**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, Tony  Aldridge, Johnny  Aldridge, Ray  Beckham, Ocie Dale  Belt, Vester  Berna, George  Berna, Lillard  Black, Bernice  Black, Paul  Blevins, Willard  Bodine, James  Boenxxx, Janetxxx  Bolender, Chet  Bowlin, Dwight  Brasher, Dockie  Brasher, Parrell  Brasher, William (Doc)  Burgett, Ward  Burt, Claude  Campbell, Olen  Chastain, Cecil  Chastain, Mildred  Chitwood, Eula Mae  Chitwood, Jewel  Chronic, Virgil  Coleman, Neil  Cottrell, Clay  Cottrell, Roe ***[Monroe?]***  Cottrell, Verna  Coulter, Bill  Coulter, Terry  Dale, Charles  Davis, Eldon  Davis, Henry  Duncan, Mrs. Fred  Dyer, Mack  Dyer, Nita  Eichelbarger, Kenny  Ellison, Albert  Evans, Bonny  Featherxxx, Don  Fisher, Chester  Fluaitt, Floyd  Frazier, Cora  Furr, Henry  Gilbert, Bill  Grayson, Earnest  Gregory, Bill  Gregory, Billy Whit  Gregory, Kenneth  Gregory, Tom  Gregory, Troy  Gwaltney, Melford | Harmon, Lester  Harness, John  Hatley, Claude  Henking, Bob  Henson, Lois  Herring, Morris  Howard, M. L.  Humphreyxxx, Max  Hurd, Hays  Hurd, Ruth  Hurd, Thurman  Hutchinson, Donald  James, Dwight  Julian, Haskell  Julian, Jess  Kamm, Martin  Kamm, Virgil  Kidd, Castle  Kidd, Marshall  Kincy, Ellis  Knight, Orval  Koiser, Clarence  Lancaster, Rev. Irl Scott  Land, R. E.  Leakey, Ben  Leakey, Cuba  Leakey, Rickey  Leakey, Tommy  Leakey, Wayne  Lickletter, Tannis  London, James  Mantooth, Arlis  Maynard, C. T.  McAdoo, Jerry  McIver, W. K.  Millsap, Ronnie  Mongold, Carthol  Moore, Jerry Don  Moore, Jim  Moore, John  Morrell, Bob  Morse, Carson  Morse, Dewey  Morse, Earl J.  Morse, Earl T.  Morse, Jerry Bob  Morse, Kenneth  Morse, Lelie  Morse, Mildred  Morse, Richard  Morse, Russell  Morse, Tom  Napier, Floyd | Nixon, S. J.  Nordin, Allen  Peevy, Fayette  Penson, Anna  Perry, Jim  Pittser, Jimmy  Porter, Ray  Porter, Roy  Rayxxx, Donald  Ree, Dora McAdoo  Rhodes, Bonnie  Rhodes, Frank  Ritchie, Reba  Roberson, Jerry Dan  Rossen, Bill  Rowe, Elaine  Sanford, xxx  Sasse, Viva  Sefton, Leslie  Selby, Olen  Sexton, Lee  Shettleworth, J. D.  Smalley, Robert  Stephens, Berth  Stephens, Lucy  Stephens, Quentin  Stephenson, J. O.  Summers, Ruby  Swafford, Idus  Swafford, Roy  Swaim, Jackie  Sxxx , Txxx  Sxxx, Txxx  Troub, Cecil  Turner, Rev. Kenneth  Vick, Clayton  Weaver, Alvie  Weaver, R. G.  Whitlock, Hershell  Whitlow, Nancy  Williams, Settles  Wilson, Audrey  Wilson, Edward  Wilson, James M.  Winford, Raymond  Winfrey, Bobby  Winfrey, Donald  Woods, Delphy  xxx, Albert L.  xxx, Gxxx  xxx, 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, Harold  Aldridge, Marsha Beth  Aldridge, Susie  Aldridge, Wanda Hurd  Brasher, Danny Lee  Brasher, William Dee  Breshears, Alan Dale  Breshears, Farrell  Breshears, Glenda Nixon  Breshears, Keith  Breshears, Paul  Breshears, Sam  Breshears, Sara  Burnett, Beana Davos  Burnett, Ronald N.  Chastain, Lucille Morse  Chitwood, Jewel B.  Chitwood, Martha Bowlin  Cottrell, Earnest G.  Cottrell, Verna  Coulter, Bill W.  Coulter, Terry  Cummings, Sarah C. Davis  Dale, Amy Danette  Dale, Charles E.  Dale, Cheryl Lynne  Dale, Cynthia Ann  Dale, Lorri Jean  Dale, Nina Pate  Dyer, Mack J.  Dyer, Nita Wagner  Edwards, Jaynee Rhodes  Edwards, Kenneth D.  Fernan, Ronnie Norman  Fluaitt, Bernadette Zimmerman  Fluaitt, Floyd  Fluaitt, Joseph T.  Fluaitt, Mike A.  Fluaitt, Russell W.  Frazier, Carl Ray  Frazier, Cora Campbell | Frazier, Raymond Dale  Frazier, Sylvia  Furr, H. C.  Furr, Vernon Burkhart  Gregory, Lisa Jo  Gregory, Reba Joe Fisher  Gregory, Troy Odis  Harmon, Delta Burgett  Harmon, Jack  Harness, John D.  Harness, Nancy Heinol  Hurd, James A.  Hurd, Ruth  Hurd, Thurman  Johnson, Craig  Johnson, Robert  Johnson, Sharon Whitlock  Julian, Cres Finney  Kamm, Earlenne Peters  Kamm, Kerry Carlton  Kamm, Martin M.  Kamm, Stella Williams  Kamm, Virgil M.  Kelly, Mary Lou Thomas  Kincy, Bessie Morse  Kincy, Ellis  Kincy, Geraldine Casey  Kincy, Joe L.  Lakey, Ben  Lancaster, Alma Lorena Moss  Lancaster, Irl Scott  Leakey, Edgar  London, Cecelia Butler  London, Sr, James M.  McAdoo, Marie Tarver  Mongold, Leonard David  Mongold, Ruth Koiser  Moore, Danny  Moore, Jerry Don  Moore, Jim  Moore, Jr, Terry Don | Moore, Judy Knouf  Moore, Nerva Medlock  Morrell, Cherylin  Morrell, Thelma Jean McAdoo  Morse, Mildred  Nixon, Laura Gardner  Nixon, Samuel J.  Porter, Edna  Porter, Jim K.  Porter, John C.  Porter, John W.  Porter, Lottie V. Songster  Porter, Robert Ray  Porter, Roy  Porter, Wynona Stephens  Rhodes, Ben Frank  Rhodes, Bonnie Bourland  Rhodes, Virginia Kamm  Richey, Elizabeth Bell  Richey, Gary Dale  Richey, Patricia Ann  Richey, Reba Burgett  Rossen, Angela  Sexton, Lee C.  Sexton, Mary Lou  Sexton, T. N.  Sexton, Tom  Smalley, Eleanor  Smalley, Robert E.  Stephens, Steve  Stephenson, Kathleen  Weese, Bill W.  Whitlock, Hershel  Whitlock, Lugenia Stephens  Whitlock, Randall K.  Whitlock, Samuel H.  Wilcox, Eva Porter  Wilcox, J. C.  Williams, Lois Chitwood  Winford, Reba Dyer |

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