

**IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON**

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Mr. Albert Wright passed recently. He's the brother of Leverne (Wright) Parker. He lived in the Sunny Mount community off Highway 17 north of Lexington.

Mrs. Mary Calhoun's sister passed. I don't know her name.

Dorothy Walden's brother passed. He was funeralized Wednesday, September 9. He did not live in Holmes County.

Sam Ella Keys has passed. At the time of this printing, the funeral arrangements are incomplete. Sam Ella and I got along like good blood sisters, but we were only friends.

Mrs. Davis Hoover passed. She would come to the senior citizens feeding site at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington. She couldn't hear well, but she could sit near the bingo caller and win sometimes. She sang a little loud and could quote Bible scriptures. She was over 60 years old but she could still drive in close places. One time at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington, she was leaving the lunch program. Her car was in the middle between another car and on of the Valley buses. She cranked up and slowly backed out. She was so close to the bus; she gave Mr. Charles Wren and me a big scare. I don't know if the bus driver Mr. Arthur Runnels was scared or not.

Let's uplift the bereaved families, the sick people, house-bound people and nursing home people by keeping them in our prayers.

One of William Wright's sisters came to visit him.

TRIAD met at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington on September 5 at 10 a.m. The crowd was small. I guess it was due to the bad weather. The president, Mrs. Ann Brown, was absent due to leg problems. She is still in the care of some doctors. Pray that Mrs. Brown gets well and be able to skip, run and go dancing.

The jail escapee was caught. He surrendered peacefully. He was a state inmate. The law enforcement officers are still looking for the item stolen from Thurmond's Hardware. During the crime update, it was reported that a lot of stealing is going on in and around Holmes County and other counties too.

There was a rumor going around about the Mississippi Valley State buses, that they would stop picking up people in Holmes County. Some people that attended the meeting in Clarksdale said it's not true; the buses will continue to run in the county.

In last week's news I reported that Skillet (nickname) Thomas had passed. I was mistaken, he was hit but he did not get killed. I apologize for the unintended error I made.

***Bridge Repairs**

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infrastructure.

"We're applying through the state aide but using our current budget to repair bridges as quickly as we can," said Morrison. "Those that have been closed, most of them are now open, Howard Road bridge, and we're planning to fix some others with county money. We've got a list a mile long we're working on, including five new bridges in the county, using the money that the county has. We've got a lot more needs than we've got money."

Morrison said upcoming projects include repairing two bridges on old Wilson Road and starting repairs on two bridges, one near Riverdale Ranch and another one a mile away towards Bowling Green.

"All of these will be fixed with county monies," said Morrison. "I wish it was sooner, I wish it was quicker."

With the Howard Road bridge being repaired with state aid money and no longer the worst bridge in the county, efforts are being focus on others.

"They are being repaired," Morrison continued, "the one on Howard Road and Holly Grove Meeks Road were repaired in place. The one on Wilson Road is being replaced with a box bridge. All of the pilings on the Howard Road bridge have been replaced, we did not replace the decking, there was really nothing wrong with it. I'd wish we would have had money to replacing the railing on it."

highly unusual nature of the arrangement you've worked out with him, I'm not at all surprised that your daughter is complaining of various aches and pains. Nor am I surprised that doctors can find nothing wrong. The aches and pains in question are most likely psycho-somatic.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying that your daughter is inventing her aches and pains, that they're "all in her mind." I'm saying that these visits obviously stress her out (in fact, as you indicate, even the anticipation of an "exchange" stresses her out) and it is not all that unusual for stress to manifest in the form of physical ailments of one sort or another. Furthermore, prolonged stress can eventually cause serious physical problems.

I can't help but think that if you stop including your daughter in these "exchanges" her physical problems will quickly disappear. These days, being a pre-teen girl is not as carefree as it once was. Your daughter doesn't need this completely unnecessary complication in her life.



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**Living With
Children**

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Q: I am reading your book "The Well-Behaved Child" and have a question that it doesn't address. I am a single mom with children from two different fathers. One of my ex-husbands (my son's father) and I have arranged to do regular "child-exchanges." One weekend, all the kids go to his house and on another weekend, they all come to mine. My 11-year-old daughter (by another father) frequently complains of being in some type of pain - stomachaches, headaches, and most recently, pains in her feet that (she says) prevent her from walking. Doctors have been unable to find a cause for any of her problems. I've even had her see a therapist, but that didn't help at all. My daughter says she hates the exchanges and that they are what's making her sick. I know that this particular ex-husband can cause a lot of drama, but even when an exchange goes smoothly she comes back complaining of aches and pains so I'm not sure that's the real issue. I don't know what to do any more and hope you can help us.

A: It seems to me that the solution to this problem is the most obvious one: Stop including your daughter in these child-exchanges.

I had to read your question three times to make sure I was understanding correctly that the man with whom you are exchanging children is not your daughter's father. That's somewhat odd. Furthermore, for you to include in these trade-offs a pre-teen girl who is not his daughter constitutes putting her emotional and even physical health at risk. To be blunt, you should not be sending a girl to the home of a man to whom she is not related unless you are able to be there the entire time. I am not suggesting that he is engaging in inappropriate behavior with or around your daughter; I am, however, more than suggesting that you aren't using good common sense here.

I don't know what sort of "drama" this man is capable of creating, but that description alone leads me to think that the emotional climate in his home is or can quickly become very disruptive, even threatening. Given the