieu Parish, officials with USDA-Wildlife Services, Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, and the LSU Agricultural Center will be cooperating with local rice growers in a baiting program to control these bird populations.

The baiting program will take place from mid-February to about the end of March, depending on the number of birds present. Only major roosts of several hundred thousand blackbirds will be targeted.

A product called DRC 1339 will be used to effectively kill blackbirds while lessening the threat to other species. Only one rice seed in 25 will be treated.

Those wanting more details can call the USDA-Wildlife Services Office at 504-389-0229 in Port Allen, or the LSU Agricultural Center Cooperative Extension Service at 475-8812.

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