

# DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Rev. Ed McDaniel, former First Baptist pastor, was the visiting speaker for revival held this week, Sunday through Wednesday at the church. Many were thankful to have him back after many years and pastoring many other churches after leaving here. He is now pastor of a church near Winona.

Shirley, Sammy and Jay Higginbotham of Clinton spent time with me Sunday afternoon.

The many friends of Mrs. Joe (Mary Evelyn) Crowder are very thankful that she is feeling some better. Prayers are for complete healing. They are sure missed at church. Love and prayers are with them during this time.

Prayers are with Mrs. C.H. (Dot) Blanton. She spent several days in the Kosciusko hospital. Hope to see her home and feeling much better very soon.

Joey and I spent time last week with the Higginbothams in Clinton. Joey was working on their house. I had a doctor's appointment. I've

had lots of them for a while now. This house was well done, all were happy.

We've been missing Cassie and Tom Humphries recently at church and look forward to thier return. They are loved a lot at our church and in the community.

First Baptist Choir has joined Main Street Baptist Church Choir in Goodman for the Christmas Cantata again this year. Check back later for details. Both choirs will be under the direction of Mrs. Stephanie Diffey.

Prayers, love and best wishes for friends and loved ones who are sick. May God bless each with healing and happiness.

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\*About Hunter Engineering breaking ground on its expansion, it is exciting to me to see and read about all of the good things that are going on in Durant.

Also, work is being done on the train station and the senior citizen building is finished.

I am hoping that the

aldermen in Durant were present at the ground breaking. All of the board of supervisors were there.

I hope our elected officials in Durant will be the game changer. Start by going after property owners to clean up there lots. Taking over abandoned properties and cutting the grass, like across Highway 51 where the railroad tracks were going to pass Dr. Shrock's office.

There is another plant suppose to open down Highway 51. In my opinion, this is where the mayor's office should be the game changer. Make it mandatory that every property owner, business owner and property that the city owns, be cleaned up before the new plant open its doors.

I have been praying for Durant and Holmes County for a long time. I am still praying for the industrial park, Holmes County's "gold mine," by Interstate 55.

I wanted to add, it is not my intention to offend anyone, the mayor, the aldermen, any business, Holmes County or the board of supervisors. If I have offended anyone or any business, I deeply apologize.

## IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



My mother got out of the hospital on Wednesday after the second Sunday. She still has a lot of sins cold; but she is looking better and feeling much better.

Evangelist McKennie passed. She was funeralized second Saturday at the Lebanon M.B. Church in Lexington. She moved back to Lexington from somewhere up north. After her husband passed she went back north.

I write about Durant, Holmes County, our community because it is heart breaking to see Durant, Holmes County, going down. I know its heart breaking for people that have left Durant or Holmes County to see what has happened.

It's sad to see many of our landmark houses in disrepair or burned up. There are historic buildings that need fixing like the county courthouse in Lexington. If these historic buildings, landmark buildings or houses were in Kosciusko, they would be restored back to the way

The family brought her back home for burial. She was the sister of Rev. William T. (Bish) Smith.

I stayed with my mother while she was in Yalobusha General Hospital in Water Valley, Mississippi. While up there, I read the Oxford Eagle newspaper. I found out October is Pastor Appreciation Month and the second Sunday in October in Pastor Appreciation Day. So I am

they were built. Two houses in Sallis are being restored, one built in the 1800s and one in the 1930s. I don't understand why our elected officials don't step up and save our historic building. They should make it mandatory to save our courthouse in Lexington and buildings around the square, and in Durant.

\*By Frances Patterson

saying "May God bless all pastors."

October is Fire Prevention Month. Clean your chimneys, fireplaces, heaters (wood, gas, electric and central units) and all heating sources.

If I remember my teaching days, October is also Drug Prevention Month. So let's not abuse drugs in any form.

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I talked to one of Mr. William Wright's brothers by phone. His appetite is very poor. Let's call him and try to cheer him up, maybe he will eat more.

I hope Mrs. Mary Jean Garrett had a safe and enjoyable trip to Iowa.

My mother is getting back to her old self again. She's at home doing fine. She has two home health care nurses that comes to check her each week.

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Wednesday, November 7

**30% OFF JEWELRY**

Thursday, November 8

**VERA BRADLEY  
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE\***  
(Does not include sale items)

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CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**

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**30% OFF ALL COLLEGIATE  
AND MEN'S GIFTS**

Tuesday, November 13

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AND GET A 112 gm GLAM WASH  
FREE (While supplies last)**

Wednesday, November 14

**30% OFF LADIES CLOTHES**

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**40% OFF ANY SINGLE GIFT ITEM**

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**30% OFF ALL BABY ITEMS**

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**40% OFF CORKCICLE,  
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**40% OFF ALL CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

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