

From the archives of The Celeste Courier:

### **30 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 20, 1981**

#### **Devilettes Take District 9-A Title**

In the beginning of the 1980 - 81 basketball season the devilettes of Celeste High School faced some changes made by the University Interscholastic League in Austin. Playing in District 34A the Celeste ladies had only one familiar opponent - Bland Tigers; other Tigers came from Trenton and Blue Ridge. Savoy Cardinals and Ector Eagles completed the new slate of competition. Savoy Cardinals habitually made the Regional Tournament at Kilgore; Blue Ridge had many District Championships on record. A real challenge was ahead for Coach G. W. Tillerson, assistant Kay Cawthon, and the twenty-one young ladies to make another great basketball season. A real determination to meet this test resulted in long hours of hard work.

Friday night - the last of regular season play - still held a challenge. The Savoy ladies, playing elsewhere, had two conference loses; Blue Ridge had two; Celeste Devilettes held an edge of only one loss. A loss by Celeste would give a three-way tie.

Blue Ridge and Celeste gems took the court with visions of victory. At the close of the first quarters, Blue Ridge held a lead - 8 to 7; second quarter play resulted in a half-time score, 23 to 14, with Devilettes leading- a trend which continued to a final victory of 50 to 29 and a District Championship once more for Celeste.

Cindy Speir led the offense with 37 points; team members Tammy Spoonemore, Ruth Hall, and Nan Chambliss set up many successful plays for the offense. Martha Taylor, Cheryl Waters and Christy Prather were outstanding on defense. High scoring for Blue Ridge was shared by Burchett with 9 and Toepperwien with 8.

Members of the 1980-81 Devilettes are: Seniors Cindy Speir, Ruth Hall, Nan Chambliss, Karen

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Cummings; Juniors Tammy Spoonemore, Martha Taylor, Christy Prather, Tamara Dearing; Sophomores Barby Spoonemoore, Debbie Wilcox, Renea Alford, Sheryl Tittle, Shivon Lane; Freshmen Cheryl Waters, Sharon Craver, Kristi Baber, Collette Lanier, Stella Cummings, Charlene Spoonemore, Kim LaFavers, Lauie West.

This District Championship game was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season. Many "Gems" and "Jewels" - our Celeste Senior Citizens - were guests of honor on this occasion; many of these guests had grand children playing on the Celeste teams. A drawing for door-prize gave a Valentine box of candy to Jesse Rainwater.

### **Bi District Game**

Celeste girls will meet S & S girls Monday night, February 23 at 7:30 PM in the Howe High School Gym. Admission will be \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Sadler Southmayd has a 14 - 12 record for the year with 10 of the wins being in District. Celeste has a 24 - 2 record losing to Corsicana and Savoy. Celeste has averaged 62 points per game to their opponents 42.

## **50 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 17, 1961**

### **Miss Sarah Roach And Jerry Swindell Married Saturday**

Miss Sarah Roach and Jerry Swindell were united in marriage in a ceremony performed by Rev. Albert Click at three o'clock Saturday, February 11, 1961, in the pastor's and Mrs. Click's home, the Methodist parsonage in Celeste.

Attending the couple were Miss Sherry Kay Duncan and Jackie Arnwine, both of Celeste.

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roach of Celeste. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swindell, also of Celeste. He was a member of the 1959 graduation class of Celeste High School.

The couple will live in Celeste where Mrs. Swindell will continue her schooling at Celeste High School as a senior student.

Mr. Swindell is employed by Proctor and Gamble in Dallas.

**New**

**arrival**

Mr

. and Mrs. A. J. Thomas are the proud parents of a son born Tuesday, February 7, 1961 in a Greenville hospital. He has been named Edward Jay Richard. He weighed seven pounds and five ounces.

### **Rev. H. B. Gideon Birthday Dinner Honoree Sunday**

Rev. H. B. Gideon was honored with a birthday dinner by Mrs. Gideon and daughter, Miss Rita Gideon, Sunday, February 12, at their home. His birthday was the 13th of February.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Price of Melissa, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Noles of Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Noles of Blue Ridge, Mrs. W. C. Sebastian of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cunningham and Joan Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Denver L. Price, Lacene and Randy of McKinney.

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Rev. Gideon received several nice gifts.

## **City Election Set for April 4**

Mayor Solon Milton announces an election for the purpose fo electing city officials will be held in the City Hall April 4.

Mayor Milton will seek re-election and Mrs. W. W. McMichael will also have her name for re-election as city secretary.

Mayor pro-tem Morris Babers and Street Commissioner Burley Lanier will be seeking re-election.

Mayor Milton said any one desiring to be a candidate for an office in this election may file their name to appear on the ballot with Mrs. McMichael 30 days prior to the election.