

# Rockfish News

by Polly Barnard

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The young Adult Choir at Tabernacle Baptist Church presented the music for morning worship service the past Sunday.

The Youth Group was presented certificates of appreciation by Mr. and Mrs. "Chuck" Frazier for their participation in the activity during Youth Week.

There were four new members received into the church during worship service Sunday morning.

The entire church participated in the St. Patrick's supper Sunday evening. Following the supper the film, "Super - Stars on Location" was shown.

The Young Adult Choir has begun practice for the "Easter presentation."

All the softball church teams in the area are getting ready for the softball season.

The Stoney Point Fire Depart-

ment had an excellent turnout for the "fish fry" and bake sale sponsored the past Saturday.

The proceeds will go toward a new station building. Appreciation is extended to everyone who participated in making it a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood and son, Timothy of Greensboro were weekend guests of Mr. Woods mother, Mrs. Martin L. Wood, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood visited Mrs. Martin L. Wood, Sr. Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard and Mrs. Jimmy Sakobie and sons, Justen and Byron of Hope Mills had a cookout Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Grant, Jr. visited Mrs. Lowell Schiebe and Virgil Ogg of Fayetteville who are patients in Womack Army

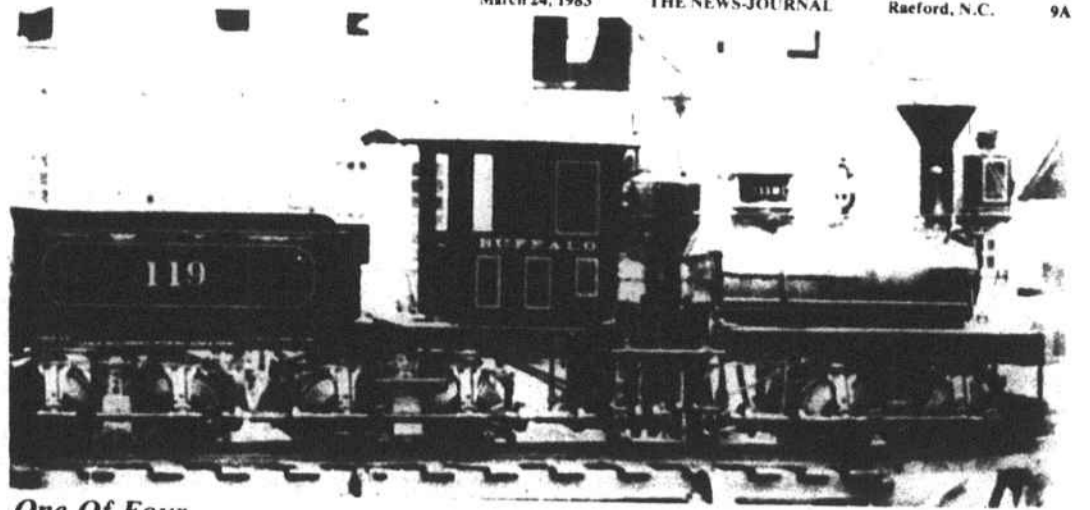
Hospital in Fort Bragg Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wright Parker of Selma is visiting her sister, Mrs. Watson and other relatives in the area, after spending several days last week with the sister Mrs. Arthur Watson of White Lake.

Mrs. Allen Wood, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wood and daughter, Deborah in Thomasville the past Sunday. Mr. Wood had surgery last week but is recuperating at home at this time.

Mrs. Daisy Bennett of Fayetteville visited friends and relatives in the area Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Grady English spent several days recently with her son, Dwight English, Mrs. English and daughters, Samantha, Heather and Kelly in Connelly Springs, North Carolina.



One Of Four  
Red Springs Shay #119 at the Lima Shops in August 1884.

## Four Railroads Served Red Springs

By David S. Carriker  
Red Springs is a small community in northwest Robeson County about 12 miles Southeast of Raeford.

In the early 1880's it was described as a little settlement in the woods composed of two families. But within five years it had boomed into a thriving town of 1,000 citizens, several stores, two hotels, churches, a newspaper, mills and various shops, ten saw and planing mills, a sash-blind-door factory that employed 240 people, and at least four railroads!

Quite a prosperous town for 1888.

Part of the credit can be given to the timber industry of that day which is responsible for all of the four railroads.

The first to come to Red Springs was the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway in June 1884.

The line hauled timber to Fayetteville from the various points between that port city and Bennettsville, S.C.

By 1891 the Red Springs Railway & Lumber Company was hauling timber out of the woods.

The line was operated by the McKay family.

By 1896 the Williams Family was also operating a tram in Red Springs that connected with the Red Springs Railway & Lumber Company, and by connection, the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway.

The name of the Williams' line

was the Red Springs & Bowmore Railway, which ran to Bowmore and Wagram until 1920 when it was abandoned.

The fourth line is the Devane Tramway which was a lumber operation run by R.F. DeVane of Red Springs. It was in operation in the late 1880's and early 1890's.

Of the four railroads in Red Springs there were three different gauges of track: The CF & YV Railway was standard gauge (4 feet 8 1/2 inches); the Red Springs & Bowmore R.R. and the Red Springs Railway & Lumber Company were 3-foot gauge; and the DeVane Tramway was 4 feet. The gauge of a railroad is the distance between the two rails.

The DeVane Tramway owned at least two Shay locomotives. They were C.N. (Construction Number) 119 and 308. The #119 was named the 'Buffalo' by an earlier owner. This was the first three-truck Shay (three sets of axles) built by Lima Locomotive Works, on August 18, 1884. It had a 42 inch gauge with 10 x 10 inch cylinders mounted in a vertical position. This vertical mounting of the pistons was characteristic of the Shay locomotive. The wheels were 30 inches in diameter and were capable of riding on wooden rails.

The first owner #119 was Andrew Brown of the Bull's Eye Spring Narrow Gauge R.R. in Grayson, Kentucky. It was then sold to R.F. DeVane of Red Springs, N.C., and then to J.T.

Jones of Autryville, N.C. After this it was probably scrapped.

If you have any information about the three lumber railroads of Red Springs, please do not hesitate to write to: Railroad Museum, Hamlet, N.C. OR to your local newspaper office, which can forward a message to us.

Any photographs of railroading in your area could be helpful to the railroad project too.

The railroad project now incorporates over 175 different railroad companies in this eight county area, with 1000 photographs and maps to illustrate the activities of railroad history.

Come to the Railroad Museum on any weekend to see the finest Railroad Museum in the Carolinas!

Seaweed made of plastic may help save the nation's tallest lighthouse, which is threatened by an eroding beachfront.

The beach in front of the 208-foot Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, an historic landmark, has already been extended by several hundred feet. Plastic seaweed installed in ocean waters about 400 feet from the lighthouse behaved like real seaweed to slow sandladen ocean currents and cause the sand to drop to the bottom and collect.

The National Park Service had originally planned to build a \$6-million seawall to protect the lighthouse.

## Lumber Bridge News

by Lib Sumner

The Presbyterian Church congregation is invited to attend a covered dish supper at the Parkton Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dinkins, Missionaries at Brazil. After supper, Mr. and Mrs. Dinkins will give an outline on their work in the mission field.

"Joyful Music Night," congregational hymn - sing was last Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. in the Stamps Fellowship Center under the sponsorship of the Chancel, Youth and Children's Choirs.

Following the program a finger food supper was served. The congregation of the Rex Presbyterian Church was invited.

Annual Joint Revival Services have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 18-21 in the Rex Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend Alton C. Trivette, of Laurinburg, Honorably Retired Minister, has accepted to deliver the messages.

Baptist Church will have preaching Sundays - second and fourth Sundays each month.

Work on the baptistry will be complete, as soon as the water heater is installed.

Tuesday at 4 p.m. the mission friends and Youth In Action groups will meet in the Educational center with Mrs. Henry L. Foster.

Thursday night at 7:30 the Baptist Women will meet in the home of Mrs. Henry Foster in St. Pauls. Topic of program - "Home Missions."

Mrs. Hunter Forbis spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Rob Schock, Mrs. Schock and Jeffrey in Vanceboro. Mrs. Schock is suffering with a broken arm.

Visiting Misses Lib and Lois Sumner Sunday evening were Mrs. Sam Smith, Catherine, Lucy and Wayne of Wagram and Mrs. Jack Ellis and Jenny Ellis of Raeford.

They had spent several days with their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McMillan, Elizabeth Ann and J.F. III in Wilmington.

We are glad to report that Mrs. N.H.G. Balfour is home after an extended stay with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Major Goodman, Sein and Scot in Raleigh.

Mrs. Lucille Forbis is still a patient in Cape Fear Hospital and, at this writing, is very sick.

Other sick and shut-ins include Mrs. W.H. Schell, Miss Lena Marley, Mrs. Ida Smith and Mrs. Viola Collins.



### Proclamation

Job Service District Supervisor Burnice Graham looks on as Mayor John K. McNeill signs the document proclaiming Hire the Older Worker Week.

### Southerland Completes Police Course

Airman 1st Class Mark E. Southerland, son of Frank and Connie Southerland of 504 Saunders St., Raeford, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Southerland will now serve at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., with the 45th Missile Security Squadron.

He is a 1981 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford.

Experienced burglars can tell immediately if a house has an alarm system, says security consultant Jim Lee.

### English Finishes Non-Com Course

Sergeant E7 Clarence G. English of Raeford, completed the Senior Noncommissioned Officers Course conducted by the Office of the Adjutant General at the North Carolina National Guard Military Academy, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The course consisted of six days of training in many areas, such as, Command and Staff Procedures, Total Force, The Threat, Personnel Management, Training Management, Effective Speaking, Effective Writing, Counseling, Duties, Responsibilities and Authority of NCO's and Ceremonies.

Sgt. English is a member of the 824th Quartermaster Company at Fort Bragg, NC and is a Motor Sergeant.

Sgt. English and his wife, Margaret, have two children, Keith and Amy. They reside at Route 5, Raeford.

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