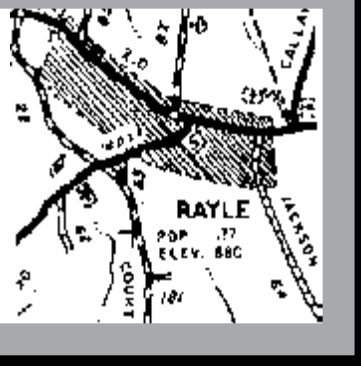


RAYLE NEWS

By Bonnie Boatwright
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Sardis Baptist Church enjoyed a great service Sunday morning. The congregational singing was led by Joyce Fry with Pam Hall at the piano. Rev. Jim Newsome gave the children's message at the altar and afterwards the children went to the annex with Courtney Gunter for children's church. Joyce Fry sang a wonderful solo special. Pastor Newsome brought a special message on "When All is Said and Done" from Matthew. Prayer meeting was held Wednesday evening at the Echols Home.

●Vacation Bible School is in full swing this week at Sardis with a bunch of children and adults enrolling Sunday evening. Commencement will be Friday evening. A hotdog supper will be given in the annex at 6:30 p.m. Friday for the children, their parents, sisters, and brothers, aunts and uncles, cousins, friends, and anyone interested in attending. The program will follow after the meal.

●The prayer list continues for Johnny Adams, Henry Swann, Grady Rogers, Connie Peek, David Smith, Douglas Mathews, George and Mozelle Casey, Dan and Mildred McAvoy, Tommy Thaxton, Nancy Moon, Frances Vinson, Bella Bradford, Shirley Chafin, Frankie Jones, Aubrey Jackson, Jenelle Newsome, Mrs. Burkett, Charlotte Adams Hyatt, Gary Rogers, and Gloria Harris.

●Johnny Adams has started radiation treatments in Augusta. Our prayers go out to him and his mother, Peggy Echols, that they will be safe as they

travel to Augusta every day and that Johnny will have a good and complete recovery.

●Johnny Boatwright celebrated his 48th birthday Friday, May 29. Amber Rachel Gamble, daughter of Bill Gamble and Connie Boatwright Gamble, of Martinez celebrated her 22nd birthday Monday, May 18. Barry William Echols of Ball ground celebrated his 50th birthday Friday, June 5.

●Bonnie Boatwright met her two sisters, Frankie Jones of Athens and Martha Jones of Bogart, for lunch at the Red Lobster in Athens Wednesday.

●Peggy Echols, Martha Hall and Bonnie Boatwright enjoyed attending revival services at Beaverdam Baptist Church Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings of last week.

●Twenty-five members of the 1956 graduating class of Oglethorpe County High School, along with spouses, met at the home of Carole Morgan on Collier Church Road near Comer Saturday for a reunion. Pork barbecue and stew with all the trimmings and desserts were served. A lot of laughter filled the air and much fun was enjoyed as everyone caught up with happenings from the last gathering. Plans were made for future events and pictures were made. Wayne Lance of Morrow and also of Metasville asked the blessing before the meal. Attending from Wilkes County were Wayne and Marcia Lance, Minan Blanchard Maxwell, Doris Smith Walker, and J.W. and Bonnie Smith Boatwright.

●One of the classmates, J.B. Harrison, spent 20 years in the submarine service in the U.S. Navy. He has written a book, "Killer," which is about his experiences of being on a submarine and about many frightening events that took place while he was serving his country. I have read the book and it is quite interesting. I cannot imagine spending so much time under water in a submarine, but I will say it was a hard life at sea, but they had buddy relationships with everyone else there. There were good times when they went on land out on the town. All is well with this Southern country boy who is back home in Lexington and who was my classmate. God bless him, the servicemen and women and God bless America.

●Rosemary Gresham, Cassandra Campbell, and Adrienne James honored Brooke Berry with a baby shower at the Third Shiloh building in Washington Saturday afternoon, June 6. Brooke received many nice and useful gifts which she greatly appreciated. Attending from our community were Ruby Arnold, Aaliya and Aniyah Berry, Kay Berry, Nina Boatwright, and Bonnie Boatwright.

●Clyde and Sandy Whittington took Zachery and Kyle Frankel and Avery Hall camping at Big Hart Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday evening Sandy carried Zachery and Kyle home to Crawford, but Clyde and Avery remained at Big Hart until Wednesday.

●Bonnie Boatwright joined James and Kathleen Canup and Margaret Peterman of Lexington Tuesday afternoon to go to Elberton to play bingo with other seniors at Wendy's.

●Terri Chafin Diaz, Willard and Diana Queen, and Dallas, Ronnie Chafin, and L.E. Chafin had Sunday dinner with Troy and Shirley Chafin.

●Buck and Linda Echols' visitors Sunday were Greg and Angela Armour, Cody and Hunter, Samantha Callaway, Sissy Smith and Abby, Richard and Lou Heard, Mattie and Hank.

●Bonnie Boatwright enjoyed visiting Ruth Flynt Saturday afternoon of last week. Raeligh Armour and Lila White visited Bonnie Thursday afternoon. Bonnie also enjoyed visiting Mildred Sisson Sunday afternoon.

●One day as a little girl who will enter the third grade in Washington in August was visiting me on my porch, she said, "Miss Bonnie, when I grow up I want to be just like you." I must say that really made my day.

●Mrs. J.B. (Annis) Saxon was honored by her children, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Saxon, with a surprise birthday get-together at Northside Baptist Church in Calhoun Falls, S.C., Sunday, June 7. Annis was 90 years old June 3. In lieu of gifts the children suggested bringing flowers from their garden or a card with a flower. A large number attended. Attending from Rayle were Mrs. Carl Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wheatley, and Mrs. Gene Winfrey. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Adams also attended.

●Faye Johnson of Gray spent from Wednesday to Saturday with her sister, Ruby Arnold. They visited their niece, Robin Hubbard, in Lexington one day and then visited all their sisters.

●Richard Burkett, Joann Perez, and Frances Fendley enjoyed eating at the Pizza Hut in Washington Tuesday.

●Debra (Bobby) Armour, Frances Fendley, and Rebecca Armour went to Athens and browsed around one day. They came back and picked up Bobby and continued on to Thomson at ate at the Burger King.

●Richard Burkett, Joann Perez, and Frances Fendley visited George and Mozelle Casey Sunday afternoon. George and Mozelle are both feeling better, we are glad to report. Mozelle did not have broken ribs as was reported last week, but was bruised up badly.

●Ann Williamson enjoyed spending Monday through Sunday with her brother, Bill Walker, and Elaine in North Carolina.

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Tignall News

By CAROLYN GAMMON
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There was a little too much excitement on our street last Wednesday with a bomb scare. The most exciting thing that ever happens on Church Street is black cats crossing our path (plenty of those). Our street was blocked almost all day, so it was quiet with no traffic passing my house, but it looked like ants crawling around with all the law officers in the area. I'd rather not have any more excitement. Church Street, by the way, got its name from the first Tignall Baptist Church being located on this street where the cemetery is now located.

●I failed to mention the Tignall High School reunion also coming up next weekend. The classes of 1945, '46, '47, and '48 will be having their reunion Saturday, June 13, at the Tignall School lunchroom. I know the first class reunions that I went to everyone was trying to impress each other on how young and trim we looked, the next reunion everyone just let it all hang out and had either gray hair or no hair. By the last reunion we were all just glad to be there. Thank goodness for name tags since our memories also fade.

●Alex and Kay Tyler went to Hoschton to visit the Greg Tyler family on Sunday. Kay's and Alex's grandson, Jordan Tyler, came home after church camp last week with a new girl friend. He told his dad her name was Anna McKinney. Greg asked her parents' name and found out Jordan's new girl friend is a cousin from Augusta. She is the granddaughter of the late Ann Dunaway McKinney and Lamar McKinney of Evans. What a small world. Greg said, "You can be friends, but no kissing cousins."

●Celebrating his 16th birthday was Jesse Denard on May 31. He and some friends had fun at Hester's Ferry on the day of his birthday. On Monday, June 1, his grandmother, Mary Will Denard, baked a cake and they had a family supper for him at the home of Ralph and Mary Will Denard. Happy birthday, Jesse.

●We left out Stacey Ware when I mentioned that the family went to see Price Rogers play ball last week. Stacey wouldn't have missed Price's ball game for anything.

●Visiting Vivian and Louie Wolozin Saturday were Dale and Kathy Robertson of Winder.

●Spending the weekend with Myrlene and Jerry Thornton were Rudy and Mary Jacobs of Monticello. Camping on one of their ponds were friend, Jay Smytt, and his two little boys. They all went fishing, even Myrlene. Rudy and Mary took her down to their ponds and I'm sure getting out of the house helped her feel better.

●Gloria and Layton Harris and Curtis and Robbie Tanner attended the Smith family reunion in Comer Sunday. This

reunion was from the family of Curtis and Gloria's paternal grandmother. It seems that family reunion attendance is getting smaller and smaller and some are even disappearing. It is sad that some cousins don't ever get to see each other or even know each other.

●Joining Graydon and Pat Bobo the last weekend in May for a weekend at a cabin on Lake Blue Ridge in McCaysville were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCann, Madison, Travis, and Sierra Griffin of Bainbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bobo of McDonough.

●R.C. and Barbara Oakley of Hampton spent the weekend in their Beulah home. Joining them for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Oakley of Charlotte, N.C.

●Sara Frances Henderson spent Wednesday through Thursday of last week with Chris and Frances Johnson in North Augusta.

●Scott Ware visited his grandmother, Lucy Howell, at the Anderson Hospital in Anderson, S.C., Friday.

●Makayla Hammond of Crawford spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her grandparents, Tony and Marion Hammond, while her sister Lola was at camp.

●Spending the weekend with O'Neal and Celeste Adams were Amanda and Abby Range of Bethlehem. Celeste and Fay Durham enjoyed lunch at the Talk of the Town in Washington Wednesday. Celeste joined Elaine Boiter for lunch at the McRay House in McCormick Friday. Celeste says this is a wonderful tea room. I'll have to check out that place.

●Leon and Linda Aycock and Brian and Tonya Callaway spent the weekend with Gordon and Jewell Brown in Cullwage, N.C. The ladies enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Forge Saturday while the men went fishing. That's the best thing to do. Let the men fish so the ladies can enjoy shopping.

●Andrew and Pat Grimaud's grandson, Jake Cartledge of Evans, left Sunday on his way to New York to make a movie. How exciting! He will be gone for a month.

●Richard and Carolyn Gammon met with Bill and Brenda Gammon of Chickamauga at Modoc Campgrounds in Modoc, S.C., Saturday where Bill and Brenda were camping over the weekend. They started out camping in the Everglades of Florida and now they are making their way home. They all enjoyed a cookout together.

●David and Nancy Hilley attended the Prince Reunion in Elberton at Camp Harmony Sunday. There was good attendance. They enjoyed seeing the local family members and also family members from Atlanta, Augusta, and Ander-

son, S.C. Owen Hilley visited David and Nancy from Tuesday to Thursday. He is their golf cart chauffeur when he visits. He also likes to work in the garden. He waters the plants with his little bucket, sometimes he sits in it, sometimes he wears it on his head. Gardening is good experience for children. I hear of more people having gardens this year than ever. Paula Stevens said she went to get a tomato plant and when asked what kind of tomato did she want, she answered, "a round red tomato."

●Tignall Baptist Church had a wonderful Vacation Bible School last week with an average attendance of 75. Bible School commencement was held Friday night with some of the little ones being quite a bunch of entertainers. Keith Wolfe played the part of Simon Peter during the week and played the part perfectly.

●Twenty-nine people from Tignall Baptist Church left Monday for this year's youth MissionFuge, traveling to Charleston, S.C.

●A baptism service was held at Tignall Baptist Church Sunday with four new members being baptized. Those baptized were Hunter Futch, Lauren Harrison, Wendi Harper, and Keith Wolfe. The special music was a ladies quartet, Faye Lamar, Pam Pullen, Susie Futch, and Tina VanHart, singing "Come."

Bowen preaches at Beaverdam for revival services

Beaverdam Baptist Church had a wonderful revival last week. Rev. James Bowen, pastor of the Siloam Baptist Church in Siloam, brought some powerful messages as guest speaker. James lives here in Rayle and his children are Stephanie and Brandon Bowen, and grandson, Cameron. He is the son-in-law of Martha Hall.

Special singing was enjoyed each evening. Monday, a group from Union Point Baptist Church came and sang several specials. Tuesday, a trio, "The New Apostles," came to sing, and Wednesday, Bill Maxwell sang.

There was also beautiful congregational singing each evening led by Richard Maxwell with William Morrison at the piano. Approximately 10 churches were represented during the three evenings.

The sanctuary was beautiful with pink roses and a mix of summer flowers.

Wednesday, delicious finger foods were served in the fellowship hall by the members of Beaverdam. The tables were covered with pretty cloths with brown-eyed Susans adorning each table.

Rev. John McMillian is pastor of Beaverdam.

Lundberg News

By SAMILLE SHERRER
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We were so thankful for the rain over the weekend. James' garden was beginning to dry up, but it is looking pretty good now. The deer have discovered it and ate some of the pea vines, so he had to hook up the electric fence. We will have squash and tomatoes in a few days. There is nothing better than the first fresh vegetables.

●The hummingbirds have returned. They were here a few days around the last of March, then when the weather turned cold they disappeared. I saw six last week. More will come soon, I think.

●James and I and Willard Lance attended the funeral of Bobby Lee Ashmore in Lincolnton Monday. The Gideons of the Wilkes-Lincoln Camp were honorary pallbearers. He was a well-loved and respected member of the Gideons. He

will be sorely missed.

●Brad Sutherland and a friend spent their vacation last week at Tybee Beach and had a wonderful time.

●The home of Mary Lou and Terry Bradford in Washington was the scene of a family gathering Saturday. Visiting them were Tom and Julie Bradford, Olivia and Emory of Houston, Texas; Morris and Laura Bradford, Zane and Maddie of Dublin. Joining them for the day and to celebrate the birthdays of Olivia and Maddie were Joyce and Dennis Bradford of Thomson; Mrs. Juanita Bradford, Trudy and John Sutherland and Brad.

●Willard and Sue Lance went to Tifton Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Ruby Johnson. Other family members joined them there. They returned home Friday.

●James and I visited Mrs. Sue McCarty in Danielsville and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Spinks in Carlton Friday afternoon.

●Trudy and Brad Sutherland enjoyed spending Sunday afternoon in Augusta.

●I visited Iris Dyson Sunday evening.

●Always forget the troubles that pass your way, but never forget the blessings that come each day.

●Homecoming will be next Sunday, June 14, at Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Revere bringing the message at 11 a.m. with a covered dish dinner after the service. At 1 p.m. a gospel group called The Four Apostles from Greensboro will be bringing special music. Everyone is welcome.

●Vacation Bible School will be held at Beulah Baptist Church June 22-25 at 6:30 p.m.

●Let's remember the following people in our prayers this week: Todd Bradley who has been a patient at Athens Regional but is home now; Frances Vinson who has been in and out of the hospital quite a lot lately; Nita Riley, Calli Nickels, Brenda Bunch, Amy Turner, Gloria Harris, Irene Echols, Margie Wilson, Gary Rogers, Myrlene Thornton, and Kathy Potts.

●My little granddaughter, Kaci Gammon, once said she was homesick. I told her she couldn't be sick because she was at home. She said, "Well, I'm sick, and I'm at home!"

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