

Rockfish News

By Mrs. A. A. Melnis

The Training Union of Tabernacle Church had a picnic supper at the R.A. Hut last Saturday p.m. honoring Mrs. J.W. Caddell, of Raeford on her birthday. She was showered with gifts and "happy birthday" wishes and may she have many many more happy birthdays.

The community extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Younger Stephens and family in the death of their son, Russell Stephens who passed away at Cape Fear Valley Hospital last Saturday.

The Rev. Ben Ferguson of Antioch preached at Philippi Church last Sunday.

Attendance was better than usual at Pittman Grove Church last Sunday.

Don't forget to look for the announcement of Homecoming at Parker Church next Sunday Sept. 27th.

Mrs. N.J. Ritter visited Miss Donnie Barefoot and her mother Mrs. Cleveland Barefoot last Sunday. She found Mrs. Barefoot, who was 80 years old on Wednesday of this week, very weak. She has been an invalid for several years.

Mrs. R. H. Gibson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Tanner, Mrs. Henry Fowler and daughters Carol and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thornton and children Durwood, Harvey Jr. Robert and Nancy spent the past weekend at Topsail Beach.

Kimberly Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller spent the weekend with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Wright.

The Rev. Mr. Walker, Missionary to Germany, was a guest of MSgt. and Mrs. Aubrey Gaddis and sons Richard, Tom and Dan last Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Pinehurst Sunday. She went with Mrs. Bonnie Blue of Raeford and Mrs. Adelyne Johnson of Puppy Creek when they went to visit Mrs. Blue's son, N.J. Blue, who is a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital.

James Koonce of Cumberland was a guest of Mrs. David Koonce and her sister Mrs. Dan Bradshaw, Sunday.

Mrs. D.F. Melnis of Raeford spent Sunday p.m. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dees Jr. and children Randy and Beverly of Charlotte spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dees.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Monroe and children Lynn and "Chuck" of Fayetteville visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Monroe Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Monroe had just returned from an airplane trip to Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. S.N. McColl who was at Highsmith - Rainey Memorial Hospital and then at Forest Hill Rest Home for a few weeks came home last Thursday and seems to be doing well.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ruel Johnson returned Saturday from Terre Haute, Ind. where they visited his relatives last week. They will be here until the first of October when they will go to Fort Hood, Texas.

S/Sgt. Johnson's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Terre Haute, Ind. came last Saturday night and are spending a few days with Sgt. and Mrs. Johnson and son Charles, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overton.

Mr. and Mrs. P.C. English took a trip to the mountains the past weekend. They went to Banner Elk and saw "The Land of Oz" on Beech Mountain and many other interesting mountain scenes.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berry and family last Sunday were, Mrs. Berry's aunt, Mrs. Nan McKellar, Mrs. D.A. McKellar and Mrs. Roy Jackson of Rowland and Mrs. Thelma Byrd of Fairmont.

Oscar G. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Berry and daughter Denise, accompanied Archie Berry back to Goldsboro Sunday p.m. After he spent a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Melnis of Wagram, and Dan Melnis of Raeford visited Mrs. Mary Melnis and son Thomas Sunday p.m.

Julie Kicklighter of Raeford spent the past weekend with Cathy Newton of Route No. 2, Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Hobson and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Peeler spent the weekend at Holden Beach.

Marshall Newton spent the weekend with his cousin, Jeffrey Brison of St. Pauls.

Parker Methodist Church has changed the time of Homecoming this fall in order not to conflict with any of the other churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Carver of Chapel Hill visited her grandmother, Mrs. S.N. McColl Sunday p.m. Mrs. Carver is the former Patricia Robertson of Swannanoa.

REUNION

The Glisson family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Meta Parker last Sunday. Mrs. Parkers mother was a Glisson and this was a reunion of her family. There were about 45 persons present. Although they spent most of the day at Mrs. Parkers home, they had lunch at the Wayside Community House. This reunion has been held at Mrs. Parker's home ever since its beginning 5 or 6 years ago and as always it was an enjoyable occasion and may the Glissons have many many happy reunions.

The dry weather or something has happened to Rockfish News. It seems to be drying up.

Lumbee Co-Op Appoints Committee

The Board of Directors, in compliance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, met in regular session on September 17, 1970, and appointed the following nine members as a Nominating Committee: Roger F. Hall, Lumber Bridge; H. A. Grimsley, Route 1, Fairmont; H. J. Smith, Route 1, Wagram; Robert Hunt, Box 205, Pembroke; Julian Love, Route 1, Box 205 Raeford; J. McN. Gillis, Route 3, Box 470, Fayetteville; Okey Stephens, Route 2, Box 253, Lumberton; R.F. Morris, Route 1, Maxton; Robert Bullard, Route 1, Red Springs.

The Committee will meet in the Cooperative office at 2 p.m., October 6, 1970, and nominate candidates for directors for three of the nine service areas. These areas are:

Area I containing the townships of Maxton, Alfordville, Thompson, Union and Rowland presently represented by Neil A. Watson; Area V containing the townships of Lumber Bridge, Parkton, St. Pauls, East and West Howellsville and Saddlecree presently represented by Cecil S. Dunn; and Area VI containing all of Hoke County east of N. C. 211 including Antioch township presently represented by Elias Rogers.

Any member of the Cooperative who wishes to have a qualified member from Areas I, V, and VI considered for nominations should contact some member of the Committee.



ELECTED - Larry McMillan (center) was appointed vice-president of the Sandhills Federation of the Future Farmer's of America at a meeting last Thursday in Laurinburg. He is in charge of the federation's program of work for 1970-71 and will be assisted by Kenneth Frederick (left) and Dennis McGregor (right).

Highway Costs, \$121,000 A Year In County

(Special to The News Journal)

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 - Car owners in Hoke County have a long way to go before they finish their share of the 42,500-mile Interstate Highway System.

They have been contributing to the cost of construction, via taxes on gas, oil and tires, since 1956, when the project began. Currently, their annual payments amount to approximately \$121,000.

The matter comes to the fore at this time because Congress is debating a new extension of time for completing the system, which has nearly 14,000 miles to go.

The proposal would establish a new deadline - 1978 instead of 1972. During that added period, the average Hoke County car owner would be contributing close to \$180 in highway user taxes.

Some Congressmen, however, are strongly opposed to the whole principle of using these taxes, which run well over \$5 billion a year, solely for road buildings. They contend that there are more important priorities.

They would use some of the money for refurbishing our railroad lines, especially with regard to commuter service, for providing aid to bus lines and for other forms of urban mass transit.

Meanwhile, the highway system, which was to have been completed by the end of

next year at a cost of \$41 billion, will need upwards of \$75 billion before it is finished. The bulk of this money comes from the 4 cents-a-gallon fuel tax and the taxes on auto accessories.

This revenue goes into the government's Highway Trust Fund, which pays 90 percent of the construction costs. The rest is paid by the states out of their own auto-use taxes.

For the average Hoke County driver, who does 10,000 miles a year and gets 14 miles to the gallon, the annual cost is about \$30, according to the Bureau of Public Roads.

Taking into account the 4,020 passenger cars in the local area, the total contribution is \$121,000 per year.

If Congress extends the completion date to 1978, as it indicated, local car owners can expect to pay at least \$724,000 more into the fund, based upon the number of cars now in use.

Writing Class

Sam Ragan, editor and publisher of The Pilot, will teach a creative writing course at Sandhills Community College.

The class is scheduled to meet Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 beginning Sept. 24.

Persons interested in the course should call the department of adult education at Sandhills College.

Gas Company Sets Dividend

Two 10 cent quarterly dividends were declared today by the Directors of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation. The announcement was made following a meeting of the board here today by Frank Barragan, Jr., president of the firm. The directors voted a 10 cent per share dividend payable on December 15 to stockholders of record on December 1, and other 10 cent per share dividend payable on March 15, 1971 to stockholders of record March 1, 1971. These quarterly dividends totaling 20 cents per share reflect increased earnings by the company.

In other action the board reviewed and approved operating budgets for fiscal 1970-71 and heard reports on company progress. Barragan reported to the board that

gross revenues were up 38% for the last 12 month period and that net earnings of \$1 per share indicate the firm's sound financial position.

In answer to questions about the current nationwide fuel shortage Barragan said that, "Our residential natural gas customers will be warm this winter. We arranged three years ago for an additional supply of natural gas for this coming winter and foresee no shortage of natural gas for these customers in our service area."

Those present for the meeting held in the board room of the company's general offices in Fayetteville were Barragan, Glenn E. Anderson, Raleigh; Alex B. Andrews, Chicago, Illinois; George E. Kiddler, Wilmington; Hector McLean, Lumberton; Donald W. McCoy, Fayetteville; and T.B. Upchurch, Jr., Raeford.

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