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in school closer friends toy room as I don't believe I than others, but still after will ever have need of this. all these years, friends.

being brought together once we loved. It came from her again, I find more treasures recipe she used during war of yesteryears. I came upon time when things like sugar my wedding dress in a back were rationed. My grandcloset, a size 8!! I didn't daddy raised sugar cane and think I had seen that size turned it into syrup so she since first grade! I found use the cane syrup instead my clarinet that I began to of sugar. try to play in sixth grade. Never did accomplish that. I even still have one of my prom dresses, fashioned into a dress for my daughter when she was a baseball queen in third grade. Did I throw lots of my "odds and ends and clutter" away? Of salt in a saucepan and heat to course NOT. These things 350*. Beat the eggs and mix are my treasured posses- with the hot milk. Pour into sions and my children can a dish and place in a water deal with all this when I filled pan until set. go home. However, I did

My grandmother used to As I clean for our time of make a baked custard that

> **BAKED CUSTARD** 4 eggs 1 quart milk

1/3 cup cane syrup 1/2 t. vanilla nutmeg to taste

Combine milk, syrup and

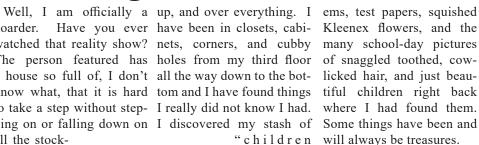
* Peggy Sims is a life-long throw the little lizard skel- resident of Attala County eton out that I found in my and columnist.

Hoarding and Baked Custard

hoarder. Have you ever have been in closets, cabiwatched that reality show? nets, corners, and cubby many school-day pictures The person featured has holes from my third floor a house so full of, I don't all the way down to the botknow what, that it is hard tom and I have found things to take a step without step- I really did not know I had. ping on or falling down on I discovered my stash of

all the stockpile of junk. I declared I would never become one of these odd persons, but I have.

We planning our fifty-fifth class union, at my house, in late April. So of cleaning out,



memories" very backside of a never-used closet and I spent the remainder of reminiscing over each and I put all the hand made course I am Peggy's Take Mother's Day gifts, old po-

Kleenex flowers, and the of snaggled toothed, cowlicked hair, and just beautiful children right back where I had found them. Some things have been and will always be treasures. I have dug out memo-

stuffed in the ries, stored from many years and remembered with such exhilaration of class mates that I began with in first grade and learned and laughed with until and through our senior year. I the morning have all of my year books from first grade through twelth grade. And, yes the every piece. first ones are rather worn by now. My first memory of first grade was that of my mother leaving me in Mrs. Christine Payne's class and

that of me chasing her out the door crying with a broken heart. She sat in a desk by me for several hours that day. I remember shot day and how as you entered the front door you could "smell" the shots. I remember getting a glass of Donald Duck orange juice to drink after the sharp stick. All I have to do to see, in detail, the little brick school house on the hill with the see-saws, slide, and swings is just to close my eyes for a few moments. And most of my forever classmates/ friends were right there with me. I still have the best friend

from first grade and we still get together every now and then to just "be". Several of our graduating class mates live here within in close proximity to each other. Some of us are, as we were

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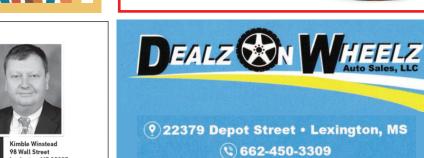






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