

Rockfish News

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The Mission in Action WMU of Tabernacle Church met Monday night with Mrs. Hugh Overton. The Bible Study with Mrs. Lilly Capps Monday a.m.

Pittman Grove Church Women of the WMU met Monday night at the church.

No news from Parker Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simpson and children went to Wrightsville Beach Sunday.

Ray Seado, brother of S.Sgt. Earl Seado of Greenpine Trailer Park, departed Thursday July 7th for Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Ray will go through a six-week basic training period followed by a 12-week Technical School to be a Pharmacy Specialist. Airman Seado is a graduate of Hoke High School.

Wilson Sessoms was admitted to Highsmith - Rainey Memorial Hospital Saturday and was still a patient there the first of this week.

C.M. Chason was very sick at his home Saturday. He was better at last account.

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Chason had all their children and grandchildren and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Chason to a birthday supper honoring their son, Earl, Sunday night. May he have many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Joe Lovette had as her guests last week for a few days, Mrs. Egert and son of Hagertown, Md.

Thomas McInnis and his brother James Edwin attended a meeting of the McInnis Society at Banner Elk Saturday night where they had a banquet and met the Maj. McInnis that was here one time trying to locate his clan and also some of his first cousins, they did not expect to see.

Mrs. Mary McInnis spent Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Smith McInnis and her mother Mrs. Jim Maxwell. Mrs. John Womble stopped there Sunday p.m. on her way to the beach to say a few words to her mother, Mrs. Maxwell and her sister Kate. She was accompanied by some of her family.

The community extends sympathy to Mrs. L.D. Long in the death of her husband, and also to his sisters and brothers and other

near relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D.H. McInnis of Raeford visited his mother and brother Thomas Sunday p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. June Rogers and sons and her mother Mrs. Nelia Brock had two women and their sons, one of them from California as their guests for a few days the past week.

All of or not all of Mrs. Brocks children came to her home last Sunday to celebrate her birthday. They had a great time and may she have many more.

The Rev. Lonnie Priest and his mother, visited Miss Mary Priest, and her brothers, Walter and Francis one day last week.

Guy Berry and his sister, Mrs. Frank Sojka birthdays were celebrated at the home of their father Alfred Berry last Sunday. Those present were the honoree and their families, A.G. Berry, Archie Berry and their father and may they have many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. L.D. Long was a dinner guest of her sister-in-law Mrs. Louise Watson and Miss Nellie McFadyen last Sunday.

Mrs. Johnny Allen and her cousin Mrs. Hazel Prevatte of Lumberton, spent the weekend with Sandra and Shirley Allen of Charleston, S.C.

Allen Gibson of Richmond spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. R.H. Gibson.

David Gibson and family are spending a while with his mother, Mrs. R.H. Gibson and his sisters, Mrs. Henry Fowler, Mrs. R.V. Tanner, Mrs. Johnny Allen last week and this week.

On Sunday July 3rd all of the children and most of Mrs. A.A. McInnis' grandchildren gathered at her home to honor her on her 92nd birthday with an outdoor picnic dinner and all the things that go along with birthdays.

If the Rockfish news is short this week, you may remember that the phones were all dead for part of the day Monday.

Mrs. Floyd Monroe and Mrs. Marshall Newton spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Bess Norton of Parkton.

COMMENT

Most of us are wanting what it's not since June came in. And we would not have it otherwise for then it would not be June.



SOYBEANS -- The skies darkened Monday afternoon over county fields and within minutes a summer storm brought needed moisture to soybeans, cotton, tobacco and other crops, and also brought relief to people from another near -100 degree day.

Trailer Tie Downs Save Lives

It was a darkening noontime, June 9, 1977.

Vicki Gauthier was scrubbing her floor when she heard the first warnings. A tornado had been sighted off Cherry Point, near the Neuse River, just up Highway 70.

Spring is when thunderstorms often bring the possibility of tornadoes, so there was nothing remarkable about the warnings. Vicki, who lived in the J & M Mobile Home Park near Morehead City, continued to wash her floor with the wet mop. Her two-year-old son Gary played beside her.

The funnel came up so fast it hardly gave her time to think. The air blackened and debris began to thud at her trailer. The noise became literally deafening. Vicki grabbed Gary and threw herself on top of him, hardly guessing what to expect.

She said later that she felt the trailer lift slightly and shake, then settle "like a feather." It was over quickly. Jars and kitchen implements were scattered on the floor.

A piece of broekn glass had cut into her foot, but Vicki was happy and relieved. She and Gary were alive -- probably because their mobile home was securely tied down.

The tornado had touched down and cut through two mobile home parks, showing its way with a force fed by incredibly fast interior winds. It had uprooted giant trees and thrown utility buildings hundreds of feet. Something that had been a wooden shed had become a flat stack of lumber. But not one mobile home had tipped over, and Vicki Gauthier's cut foot was the only physical injury.

The North Carolina Division of Civil Preparedness credits that seeming miracle with the fact that Carteret County is one of very few counties that enforces a trailer tie-down ordinance.

Civil Preparedness is a member of the new Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, which was created April 1, 1977, to incorporate state law enforcement and emergency agencies in one department. Secretary of the department is J. Phil Carlton.

Carteret County Fire Marshall J.E. Herral was on the scene to survey the damage just as the twister had passed. He reported that there were sixteen people in trailers touched by the tornado and that the mobile homes had provided security for all of them.

Trailers had been knocked from their cinder block foundations, but because of the metal straps securing them, none had fallen or been upturned. Now they were resting on their axles and wheels.

Depending on the size of the trailers, Carteret County building codes require them to have four or six or more over-the-roof tie-down straps that attach to stakes sunk into the ground. Some of the stakes are secured to buried concrete. Other stakes are about four feet long and have spiral plates at the end that screw into the earth. Frame ties, attached to the anchors, are also required.

The State Division of Civil Preparedness and N.C. Department of Insurance have for years pushed for ordinances that require the securing of trailers. But while such ordinances are now in effect in some communities and the State Building Codes Council has adopted tie-down regulations for mobile homes, they are infrequently enforced.

That's why State Civil Preparedness Coordinator David Britt was happy to see the Carteret County trailers so successfully withstand the worst the tornado had to offer. He takes that as evidence of the life-saving impact of the tie-down ordinance and hopes that it is dramatic enough to influence other counties to enforce tough tie-down measures. "That ordinance just might have saved sixteen lives in those trailer parks," he said. "I hope we don't have to wait for sixteen deaths somewhere else to convince people to act."

Because of their flat sides and light weight, mobile homes can be like toys to tornado winds, but securing them with metal straps and cables can multiply their stability a hundredfold. Some of the trailers at Vicki's park were shoved sideways five feet. If not tied down, they could have become gigantic speeding missiles.

Service Personnel

Army Sgt. Walter E. Pirkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud H. Pirkle, Rt. 1, Raeford, recently completed seven weeks of advanced individual training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualified him as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

He was taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Sgt. Pirkle entered the Army in August 1959.

He is a 1967 graduate of Upchurch High School.

His wife, Deborah, lived in Warner Robins, Ga., during the training.

Marine Pvt. Kenneth M. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick of Rt. 4, Box 197, Raeford, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1975 graduate of Hoke County High School, he joined the Marine Corps in March 1977.

Army Specialist Four Bender Locklear, son of Mrs. Margie T. Locklear, Rt. 4, Red Springs, recently was assigned as a mechanic with the Eighth U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea.

Spec. Locklear entered the Army in June 1974.

Girl Scouts Attending Outdoor Play At Cut Rate

The highly successful new outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" is having a special Girl Scout night on Wednesday, July 13 and is inviting all scouts to attend at a reduced cost.

Girl Scouts from across the state may see the moving outdoor drama about Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lumbee Indians on this night. "Strike at the Wind!" is a true story about love, tragedy and hardships set during the Civil War Reconstruction times in Robeson County.

On this night, girl scouts under 12 will be admitted for only \$1 and those over 12, including leaders, for only \$2, if in uniform.

Lane Hudson, promotion director for the drama said that leaders could contact "Strike at the Wind!" to reserve seats for their group by calling 521-2401. He added, "Only 1,300 can be seated in the theatre and reservations will guarantee the girls a seat."

Hudson said, "The show will be open to the general public this night also, at the regular prices. All those planning to attend should make reservations in anticipation of a large crowd."

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