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ELY-CRIGLAR MANSION—Built in 1840, five years before Florida became a state, the Ely-Criglar mansion in Marianna will be opened to the public for the first time during Jackson County's tour of historic homes on April 8-9. The interior and furnishings of the house have been lovingly preserved. Even its yard, in which Union and Confederate forces fought during the Battle of Mariana, retains its Old South character.

Childs Urges More Local Fund Control

Robert E. Childs, Jackson County superintendent of schools, urged members of the Malone Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting on Tuesday night to tell their legislators to have the state "turn loose the purse strings of Jackson County schools."

Childs outlined the manner in which the State Department of Education, through the Minimum Foundation Program, dictates to local schools how practically all their funds can be spent.

Of the seven mills of tax levied for schools in Jackson County, six mills must be turned over to the state, Childs said. "That leaves us to control one mill, or about \$100,000."

However, the county receives far more from the state than it gives, Childs said. But the money is so controlled at the state level that county superintendents and school boards have virtually no voice in how the money will be spent.

"Before we can spend a dime," the superintendent said, "we have to write a book on it for the state to approve."

Through the legislature, Childs said, parents can demand that the state release money to the school systems. "We should raise up in arms," he said, "and tell the legislature that we are

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Historic Homes On Tour Reflect Bygone Days of Jackson County

Four historic homes in Jackson County will be on display Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9, from 1 to 5 p.m. each day.

Tickets for the tour of homes will be \$3. Any one of the homes may be toured for \$1.

The tour will begin at the Marianna Woman's Club where a large display of Jackson County memorabilia has been assembled.

The tour includes the McKinnon home, the West home and the Ely-Criglar mansion in Marianna, and Great Oaks, the Claude Reese home in Greenwood.

Only Great Oaks has ever been opened to the public before and that was in 1966 after its restoration was completed. The other homes have not been restored. Instead, they have been preserved by the families that presently live in them.

The Ely-Criglar mansion, located on West Lafayette Street, is the oldest home that will be displayed. It was built in 1840, five years before Florida became a state, by Francis R. Ely, a prominent Marianna merchant. The house was acquired by the Joseph M. Criglar family in 1900.

Brick used in the Ely-Criglar mansion is of native material and was made on the site. The outside woodwork was shipped from New York by boat to Apalachicola. Two wooden wings that originally flanked the

house on either side have been removed. The west wing now forms a separate dwelling at 108 Russ Street. The interior contains its original pine flooring, plaster, and walnut cornices, its original hall light and handmade front door with brass hardware.

The James McKinnon home was built in the 1850's by James Baker, whose daughter married W.H. Milton, a Confederate major and son of Florida's Civil War governor. The house is located across the street from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in whose yard the Battle of Marianna was fought.

The house was purchased in the 1890's by Judge James C. McKinnon whose descendants still live there. It exists today much as it did in the 1850's. The kitchen, which once stood a distance behind the house in case of fire, has been moved and attached to the house. Bathrooms and gas heating have been installed but the McKinnon family has made every effort to preserve both the architecture and the period furnishings.

The West home, located on Putnam Street, was built by John Davis in the 1840's for his daughter who married Dr. Theophilus West, a Florida senator. When she died, Dr. West married Miss Louise Slade of Columbus, Ga., and her personality and tastes are indelibly stamped on the house. Many of the furnishings and

objects in the house are from her family's home, St. Elmo, in Columbus, Ga.

While the downstairs of the West house is historically impressive, the upstairs will undoubtedly be one of the main attractions of the tour. The rooms upstairs contain a veritable trove of treasures and curios which have been collected by Slade West during a lifetime of extensive travels abroad.

West's collection includes a shrunken head from the Amazon, a gold sword set with diamonds and other jewels, gold that he mined in Alaska and rocks that he recently brought from Siberia.

Great Oaks was built by Hamilton Bryan in 1860 on the 5,000 acre Bryan plantation. In 1960, it was acquired by the Reese family who undertook a five-year project that has restored the classic mansion to its original grandeur both outside and in. It is largely furnished in European antiques.

Tickets for the tour will go on sale April 1: in Marianna, at Turner's, Citizen's Bank, First Bank and in the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse; in Malone, at Sawyer's Miscellany; in Graceville, at Cash Drug Store; in Cottondale, at Hinton's IGA.

Tickets also may be ordered from Mrs. Richard Hand, 412 Second Avenue, Marianna, or may be bought on the tour days at the Woman's Club.

Commissioners Ponder Permits For Building

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners has decided to study the feasibility of requiring building permits for new construction within the county.

During its regular meeting on Tuesday morning, March 28, the board also discussed the feasibility of offering a local license test for building contractors so that they will not have to travel to Tampa to take the test offered by the State of Florida.

The commissioners gave Wilson Neal, county Veterans Administration officer, permission to close his office for a week, May 1-6, so that he and another employee may attend a training school.

Kenneth Wester, county civil defense officer, appeared at the meeting to ask commissioners to grant an old radio base, formerly used by the sheriff's department, to civil defense, so that it can be set up in the basement of the courthouse.

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Welcome To



Greenwood

A joint Easter Sunrise Service will be held by the Greenwood Baptist Church and the Greenwood Methodist Church on Sunday, April 2, at 5:30 a.m.

The service will be at the Methodist Church. The Rev. Wiley Richards, Baptist pastor, will deliver the sermon.

Collins

An Easter Sunrise Service will be conducted at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, at Collins Baptist Chapel, one mile west of Malone.

The Rev. William Plazarin, pastor, will deliver the sermon.

Mt. Olive

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, east of Malone, will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, in the church cemetery.

The message will be delivered by the Rev. T. E. Cozart, pastor.

Lovedale

The congregations of Lovedale Baptist Church and Circle Hill Baptist Church will combine for an Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, in the Lovedale-Two Egg Community Center.

The Rev. James Johnston, pastor of Circle Hill, will deliver the sermon and the women of Lovedale Baptist will serve breakfast following the service.

Malone Band Is Rated

The Malone High School Band received an "excellent" rating in one contest and a "good" rating in another contest during the district band concert competition in Panama City on Saturday, March 25.

The band received the "good" rating in its prepared concert performance of an overture and a march. It received the "excellent" rating in the sight-reading contest while performing an overture and a march it had never seen before.



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"Dear Flabby" Gives Advice To Fish - Lorn

By Joel Parish

Dear Flabby,

In the newspaper the other day, I saw a picture of a nice string of fish a lady caught with biscuits. Do you think she uses Martha White flour or Robin Hood flour?

Beatrice Biscuitbaker

Dear Beatrice,

I don't know what kind of flour this little lady uses. Personally, I have always thought that the Pillsbury Doughboy would be irresistible to a large bass.

Dear Flabby,

My wife will not get up at 3:30 in the morning and fix my breakfast so that I can be on the lake fishing at daylight. Also, she will not help me clean my catch when I get home. Do you think she needs professional help?

Henry Henpecked

Dear Henry,

My wife read your letter and she thinks your wife does need professional help. She suggests that you get her a maid.

Dear Flabby,

My fishing calendar from Johnny Williams Feed & Seed Store indicates that next Thursday will be a good day to go fishing. However, my "Cardui" fishing calendar indicates that next Thursday will be a poor day for fishing. Would you put your confidence in Johnny Williams or "Cardui?"

Willie Waltenshiell

Dear Willie;

I have no preference between Johnny Williams and "Cardui." But the best time to go fishing is anytime you have an opportunity.

Dear Flabby,

I like to fish in a teeny weeny bikini.

Frieda Figure

Dear Frieda,

I think I love you.

Dear Flabby,

I am four years old. My mother says I am too young to go fishing and my father says I am too young for girls. What's a fellow my age supposed to do for fun?

Mattie Mature

Dear Mattie,

Suck your thumb.

Dear Flabby,

When I cast for bass, I sometimes get my lure hung in grass or bushes. Does this ever happen to you?

Otto Overshoot

Dear Otto,

This very definitely does happen to me. I believe the last time was in 1963.

And that's the reel truth.

J.H. Conrad Service Held In Lovedale

Funeral services for James Harold Conrad, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad of Bascom, were held Monday morning at the graveside in Lovedale Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Moore officiating.

Mr. Conrad, a native of Jackson County, died on Saturday. He was 44 years old and resided in Chester, Ga.

In addition to his parents the survivors include his wife, four daughters and a son; two sisters, Mrs. C.H. Robertson of Hialeah and Mrs. Elaine Nowell of Campbellton; five brothers, Jack of Hialeah, Norman G. "Boots" of Sneads, Roy of Rolla, Kans., William R. of Appalachicola and Johnnie Lee of Jonesboro, Ga.; and five grandchildren.

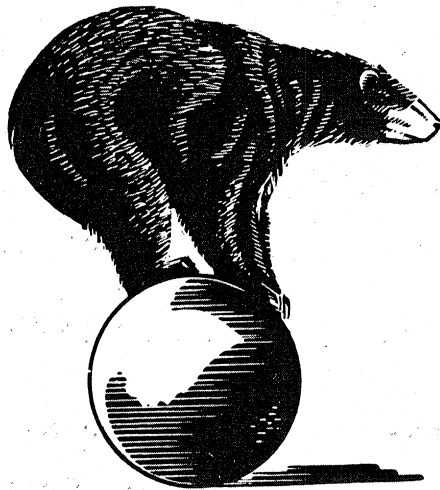
Childs Urges. . .

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tired of people in Tallahassee controlling the local schools. If we had control of the money we could do things that are necessary at the local level."

Prior to Child's talk, the Rev. John Johnson delivered the devotional.

Green Jordan, Jr., chairman of the fund raising committee, reported that the PTA will sponsor a concert by the Bryan Brothers Quartet on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



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Weekend guests of Mrs. T.L. Atwell in Bascom were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bass of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Gulf Griffin of Port St. Joe, Mrs. Willard Shelton and children of Altha, Mrs. Clester Ferguson of Bascom, Mrs. Helen Hicks and children of Donalsonville, Mr. and Mrs. Pauline Watford and children of Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Atwell and children of Chattahoochee.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Robinson of Malone spent the past weekend with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson, in Cottondale.

Tommy Cozart of New Orleans, La., spent the past weekend with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Cozart, Dudley community.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Rodgers had a family cook-out at their house in Malone on Friday evening. Guests were Charles Rodgers of Hixson, Tenn., Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Ronnie and Rodney Rodgers of Bascom, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Rodgers and Darin and Mrs. Gladys Rodgers of Malone. Charles Rodgers was

in town visiting his mother, Mrs. Gladys Rodgers, from Tuesday until Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Rodgers, Mrs. Francis Mathews and Mrs. Green Jordan, Sr., left Monday morning for Texas where they were called due to the illness of Mrs. Henry Garrett, sister-in-law of Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Jordan.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Supkoski of Malone last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. George Pegrum of Tallahassee.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brookins of Pensacola visited Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Brookins in Malone last Saturday.

Mrs. Raymond Lassiter and Mrs. Vera McDaniel spent last Friday visiting friends at the Marianna Convalescent Home.

Benjamin Frank Harrison of Colquitt, Ga., a former resident of Malone, died at Flowers Hospital, Dothan, on Tuesday morning. He was the brother of Willis Harrison of Malone and Ernest Harrison of Gordon, and the father-in-law of Mrs. Dora Harrison of Malone.

Onis Williams of Malone was called to Crestview on Monday due to the death of his brother, Norman Williams.

Churches Hold Women's Day

On April 9

A Tenth Annual Women's Day Celebration will be held at Greater Antioch Baptist Church, nine miles south of Gordon, on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Mary L. Waddell of Marianna will be speaker for the occasion. Theme of the meeting will be "Women Be In Subjection Unto Your Own Husband."

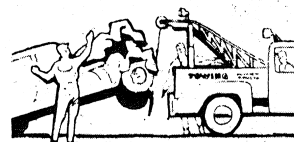
Churches participating will include St. John Baptist, St. Mary Baptist, Philadelphia Baptist, Macedonia Baptist of Sneads, Jerusalem A.M.E., Macedonia Baptist, Nebo Baptist, Tabernacle Baptist and Trinity Baptist.

Missionaries Present Program

Missionaries John and Revonda Deal, who have recently returned from Malaysia, will present a program about their experiences at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The couple will show slides, model native dress, display Malaysian curios and discuss the customs of the country. They are sponsored by the Southern Baptist Association

The church congregation invites everyone to attend.



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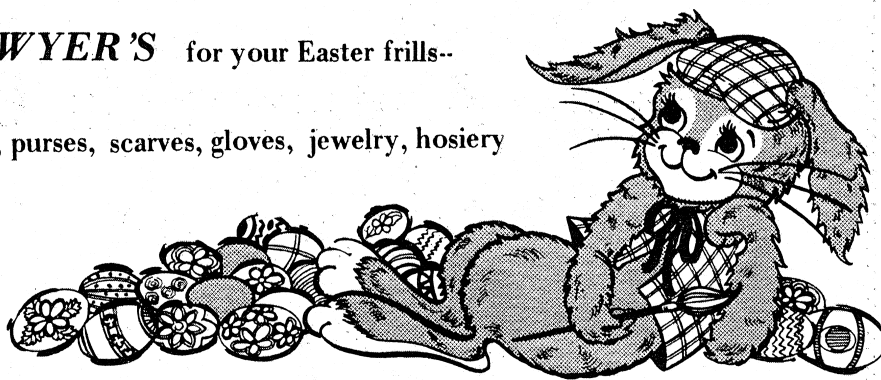
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Hams Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Ham of Malone announce the birth of a son, Timothy Lynn, at 1:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 26, at Flowers Hospital, Dothan.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ham of Malone and Mrs. Gertrude Bradberry of Columbia, Ala. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cosby of Ashford, Ala.

Club Sells Cakes On Saturday

The Malone High School Band Boosters will conduct a cake sale downtown in Malone on Saturday, April 1.

The organization will offer a variety of cakes for sale beginning at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will be used to finance the band's trip to Six Flags Over Georgia in May.

USDA Accepts Grain Options

Options for additional feed grain acreage, which farmers signed-up for between February 3 and March 10, have been accepted by the Secretary of Agriculture.

All of the options for additional set-aside feed grain acreage in Jackson County will be accepted, according to E. M. Granger, ASCS executive officer.

Granger said that farmers are being notified of how their individual farms will be affected, but any farmers who have questions after receiving their letters should contact the ASCS office.

Granger also wished to remind farmers that April 1 is the deadline for farmers signed-up in the wheat and feed grain programs to report their wheat

Malone Team Loses Two

Malone High School's baseball team had a bad week -- losing its last two ballgames.

The team lost to Altha, 10-9, in a game at Altha last Friday. On Monday, Sneads defeated the home team, 8-5, although Ray Robison hit a homerun and a double.

Tuesday's game against Grand Ridge was postponed until Wednesday. The team will play Sneads again next Tuesday, April 4.



Brenda McCall



Rhonda Rogers

Brenda McCall & Rhonda Rogers Win Local Spelling Contests

Brenda McCall and Rhonda Rogers won the spelling bees in Greenwood and Malone last week for grades five through eight.

They will compete in the county-wide spelling bee in Marianna on Thursday, March 30.

Brenda, a seventh grader at Greenwood High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCall.

Rhonda, a sixth grader at Malone High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers of Bascom.

Schools Dismiss

At Noon Thursday

School children in Jackson County will be dismissed at noon on Thursday, March 30, for their annual Easter holiday.

Classes will resume on Tuesday morning, April 4.

Greenwood Church Announces Service

Greenwood United Methodist Church will hold a special Maundy Thursday Communion Service on Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. Earle Temple, pastor, will conduct the service.

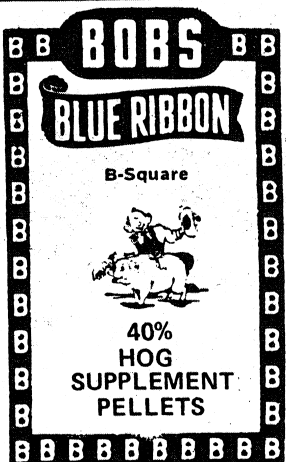
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Commissioners. . .

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Wester also informed the commissioners that civil defense will help pay the insurance on county trucks if the county will agree that the trucks can be used during a civil emergency. Commissioners told Wester they would need more precise information on how much control civil defense would have over the trucks before they could agree to such an arrangement.

The commissioners discussed complaints about burning garbage received from residents near the new city-county dump at the old air base.

They were informed by Marianna officials that the fires, three of them so far, apparently have been set by vandals at night while the dump is closed.

The board agreed to sell two vehicles confiscated by the sheriff's department, a 1961 Lincoln and a 1959 Ford, on Friday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at the Courthouse.

The board also will try to sell or dispose of a number of other old cars confiscated by the sheriff.

Bucks Play Hawks For Championship

The Bucks will play the Hawks for championship of the Malone Elementary Basketball League at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in the school gym.

A consolation game will be played at 6:30 p.m. between the Lakers and the Celtics.

The Bucks earned a spot in the finals by upsetting the second place Lakers last Thursday night, 21-19. Hayes Dickens was high point man with seven points. High scorer for the Lakers was Michael Russ with 10 points.

The Hawks won a spot in the finals by defeating the Celtics, 26-20. Tracy Keys was high point man for the Hawks with 16 points. Jimmy Sellers scored 10 points for the Celtics while Greg Clemmons scored nine.

Dogs Must Be Vaccinated

Residents of Malone are reminded that unvaccinated and untagged dogs within the city limits will be disposed of after Wednesday, April 5.

On that date, a veterinarian will be present at the city hall all day to vaccinate dogs for a fee of \$3.

Wilson To Be Director At New Recreation Center

Donnie Wilson, who has been called as youth and recreation director of the First Baptist Church of Malone, will direct activities at the church's new recreation center which opens on Friday, March 31.

The recreation center, built during the past winter, will be open on Fridays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m., according to the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Richey.

After schools dismiss for the summer vacation, the recreation center will be open more hours, Mr. Richey said.

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FOR SALE--Coast-cross hay for sale. Sixty cents per bale. Phone 594-3282, Greenwood, Mack Banks.

FOR SALE: Service age Hampshire boars and commercial crossbred gilts. Larry Ford, Greenwood, route one. Phone 569-2868.

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Exemptions Deadline Is March 31

Florida residents have until Friday to apply for their standard \$5,000 homestead exemption, according to Jackson County Tax Assessor Harvey Sexton.

The tax assessor said that March 31 is the deadline and any eligible resident who has not filed for the exemption is urged to do so. Sexton said he has no authority to grant an exemption that is applied for after Friday.

In order to be eligible for the exemption, Sexton added, an applicant must have owned the property prior to Jan. 1 and must have been living on the property on Jan. 1.

To place an ad or report your new

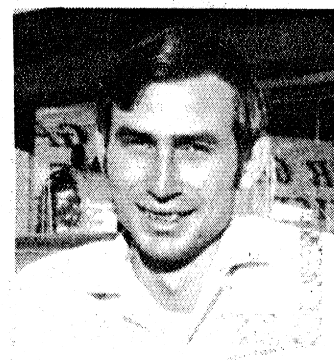
call 569-2800

The Venture

"The church built the recreation facilities so it could have a Christ-centered recreation program," Mr. Richey said. "We want our young people to have a place to go for recreation where they will be in a Christian atmosphere."

The new youth director will be at the center during all its operating hours.

The center has facilities for inside and outside activities. It is equipped for ping pong, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, croquet, whiffleball, four-square ball, volleyball, badminton and roller skating.



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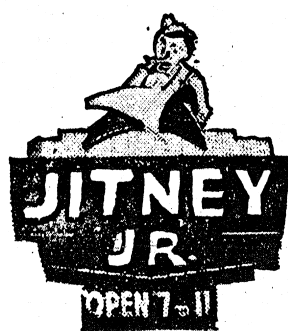
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