

# Social Events

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## Rockfish News

by Polly Bernard

Morning worship service was well attended the past Sunday at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Jimmy Dees was in the pulpit for the Sunday evening worship service.

Saturday evening November 20th the youth group are planning to deliver Thanksgiving baskets to selected families in the community. They will have a pizza party in Fayetteville afterward.

Sunday evening November 21st the church family is having a Thanksgiving dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. there will be a special musical program presented by "The Harvesters" which is an outstanding quartet. The public is invited.

The choirs are practicing for the Christmas musical program. The Youth Group is making plans for the live Nativity scene at the church.

Am sorry to report that Mrs. Helen Fraziers father is critically ill in Winston-Salem.

The W.M.U. Ladies at Pittman Grove Church have Benson fruit cakes for sale. The prices are 1 lb. \$3.00, 3 lbs. \$7.00. They can be purchased from any of the ladies or by calling Mrs. Shirley Boahn at 875-5823 anytime during the day.

Phyllis Berry of East Carolina University visited Mrs. Lawrence Barnard Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Jimmy Hill, Sr. of Cheraw, South Carolina visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard and Mrs. Jimmy Sakobie of Hope Mills Tuesday of last week. Justen

Sakobie returned home with her for a visit.

The Rockfish 4-H Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Culp Friday evening November 12th with approximately 18 members present. Tom Pilkinton from the Wildlife Commission spoke to the group about the laws and regulations on hunting and fishing. He also talked to them about the safety of hunting and handling guns. After the program the group enjoyed refreshments and a social hour.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Dyer of Fayetteville who died unexpectedly Friday November 4th. Funeral was Monday in Asheville. Mrs. Dyer is a Welcome Wagon hostess in Cumberland County and associate of Mrs. Lawrence Barnard.

This item failed to get in the Rockfish news at the current time. Mrs. Mary Adams and Mrs. Dewey Hendrix were recognized for their many years of dedicated service to Sandy Grove United Methodist Church. They were presented a corsage and a gift during the morning worship service at Homecoming Sunday October 17th.

Sandy Grove United Methodist Church are having a Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 4th at the Church Hut. Watch for further details in this column and plan to attend.

The Rockfish Fire Department is having "open house" Saturday November 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The public is invited. There will be a "pig-pickin'" for fire

district members at 5:00 p.m.

Claudyne and E.T. Brock, Jr. celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a reception given by their family in the Fellowship Hall of Tabernacle Baptist Church the past Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Henrietta Tanner is recuperating at home following surgery on her knee in Moore Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Alice Allen, Allen Gibson of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson attended the funeral of their cousin, Percy Griffin Sunday afternoon in Pittsboro. Mr. Griffin died Friday November 12th following several months illness.

Allen Gibson from Richmond, Virginia is spending this week with relatives in the area.

Mrs. Tracy Garner and children of Carthage spent the past weekend with Mrs. Henrietta Tanner and other relatives in the area.

Mrs. Louise Watson spent several days last week in Selma visiting her sister, Mrs. Wright Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce spent the past weekend in Lumberton with their grandson, Tom, while his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Koonce attended Homecoming at N.C. State in Raleigh.

Karen and Kirkland Parker spent the past weekend at home. Karen is a student at U.N.C. and Kirkland is a student at Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn B. Dees spent a few days last week with Mrs. Truman Tally in Winston-Salem while Mrs. Dees is recuperating from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. La Vel Osteen of Dillon visited Mrs. A.W. Wood, Sr. Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wood and daughter of Thomasville spent the past weekend with Mr. Wood's mother, Mrs. A.W. Wood, Sr.

Miss Beth Wood of Fayetteville had a surprise birthday dinner for her grandmother, Mrs. A.W. Wood, Sr. Saturday evening November 13th. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wood and son, Mrs. Roy Page of Raeford and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wood and daughter of Thomasville. In addition to the nice dinner, birthday cake with all the trimmings were enjoyed. Mrs. Wood received many nice gifts and everyone had a real enjoyable time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman spent from Sunday through Wednesday of last week at her place at Holden Beach.

Mrs. Nita Quick and Mrs. Bonnie Mize of Red Springs visited Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman Sunday afternoon. They all then visited their cousin, Mrs. Frank Harris of the Galatia community.

The group from Tabernacle Baptist Church that went to Waccamaw Pottery Place at Myrtle Beach last Saturday reported a real nice trip. I understand that the men who went played Putt-Putt while the ladies shopped.

### NOTICE

The News-Journal will be out early next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Deadlines for display ads, and news must be in by noon Monday.

Classified ads and socials are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

## Personals

Talmadge Baker, former Hoke County Chairman of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, and now Chairman in Randolph County, was recently elected president of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Agents Association.

Chan Roberts of Mercerville, N.J. spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Chandler Roberts. He was en route to Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven, James Stephens and Mrs. Fleeta Maxwell spent the weekend at Holden Beach. They were joined by Miss Caroline Niven of Raleigh and Miss Carla Burkhead of North Myrtle Beach.

## Wiggins - Hayes

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wiggins of Cary announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Bert Franklin (Charlie) Hayes of Cary, son of Mrs. Dorothy Hayes of Raeford. A Dec. 24 wedding is planned.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sawyer spent the weekend in Greensboro in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duncan.

Mrs. George T. Johnson and daughters, Mrs. Breeden Blackwell and Mrs. Jack McCormack of Fayetteville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burnett Sunday. They came especially to attend the dedication at the Raeford Baptist Church.

## Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture: Judges 6:1 through 8:21

Devotional Reading: Psalms 105:7-15.

The story of Gideon is one of the most popular ones in the Old Testament. Even if we're a bit hazy of the details of the story, we know it is about one of God's great champions.

But, despite its great popularity, the story is often not as deeply understood as it should be. We are likely to become so engrossed in the rise of this particular champion of God that we miss the real significance of his story.

Let me spell it out: much more than a story about a great champion of God who lived thousands of years ago, this is a story about champions of God who are present -- if unrecognized -- today.

### If the Lord is With Us...

In a time when the Israelites have suffered greatly at the hands of the Midianites -- a situation they have brought on themselves -- they begin to grumble that God has failed to send them a champion as he has in the past. In other words, God is responsible for their plight, as they see it.

Thus when a messenger ("Angel") of the Lord comes to chat with Gideon and says to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor," Gideon is having none of it. "Pray, sir," he replies cynically, "if the lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all his wonderful deeds which our father recounted to us..." (6-13).

I think that neither God nor his messenger blinked at the straightforward and blunt reply from Gideon. In fact, it might have been that honesty that attracted God to this man (who wouldn't have won and polls for "Most Likely to Succeed"). Gideon simply said openly what lots of other people were thinking. He was honestly puzzled by God's apparent failure to live up to his reputation. I think God has a special affection for those of his children who have the honesty to challenge his messengers with "If God is with us, then how come...?"

### Do Not I Send You?

Actually, when we face God and his messengers with that kind of question, it gives him an opportunity to challenge us in turn. Gideon wanted to know where God's champion was and God countered by asking: "Do not I send you?"

Of course, Gideon resisted this as best he could: "Pray, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold my clan is the weakest in Mannaseh, and I am the least in my family?" When faced with God's challenge we can always think of lots of reasons to refuse. And the assurance God gives Gideon is also the assurance he gives us: "But I will be with you..." It is God who makes us sufficient for our role as his champion.

The next time you find yourself saying or thinking, "Why doesn't someone do something about that?" Take a good look for God's champion in your own mirror. He's there, if you really want to find him.

For Social News  
Call 875-2121

## Woman's Club Has Meeting November 9

The Raeford Women's Club held its General Meeting at the Hoke Civic Center Tuesday, November 9th. Mrs. Jack Pope, President, presided.

Mrs. Robert McPhail led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect. The devotional was given by Mrs. Clayton Buoyer. A note of thanks from the TMH Class for support of the Halloween Carnival at Upchurch School was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Knox. Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Jr., Service Projects Chairman, reported that the Muscular Dystrophy telethon netted \$300.00 and that the Women's Club participation in the Halloween Carnival was most successful.

Major additional projects planned for the Club are "Share Your Christmas" and Campership. Mrs. Leo Salzer, Ways and Means Chairman, announced that the Women's Club would be selling live Christmas trees and wreaths again this year. Wreaths are \$8.00 and trees are \$28.00. Orders may be placed by calling Mrs. Salzer, 875-4083. Mrs. George King, Library Chairman, discussed plans for the Club to provide refreshments and decorate the Library for the Open House.

The President reported that the Club had won the following awards: 1st Place in Community Service, 1st Place in Cooperation and Involvement and 1st Runner-Up in the Arts Dept at the District 9 meeting in Rockingham. Other recent recognition was received for membership increases and collecting funds for cancer. Mrs. Pope also expressed her pride in having represented the Club in Raleigh when the Club was given an award as the Community Club doing the most volunteer work. The award was presented by Gov. Hunt.

Mrs. Caroline Parker introduced Mrs. Ken McNeill and Mr. Wes Williams, who presented an interesting and informative update on NC 2000. The Home Life Dept. hosted a social following the business meeting.

## Hospital News

ST. JOSEPH'S  
Jeannie Quick

HIGHSMITH'S  
Edna Parker

DUKE  
Herbert McLean  
Martha Ben Wood, surgery Tuesday

It has been erroneously reported by *The News-Journal* for the past two weeks that Gladys Gatlin was a patient at SOUTHEASTERN. Mrs. Gatlin is a patient at the SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER in Fayetteville, P.O. Box 2000, Room 207. We apologize for this error.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Barrington of Clio, S.C. spent Sunday with Mrs. Helen S. Barrington.

Mrs. Mary McNeill, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Desist and his mother Mrs. Ralph Desist of Fayetteville, spent the weekend at Holden Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. C.J. McNeill spent the weekend in Clarksville, Va. with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Lamont and children of New Bern were recent visitors in the homes of their parents, Mrs. William Lamont and Mr. and Mrs. J.K. McNeill. Before returning home they left here to visit relatives in Seneca, S.C., and were accompanied by Mrs. Lamont, who visited in Waihalla, S.C. with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baker and family, formerly of Raeford, moved from Morehead City to Rockingham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Calloway accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Percy McNeill of South Carolina, spent the weekend at Holden Beach.

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