

Rockfish News

by Mrs. A.A. McInnis

Attendance at Tabernacle Church has been unusually good recently. Homecoming at this church will be next Sunday, October 19th. Everybody is invited to come and join in the Christian fellowship and have a good time, with friends you see often and those you haven't seen for a long time.

No news from Pittman Grove Church except they are now having morning and evening services and these services held last Sunday.

Sandy Grove Methodist Church is having their Homecoming next Sunday October 19 and all former members and friends of the church are invited to attend. Everyone will be welcomed. The Rev. Berry Barbour will speak.

The fish fry at Sandy Grove Church last week was a great success and they thank all who helped in any way to make it so.

CLUB MEETS
Rockfish Extension Homemakers Club meets the fourth Wednesday, October 22 at the Rockfish Community House, with Mrs. A.A. Ray hostess. Check and be sure of the time and place in case some changes might be made in case of extra cold weather or snow. So far as Mrs. Ray knows now, it will be at the community house on Wednesday October 22.

BIRTHDAY 94th
Mr. and Mrs. K.P. Ritter visited his mother, Mrs. Will Ritter on her 94th birthday, at Confederate Home, Fayetteville Sunday. She received gifts and happy birthday wishes and may she have many more.

F.C.H.
Rockfish Family Care Home is doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee and Mrs. Ada Jackson, Mrs. Janie Shaw, and Mrs. Clara Sanderson and Miss Mary McFadyen attended the morning and evening church services at Whispering Pines Church Sunday. Miss Mary Ray has been placed in the Glad Haven Nursing Home on Murphree Road. This leaves only four here and Mrs. Lee has room for one. If you are interested Mrs. Lee will be glad to see or talk with you. Miss Ray was sent to a nursing home because she needed medical treatment.

Shirley and Sandra Allen of Charleston spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Johnny Allen.

Mrs. W.A. Fowler visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Powers the past weekend. Mrs. Harvey Thornton and children Robert, Nancy and Kris of Fayetteville and Mrs. Jessie Livingston of Arabia were guests of Mrs. R.H. Gibson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wilson of Dunn were guests of Mrs. N.J. Ritter last Sunday afternoon.

James E. McInnis of Fayetteville visited his mother last Sunday.

E.T. Brock's brother, Walter Brock had to return to Moore Memorial Hospital the last of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Brock visited him there Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bundy spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yeargan at Atlantic Beach.

Mrs. Grady English and Mrs. Louise Watson visited their sister, Mrs. Alma Parker of Laurinburg Sunday afternoon.

Marvin English of Morehead City visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.C. English last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry English visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. P.C. English during the past weekend and Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge English of Raeford visited them Sunday.

Mrs. B.B. Bostic and a friend from Red Springs attended funeral services for Russell Evans Jr., at Gardner Methodist Church near Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKethan and son James Gillis of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Monroe and son Bryan of McCain visited their grandmother and great grandmother, Mrs. Floyd Monroe Sunday p.m.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Ray and Thomas last Friday were Mrs. Tracy Everett, Mrs. Lulu Rackley, of Fayetteville and Miss Annie Ray and Mrs. Floyd Monroe.

Mrs. Will Monroe who was a patient at Highsmith - Rainey Memorial Hospital got home last Saturday Mrs. Addie McDonald is staying with them for a while.

Mrs. Mary Shewbridge of Florida came last Friday and is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. Joe Lovette and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simpson and children Lester III Douglas and Lisa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tillman and son David attended a birthday celebration for his brother Clarence Tillman, at his home in Fayetteville. His mother, Mrs. Mary Dorr was there and his sister and her husband and the Tillman's were the only guests. It was a happy occasion for all and may he have many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Clara Everett and her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Holt have just returned from a weeks tour of the

mountains of Western North Carolina and with them was Mrs. Holt's daughter, Julie Leary. They went to Chimney Rock and at one place took a jeep ride. They went as far as Gatlinburg and visited many other interesting places and enjoyed the trip very much.

Billy Register stayed with his great aunt, Miss Annie Ray while Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Holt were gone to the mountains.

After attending Homecoming at Philippi Church last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bundy and daughter Jenine of Lafayette Village visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Bundy.

Other guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bundy Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Ervin Beasley and daughter Nancy of Bonnie Doone and Mrs. Barbara Roman of Downingtown and sons and they will be here all this week.

COMMENT
If some of your news is left out, maybe you talked too fast and the writer wrote too slow when you were calling it in.

Area Incidents

Marijuana Seized

A seventeen year old Hoke High student was arrested by city police near the high school Friday and charged with felony possession of marijuana, according to police chief Leonard Wiggins.

Ronald Ray Butler, Rt. 2, Box 123, Raeford, was arrested by Wiggins about 2:30 P.M. on the south side of Bethel Road beyond the high school. More than one ounce of marijuana was seized from a pick-up truck, Wiggins said.

Butler was released under \$500 bond. No date for a hearing on the charge was given.

City police are investigating the theft of a tackle box reported stolen from Bill Howell, 106 W. Fifth Street sometime Saturday while it was left in the driveway of his home. The loss is listed at \$350.

Jeff Davis, 501 Harris Ave., complained to police 53 bundles of shingles worth \$327 were stolen from a new home construction site on East Fifth St.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating several cases of thefts and break-ins that occurred last week.

D.R. Huff, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported that someone broke into N.F. Sinclair's cabin sometime between Friday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 5 and took two amplifiers valued at \$950.

Livingston Lyons, P.O. Box 392, Raeford, complained that someone took four black and white pigs valued at \$150 from his hog lot Monday, Oct. 6.

Sherrill Lynn Lewis, Rt. 1, Siedman, reported that someone took three cases of soft drinks from her truck while it was parked at Lowery's Drive-in Monday, Oct. 6. The drinks were valued at \$14.10.

Fannie Ray, Rt. 2, Raeford, complained that someone took a ten-speed bicycle from her house

Sunday, Oct. 5. The bicycle was valued at \$109.

Lewis Upchurch reported that someone took a hydraulic lift from a grain drill on the Upchurch Farm owned by T.B. Upchurch Inc. The lift, valued at \$200, was reported taken sometime between Saturday, Oct. 4, and Sunday, Oct. 5.

The Johnson Company reported that someone broke into the Oakdae Gin Monday, Oct. 6, and did damage amounting to \$10 to a window.

J.D. Esterling, Rt. 4, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his trailer Tuesday, Oct. 7, and took a .22 rifle and a 12-20 automatic rifle and stereo equipment valued at \$550.

James Earl Monroe, Rt. 1, Raeford, complained that someone broke into his house Monday, Oct. 6 and took a record player valued at \$49.

Johnny Craycraft, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that someone took a 144 quart cooler from his carport Wednesday, Oct. 8. The cooler was valued at \$130.

Roscoe McCollum, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that someone broke into McCollum's Grocery Thursday, Oct. 9 and took beer lunch meat, cigarettes and petty cash totaling \$45.40.

Herbert Gillis, R. 1, Red Springs, complained that someone took his dog valued at \$150 from his house Friday, Oct. 3.

James Melton, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, complained that someone took a shotgun valued at \$40 and an skill saw valued at \$29 from his stationwagon while it was parked near Davis' Budge Friday, Oct. 10.

Don Wood, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported that someone broke the glass door at Wood's store in Rockfish. Damage was estimated at \$1.

Sunday School Lesson

If you go to Jerusalem today and visit the beautiful Dome of the Rock, guides will show you a huge rock surrounded by a railing and will tell you that the rock is Mt. Moriah, the spot upon which Abraham stood ready to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Whether or not it is actually the spot of the great event, one cannot help but be moved as he contemplates the significant drama that was probably played out at that location.

It was one of the great high moments of man's religious history. Religion "turned" an important "corner," as we say.

Scholars and others will argue whether God actually asked Abraham to sacrifice his son. Some maintain that Abraham only thought God wanted him to do this because he saw his Canaanite neighbors doing it. Either way the point of the story is pretty much the same. Whether Abraham only thought that's what God wanted or whether he correctly surmised it, the important point is that he was willing to sacrifice for his God the one possession which was above all others: his only son.

Once before God had tested this man, calling him to leave his home country for a strange land he had never seen. Abraham had responded to this challenge with an obedient faith. But this test was even greater. Abraham and Sarah had been childless until Abraham reached his ninety-ninth year. Then, at last, they had a child, a male heir, the heir through which God would fulfill his promise to make Abraham and Sarah the father and mother of a whole multitude of peoples.

So, Isaac was not only Abraham's

son, he was his only son, the gift from God in his old age. Abraham must certainly have wondered how he could possibly make this supreme sacrifice to God. It was his greatest test of faith!

There is some rich symbolic meaning in this story. For example, Abraham lays the firewood for the sacrifice on Isaac's back and one is reminded of Jesus carrying his own cross to Calvary.

There is Isaac asking in wonder, "Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7). One is reminded of Jesus, sacrificed as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

There is also Abraham's enigmatic answer: "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (22:8). And that's what God did: for Abraham and for all of us. On Mt. Moriah God provided a ram to serve as a sacrifice instead of Isaac and on Mt. Calvary he provided his own son as a sacrifice instead of all mankind.

Thus, in the story of Abraham and Isaac we find a theme that is repeated again and again in the Bible and life since then: God tests us to determine the strength of our commitment to him, but when we have demonstrated our loyalty to him, it is God himself who provides the sacrifice.

On Mt. Moriah Abraham learned a profound religious lesson: what God wants from us is not vain sacrifice, but our very deepest commitment and obedience: "... for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me" (22:12).

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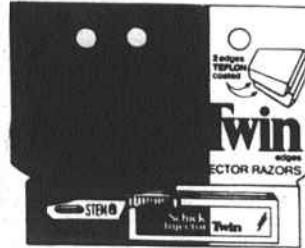
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