DURANT NEWS by Rowena Hill

thankful Judy is feeling some better after spending time re-Prayers are for complete recovery following recent sur-

Conner and family are now en route back to San Diego,

Family and friends of Judy Navy. We pray for safety and and Frankie Bledsoe look happiness but they will be forward to seeing and being missed. We did get to visit with them again soon. All Are with them during the weekend for which we are glad.

The congregation at First cently in a Jackson hospital. Baptist Church were happy to have our own Sandy Land as music leader Sunday and look forward to his return. Members of the Hill family The Lands were and are are saddened that Jamie Hill very special to our town and church.

Mrs. Betty Faye Edwards California to make their home visited during the week with there once again after living her brother William Henry in Millington, Tennessee for Hathcock. He remains to more than a year, where he be very sick. Keep William was stationed with the U.S. Henry and Betty Gale in your

College not for everyone

that has had some experi- our last employees were unence with the skills we need able to work a calculator, one for this job. It brought back of the simplest of machines.

memories of my work history.

During bookkeeping class one day the State Farm agent came in looking for a part-time employee. He asked the instructor who was a good typist she told him

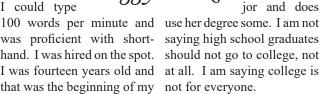
Peggy's Take I could type was proficient with shorthand. I was hired on the spot. I was fourteen years old and that was the beginning of my employment. I gained so much experience from this job by working after school and on Saturdays that by the time I graduated, I had valuable experience that others have. I went from there to a bigger insurance agency to a larger business and from

blessed. These times are just not the same. Eighty percent of the young adults graduating have had no work experience. At the least not the kind that would render the types of jobs for which I was qualified. College graduates now that are seeking employment are asked for experience. How can they have knowledge of the work place, they have been years? It seems a vicious and columnist.

I had experience and I was

One of our long time book- cycle - no experience no job keepers is moving away and even with a degree. We too we have been searching ev- are looking for some knowlery unemployed as well as edge of our systems for new employed person in the area employments. Several of

> One of my children is a music major, a band director by trade, the other fitness management, (he is an excellent athlete), both working with us as a retail grocery supervisor. One is an elementary education ma-



I say this knowing if my grandchildren said no to college I would be the first to have a "spasm." Encourage your young adult children to "walk" into the real world seeking employment did not during their high school years. Let them experience life and decide what is best for their lives. We could there on and on until I was not live without carpenters, the office manager and per- plumbers, electricians, trash sonal assistant in a sizeable collectors, service people of health care facility. By this all kinds, and yes, even grotime I had knowledge of cery men and the majority of several business machines – these people have no college payroll, accounts receivable degree. Our children are and payables and most of all faced with so many decisions "people skills." I was hired after high school graduation, for these jobs over persons you be the sounding board who had graduated college. and keep an open mind, unlike one Meme I know.

School Days Sloppy Joe's

1 pound ground chuck ½ chopped onion ½ cup chopped celery

1 cup catsup 1 T. brown sugar

½ cup water ½ t. chili seasoning

Brown ground chuck, onion and celery. Add next ingredients and simmer for 20 minutes. Serve on buns. Makes 4 servings.

* Peggy Sims is a life-long in school for the past four resident of Attala County

prayers for recovery and return home. We sure miss seeing and being together after their move to Flowood.

Best wishes and much happiness to Mrs. Gale Sheppeard. She was married Saturday in Alabama. Several Durant friends attended the wedding on the beach. We love and miss Gale a lot and pray for their happiness. Hope to see them often in Durant.

Jodi (Hill) and Derek May and three children of Stewart spent Sunday afternoon with the Hill family and especially with Jaime and her family before they left Monday. We probably will not be seeing Jamie and family again for a while. It's a little sad for all of us. It's a very long trip from Durant to San Diego, Califor-

All are very thankful that Pat Burrell continues

improve from a recent accident at their home. Nell is still Hawkins Farmer has returned pretty much home bound. Prayers continue for the family. Maybe they would like to hear from friends.

him peace and know we care and look forward to being together when he's up to it.

Former resident from a nice trip to Puerto Rico with her son Richard and his wife.

My grandson Jay Higgin-We sure miss seeing and botham of Clinton is spendbeing together in church ing time with his grandmothwith Plez White. He hasn't er, this writer, and cousins felt well enough to attend for Mark Underwood. I drove to some time. May God give Central Hills Baptist Retreat last Friday to bring him home with me after a week there with others from Clinton.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT **HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Holmes County Consolidated School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 on June 15, 2018, 10 A. M at the Office of the Superintendent of Education, 313 Olive Street, Lexington, MS 39095. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Holmes County School District and Durant Public School District is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$33,805,837. Of that amount, 16.1486 percent or \$5,459,214 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the Holmes County Consolidated School District proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$32,644,878. Of that amount, \$6,142,342 percent or 18.8156 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Holmes County Consolidated School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate.

Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of Holmes County Consolidated School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

/s/ James L. Henderson Dr. James L. Henderson, Superintendent of Education Holmes County Consolidated School District Lexington, MS 39095