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Ringin' Round

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Floyd of Downers Grove, Ill., Dewey Nunley of Cicero, Ill., Little Miss Rebecca Nunley of Cicero, and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Curtis, Ronney and Melinda of Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Nunley during the weekend. They all attended the wedding of Miss Macella Floyd to Jim Hart in Oxford Sunday afternoon. Attending the wedding from Iuka were Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Nunley and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Helton, Roger and Lynn.

Mrs. Mary Barnes spent several days recently in Memphis with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleston Barnes. She was injured in an auto accident on her way home and has been confined in Tishomingo County Hospital.

Mr. T. O. Bruton of Chickasha, Oklahoma, visited *Tishomingo County News* Office Monday afternoon. Mr. Bruton attended school at Iuka in 1905-1907. He was a former writer for a local newspaper in Iuka. He visited old friend and relatives in Paden and attended the homecoming at Palestine.

Capt. and Mrs. John Payne and son spent three days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gross and Jimmy. Capt. Payne was back from a tour of duty in Vietnam and on his way to ... [missing text].

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Mr. and Mrs. Otho Epps went to Corinth Tuesday for Mrs. Epps to see the doctor.

Ode Slated for Game Commission

The Mississippi Game and Fish Commission announced Wednesday that songstress Bobbie Gentry would write, sing, and record an original song for the state wildlife agency.

James Watts, public relations director of the commission, said Miss Gentry had agreed to the “uncompensated singing-recording task” sought by the . . . [text is missing].

May Draft Call Set at 27,600

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense has requested the Selective Service System provide 27,600 inductees in May 1969.

Of this total, 25,600 will be assigned to the Army and 2,000 to the Marine Corps.

This request supports currently approved force levels and will assure a timely flow of replacements for men completing their terms of service, the Department of Defense said.

Corinthian’s Brother Eye Transplant Recipient

HOUSTON (UPI)—The brother of a Corinth man is progressing satisfactorily today from what was believed to be the world’s first transplant of a complete eye.

The operation was performed Tuesday on John Madden, a 55-year-old Conroe, Texas, photographic studio owner. He is the brother of Herman Madden of Corinth.

Madden, who received the new right eye in a one-hour operation at Methodist Hospital, will have to wait three weeks to find out if he will be able to see with the grafted organ. In the meantime, both his eyes are stitched shut.

Directing the surgery was Dr. Conrad D. Moore, assistant director of the Institute of Ophthalmology and assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine. Moore, who said that so far as he knows this was the first transplant of the whole eye, said rejection would not be so much of a problem as with a heart or kidney since an eye does not have so many blood vessels.

The main question, Moore said, was whether the nerves were properly connected.

The eye came from O. B. Hickman, a 55-year-old Houston man who died Monday of a brain tumor.

NEMJC Awarded \$390,000 Higher Education Grant

Northeast Mississippi Junior College at Booneville was awarded a \$390,000 federal Higher Education Title One grant Tuesday, Rep. Jamie Whitten announced.

College President Howard White said the money would be used as part of a \$900,000 building program which includes a new liberal arts building, a classroom building, and an expansion of the present library.

White said the money “will be co-mingled with an equal amount, subject to approval of Appalachia.” The remainder of the funds—about \$200,000—would be financed by the junior college district, which includes Prentiss, Alcorn, Tippah, Union, and Tishomingo Counties.

The total expansion will involve 57,000 square feet in new building and an 8,145 square feet addition to the library.

White pointed out that bids for the construction project could not be considered until final approval is granted by Appalachia to the project.

He said the new buildings would provide facilities for the expanding enrollment which is currently 1,150. “We are crowded at the present time,” he explained.

Graduating Seniors of Iuka High School

Iuka High School Seniors will have graduation exercises May 27 at the School Gymnasium. Officers of the class shown in the center of the picture above are (L to R) Gary Evans and Debby McLemore, Treasurers; Emily Gurley, Secretary; Ronnie Brown, President; (behind these) Eugene Jones, Vice-president; and Jimmy Gross, Reporter. Other graduates of the class are Becky Wilson, Bunni Glenn, Latricia Berryman, Shelia Crowley, Kathy Wadkins, Brenda Holtsford, Janice Walker, Kathy Hannon, Sandra Gray, Jane Williams, Dennie Dee Daugherty, Ingrid Singleton, Tim Bivins, Richard Till, Tommy Helton, Sharon Davis, Mary Ruth Hobbs, Lynn Weaver, Judy Crosby, Linda Horne, Teresa Choate, Johnny Stricklen, Johnny Rhodes, Don Landrum, Debbie Lambert, Mike Vaughn, Lanny Hamm, Sidney Robinson, Carl Booker, Nick Phillips, Jerry Hudson, Larry Sanderson, Pat Brown, Jerry Bonds, Eddie Gross, Jimmy Smith, Mike Hook, Ken Mathis, Judy Barnett, Brenda Gail Briggs, Duane Bullard, Marilyn Burkhalter, Larry Cutshall, Debbie Dobbins, Wendell Jourdan, Debbie Puckett, Richard Till, Benji Walker, and Ricky Walker.

THE HAPPY BRIDE—B. T. Curtis is shown after “her” vows were pledged to Merle Nelson at the Womanless Wedding last Friday night. The Minister, Pete Byram, smiles happily after he ties the knot. This program was sponsored by the Iuka Band Auxiliary. A large crowd attended and net proceeds were \$239.00. This will go for Band expenditures.