

Saddletree Smoke Signals

by A Mary Chavis Jones

Hello from Saddletree. Well how about this dip in the Mercury, isn't it a relief? I am really enjoying it. Of course, the changing of the seasons is one of the things I like most about the Carolina's. The Spring's sac breath takingly beautiful here, but with the smell of Autumn upon us. I look forward to the exhilaration of watching the transformation of the forest foliage. It seems as if Mother Nature waves a magic wand and the beautiful hues of multi-colors appear. It is a great time of year to go on a nature trail, or to just get out and enjoy the season. With the Fall, comes the Fall Festivals. So get up and get going. Get involved and enjoy! I plan to do just that!

Do not forget that the Lumbee River EMC will be holding their 55th Annual Meeting of Members on October 3, 1995 at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of PSU. Registration and voting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. This year's entertainment will be provided by the D & L Gospel Singers and the Friendship Baptist Combination Choir. Your attendance and your vote does indeed make a difference! Be there! Take a stand in the decision making!

Ms. Myrtle (Hammonds) Hagman of South Lyon, Michigan (formerly of Saddletree), was back home for the Reunion of the Smith and Chavis families. The gathering for this occasion was held at the home of Ms. Rosie Lee

Oxendine in Fairmont, NC on Saturday, September 2, 1995. Ms. Hagman reports that approximately 150 people attended this family affair and there was an abundance of wonderfully prepared food, including many delicious home baked cakes, pies, cobblers, and etc. After indulging, there was lots of sharing with friends and relatives from the past and present. They enjoyed lots of fun and fellowship. Mrs. Hersman (Maude Chavis) Revels was honored as the "Senior" family member in attendance. With Mr. Buddy Hammonds next in line, followed by Ms. Myrtle Hagman. It was good to see and chat with you Myrtle. Hope you had a safe trip back to Michigan.

A baby shower was held on Sunday, September 10, 1995 for Ms. Nikki Chavis of Saddletree. The shower was hosted by Ms. Tracy Lynn Hunt. Many family members and friends were in attendance for this occasion, and Nikki received many beautiful gifts for the wee-one! Congratulations and best wishes and good luck with the new baby, Nikki.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Saddletree, held their Annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 10, 1995. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, family, worship, and feasting. Rev. Mike Cummings was the speaker for the morning service, and special music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Locklear

There was also more special singing in the afternoon by the Mt. Airy Mixed Choir and others, with Sheriff Glenn Maynor as the special guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Chavis and family are back from Michigan, visiting Mom and Dad (Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Chavis) of our area. Lionel and wife, Jennifer, along with daughters, Lyanna and

Chyenna also visited Haylock, NC and took in Myrtle Beach also. Meantime, Freddie and Pandora took off for a leisure drive down to Darlington, SC for the day. They visited some special friends and just enjoyed themselves.

This is what I mean by just getting out and enjoying the season. It sounds great!

The signals tell us that another very special event is brewing!! Mr. and Mrs. I.V. Brewer will be celebrating their 40th year of marriage on September 23, 1995. I.V. and his "Angelic" wife, Melba (Bell) Brewer, will be celebrating this special moment with family and special friends at Saddletree Church of God in the fellowship hall on Saturday, September 23, 1995 beginning at 2:00 p.m. until 7. We will have more on this event after the fact! Congratulations to you on this special day and many happy returns.

We also hear that Mr. Jamie Oxendine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Oxendine of Fairmont, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Archie Hammonds of Saddletree, has taken a position with the Maxton Sheriff's Department to further his career in Law Enforcement. Congratulations Jamie!

October 1, 1995 is "Ladies Day" at Saddletree Church of God. The ladies will be in charge of the days services. In lieu of a sermon, the ladies will present a drama entitled, "Women Touched by Christ". Thanks to my friends, Ms. Paula Dial and Ms. Margaret Hammonds, for sharing this bit of information with me. It was so nice spending the day with you ladies. Breakfast was great and so was the shopping. We must do it again

soon! Meantime, good-luck with your Ladies Day. I am sure it will be great.

And now a new update on Mr. Derek Bell, our car pedestrian accident victim who spent several weeks in coma before making a great come back. We are happy to report that Derek is still making progress every day and is doing great. He spent a couple of days at the beach fishing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Bell, and really enjoyed it. We hope you continue to progress, Derek!

It was great hearing from Mr. Lacy Bell formerly of Saddletree, now a resident of Belleville Illinois. Mr. Bell called to say how much he enjoys the Saddletree Smoke Signals and we could not be happier. It makes it all worth while, hearing from nice people like you Lacy. Thanks for the kind words. Hello to all of your family, especially that grandbaby you are all so

proud of. See you in November. Oh-by the way- Happy Belated Birthday Lacy!

I would like to say Hello to a former Saddletree resident, Mr. Bill Hammonds, who now resides in Hoke County, but enjoys very much, reading the Saddletree Smoke Signals. Again, I am very happy that our readers are responding to the Signals. It makes our work very gratifying.

Ms. Leticia (Lowery) Locklear and Ms. Pat (Lowery) Whitaker of Saddletree have been called out of town to be with their father, Mr. Leroy Lowery, formerly of Saddletree, now residing in Michigan. Mr. Lowery is hospitalized in Michigan at this time, and is reported to be very ill. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Do not forget to continue to remember Mr. Archie Ray Hammonds of Saddletree. Archie Ray is fighting a very courageous battle against cancer.

Our sympathies go out to Mr. Bob Pickens in the recent loss of his sister, and to all of those who may have lost loved ones, that we are not aware of. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Our thought for the week is this: Remember that life's battles are not always won by those who are stronger or faster, sooner or later the person who wins is the person who thinks he can! If you think you are beaten - you are. If you think you dare not - you don't. Success begins with your own will. It is all in "your" state of mind. Until next week then. Think Positive!!



VFW Post 2843 Pembroke attends two services marking Veterans Day

by Ervin Jacobs

Thursday, September 7, several Veterans from Post 2843 (the first Native post in the USA), over 50 years and several hundred members strong, were invited to attend the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. As we traveled from Lumberton to Fort Bragg there was very heavy rain and it came down lightly throughout the whole ceremony. We were afraid it would be cancelled but things went as scheduled, except the Golden Knights could not parachute down on the parade field.

The guest of honor was Governor Jim Hunt. He also inspected several hundred troops as they stood out in the rain. There were other speakers as well to address the military and guests. I had a chance to meet the oldest Veteran in the area and he informed me he had retired almost as long as I have lived. I will be 62 the 7th day of May 1996, if God lets me live. My biggest thrill came when I met the young paratrooper who lost both of his legs in a free fall with a fellow diver. He was walking around on stilts and it did not seem to phase him at all.

I shook his hand and we had a short talk.

I told him I admired him, his courage and determination to not let the accident stop him from what he loves to do and that is still in him with his team

Refreshments were served after the conclusion of the ceremony. Very tasty and filling.

Sunday, the 10th of September, the Post had committed ourselves to be with our comrade and Brother, Reverend Smith Locklear at his church in McDonald Pentecostal Holiness Church for the day's services. Many post members attended. Reverend Locklear's Sunday school topic was food. He reminded us when he left and went to World War II how poor Robeson County people were. Many people had to share crops, work for the other man and had no home of their own. They had to survive on very little food, no money to buy any, but now how everyone has plenty, their own homes. Waste food to almost feed a starving nation. He shed many tears as fellow comrades read passages (verses) he assigned them to read in the Holy Bible.

A tribute was paid to the children and there were some uplifting singing accompanied by musical instruments. Our Chaplain, Mr. Archie Oxendine, spoke and explained what one had to do to join our Post. Also I's history celebrating fifty years last year. Afterwards, we were invited to the fellowship hall for lunch. There was a bountiful spread and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it, even our comrade, House Representative Ron Sutton.

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