

By VIOLET LOCKLEAR

The Home Choir rendered special music on Sunday morning at Mt. Airy Church. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cummings, Mr. Charles Carter, Mr. Louis Cummings and others. We were glad to have Mrs. Floria Locklear back in church. She doesn't get to attend much due to illness.

Our wonderful pastor, Rev. Mike Cummings, visited my mother recently several times while she was in the hospital. We thank God for sending a wonderful man like him our way. I really think he is as proud of us as we are of him.

Please don't forget our revival beginning Sunday at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY



Mr. Bill Buck Locklear

Mr. Bill Buck Locklear was given a surprise birthday dinner at his home Sunday by his wife, Mrs. Odessa Locklear and other relatives & friends. Mr. Locklear was 48 years old. Helping him to enjoy his day were all of his brothers and their families, his only sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant and family, his step mother, Mrs. Annie Locklear of Pembroke, and other relatives & friends.

Mr. Locklear has three sons and two daughters and five granddaughters. The birthday table held a variety of foods, including cakes and pies. The center of attraction was beautiful birthday cake fully decorated and loaded with candles.

Rev. Sanford Locklear blessed the table. He received a lot of beautiful gifts and donations of money. Everyone wished him many more birthdays in the future. As a token of the love of Mr. Locklear, I wish to God that all men had a heart like him. He is always ready to help anyone in need.

Mayor Reggie Strickland of Pembroke was honored Sunday with a celebration dinner at Beulah Baptist Church. His family and friends were expressing their congratulations for his latest achievement in earning his college degree. His immediate family as well as his brothers and sisters were among those in attendance. Many of his colleagues in business were present also, along with a large group of relatives and friends from Mt. Airy. The event was a much deserved one for this fine young man.

Little Miss Chris Locklear was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Locklear.

Evangelist Billy Locklear of Lumberton visited in the home of Mrs. Etter Mae Lowery of Pembroke last week and carried her a nice family Bible as a token of love. He is a man whom Mrs. Lowery greatly admires. He will be holding a singing soon in Pembroke.

Mr. M.H. Locklear was admitted to Southeastern General Hospital last Wednesday where he remains a patient.

Mrs. Violet Locklear visited in the home of Mrs. Dora Frances Emmanuel last Saturday in Lumberton.

Spending Sunday and Monday night in the home of Violet Locklear was Mrs. Sara Oxendine of Pembroke. They spent Monday visiting relatives in Maxton. On Tuesday they went to McCain Hospital and brought Mrs. Locklear's mother home who had been a patient up there for two weeks. Her condition is better.

I would say as a whole to all who attended the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association Evangelism Conference this week: I know their hearts have been uplifted by such wonderful messages, songs and testimonies each night. So I hope everyone who can will attend the revival beginning this Sunday night at Mt. Airy Church.

Mr. Ernest Wilkins of Detroit, Michigan is spending this week down here visiting relatives and friends. I was fortunate to have a talk with him Tuesday night at the church. He has an inspiring testimony.

Mr. Junior Lee Oxendine is spending this week down here also visiting relatives and friends. He has been making his home in Jacksonville, Florida for the past eleven years. I have met him and talked with him on different occasions this week. I sure was proud to see him.

I ask prayers for Mr. James H. Locklear, Mr. Robert Locklear, also Mr. M.H. Locklear and his family.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I have learned that it is not what happens to you in your life, but what you think about situations that either makes you happy or unhappy. You are responsible for your own happiness. As meditation and prayer becomes part of your daily life, we are able to respond to life's challenges. No problem is unsolvable to God.

Two Nationally Known Speakers to Address Unity Conference

Two nationally known speakers will address an expected crowd of 1,000 persons representing Indian tribes and organizations in the state and nation who will gather for the Fourth Annual Unity Conference March 29-31 at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville.

LaDonna Harris, a Comanche Indian and president of Americans for Indian Opportunity, and A. David Lester, a Creek Indian and commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), will address the gathering.

Governor Jim Hunt will speak to the conferees at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 30.

Ms. Harris will speak at 7 p.m. on Friday. A member of the Environmental Advisory Council of the United States Department of Energy, she has also been named by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the United States Commission for UNESCO. She also served on the National Commission on Mental Health and the Commission on Observance of International Women's Year by appointment of President Carter.

Named as one of the most outstanding women of the year by "Ladies Home Journal," Ms. Harris has also received the human rights award of the National Education Association. She is married to former U.S. Senator Fred Harris.

Others present will include Kenneth R. Maynor, executive director, Lumbree Regional Development Association; Dr. Lindy Martin, dean of student affairs, Sanford University, Birmingham, Alabama; and Dr. Dean Chavers, president, Bacone College, Oklahoma.

Sponsored by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, the conference features a number of workshops designed to provide information that can be used to improve Indian communities. Topics will include those of educational, legislative and economic concern to the Indian people as well as the 1980 census, cultural arts, and Indian youth involvement.

A Native American Performers concert will be held at 8 p.m. March 29, featuring Indian musicians, singers, dancers and other performing artists.

Concurrent with the conference is an Indian art contest which will be judged on March 30.

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