

# CHEROKEE CHAPEL NEWS

On Tuesday night, the night before Christmas, approximately 50 people, including parents and children from Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church, gathered at the Lakeside Restaurant near Red Springs for a social Christmas dinner.

During the dinner Rev. Julian Ransom, the pastor, was presented a gift by Mrs. Jessie B. Chavis in the name of the church. Rev. Ransom felt like it was time then for some more entertainment. So he called Mrs. Lucy Oxendine, Mrs. Annie M. Chavis, Spencer Locklear and Rudy Locklear together at the center of the large dining area to lead the group in singing of Christmas carols with the whole group participating.

Happy birthday greetings were rendered to Mr. Spencer Locklear with the group singing "Happy Birthday" to him.

Among those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Julian Ransom and daughter, Vicki; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Belton Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Bullard and family, Mrs. Rose Bullard and daughter Harveline, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chavis and family, Mrs. Linda Oxendine and daughter Valerie, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Locklear of Wakulla, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chavis, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Locklear and family of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Harlew Oxendine

and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudie Locklear and family, Mrs. Myrtle Locklear, Miss Bertha Edwards, Mrs. Delphia Chavis, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Oxendine, Mrs. Bernice Locklear and son Carl, Mrs. Jessie B. Chavis, Mr. and Mrs. Curnes Locklear and family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Locklear, Mrs. Wyona Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Oxendine (co-owners of the restaurant), Mrs. Mabel Oxendine. Late arriving guests were Sgt. Major & Mrs. Leslie Chavis of Pembroke.

Rev. and Mrs. Julian Ransom and daughter, Vickie spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ransom's other daughter, Lisa of Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. James J. Richardson of Jacksonville, Fla. also the former chief surgeon of Scotland Memorial Hospital, Laurinburg, NC has been very ill for the last months but is recuperating at his home very nicely. He expects to resume his office duties in a few weeks with the administrative department of Blue Cross Blue Shield Ins. Company of Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. Richardson called during the Christmas holidays and asked for his warmest regards be given to his friends in Pembroke and the surrounding areas.

On New Year's Eve night the late "Leonard Locklear" family and the late "James Jones" family gathered in the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Locklear of Wakulla to celebrate their annual family reunion.

They spent the evening together reminiscing, telling jokes with laughter and gathering around the piano singing gospel songs.

At ten o'clock Mrs. Locklear invited the group to a traditional New Year's Eve dinner, being joined by Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Locklear of Pembroke who had recently attended a "Watch Night" service at Preston Chapel Church.

After everyone had enjoyed a nice dinner, pictures were made of the various groups of each family, taken by Stacy Locklear.

The group returned to the living room for more gospel music. At five minutes of twelve o'clock the group formed a prayer circle thanking God for 1981, wonderful blessings and a continuity in 1982.

At the close of the prayer circle, the New Year 1982, had already ushered in.

The group then joined in with Mrs. Jessie B. Chavis leading "Auld Lang Syne," a traditional new year's eve song in America.

Those attending other than Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Locklear were five of the Locklear children: Bernice, Lesten, Georgia, Jessie B. Chavis and Spencer and their families. Five sisters of the "Jones" family, Ruthie, Fancy, Tribly, Emmer Delis and Redy B. and their families.

Everyone went away wishing each other a happy and prosperous new year.

Submitted by [Dr.] Jessie Belle Chavis

## Honored by Family on Birthday



Thurman Locklear

Thurman Locklear was honored Sunday, January 3 with a surprise Birthday Dinner given by his family. The occasion took place in the fellowship hall of Pembroke Gospel Chapel.

Also sharing this same birthday was a son-in-law,

James Rufus Smith who preferred to stay in the background.

Locklear and Smith were presented gifts as the group sang "Happy Birthday" and "He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

Special guests were Ms. Lucy Belle Brooks and Ms.

Thelma Smith.

The following poem was written by a daughter and presented to Mr. Locklear.

### A Tribute To You, Dad

Dad, now that you are seventy-three, be filled with hope and cheer...Life can take on beautiful meaning and vanish many a fear...Youth is not entirely a time of life, but also a state of mind...If you think through slowly I'm sure you will find...That this is how you've treated life as you have grown older...You've shown youth is not wholly a matter of age-but just getting bolder... You haven't grown old by merely living a number of years...You have been as young as your faith and as old as your fears...You are as young as your self confidence and also your hope...And with God's help, this made you able with your problems to cope...Dad, there are many beautiful things we could say about your life...But we will just say "Thank You" for your love and Sacrifice... You've been a Great Dad, one of the best in the land...We give God the praise, for you have not stood on sinking sand...As you go on with life Dad, just remember that the God who helped you and cheered you in the morning of youth, in the mid-day of middle age, can and will give you beauty, hope, cheer and courage which will keep your heart young even if life's later years.

This would be Dad's answer, if asked about his age.

You tell me I am getting old...I tell you that's not so!...The house I live in is not

worn out...And then, of course, I know...It's been in use a long, long while...It's weathered many a gale...I'm really not surprised at what you think...But, I'm not getting frail...The dweller in my little house...Is still quite young and gay...I've just started on a new path in life...And I'm happy most every day...You only see the outside of me...Which is all that most folks see...If you tell me I'm getting old...Why, of course you just don't...Know the Real Me.

## Obituaries

**MARVIN EARNEST LOCKLEAR**  
Marvin Earnest Locklear was born March 7, 1909 and departed this life December 26, 1981. He is survived by his wife, Bessie M., 8 sons: James of the home; Zeb of Sallineville, Ohio; Harold of the home; Elisha of Rt 3, Maxton; Jerry of Rt. 1 Rowland; Rudolf of Rt. 1, Rowland; Robert of the home; Martin D. of the USA Navy, Norfolk, Va.; 1 daughter, Hattie Loudin of Louisa, Va.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

### SHAWN CHRISTOPHER LEWIS

Shawn Christopher Lewis, age 10, of Rt. 2, Rowland, went to rest December 27, 1981.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lewis of the home; paternal grandparents, R.C. Lewis of Rowland and Gladys Hunt of Fairmont; paternal great-grandmother, Opal Lewis of Rowland; maternal grandmother, Margaret Hunt of Rowland; paternal great-grandmother, Fannie Hunt of Lumberton; maternal great-grandfather, Joe Locklear of Laurinburg, N.C.; maternal great-great-grandmother, Mary Maggie Hunt of Maxton, N.C.; 6 uncles and 4 aunts; and a host of relatives and friends.

## NOTES--

### --COMMENTS

When you go hunting, don't move the bushes.

Few friendships, avoid at least one acid test.

Big words do not always convey big thoughts.

The greatest producer of real work is necessity.

The human race has its problems, including you and me.

Read a book occasionally, even if you have to borrow one.

Freedom of speech is not valuable unless someone will listen.

Errors often arise when men try to prove that they have been right.

The best way to earn a rest is to complete your work.

Working is an art which many people fail to appreciate.

Your own opinions are not as interesting to other people as they are to you.

Seeing America is a good way for Americans to spend their time and money.

The individual does not have to advertise his, or her, religion in big type.

Time is not so scarce. What is rare is the proper and intelligent use of time.

It is never too late to start driving carefully--as long as you are able to drive, anyway.

Kind, sincere words will take the average man or woman a long way along the journey of life.

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FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS SON, DURING THE 1980'S JOHN DUNLOP FILLED RUBBER TIRES WITH COMPRESSED AIR AND FITTED THEM ON TRICYCLE WHEELS. HIS "PNEUMATIC" TIRES HAD THE BOY HELPING ON AIDS!



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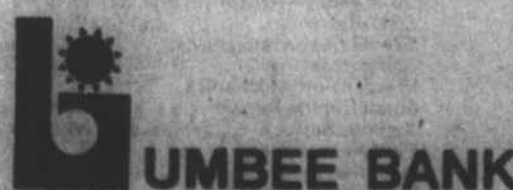
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