**GRADUATES FROM, HIGH SCHOOL**

Jon Gwaltney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melford Gwaltney

Lisa Jo Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory

Leste Ann Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fisher

Lynnah Peevy Kimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Peevy

Randy Shettleworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shettleworth

Paul House, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom House

Harold Wayne Aldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge

**DEATHS**

 Mrs Abbie Greenwood

 Robert Wilson

 Ethel Mason Kincy

 Thomas James Moss

In January of 1976 the new post office was completed. It is located on South Main Street and Line Street, and here is a poem that some one wrote about our Post Office and Post Master:

**A LAUD TO OUR POST OFFICE**

Our Post Master has been serving

 Since he was a young lad.

Giving the best service

 That could ever be had.

Accommodating the people

 Far and near;

And memories of thoughtfulness,

 Are treasured quite dear.

Of one thing we are thankful

 In our little town

When a letter is mailed

 Dyer, Arkansas, stamp can be found.

It takes a special patience

 And hope it will always be,

A DYER, ARKANSAS, POSTMARK,

 and not POSTAL SERVICE we see.

Many footsteps go in

 To that Post Office each day;

And friendliness and love

 Send the mail on its way.

~ This poem is dedicated to Clay and Mildred Cottrell ~

Submitted by a Dyer resident

New homes are being built which help improve the town. So as we look back gratefully we also look forward to the future.

**BICENTENNIAL BABIES**

A son, Kenneth Shawn to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gregory, January 1976. Mrs. Gregory is the former Brenda Henson of Mulberry. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henson of Mulberry. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Myrtle Gregory.

A daughter, Erica Gayleann born January 8, 1976, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Weese of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Weese is the former Myra Julian. **Paternal grandparents** are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weese; great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Weese; great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Myrtle Morse: all of Dyer. **Maternal grandparents** are Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Julian; great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jess Julian; and great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porter: all of Dyer.

Twin daughters, Rodney Gail and Amy Michelle, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teague of Muldrow, February 17, 1976. Mrs. Teague is the former Kay Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Nixon of Dyer.

Twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parks in Germany. Mrs. Parks is in Germany with her husband who is in the U.S. Army. Mrs. Parks is the former Judy Julian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Julian. Great-grandparents of the babies are Mr. and Mrs. Jess Julian; and great- great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porter.

A son, Jeremy Allen born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hubbard of Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 23, 1976. Mrs. Hubbard is the former Martha Swafford of Dyer. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Idus Swafford; great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Swafford of Dyer.

Twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Swafford. Mrs. Swafford is the former Karen Morse of Dyer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carson Morse of Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swafford of Mulberry.

A daughter, Courtney Paige born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dean Smith. Mrs. Smith is the former Deloris Gregory of Dyer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory; and great-grandparents are Mrs. Myrtle Gregory and the late Tom Gregory of Dyer.

A daughter, Kimberly Dawn to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Aldridge, born April 5, 1976. Mrs. Aldridge is the former LuVenia Whitlock of Dyer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Whitlock of Dyer and Mr. Jess Aldridge and the late May Aldridge of Kibler, Arkansas. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Stephens of Dyer.

A daughter, Misti Arlane born to Mr. and Mrs. Arlia Mantooth, on April 13, 1976.

Those who are still expecting at press date are:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Glover

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Black

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Morse.

**1976'ers**

Some of the 1976'ers will be these new citizens:

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Aldridge, Hancock Street, welcomed their first child, daughter Kimberley Dawn Aldridge, born April 5, 1976. Mrs. Aldridge is the former Luvenia Whitlock, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Whitlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Edwards are expecting their first child in the month of May. Mrs. Edwards is the former Jayne Rhodes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes.

**PEEVY-KIMES VOWS EXCHANGED AT DYER**

Dyer Methodist Church was the setting for the wedding of Lynnah Dian Peevy and Johnny Ray Kimes. The March 6th ceremony was performed by Rev. Irl Scott Lancaster. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Peevy of Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kimes of Mulberry.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of polyester organza over satin. The full skirt fell from the high-rise waist line. The V-neckline featured a crystal pleating trim, and the bodice was appliquéd in venise lace with matching lace trimming the full angel sleeves, the hem of the skirt, and the attached chapel length train.

Her full length veil of illusion was attached to a crown type head piece that was also appliquéd in the same venise lace.

She carried a bridal bouquet of pink and white carnations and baby's breath atop a white Bible.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Mrs. Dorothy Benham, pianist, and Nicki Cottrell, soloist. Miss Cottrell sang "We've Only Just Begun" and "If."

Miss Lesta Ann Fisher was maid of honor for the bride, and Lynette Sharp and Kathy Bryant were bridesmaids.

James N. Hesson served the bridegroom as best man.

Thomas Peevy, brother of the bride, and Jerry Summers doubled as groomsmen and ushers.

A reception was held at the Meadors Motor Inn at Alma, Arkansas, following the ceremony. Those who served included Verna Smith, Judy Peevy, Wanda Craig, and Rita Ackles.

Serving at the guest register was Verna Smith, sister of the bride. Rice bags were distributed by Shawn Smith and Rebecca Smith, nephew and niece of the bride, and by Shawn Craig, nephew of the bridegroom.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. The couple will reside in Van Buren, Arkansas.

| **1976 Residents** |
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| Alamo, TonyAldridge, JohnnyAldridge, RayBeckham, Ocie DaleBelt, VesterBerna, GeorgeBerna, LillardBlack, BerniceBlack, PaulBlevins, WillardBodine, JamesBoenxxx, JanetxxxBolender, ChetBowlin, DwightBrasher, DockieBrasher, ParrellBrasher, William (Doc)Burgett, WardBurt, ClaudeCampbell, OlenChastain, CecilChastain, MildredChitwood, Eula MaeChitwood, JewelChronic, VirgilColeman, NeilCottrell, ClayCottrell, Roe ***[Monroe?]***Cottrell, VernaCoulter, BillCoulter, TerryDale, CharlesDavis, EldonDavis, HenryDuncan, Mrs. FredDyer, MackDyer, NitaEichelbarger, KennyEllison, AlbertEvans, BonnyFeatherxxx, DonFisher, ChesterFluaitt, FloydFrazier, CoraFurr, HenryGilbert, BillGrayson, EarnestGregory, BillGregory, Billy WhitGregory, Kenneth Gregory, TomGregory, TroyGwaltney, Melford | Harmon, Lester Harness, JohnHatley, ClaudeHenking, BobHenson, LoisHerring, MorrisHoward, M. L.Humphreyxxx, MaxHurd, HaysHurd, RuthHurd, ThurmanHutchinson, DonaldJames, DwightJulian, HaskellJulian, JessKamm, MartinKamm, VirgilKidd, CastleKidd, MarshallKincy, EllisKnight, OrvalKoiser, ClarenceLancaster, Rev. Irl ScottLand, R. E. Leakey, BenLeakey, CubaLeakey, RickeyLeakey, TommyLeakey, WayneLickletter, TannisLondon, JamesMantooth, Arlis Maynard, C. T.McAdoo, JerryMcIver, W. K.Millsap, RonnieMongold, CartholMoore, Jerry DonMoore, JimMoore, JohnMorrell, BobMorse, Carson Morse, DeweyMorse, Earl J.Morse, Earl T.Morse, Jerry BobMorse, KennethMorse, LelieMorse, MildredMorse, RichardMorse, RussellMorse, TomNapier, Floyd | Nixon, S. J.Nordin, AllenPeevy, FayettePenson, AnnaPerry, JimPittser, JimmyPorter, RayPorter, RoyRayxxx, DonaldRee, Dora McAdooRhodes, BonnieRhodes, FrankRitchie, RebaRoberson, Jerry DanRossen, BillRowe, ElaineSanford, xxxSasse, VivaSefton, LeslieSelby, OlenSexton, LeeShettleworth, J. D.Smalley, RobertStephens, BerthStephens, LucyStephens, QuentinStephenson, J. O.Summers, RubySwafford, IdusSwafford, RoySwaim, JackieSxxx , TxxxSxxx, TxxxTroub, CecilTurner, Rev. KennethVick, ClaytonWeaver, AlvieWeaver, R. G.Whitlock, HershellWhitlow, NancyWilliams, SettlesWilson, AudreyWilson, EdwardWilson, James M.Winford, RaymondWinfrey, BobbyWinfrey, DonaldWoods, Delphyxxx, Albert L.xxx, Gxxxxxx, Lxxx |

***[Editor's note: As you can see by the multitude of "xxx" in the above list, there were many names on the two pages I was working from which were so smudged and faint that I could not make out the correct spelling. If a reader can provide the correct name, please email me the correct name, using this "*Subject: LBAD, pages 156-157*" title on your email ~ this will help me find the right page to correct. Email address =* tom1936@san.rr.com *]***

| **CITY OF DYER, ARKANSAS, WITNESSES:**List Sent of Wagon Train to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania |
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| Aldridge, HaroldAldridge, Marsha BethAldridge, SusieAldridge, Wanda HurdBrasher, Danny LeeBrasher, William DeeBreshears, Alan DaleBreshears, FarrellBreshears, Glenda NixonBreshears, KeithBreshears, PaulBreshears, SamBreshears, SaraBurnett, Beana DavosBurnett, Ronald N.Chastain, Lucille MorseChitwood, Jewel B.Chitwood, Martha BowlinCottrell, Earnest G.Cottrell, VernaCoulter, Bill W.Coulter, TerryCummings, Sarah C. DavisDale, Amy DanetteDale, Charles E.Dale, Cheryl LynneDale, Cynthia AnnDale, Lorri JeanDale, Nina PateDyer, Mack J.Dyer, Nita WagnerEdwards, Jaynee RhodesEdwards, Kenneth D.Fernan, Ronnie NormanFluaitt, Bernadette ZimmermanFluaitt, FloydFluaitt, Joseph T.Fluaitt, Mike A.Fluaitt, Russell W.Frazier, Carl RayFrazier, Cora Campbell  | Frazier, Raymond DaleFrazier, SylviaFurr, H. C.Furr, Vernon BurkhartGregory, Lisa JoGregory, Reba Joe FisherGregory, Troy OdisHarmon, Delta BurgettHarmon, JackHarness, John D.Harness, Nancy HeinolHurd, James A.Hurd, RuthHurd, ThurmanJohnson, CraigJohnson, RobertJohnson, Sharon WhitlockJulian, Cres FinneyKamm, Earlenne PetersKamm, Kerry CarltonKamm, Martin M.Kamm, Stella WilliamsKamm, Virgil M.Kelly, Mary Lou ThomasKincy, Bessie MorseKincy, EllisKincy, Geraldine CaseyKincy, Joe L.Lakey, BenLancaster, Alma Lorena MossLancaster, Irl ScottLeakey, EdgarLondon, Cecelia Butler London, Sr, James M.McAdoo, Marie TarverMongold, Leonard DavidMongold, Ruth KoiserMoore, DannyMoore, Jerry DonMoore, JimMoore, Jr, Terry Don | Moore, Judy KnoufMoore, Nerva MedlockMorrell, CherylinMorrell, Thelma Jean McAdooMorse, MildredNixon, Laura GardnerNixon, Samuel J.Porter, EdnaPorter, Jim K.Porter, John C.Porter, John W.Porter, Lottie V. SongsterPorter, Robert RayPorter, RoyPorter, Wynona StephensRhodes, Ben FrankRhodes, Bonnie BourlandRhodes, Virginia KammRichey, Elizabeth BellRichey, Gary DaleRichey, Patricia Ann Richey, Reba BurgettRossen, AngelaSexton, Lee C.Sexton, Mary LouSexton, T. N.Sexton, TomSmalley, EleanorSmalley, Robert E.Stephens, SteveStephenson, KathleenWeese, Bill W.Whitlock, HershelWhitlock, Lugenia StephensWhitlock, Randall K.Whitlock, Samuel H.Wilcox, Eva PorterWilcox, J. C.Williams, Lois ChitwoodWinford, Reba Dyer |

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