

Rockfish News

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

The young people of Tabernacle presented a very successful Christmas play on Sunday evening before Christmas, Dec. 21.

Pittman Grove church also had a Christmas program and Christmas tree at the church.

Parker Church had a candle light service with Sandy Grove Church Sunday night before Christmas, and carol singing at Parker church Monday night and the Parker Church young people went caroling through the community on Tuesday night.

Galatia church had carol singing at the church on Christmas Eve.

Most of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Bundy's children were with them Christmas Eve when they had an oyster supper and Christmas tree. They were all present except two.

Mrs. R.H. Gibson's children and grand children had Christmas dinner with her.

Christmas night, Mrs. W.A. Fowler, Mrs. Henry Fowler, Carol and Kathy were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Powers of Rennert.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and children spent Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pemberton and children of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chason and Larry had all their family together on Christmas day. Other visitors besides local people last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conny of Parkton.

Shirley Allen went to Charleston

with Sandra Allen Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Fowler and daughters Carol and Kathy left Tuesday for Richmond, Va. where they spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gibson.

Mrs. R.V. Tanner and Shirley Allen went to Shelby this past weekend to attend funeral services for Mrs. J.T. Nodine and they also visited Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gibson.

Mrs. Martin Wood had all of her children and grandchildren, who were near enough to come with her for Christmas dinner. She talked to her daughter Mrs. James Duncan in California.

Cards to Thomas McInnis and his mother, from Jane and Jim Duncan in California and from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watson in Michigan shows that there is no limit to the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all of them and to everyone else who sent us cards and gifts.

Club Meets

Rockfish Home Makers Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bundy on Wednesday, Dec. 17. It was the Christmas, so each one took something for refreshments and hot and cold drinks were provided by the president, Mrs. Wayne Bundy, a sunshine box was filled with gifts for Mrs. George Dees, who had been ill and could not be present. The Christmas spirit prevailed and it was

a good meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Barnes had all their children at home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overton had all their children and grandchildren with them for a Christmas dinner Christmas night. Their special guests were Mrs. Ruby Guy of Fayetteville, and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Caddell of Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce spent the night before Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Koonce and sons Lacy III and Thomas of Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood had all their family connections as their dinner guests on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Woods parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker of Raeford, were their dinner guests on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. June Rogers and Mrs. Nelia Brock and Keith and Craig had a number of their kinfolks and friends to visit them on Christmas day and like most of the people heard from they had a wonderful Christmas.

Mrs. Floyd Monroe treated all her children, grand and great grandchildren to a Christmas dinner at Rowlands Restaurant on Sunday before Christmas. There were twenty of them. The table was decorated in the Christmas motif and long enough for all to sit at the same table. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland had done all they could to make it cheery and it was a joyful occasion.

H.C.H.

Mrs. Jesse Lee reports that all are well at the Rockfish Family Care Home. They had a big Christmas dinner and the churches all around brought or sent them boxes and baskets of fruit and gifts of different kinds. Mrs. Lee and all the residents of the home say "Thank You" to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Plummer had all their children and grandchildren from near and far with them for Christmas.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Ray Saturday were their daughters and her husband of Annapolis, Md. and their grandchildren of Greenville. Mrs. Ray's brothers of La Grange visited Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson had all her children and grandchildren on Christmas day. Later on some of them visited Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Gibson of Stedman.

Comment

Sorry the news had to be in early and maybe not get there at all in time for this week.



TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS—Members of the Hoke County Communications Club, a citizens band radio group, helped move the many items donated for needy families from their headquarters in the old post office building to the new county offices where they were distributed last week.

Area Incidents

Guns Are Thieves' Target

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a break-in that occurred Monday, Dec. 22, about 11 A.M. in which guns valued at over \$2,500 were taken from the home of Mike Melton, of Rt. 3, Box 294, Raeford. Melton reported that five shotguns, two rifles, and a pistol along with Christmas gifts were taken. The estimated value of the stolen goods was \$2,669.49.

In other incidents, Guy R. Bullock, Jr., of Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his house sometime Sunday, Dec. 21, and took a shotgun and jewelry valued at \$259.90.

Albert M. Hayes, Rt. 3, Raeford, complained that someone broke into his truck while it was parked in his yard and took a wallet containing \$100 in cash sometime Monday, Dec. 22.

Livingston Lyons, P.O. Box 392, Raeford, reported that someone took three pigs sometime Thursday, Dec. 18. The pigs were valued at \$120.

Stacy Hobson, Rt. 1, Raeford, complained that someone broke into his car shelter sometime Tuesday, Dec. 23, and took a 12 volt battery from his truck valued at \$40.

Jeanette Riddle, Rt. 1, Red Springs, reported that someone broke into her house sometime Monday, Dec. 22, and took merchandise including a television, clothes, and a calculator valued at \$415.

City police discovered a break-in at the Raeford Recreation Center on W. Elwood Ave. Friday morning.

Officers K.B. Griffin and G.P. Brown discovered the rear window to the center broken while on routine patrol about 7:40 A.M. A pinball machine was broken into with \$20 reported missing, and \$28.32 was reported stolen from a cashbox, police said.

The incident is under investigation.

Mrs. Neeley Heads Gifts

Mrs. Richard Neeley of Raeford was in charge of gifts for the patients at McCain Hospital from Hoke county in this year's Christmas project in the Mid-State Lung Association.

Some of the gifts were purchased through Christmas Seal funds and others were donated by patient services committees organized in each of the 12 counties by the Mid-State Lung Association, individuals, church and civic groups.

Mrs. Joseph P. Marley, president of the Mid-State Lung Association, expressed appreciation to the volunteers who helped make Christmas in the hospital as happy as possible for the patients.

"Our volunteers not only remember our patients with gifts at Christmas but all through the year through visiting, providing materials for occupational therapy clothing and comfort items," she stated.

Firemen Pick New Officers

The Hoke County Firemens Association elected new officers for the coming year at their annual meeting Dec. 16 at the civic center.

Those elected were president, Grady Peeler, Jr.; vice-president, Charles Helbling; secretary, Marty Jones; Treasurer, Julian Barnes; parliamentarian, George Baker; and chaplain, Rev. Carl Strickland.

Magistrates Court

The following cases were heard by the magistrates last week: Cynthia L. Jones, inspection violation, fined costs; Roland A. Krief, Ft. Bragg, speeding 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Carl W. Crew, Laurinburg, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, driving without a license, \$25, costs; Frank Diggs, Laurinburg, public drunkenness, fined costs; George E. Kellett, Taylors, S.C., 33 in a 20 MPH zone, stop sign violation, \$10, costs; Sandra Lupo, 111 Jackson St., Raeford, worthless check, \$2.45 restitution, costs, and worthless check \$7.39 restitution, costs; Lee S. McEachin, Lumberton, worthless check, \$21.05 restitution, costs; Walter L. McFadden, Brooklyn, N.Y., 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Wilbert L. Morris, Rt. 3 Raeford, following too closely, fined costs.

Singletary Bratcher, Wooley St. Raeford, worthless check, \$15.33 restitution, costs; Bernard Coleman, Ft. Bragg, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Bobby R. Chavis, Rt. 1 Red Springs, hunting violation, \$10, costs; Franklin B. Carther, Rt. 1 Raeford, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Melvin L. Cox, Ft. Bragg, passing violation, \$10, costs; Edward M. Dutch, Ft. Bragg, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Tammie K. Fowler, Rt. 1 Aberdeen, failure to see before starting, fined costs; Weldon Freeman, Rt. 1 Fairmont, allowing a non-licensed person to operate a motor vehicle; \$25, costs; Brenda P. Gamble, Fayetteville, following too closely, fined costs; Gary F. Hardin Jr., Rt. 2 Raeford, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; John

Willie Harris, Lumber Bridge, equipment violation, fined costs; Timothy A. Hendak, Charlotte, 55 in a 45 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Frank M. Jackson, Pope AFB, passing violation, \$10, costs; Thurman McRae, Ft. Bragg, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs.

James D. McCormick, Jr., Red Springs, equipment violation, fined costs; Elaine D. Norton, Hamlet, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Cleveland V. Davis, Ft. Bragg, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Jexton Gaddy, Laurinburg, allowing a non-licensed person to operate a motor vehicle, \$25, costs; Ira P. Lowery, Pembroke, 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Antonio Mercardo, Raeford, excessive speed, fined costs; John A. Leak, Charlotte, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Anthony D. Phillips, Ft. Bragg, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Neil Ray, Rt. 1 Raeford, hunting violation, \$10, costs; William H. Oliver, Rt. 2 Raeford, stopping violation, fined costs.

Local Man Named To Pembroke Post

Two new faculty appointments have been announced by Pembroke State University for the spring semester.

They are Dr. Robert Monroe Gill, assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Willie McNeill, Jr., assistant professor of education.

Dr. Gill, a native of Richmond, graduated cum laude with a B.A. from Washington and Lee University and earned both his M.A. and Ph.D. at Duke University.

Dr. McNeill, a native of Wagram but now residing in Raeford, received his B.S. from Livingstone College, his M.S. from North Carolina A&T University and his Ed.D. from Penn State University.

Dr. McNeill was formerly employed by the Hoke County school system and has instructed part-time at Fayetteville State University.

Art Exhibit Jan. 11

The Southern Pines Library Gallery will have an exhibit of the works of art students at Sandhills Community College, according to John Faulk, director of the Library Gallery, and Jack Acton of the college faculty. It is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

The exhibit will open with a reception from 3-5 p.m. Sunday Jan. 11 when visitors will have the opportunity of meeting the young artists represented in the show. Approximately a hundred Sandhills students are participating with original ink and pencil drawings, tapetries, collages, three dimensional designed pottery and crafts. The exhibit will continue through the month of January.

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