

# Davis, Bridges Will Be Missed

Our hearts are saddened for two of the finest women in our church. Sally Davis and Ruby Bridges both lost their husbands in death this past week. Our heartfelt sympathy also goes out to the children, grandchildren and other family members who loved these men and will feel their loss so greatly.

Fred Davis passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, July 3. He died from a massive heart attack. Fred was a big-hearted man and always a perfect gentleman. He will surely be missed.

Oliver Bridges had been hospitalized in Cleveland Memorial Hospital for a while and died in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 8. Oliver was surely one of the most generous and finest gentlemen I have ever met and his presence will be greatly missed four our church and our community.

Both these men loved to garden and the evidence of their labors can be seen all around their homes. Their visitors always came away with a fresh mess of homegrown vegetables from those gardens. Both families have lived in our community since I was a very small girl and I have grown up with their children. All this makes me feel very close to their loss. Please remember these families in your prayers for the hard days of adjustment ahead for them.

Others very sick in our community are John Moore in Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Kenny Stokes in Cleveland Memorial, Frances Baker in Gaston Memorial and Manuel Bridges in Kings Mountain Hospital. Avarice England was hospitalized in Kings Mountain but has been released. Please remember all these folks in your prayers.

## Chestnut Ridge



BY MYRLE KING

Our congratulations to Bill and Chris Belk and Crawford and Gladys Rucker! These couples share the same wedding date. Bill and Chris will be married 47 years on July 11 and Crawford and Gladys will be married 49 years on that same date. Have a wonderful day folks!

Charlene Lutz paid a visit to her son, who is in the Air Force, at Myrtle Beach this week. Charlene also got a great tan during her visit!

Fred and Vertie Bowen traveled with their daughter, Betty, and her husband, Charles Fite, to Atlanta to see the game between the Atlanta Braves and the Montreal Expos. Fred and Vertie had a prime seat from their hotel window for the huge fireworks displayed on July 4 just outside the stadium. Fred said this was the most enjoyable vacation he has taken in years.

Estell Hawkins enjoyed a trip to see her only brother last week and she also had a visitor from Georgia. Little Samuel Phillips, who is one year old, spent a week with his grandparents, Sam and Dot Tessenier, and spent some time with great-grandmother, Estell. Samuel is the son of Wanda Tessenier Phillips.

Barbara and Henry Wilson and their friends, David and Agnes Robinson, have returned home after a cruise aboard the S.S. Carnival. The ship docked at Nassau and Freeport and during a bus tour at Freeport the couples encountered an area that had received 57 inches of rain. Barbara said rainwater was coming into the floorboard of the bus, and when she looked behind them the highway looked like the parting of the Red Sea in the wake of the bus! Now that's a lot of water!

# Pets Of The Week

By JOANN FREDERICK

This week, we have two adorable toy black poodles who belong to Marie and Les Graham of Kings Mountain. The little one is Lady Pricella and the larger one is the Colonel, better known around the neighborhood as the Southern Belle and her Southern Gentleman.

Little Pricella is a real doll and so sweet, loves to play and be cuddled, whereas the Colonel is rough and tough and plays hard.

Pricella is 10 months old and the Colonel is a year old.

If you would like to see your pet featured in this column, just give me a call at 487-6688.



# Burton Returns From D.C.

Lottie Burton has returned from a trip to Washington, D.C. for a visit with her son, Larry Burton. While there she visited many of the sights in the nation's capitol and was especially impressed with seeing Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the Vietnamese Memorial at night. She also visited Arlington Cemetery and was there for the fireworks on the 4th of July.

Lottie's granddaughters, Susan and Gail Hardin, are in the Appalachian area this week helping teach Bible School. They are representing Boyce Memorial ARP church in this project. Susan participated in this project last year and enjoyed it so much that she wanted to return this year and take her sister with her.

Bible School has begun at Long Creek this week and everyone has enjoyed the first night of Bible study, games, crafts and refreshments.

Billy, Peggy and April Wilson

## Long Creek



FRANCES WILSON

enjoyed an outing at Chimney Rock last Saturday. April is a collector of tee-shirts and came home this time with one that has her picture on the front. The picture is a good likeness and it is pretty strange seeing her coming with a face on her shoulders and one on her chest!

We have a pretty good "snake" story in the neighborhood! Matthew Unnash who lives in a mobile home on Wilson-Bridges Road, came home the other night and upon entering his house heard a noise. He thought someone must be in the house, so he cautiously went to the bedroom. He saw no

one and then heard the noise again. Then, he saw a large black snake on his dresser, knocking pennies off as he crawled! Mat had the broom in his hand and tried to get the snake off the dresser with the broom so he could put his outside. The snake escaped so brave Matt went on to bed. The next day he enlisted the help of his friend, Kevin Smith, to help him find the snake and get him out of the house. When they located the snake, they discovered a second one! They managed to capture the snakes and took them to Kevin's home on Mitchem Road to turn them loose in a barn. While setting the snakes, free, one of them bit Kevin on the finger, so the boys got a gun and shot the snakes! Bobby Wilson has decided these were the same snakes who were "former residents" in a large oak tree in his yard as he has not seen them around in several weeks. His wife Nancy sure hopes so!

## Oak View News

# June Was A Busy Month

BY JUANITA FLEMING

June was a busy month for residents of the Oak View community.

Mrs. Dot Spearman and Mrs. Letha Metcalf hosted the Women's Missionary Society of Oak View Baptist Church at the home of Mrs. Spearman.

An evening of fellowship was enjoyed by the Adult Ladies II class at the quarterly class meeting at Peking Restaurant in Gastonia.

Adult Ladies II Class also sponsored a church-wide food box for the KM Baptist Association.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Linderman Jr. of Raleigh on the birth of their son, John Linderman. The baby weighed seven pounds, one ounce. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Linderman of York Road.

Mrs. Randy Gregory is recuperating after undergoing surgery at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Christine Whitaker, son John Linderman and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams, have returned from Chicago and Iowa where they visited Christine's daughter, Brenda Samons.

A special Father's Day service was held at Oak View Baptist Church in June. The youngest father present was Rodney Gordon and Paul Hord Sr. was the oldest father present.

Mrs. Juanita Fleming visited recently with Mrs. Anne Messer of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hord Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hord Sr., Miss Kim Hord and Mark Shields of

Kathy Reece To Head Program

In a move fueled by a renewed commitment to bringing cultural events to the campus and the community, Gaston College has named Kathy Myers Reece Coordinator of Community Arts programs.

Mrs. Reece becomes the college's liaison with the Community's Arts organizations. She will organize around 12 major events next year including concerts, lectures, operas, plays and exhibitions.

Mrs. Reece graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She has been associate director of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, Inc. Arts Council and executive director of the Davidson County Art Guild and Gallery. She has extensive volunteer experience with arts-related organizations in Gaston County including the Gastonia Community Concert Association, the Gaston County Museum of Art and History, and the Gaston County United Arts Council.

Lincolnton vacationed at Myrtle Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Falls, Cameron, Lisa and Tyler joined the family for the weekend.

Chuck Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Anderson, of Clover, S.C., has enlisted in the Army and is stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Anderson celebrated their wedding anniversary June 12. Also celebrating an anniversary during June were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hord Sr.

Dolores White continues to recuperate following surgery.

Sunday, July 1, members of Oak View Baptist Church celebrated Independence Day with patriotic songs and special music by the choir. Russell and Todd Fleming advanced the colors.

The Hagan family enjoyed July 4th week at the beach.

Yard of the Month is the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hagan, just across from Oak View church on York Road. The young people have done such a beautiful job on their yard and are to be commended.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fleming, Russell, John and Todd hosted a family cookout July 3. Visiting with them were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fredell, Mr. and Mrs.

Archie Brazzell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins and son, Fred, Mrs. Joyce Bridges and daughter, Carla and friend, Dan. Volleyball and horseshoes featured entertainment.

Rain put a damper on some of the outings planned for July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. David Caldwell, Carey, Wesley and Hunter, spent July 4th week at Myrtle Beach.

Congratulations to Adrian Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gregory, who won first place in the National Showstoppers clogging competition July 5th in Myrtle Beach. Her brother, Kenny, and her parents attended the event.

Members of Oak View Baptist Church enjoyed an ice cream social on July 9 after the evening services. Sue Gainey was chairman of the social committee for the event.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Oak View Church July 17-21 from 6 until 8:30 p.m. each evening. Mrs. Lucy Williams, director, and Rev. Robbie Moore invite all children and young people of the community to attend and learn more about Jesus and enjoy crafts and refreshments.

Mrs. Ruth Ledford has returned from Rome, Ga. where she visited her son, Jerry Ledford.

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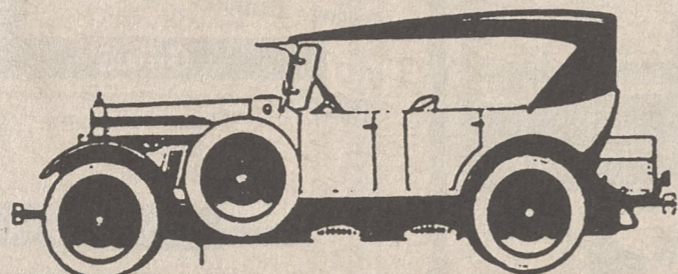


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