

Mt. Airy News

by Violet Locklear

Visiting Mt. Airy Church on Sunday morning were Mrs. Wynis Maynor of Livonia, Mich., Mrs. Callie Locklear of Long Branch, New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson of Pembroke, and Mr. James Lowery of Pembroke.

On Sunday night at Mt. Airy church Mr. Alton Ray Haggains was ordained as a deacon. The messages were delivered by Rev. Wade Locklear. Rev. James Dial gave the charge. Rev. Welton Lowery led the prayer. It was a great event for all who were present. Haggains, we wish you good speed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bucklocklear, Mr. James H. Locklear, Mr. John C. Locklear, Mr. Henry Lee Locklear, Mr. Annie Locklear, Mr. Lacyford Cummings, Mr. Adrick Oxendine, Rev. Winford Locklear and Mr. Herman Locklear went to Georgia last week on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Locklear attended services on Sunday evening at Mt. Elm church.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth are the proud parents of baby girl, Stefani Loriel, born Feb. 15, at Southeastern Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces; maternal grandmother is Lizzie Jane Locklear. The paternal grandmother is Mrs. J. E. Hunt. This is the second of the Hunts.

Mr. J. C. Brooks is a patient at Southeastern General Hospital suffering from a gun shot wound. His condition remains stable.

Tragedy struck in our community last Thursday, Feb. 17, when fire took the lives of five little children, all grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Chavis. It was a hurt to all, but God works in mysterious ways. We extend our deepest sympathy to all the family connections.

Ms. Florida Cummings, wife of the late Eddie Cummings.

A THOUGHT: God will make a way where there seems to be no way.

Lowrys Honored On 25th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William Lowry are shown with their seven children on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Left to right they are: Norva Dale Lowry; Rowena Lowry; Harver Ann Lowry; Helen Lowry; Mrs. Dice Lowry; seven children. Serving as bride's maids were their four daughters: Helen, Harver Ann; Rowena; and Norva Dale. Norva Dale also acted as ring bearer. The bride's ring was lifted from the pillow by their oldest son, William Lowry, Jr. and presented to the groom. The oldest daughter, Helen lifted the groom's ring from the pillow and presented it to the bride. William, Jr. served as Best Man. Two other sons, Bobby and Delton, were ushers. The bride was attired in a floor-length white dress with silver trimming. The bride's maids were attired in floor-length dresses, each in a different color. They carried nosegays which matched their dresses.

271 William Lowry; William Lowry, Jr.; Bobby Lowry; and Delton Lowry. (Elmer Hunt, Photo)

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. The reception which was hosted by their children was a covered-dish affair. The color scheme was in traditional silver and white. The bridal table was covered with a white lace cloth topped with the white bride and groom. The cake was baked and served by Helen Lowry. The floral arrangement was by Mrs. Rose Carter. It was made of white carnations sprinkled with silver with a silver "25th" interwoven. Serving the punch was Harver Ann Lowry. The couple received many lovely gifts from the approximately 150 persons in attendance. The occasion was directed by Rebecca Jacobs Locklear.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lowry of Pembroke, renewed their marriage vows on January 22, 1977 on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary (25th). The ceremony was held at New Prospect Methodist Church with the Rev. Willie Scott officiating. The bride and groom were attended by their

Pianist was Mrs. Pandora

Reedy Branch Baptist Church

12th In A Series

By Rev. Tony Brewington



Reedy Branch Baptist Church



The Deacons

The year was 1881 during the month of January when three Baptist churches met for the first annual session of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. Among these churches was Reedy Branch Baptist Church which sent delegates to this meeting, itself having been organized earlier, probably during the year of 1880. Those sent as delegates from Reedy Branch included Mr. James Jacobs, Mr. A. Hunt, Mr. J. D. Hunt, and Mr. J. J. Bell. Other members of the church included Rev. J. W. Blanks, Mr. Malcolm Hunt and Mr. William Chavis.

It is recorded during the previous year at Reedy Branch forty-five people were baptized, one restored and a total membership of one hundred eleven. The church had been organized after a series of meetings in a one room building. Soon the membership and attendance outgrew this facility so the church began construction of a much larger structure upon land given by Mr. John Hunt. During construction of the new facility, the group met under a brush shelter, a cover constructed with poles being erected and brush or tree limbs piled on top to provide shelter. The new facility was completed in 1882.

Rev. J. W. Blanks was called as the first pastor and at the close of his pastorage Rev. J. J. Bell served for a number of years. Rev. J. E. Hunt succeeded Rev. Bell and under his administration the church flourished, an addition of one-third sanctuary room being made to the building. Succeeding Rev. J. E. Hunt was Rev. W. G. Hunt serving for a number of years. Then, at the desire of the congregation, Rev. J. E. Hunt was again elected as pastor.

During the year 1920, Rev. C. E. Locklear was called as pastor serving through 1924. At this time Rev. Steve Hammonds was called, serving as pastor through 1927. Again Rev. J. E. Hunt responded to the call a third time to Reedy Branch and served one year, 1927-28. Rev. C. E. Locklear returned as pastor serving continuously from 1928-1940. During these twelve years the Sunday School was graded and class rooms added making the third addition to the building erected in 1882.

Rev. C. H. Maynor succeeded Rev. Locklear in 1940 and faithfully offered his service through 1950. At that time, Rev. C. W. Maynor was called as pastor. The Sunday School adopted the Six Point Record System, organized a B.T.U., adopted the Stewardship Forward Program, and began worship services four Sundays each month. In 1951 a building program was launched. Committees formed included the pastor as chairman, A. E. Hammonds, secretary; W. O. Hunt, treasurer. The Finance Committee was: H. N. Jacobs, Robert Locklear, Oscar Chavis, Mrs. Macie Chavis, Mrs. Amanda Warrix, W. C. Rogers, and Grady Chavis. Labor Committee: T. B. Chavis, Robert Locklear, and Rev. Benjamin Jacobs. Publicity Committee: S. P. Hunt, Mrs. J. O. Brooks, and Mrs. Margie

Chavis. During the Fall of 1951 a sum of \$4,000 was raised and the walls of the new building erected. It was completed in 1952, a block structure. William B. Oxendine was in charge of construction and made use of much free labor and materials.

During 1967-68 a Fellowship Hall was erected by H. L. Builders Construction Co. at a cost of \$15,000. In the beginning of 1973 renovation of the church facility was begun, brick veneering the entire structure, constructing a new top and steeple, and changing all windows. The remodeling was done by H. & L. Builders and increased the value of the church plant to about \$150,000.

Rev. C. W. Maynor, a pastor of much wisdom and leadership, has been an asset to Reedy Branch as well as to Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. He has repeated terms as moderator of the association and has held positions on numerous committees. Present church membership ex-



Rev. C.W. Maynor

ceeds 340 with the Sunday School enrollment over 361. The beautiful church facility along with its well defined and administered Christian programs and activities renders Reedy Branch a leader among its fellow Baptist Churches.

Located south of Lumberton on rural road # 2422 approximately three miles east of 195, Reedy Branch is in the midst of perhaps the most fertile soil to be found in

Robeson County, but not only is there fertility in the land of this community, there is also fertility in the spiritual desires of this congregation as it attempts to cultivate the hearts, souls and minds of its neighbors. Burnt Swamp Baptist Association expresses thanks to this member church for her support and acknowledges her love for the child she helped conceive.

Pembroke Lions Hold 15th Annual Charter Night-Ladies Banquet



Pembroke Lions Club President Woodrow Sampson, center, was presented a 21-inch television set by Woody Gings, left, of the Lumbermen's Club, and Lion B. Upchurch, District Governor, at the Pembroke Lions 15th Annual

Charter Night Banquet Monday night.

Lion Sampson won the TV set in a raffle that was held by various Lions' Clubs to raise funds for Camp Dogwood Boys Home. (Elmer Hunt Photo)

The Pembroke Lions Club held their 15th Annual Charter Night Ladies Banquet at the Town and Country Restaurant in Pembroke Monday night. Aaron B. Upchurch, District 31-F Governor, of the club was the keynote speaker for the occasion.

Sampson, Woodrow Sampson and Harry W. Locklear. Mrs. Mary H. Locklear accepted the pin for the late Harry W. Locklear. Robert Collins was presented a 10-year membership pin.

Guests present for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Upchurch of Safford, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gardner of Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dobbes of Laurinburg, J. D. Peacock of Lumberton, and Woodie Huggins of Lumberton.

LRDA's Neighborhood Services Center extends Hand of Fellowship



Smithtown Neighborhood Services Center Senior Chapter, sponsored by General Community Planning Project of the Lumberton Regional Development Station, extended a hand

of fellowship and performed a good samaritan act for one of their fellow community residents. They spent the day visiting Mrs. Gertha Locklear who was convalescing from surgery recently performed at

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Miss Lumbee attends Miss Spivey's Corner Pageant



Left to right: Linda Locklear, Miss Lumbee, who was a visiting queen; Susan Bullard, Miss Spivey's Corner 1977 [also the reigning Miss Pembroke State University], and Susan Griffin, Miss North Carolina 1974, who was mistress of ceremonies and featured entertainer at the pageant. (Photo by Ed Wallace)

On Saturday, February 12, Miss Lumbee 1976, Linda Locklear, attended the 1977 Miss Spivey's Corner Pageant. This year's pageant, which was held at Midway High School Gymnasium, had as its theme "Love in Bloom."

Miss Lumbee was also a guest at the "Salute to Veterans" program on Monday, February 14. This special occasion was held at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, N.C. She was one of 5 visiting queens who attended the program.

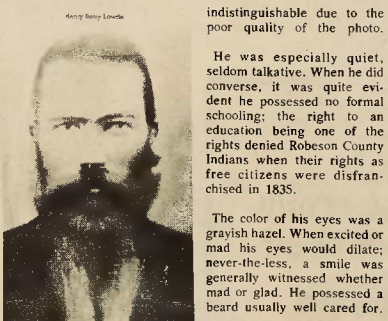
Susan Griffin, Miss North Carolina 1974, was mistress of ceremonies and featured entertainer at the pageant.

On Thursday, February 17, Ms. Locklear attended the annual Farm and Home Trade Show. This gala event was held at Co-operative Warehouse in Lumberton, N.C. Susie Proffitt, the reigning Miss North Carolina, was also a visiting queen.

Miss Lumbee was one of 26 visiting queens from various areas of the state. She was accompanied by her chaperone, Ms. Florence Ransom.

Susan Bullard (also the reigning Miss Pembroke State University) was crowned Miss Spivey's Corner 1977.

The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry



DESCRIPTION OF HENRY BERRY LOWRY

Henry Berry Lowry, no doubt, was born in the year 1847; probably in the month of February. It should be noted, however, that there is some question as to his birth date and no hard-core evidence exists (to my knowledge) substantiating my supposition.

He had straight, coal-black hair; the hue of his skin has been compared to copper. Below his left eye was a scar, crescent-shaped, said to have been made when as a child an iron pot fell upon him. In the photograph above the scar is

indistinguishable due to the poor quality of the photo.

He was especially quiet, seldom talkative. When he did converse, it was quite evident he possessed no formal schooling; the right to an education being one of the rights denied Robeson County Indians when their rights as free citizens were disfranchised in 1835.

The color of his eyes was a grayish hazel. When excited or mad his eyes would dilate; never-the-less, a smile was generally witnessed whether mad or glad. He possessed a beard usually well cared for.

hand revolvers; from this belt ran a shoulder strap which held a Henry rifle, sling style behind him. The rifle held 16 cartridges. In addition to the above firearms, Henry Berry carried a shot gun and a knife wherever he went. His whole gear was reported as weighing close to 100 pounds. Thusly equipped, he was able to hold off a large company of men for an extended period of time. With this heavy load, he could run, swim and camp out for weeks at a time in the dense, inhospitable swamps.



His ability to persevere, notwithstanding unsurmountable hardships and obstacles, can be credited to the Hatteras Indian blood coursing through his veins. The cavalier blood (descended from Gov. John White's "Lost Colonists") also produced outstanding traits. As Mrs. Mary C. Normont relates:

"His Indian nature may be traced in his character, by his using women as an auxiliary to war and plunder. He himself is the Don Juan of Suffletown. Women have been employed to betray him, but they either repent or he discovers their purpose. He sleeps on his arms and never seems tired; ever active, ever vigilant, he is never taken by surprise. His cavalier scrupulousness may also be observed in the matter of a promise or a treaty. Those most robbed and outraged by this bandit give him credit for complying strictly to his word. Like the rattlesnake, he generally warned before he struck. Two things he has never done — he has never committed arson, nor offered to insult white females. In these two things may be traced his cavalier blood."

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SIGN LANGUAGE...
Worth a laugh are these two signs near Chester, Illinois, site of Menard State Penitentiary. Escape Route is highway turnout for heavy trucks who have brake trouble on icy roads.