



1983 OFFICERS — The officers of Raeford Masonic Lodge 306 for the new year were installed Friday night. They are shown here. L-R, front are, Joe Dupree, past lodge master and new treasurer; Ralph Plummer, senior warden; William J. Bryant, master; Robert Williams, junior warden; and Johnny Plummer, secretary. In the rear, L-R, are Carroll Scarboro, senior deacon; Grady Peeler, junior deacon; James E. Dees, junior chaplain; Robert Hendrix, tyler; George Boahn, junior steward; and Creston H. Rowland III, senior warden.

Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture: Luke 12: 13-40.

The deadline is not in question: tonight before a new day begins some of us will no longer be numbered among the living. I have no idea how many people will die this evening, but the statistic, I'm sure, will be staggering. The only thing we do not know is which of us will be numbered among that statistic. As we awoke this morning probably none of us entertained the thought that today might be our very last, although that is certainly not a remote possibility. All of us arose and have progressed through this day as if we had a considerable amount of time left in our lives.

Consequently, the things that have likely occupied our minds this day have not been questions of death, life eternal, heaven, eternity, the Judgement of God, etc. Much more likely we have been preoccupied with more pressing

matters. Like the one, for example, that was brought before Jesus one day: "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me."

It was a reasonable request, was it not? Isn't that the way most of us have to spend our days, dividing, acquiring and keeping the things of this world that are necessary to sustain daily life? Now that interest rates are lower again, where shall I put my savings? Shall I invest part of my salary in a tax-shelter? Is this the time for me to buy a new car? Why should I accept a cutback in salary when other people are living off the fat of the land?

Jesus' reply is no less revolutionary now than it was then: "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." "We've repeated these words so often that perhaps their abrasiveness no longer strikes us. But that they are quite contrary to the principles by which many of us live must be quite evident if we

think about them. Our society—yes, even many of our churches—is founded on an abundance of possessions. Almost every judgement we make, almost every value we express is based upon material possessions.

So once again Jesus told a parable. The rich man in the story is suddenly confronted with the warning that "this night"—not some distant day in the future—"your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

Many of those who listened to Jesus must have identified with the "rich man" in the story. If their soul's deadline were to be "tonight," obviously they would see life and their possessions in a different light: it is being "rich toward God" and not laying up "treasure," that is imperative when we face that final deadline.

If you were to know that tonight were your "deadline," what would it do to your priorities this day?

Rockfish News

by Polly Barnard

There was good attendance at Tabernacle Baptist Church for morning and evening worship services the past Sunday and the sermon was reported to be very inspirational.

Tabernacle Baptist Church will be presenting "Mock Grammy Awards" at a special program January 21 at 7 p.m. to various members for outstanding work in all phases of the work of the church the past year.

Everyone is invited. Plan to attend.

The date for the Bar-be-que at Pittman Grove Baptist Church has been rescheduled. It will be held Saturday February 5. Plan to attend.

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Wood and their families gathered for a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Culcutt of Pinehurst the past Sunday.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Wood and family of Hope Mills, Mrs. Gertrude McKinnon and daughters, Mrs.

Larry Priest and Mrs. Billy Thames of Cumberland, Carl Pemberton and children of Baiden Lake, North Carolina and Mrs. Oscar Wood.

All were there except Howard Wood of Tampa, Florida. Howard you were missed very much!!

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson of Tifton, Georgia spent a couple weeks with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. "Chip" Rooks and family.

Jimmy Culp has been on the sick list a couple days but is better at this report.

Ed Brock was admitted to Moore County Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ray visited Mrs. Rays neice Mrs. Pearl Brock of Fayetteville last week, who had triple-by-pass heart surgery at Duke Hospital in Durham recently and is now recuperating at home.

Mrs. Jimmy Sakobie and children, Justin and Byron of Hope Mills visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard Tuesday of last week as they returned from Cheraw, South Carolina after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hill, Sr. and family.

Curtis Turner is a patient at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville and scheduled for surgery.

Mrs. Marie Fowler and daughter Cathy and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bundy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Durham of Hillsboro.

Mrs. Dorothy Culbreth of Hope Mills spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson. Mrs. Jessie Livingston of Arabia, Mrs. Alice Allen, Mrs. Henrietta Tanner were "Sunday Dinner" guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson.

Mrs. Daniel Berry and Mrs. Alice Allen spent Thursday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Daniel Berry's father Riley Willis is recuperating at home following surgery at Moore County Hospital last month.

I am happy to report that Mrs. Star Sessoms is recuperating at home after spending fourteen days in Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sessoms would like to express gratitude for the cards, calls, prayers and concern shown them at this time.

The many kindnesses will always be remembered.

North Carolina ETV Back On Air Here

North Carolina public television was restored Friday to cable subscribers here and in the five other cities served by Jones Inter-cable.

This was reported early Friday afternoon by the Jones office at Red Springs.

Public TV was removed from the Jones system and Charlotte Channel 18 when the Jones company, based in Atlanta, made changes in programming, without making an advanced announcement of the plan, to "improve service."

Jones' Red Springs office, which serves the six cities in this area, received a number of calls from angry subscribers after the public TV programming was cut, Harrison Daniels, Raeford manager for Jones, said last week.



LIONS HONORED — The Raeford Lions Club met in December and in addition to being ladies night, awards were given in recognition of perfect attendance. The awards were given to (L-R) David Smith (10 yrs.) Neill McNeill (10 yrs.) John Ferguson (2 yrs.) Robert Calhoun (4 yrs.) Hank Richards (5 yrs.) and Bill Archer (5 yrs.). The Lions Club is a service organization whose primary purpose is to aid the blind and visually handicapped.

Deaths & Funerals

Currie Infant

Aaron Leigh Currie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Currie of Raeford, died Thursday.

A graveside service was held Saturday afternoon in Raeford Cemetery.

Surviving besides her parents are her sister, Rebecca Currie of the home; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Frances Currie of Raeford; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Frances Stanley of Virginia Beach,

Va.; her grandfather, Ansel Bridges of Laurinburg; and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Chance of Laurinburg.

Denton R. Rish III

A candlelight memorial service was held December 27 in Dallas, Tex., for Denton Glenroi Rish III, 64, who suffered a heart attack December 26 in Ore City, Tex.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah; his daughters, Mrs. Alex Norton

of Bowmore, Mrs. Gia McLean of Ore City, and Mrs. Donnissa Rode of Redding, Calif.; three grandsons; and two granddaughters.

The family asks that memorial donations planned be made to the American Heart Fund or the American Lung Association in

Mrs. Norton attended the memorial service.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. John Gaddy spent the weekend in Raleigh visiting their daughter, Ms. Vickie Gaddy.

Mrs. Pete Sawyer returned last week after spending several days in Greensboro in the homes of her daughters, Miss Mary Margaret Sawyer, Mrs. Steve Duncan and Mr. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFadyen were guests of Mrs. J.M. Andrews at Topsail Beach several days last week.

Mrs. J.M. Andrews returned last week after spending the holidays at Topsail Beach. While there she was joined on various occasions by friends and family.

Carroll Hart has returned to his home at Fort Worth Texas, after a visit in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson and infant son, Bruce Hart, and friends in Raeford. The Robinsons and Mr. Hart visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hart at Cherryville several days during the holidays.

Bill Hood returned to Raleigh Friday after spending the holidays in the home of his step father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFadyen.

Basil White, who has been employed at Moore's Department Store in Raeford, has been made manager of Moore's in Kingstree, S.C.

Mrs. George Johnston and children have returned to their home in Winchester, Va. after a visit here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. McDiarmid.

Mrs. Fleeta Maxwell returned Friday after spending several days in Rockingham visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Claytie Maxwell.

W.B. McDiarmid, Billy McDiarmid, Mrs. Archie McDiarmid and Mrs. George Johnston attended the funeral of Mrs. J.C. Hearn of Asheboro. Mrs. Hearn was a sister-in-law of Mrs. D.P. McDiarmid and died December 26 in Troy Hospital.

John Gaddy spend last week in Gastonia visiting in the home of his mother.

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