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his wife, a story entirely without foundation. But it eventually came to the ears of the young wife, and it was more than she could bear.

Reason left its throne, and that night when her husband came home there was no one to meet him at the gate, no laughter in the house, no fragrant aroma coming from the kitchen-only coldness and something that chilled his heart with fear.

And down in the basement he found the three of them hanging from a beam. Sick and in despair, the young mother had thus taken the lives of her two children, and then her own.

In the days that followed, the truth of what had happened came out- a gossip's tongue, an untrue story, a terrible tragedy.

Dear reader, beginning Friday evening at 7 p.m. we will be conducting the first meeting of our "Open Bible Crusade." No doubt you've received a handbill in the mail regarding these meetings. No doubt there are those who will tell you to stay away from that little church, and they'll tell you all sorts of rumors about the people who worship there. But why don't you come and see for yourself. There you will find beautiful, loving Christian fellowship, good music, and happy smiles. I will be presenting the Bible truth about the 1,000 years of Revelation. Other meetings will be held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. This may be one of the most important Bible crusades you have ever attended. I want you to come, feel the warmth of the Holy Spirit, and feast on God's Word with us. Don't believe the gossips and rumors and accusers. Come check it out for yourself. I can assure you that you won't be disappointed.

TEN MILE TIMES

Ten Mile Center Baptist honored Ray Locklear and his wife, Wanda, and daughters, Lawanda and Sandy, with dinner at the Western Steer and gifts for his new life in the U.S. Navy. Brother Ray has been an asset to our church and will greatly be missed. We pray God's blessings in his new endeavor and continual guidance of his precious family.

J.D. and Deena A. Revels who won first runner up in the first Little Miss St. Pauls Pageant, winning a trophy, \$50 savings account and roses. Rebekah has never missed a Sunday of church in her 7 1/2 years and is a member of Ms. Sue Jones and Ms. Gloria Gibbs' classroom.

A Valentine decorum was accented in the foyer and hallways of Ten Mile Center Baptist Church with red hearts depicting Bible references of love.

Rev. Leonard Gibbs was honored with surprise birthday gifts in church Sunday morning.

Mr. Bob Jones enjoyed a few days of relaxation in Daytona, Fla. while watching the race.

Plans to law a foundation for a fellowship hall at Ten Mile Center Baptist Church has been set for January, 1987. Special offerings are taken monthly and fund raising projects are in progress. We ask everyone to remember us in your prayers that God's will might be done about this needed project.

Bethel Hill Baptist Church was hosted by Ten Mile Center Baptist Church for their Jan. Bible Study Course. Both churches fellowshiped together and enjoyed studying God's word. Ages 6-8 were taught by Ms. Judy Locklear, 9-11 by Ms. Sue Jones, 12-16 by Ms. Deena Hunt Revels and the adult class by Rev. Steve Jones. Refreshments were enjoyed by everyone at the close of the session. After the 12-16 class finished their last Bible session they had supper at the Village Station; a treat enjoyed immensely.

Congratulations to Rebekah Revels, 7 year old daughter of

PEMBROKE NEWS ITEMS

by Mrs. Bazie Hardin

Dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harding were his niece, Miss Maxine Chavis.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlie B. Maynor were visited in the first part of this week by their friends, Mr. Paul Compeau and his sister of Philadelphia, Penn. who were enroute to Florida where they will be touring different places while on their winter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs of Rockingham spent Saturday visiting Mr. Jacobs' father, Mr. Astor Jacobs and Mrs. Jacobs.

Among those from the First Baptist Church of Pembroke who made the trip by church bus Saturday to Waccamaw Pottery near Myrtle Beach, SC, along with their pastor, the Rev. Charles P. Locklear and his wife, Mrs. Locklear and their son, Mrs. Ruby Revels, Mrs. Sallie Ann Graham, Mrs. Teresa Locklear, Mrs. Stella Oxendine, Mrs. Polly Hunt, Mrs. Sylvia Brayboy, and two daughters, Mrs. Ann Crain, and two daughters, Miss Johnnie Godwin, and Mr. Samuel Kerns and daughter, Miss Nancy Kerns. Also making trip were several invited guests from different churches.

Mr. James Pearson attended the Sunday school class service Sunday at the Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church and in the class of Mr. Earlie B. Maynor.

The Baptist Pastors Conference was held the 7th through the 11 of Feb. in

Jacksonville, Fla. Among those who attended from Robeson County were Rev. and Mrs. Steve Jones (Rev. Jones is the pastor of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church), Rev. and Mrs. Michael Cummings (Rev. Cummings is pastor of Mount Airy Baptist Church), Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Locklear (Rev. Locklear is the pastor First Baptist Church), Rev. Bruce Swett, pastor at Reedy Branch Baptist Church, and Rev. David Hunt, pastor of Mount Elin Baptist Church.

The Valentine Sweetheart Banquet was held Sunday night at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Rev. Mitchel Tyler, associate pastor of the Shannon Assembly of God Church and an administrator in the Hoke County School System.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hathcock Cumberland spent Saturday visiting in the home of Mrs. Hathcock's brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Allen Sr. and their daughter, Mrs. Alma Garrity.

Ms. Rose Locklear and son visited Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bazie Hardin and son Mr. Bazie Hardin Jr.

I would like to thank each one who remembered me with a gift of flowers, candy and cards.

**BIRTHDAY PROVERBS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
Ecclesiastes 7:12 "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence, but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

CHURCH BRIEFS

SPECIAL YOUTH PROGRAM

On Feb. 23, 1986 at 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Pembroke, will host a Special Youth Program. The service will include singing, sharing a youth film and an opportunity for questions. All youth are cordially invited to come and participate. For further information you may contact Pastor Charles P. Locklear at 521-4949.

YOUTH NIGHT SERVICE

Youth Night Service at Sycamore Hill Church on Feb. 23 at 8:30 p.m. The theme will be the Ideal Church of Tomorrow. Speaker will be Rev. Dalton Brooks. There will be special singing. Everyone is welcome. The pastor is Rev. J.C. Chavis.

THE COACH'S CORNER

**Taking the Fun Out of Sports**  
"Suit Spotlights Lack of Control," "ECU Chancellor Violated NCAA Recruiting Rule," "Kemp Receives 2 Million Payment in Un. of Georgia Lawsuit." What is the trouble with our sports these days? You tell me. Some would say, "We are sick." Some would say, "It is the price for winning." From a philosophical point of view, it has no answers. It will just go on and on and on. It's like our national debt, there seems to be no end to it. I know one thing, it takes the fun out of sports. This is degrading to all concerned, the athlete, the coach, the administrators, fans and the public.

The "student-athlete concept" is the "practical imperative," but it is hard to

live by. The 200-300 athletes listed in this week's papers represent some mighty fine young men recruited for sports by the ACC but they and their coaches must win, otherwise it is no fun. Some will win but not all of them will win. In the meantime, we must not forget our sports objectives. They are the physical, mental, social and emotional goals we as coaches, administrators, teachers must not forget. The laws of learning apply to all in sports, namely learning law of effect, i.e. maintaining a "C" average. It cannot be done if coaches and administrators maintain backbreaking schedules as did Indiana playing all summer in Europe and Asia. Knight trying to gain an advantage by doing this. Cheating on exams- some

leave the room and let them cheat. Professors need supervision, they would yell about this but it is the truth. They cut out sports and p.e. just to have more time to recruit, to scout. The real fun in sports is taken away just because everyone has to win or else lose their jobs. It's no fun.

One solution- namely- call it professional college sports. If they want a degree, it is completely separated from their sport. They could work on their degree in the off season. Maybe they would have time to take one three hour course during their professional season. It is no fun no matter it seems to be a slave morality to win as winning is imposed on all of us.

-Ken Johnson

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