

## ***A Step Back in Time*** By Bobbie Sue Shelton-Lonas

The following is bits of old "Community News" printed in county news publications.

### **EAGLEVILLE – December 1940**

Mrs. M. O. Stem and children of McMinnville was recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. Charlie Stem.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowe and family of Nashville were dinner guests of Mr. Lowe's father, W. T. Lowe, and Mrs. Lowe on Thanksgiving Day.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Sullivan and Miss Imogene Sullivan of Smyrna were guests of Mrs. Sullivan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. McRae for Thanksgiving.

Miss Francis Dement spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dement of Smyrna.

Miss Sophia Williams, Mrs. Ola Hyde and Miss Elizabeth Sullivan were in Nashville Friday.

Mrs. Lillie Kelley, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home Friday evening, is in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Cassie Hooper who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, remains seriously ill.

Tom Elmore's condition is reported slightly improved.

Charles Grigsby and Raymond Brown

were in Nashville Friday.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Arnold were his sisters, Misses Lena, Sallie, Geneva and Ruth Arnold of Franklin and Mrs. Glen Arnold and son, Fuller, of Thompson's Station.

J. B. Cothran and daughter Louise, with Buck Hayes of Murfreesboro attended the Martin UT. Jr. Vols football game at Pulaski Thursday.

Among those in Nashville Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nance of Eagleville, Mrs. Chas. McLain, Mrs. H. G. Jackson and daughter, Anne and Jack McLain.

Miss Mary Ellen Lowe of U. T., Martin, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Lowe during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Lowe of Christiana were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford.

Nathan Lowe of Waverly and Miss Lillian Lowe of Knoxville were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Lowe, during the holidays.

John Carlton and Miss Lucy Parrish of Murfreesboro were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Windrow.

Mrs. W. F. Jackson and Mrs. Fred Abernathy and son, Jack, were Thursday dinner guests

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of Mrs. Addie Hale of Rockvale.

Miss Emalyn Jackson was the weekend guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Owen and Mr. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCord entertained the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Miles and Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams at luncheon Sunday.

Miss Gladys Carlton of Pulaski spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brindley and son of Alcoa have returned home from a visit to Mrs. Brindley's sister, Mrs. W. H. Dyer and Mr. Dyer.

Among those spending the holidays with their parents were: Misses Charlotte Stephenson, Sarah Virginia Abernathy, Francis and Katherine Gillespie, Edna Jackson, Louise Ralston and Robbie Turner of S.T.C.

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### **ROCKVALE - December 1940**

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Lyon, returned to Dallas Texas, Friday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson.

Miss Patricia Wade of Columbia spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams guests Thanksgiving Day were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh

Charlton, Hugh Charlton Jr. and Billie Parham of Nashville.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Charlton of Union City were here during the holidays to visit their sisters, Mesdames Andrew Jackson, Addie Hale and Lizzie Jackson. On Thanksgiving Day they were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Justin Hale.

Aubrey Jarratt Jr., a student at the University of Tennessee, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jarratt.

Mrs. Robert Whitus and son, Bobby, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whitus, returned to Jackson S. C. Saturday.

Frank Yeargan of Clarksville spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon were hosts at dinner Thanksgiving honoring their houseguest, Mrs. Fred Benson of Memphis. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pink Lyon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lyon and Mary Ann of Nashville, Mrs. P. M. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carter of Murfreesboro and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. carter of Bradyville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor and sons, Gary and Jimmy of Nashville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Steagall.

Miss Pairie Brannon, a bride of the week was honoree of a miscellaneous shower

Monday evening at which Mrs. John D. Pinkerton and Miss Audrey Brannon were co-hostesses. The party was at the home of the latter. Miss Brannon was entertained by a group of friends in Nashville Friday.

Fount Love of Clifton spent the weekend at home.

The Concord Women's Society of Christian Service will meet with Mrs. C. E. Yeargan as Hostess on Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thomas Ralston, Betty Jo and Billy Ralston and John Carlton of Nashville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Carlton.

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Before August 2003, the citizens of Eagleville and surrounding area had to rely on the county newspaper for report of local community news. With the founding of the "Eagleville Times", by Debbie Ryan, our community, as well as our neighboring communities, have our own in depth access to the happenings of the area. I want to thank and commend Debbie for all her hard work, giving the Eagleville community their very own newspaper "The Eagleville Times". This very large responsibility has provided both, knowledge and enjoyment, to the local citizens, as well as many friends and family living away.

While thinking of subject material for my future articles, Step Back In Time, I decided to re-read some of the previous papers, starting with the first "Eagleville Times", published. Here are some excerpts from the first papers - year "2003". I'm sure future researchers will be referring back to articles in the Eagleville Times, as I have to old papers found in our county library.

### **August:**

Plans are being made for a City Park in Eagleville.

The Eagleville Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 50 years (1953-2003) of dedicated service to the community.

The building of the Eagleville School Football Stadium is in progress.

### **September:**

The first Eagleville Antique Tractor and Gas Engine Show was held at the new site on the Eagleville-Chapel Hill Road.

### **October:**

The Eagleville Cheerleaders sponsored the First Annual Car and Truck Show, located on the School Campus.

The First Eagleville High School Marching Band was organized.

Groundbreaking was held for a new Rockvale Church of Christ.

Members and friends of Rocky Glade Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in Murfreesboro to start the first leg of the first Habitat for Humanity House to be completely built in one week. It was also the first handicapped accessible house built in Rutherford County.

### **November:**

Eagleville Middle School held its inaugural football homecoming ceremony at the new Eagle Stadium. Football Homecoming Queen was Chelsea Lamb.

The first victory on Talon Field occurred when Eagleville Middle School Eagles defeated the Cornersville Bulldogs.

The Eagleville High School JROTC Raider Team placed first overall, with first place



Site of Eagleville City Park (from Aug. 2003)

scores in the Rope Bridge, second place in the Obstacle Course and CCR, and third place in the Physical Fitness Test, Secret Event and the 4.5-mile run. Team members: Robby Barrett, Robert Maxwell, Michael Burrows, Tim Mathisen, Nick Mathisen, Calvin Frost, David Wilczek and James Davis.

### **December:**

Eagleville held its First Annual Christmas Parade.

The Eagleville Raiders placed third place overall out of 35 teams in competition in Griffin, Georgia. Team members: Calvin Frost, Nick Mathisen, James Davis, David

Wilzcheck, Robert Maxwell, Robby Barrett, Tim Mathisen, Michael Burros, Steve Chaffin, Ray Kilfoyle and Chris Leverette.

The City of Eagleville Officials was: Mayor Nolan Barham, Vice-Mayor Ronnie Hill. City Council Members: David Rigsby, Debbie Ryan, Bobby Turner, Harold Vincion and Terry Zumbro. City Attorney, Greg Reed; City Recorder Sherry Marsalis, Assistant Brandy Robinson; Police Chief, Everett Stone, Sergeant Charles Holt; Fire Chief, Joe Jackson.

\* \* *Happy New Year* \* \*