

Rockfish News

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Dr. David Suttons' sermon topic for Sunday Morning Worship Service was; "Faith is a Two Way Street." There was special music by the children accompanied by Mrs. Gay Barnes on the guitar. There was also an infant baptism. A speaker from the Gideon Society brought a real good message to the congregation.

Saturday evening a surprise farewell party was given in the Fellowship Hall at Pittman Grove Baptist Church for Rev. "Mac" Mussellwhite and family. Assorted finger foods were served and entertainment was provided by "The Southern Addition Band".

A covered dish dinner was also given Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the church for the Mussellwhites.

Rev. Mussellwhite has served well and he and his family will be missed very much at Pittman Grove Baptist Church. Sunday was his last day there.

A "Hee Haw Fellowship" was well attended Friday evening in the Fellowship Hall at Tabernacle Baptist Church. There was varied fun and entertainment provided. The "Rockfish Review" and "Southern Addition" bands provided music. There was a gospel music selection by the mens' "Gospel Ensemble" and the Jubilee Choir. The ladies presented a selection with an "all jug" band. The lighting and decoration was effective and a good time was had by all.

Rev. Archie Barringer was in the pulpit for morning worship service the past Sunday. The sermon topic was "A Life of Fate".

Mrs. Juanita Watson of White Lake spent several days last week with her sisters, Mrs. Grace English and Mrs. Louise Watson.

Mrs. Grace English has returned home after spending a week with her son, Dwight English and family at Connelly Springs.

Teresa Allen of Henderson spent the past weekend with her mother, Mrs. Alice Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Garner of Carthage visited Mrs. Garner's sister, Mrs. Alice Allen and other relatives the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E.

"Chuck" Wells spent the past weekend in Richmond, Virginia with Mrs. Wells' brother, Thomas Collins and family who have a new daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Calcutt of Pinehurst visited Mrs. Calcutt's brothers, Robert Wood and family of Rockfish, Worth Wood and family of Hope Mills and her sister, Mrs. Earl McKinnon of Cumberland Saturday.

Mrs. Cathy Hardaker and son Timothy of Lakeland, Florida spent a week recently with her father, Star W. Sessoms and Mrs. Sessoms.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Johnson who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Aubry Gaddis celebrated his birthday the past Sunday with a dinner given by his wife. Guests included were their son, Thomas of Laurinburg and Mrs. Gaddis' mother, Mrs. Fredis Hudson of Spring Lake.

Justen Sakobil of Hope Mills spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard and attended church with them Sunday morning.

Am happy to report that Mrs. Neda Mae Williams was able to be out Sunday for the first time since having the flu the past week.

Mrs. Williams would like to express gratitude to friends and neighbors for their many kind deeds and concern shown during her illness.

Mrs. Walta Bostic and Mrs. Kenneth Biggs attended The Scottish Clan Association at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville Wednesday evening March 21. Mr. and Mrs. J. McN. Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Lindsay of the Galatia Community also attended.

Kirkland Parker III left for Fort Knox, Kentucky Sunday for a three month training period with the National Guard.

Word has been received that Mrs. Mary Parker Shewbridge of Margate, Florida had a massive stroke recently.



New job
John (Johnny) D. Melton was promoted effective March 1 to Maintenance Supervisor in the Maintenance Department at the Raeford Plant of Burlington Industries. Before his promotion Mr. Melton worked in the Shop area as a Planner. Mr. Melton has been employed with Burlington Industries here in Raeford for 18 1/2 years.

Deaths & Funerals

Mrs. Lila Liles Culbreth
Mrs. Lila Liles Culbreth, 71, a retired Hoke County school teacher, died Friday in Durham.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Raeford Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Dr. John Ropp directed the service.

Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Fred M. Culbreth; a son, Fred M. Culbreth II of Durham; two daughters, Miss Connie Culbreth of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Carolyn Culbreth Saunders of Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Edna McGoogan, Miss Sallie Liles and Miss Willie Mae Liles of Red Springs; two grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the service were, Walter Coley, L.S. Brock, Frank Teal, Richard L. Neely, Duncan McFadyen and James Wood.

The family received friends and relatives Saturday evening at the Ken McNeill residence.

Memorials may be made to the Duke Alzheimer Family support Network at Duke Medical Center in Durham.

Video equipment now in library

By Elizabeth Burgess
Librarian

Hoke County Public Library has received a new video recorder with a monitor as a gift from the Bicentennial Committee. We are delighted with the recorder and monitor, and we thank Robert Gatlin for his efforts in helping to secure these needed items for the library. We anticipate many programs, lecture series, and historical recordings to be held in the library because of the generosity of the Bicentennial Committee.

Robert Gatlin and Luke McNeill are planning to film many historic places in Hoke County and put the film with a script that will be a permanent part of the Hoke County Public Library's collection. It will be housed in the history room.

Hoke County Public Library is actively involved in the planning of the 1984 Hoke Heritage Hobnob Arts Festival to be held on May 3, 4, and 5 in the Hoke County Public Library and the MacDonald Gymnasium on the campus of Hoke County High School.

The library will have exhibits, displays, and performances during the arts festival. We are excited about having so many varied events to offer the citizens of Hoke County.

We will also, in conjunction with *The News-Journal*, sponsor a black and white photography contest. The contest will be state-wide.

The entries will be on display in the Hoke County Public Library conference room during the month of May.

On Friday, March 2 at 4 p.m. Chris Watkins and Olive Jenkins appeared in concert at the Hoke County Public Library in the conference room. The concert was well attended.

Chris Watkins, former director of music for the Raeford Presbyterian Church, is now direc-

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tor of music at Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Olive Jenkins, harpist from Hillsborough, North Carolina, teaches harp and plays with orchestras across the state. We were delighted to present these fine musicians to Raeford and Hoke County.

On March 17, Hoke County Public Library hosted the 1984 District Quiz Bowl Competition. Nine counties participated.

Seventy-First High School was the winner of the competition. Hoke County High School's Quiz Bowl team did quite well. They certainly deserve credit for their many hours of practice and their excellent representation during the competition.

Sarah Baucom and Sue Davis were dedicated coaches of the Hoke High School Quiz Team, and we appreciate their interest in the competition.

Dr. Robert A. Nelson, Miss Emma Mims, and Rex Klett served as judges.

Charles Hostetler served as moderator. The Hoke County Library and the Sandhill Regional Library System thank these people for helping to make the Quiz Bowl a success.

Jane Witherspoon entertained second graders from J.W. McLaughlin Elementary School last Monday with her knowledge of Colonial Williamsburg and Old Salem.

The library borrowed a slide program from Old Salem and borrowed a slide program from Mary Archie McNeill on Colonial Williamsburg.

Jane's students were invited to watch the slide programs in the conference room at the library.

On March 31, the Hoke County

Public Library has been invited to participate in the Family Fun Day sponsored by the Hoke Agricultural Extension Agency in cooperation with other agencies and public service organizations.

The library will have a book display, two storytelling sessions, and will give citizens who do not have a library card, an opportunity to get a library card. Please plan to join us on Saturday, March 31 for a day of fun!

We have had many talented people who have been so very generous to share their talents with us.

Betty Gill, Elizabeth Jones, Raeford Kindergarten and Day Nursery, and Betsy McNeill have all had beautiful displays in our display cases.

We appreciate the talents of these people and thank them for helping to make the library a more pleasant place to visit.

The following new books were received this week by the Hoke County Library. They are available at the Hoke County Public Library and Bookmobile in Raeford:

CHILDREN'S FACT
Jacobsen, Daniel - "Indians Of North America;" McDearmon, Kay - "Organgutans: The Red Apes"; Prelutsky, Jack - "It's Valentine's Day."

CHILDREN'S FICTION
Brandenburg, Franz - "Aunt Nina and Her Nephews and Nieces"; Bright, Robert - "Georgie and The Baby Birds"; Bright, Robert - "Georgie and The Ball Of Yarn"; Giff, Patricia R. - "Loretta P. Sweeney, Where Are You"; Hill, Eric - "Spot's First Christmas" and Levy, Elizabeth - "The Shadow Nose."

American Legion launches membership drive

The Raeford Ellis Williamson American Legion Post 20 is searching for past members and new members that wish to join the group.

The drive is an effort to boost the Legion's membership quota, which presently stands at 97.

Of the 97 members presently enrolled at Post 20, 192% are last year's members.

Post 20 is hoping to boost that percentage to 200%, a spokesman for the legion said.

At present, the Ellis Williamson Post and its members have received

two national and five state membership awards.

Anyone interested in rejoining or joining the Post 20 Legion should attend a meeting.

The American Legion group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 for a dutch dinner at the Edinborough Resturant.

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