

Four hundred senior citizens help celebrate county's anniversary

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More than 400 senior citizens involved in the city's recreational program were treated to a luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 15, at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center. The occasion was part of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County's celebration of the county's 400th anniversary and was funded jointly by R.J. Reynolds Industries and the Winston-Salem Foundation.

"Senior citizens have been the backbone of our community since the founding of this county," Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke said to the luncheon guests. "We honor you today to show you the appreciation that you deserve."

The Rupert Bell Choir, named after a local black man noted for

his work with senior citizens and the recreation department, opened the program with "America" and "Whom Shall I Fear?" Mayor Wayne Corpening earlier had proclaimed the day as Senior Citizens Day in Forsyth County.

The choir, whose members are from the Skyland Senior Citizens Club, has performed for a number of nursing homes and churches since it was organized 10 years ago.

Besides serving as alderman, Burke has held the position of chairman of the anniversary committee for the past two years.

"The purpose of this program is to honor our senior citizens," Burke said. "People don't always give them the respect that they should."

The program also featured a variety of speakers.

Dr. Edwin L. Stockton, retired secretary and treasurer of the Moravian Church (Southern Province), spoke of the founding of Forsyth County, beginning with the arrival of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Louise Hamilton, retired associate professor of history and political science at Winston-Salem State University, explained how the first black church school, St. Phillip's Church in Old Salem, was organized in 1823. Hamilton continued her presentation with black history highlights of Forsyth County.

Hamilton, a native of Winston-Salem, serves on the Forsyth-Stokes Area Mental Health Authority Board, is an organizer and consultant to the Afro-American Historical Society for the Study of Black History and is chairman of the Inter-

religious Concerns and Christian Unity Board at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Joseph Bradshaw, a retired educator, presented a slide show entitled, "Slides and Pictures of Black Local History." Slides were shown of "old Winston-Salem" and eastern areas of the community, including schools, homes and prominent people.

Bradshaw's slides featured baseball players from the '20s, Winston Mutual agents in 1929 and faculty from black schools.

Annie Brougham, one of the senior citizens who attended, said she enjoyed the occasion.

"I thought it was an interesting program," Brougham said. "It's nice to know that people in the community are still thinking about their elderly people."

In her closing remarks, Burke commented, "In trying to preserve our history, it's important to honor these people in our community. If it wasn't for them, there would be no 'us.'" Dr. W.M. Adams, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, delivered the invocation before the catered meal was served.

Jarretts and Kimbers hold family reunion

The Jarrett and Kimber families of Winston-Salem celebrated their first organized reunion from Aug. 2 to Aug. 4 at various locations throughout the city.

More than 100 people attended the event, which was organized by Mrs. Thelma Pigford. She held monthly meetings and mailed a family newsletter which outlined proposals and plans for the event.

The theme of the gathering was "Together as Family, Together as Friends, Together Again."

The reunion started on Friday, Aug. 2, and included formal registration and a craft show. Mrs. Jettie Kimber served as registrar. All family members received a hospitality bag at registration which included a schedule of events, a family directory and a cookbook which was compiled by Lillian Stimpson.

The family held a teen social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimber on New Walkertown Road. Carla, Emily and Robert Kimber served as hosts and hostesses of the social.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the family held a prayer breakfast at Winston Lake Park. The Rev. Konnie Robinson and the Rev. B.F. Daniels hosted the breakfast.

Also present were the Rev. Walter Moore and the Rev. James Stimpson. A prayer service, breakfast and memorial service were included as part of the event.

Around noon on Aug. 3, the family held a cookout for the

younger members. The gathering included games, music and fellowship.

The family held a banquet later that evening at the Holiday Inn North.

The banquet was hosted by Mrs. Thelma Pigford and co-hosted by Mrs. Phylis Kimber. County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff greeted the family as a representative of Forsyth County. Mrs. Minnie Ervin welcomed the family and friends.

Family members spoke during the banquet. Appearing on the program were: James Jarrett of Philadelphia, Pa., Jakay Ervin, Rosa Ervin, Rose Pigford, all of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Gladys Morrison of Elkin.

Mrs. Edith Blackburn, treasurer of the reunion committee, and Mrs. Lillian Booker discussed important family accomplishments.

Dennis Williams, Mrs. Deloris Wall and Roy Porter provided music. James Anderson provided piano music and videotaped the event.

The family lit the family tree, which represents all the members of the Kimber and Jarrett families, during the banquet.

After the banquet, the family held a business meeting to plan next year's reunion. After the meeting, the family held a dance.

On Sunday, the final day of the reunion, the family gathered at the Milrose Shores' house to attend Benbow Chapel AME Zion Church in East Bend. This is the home church of the Jarrett family.

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and Gallery Tour, Streetscene Preview Party, a five-mile foot race and a two-day weekend festival.

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art and R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc. announce the 10th annual grant program of individual arts fellowships for southern artists. Artists 18 and older may apply in order to receive one of seven \$3,000 grants available for visual artists in all media. Final applications must be postmarked by Nov. 1 to be considered by the National Selection Panel. Eligible artists may request guidelines and application forms by contacting Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, P.O. Box 11927, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106, or by calling 725-1904.

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Grand District Deputy Dorothy Sprinkle presented trophies to first-place winner Sister Jessie Landingham of Bivouac Chapter No. 530, second-place winner Sister Tomasue Crockett, Queens of Olympic No. 620, and third-place winner Sister Barbara Clemmons, James H. Young Memorial No. 592.

Other brides participating were

Annie Phelps, Beauty of the West No. 36; Miriam Littlejohn, Meridian No. 308; Vera James, Elizabeth No. 657; Orelia Stark, Mars No. 395; Cora Lee Studevent, Rose De Mall No. 531; Louise Welch, Rose McCloud No. 608, and Elizabeth Hawkins, Queens of Olympic No. 620.

Brother F.B. Eaton and Dorothy Sprinkle spoke.

Close-Up

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milk to curdle) and I am going to churn it," says Cathey.

Cathey also makes his own mulch from the leaves and corn stalks left from the garden.

"This here keeps me busy," says Cathey.

Cathey, a World War I veteran, is a hard worker and has two fingers amputated at the knuckles to show for it. He says that he received the injury when he worked in Mecklenburg County at Wade Manufacturing Co. He was given a lifetime job, but the company went out of business.

He moved to Winston-Salem

and was the owner of the Square Deal cafe, located on Third Street, and a later cafe on Patterson Avenue known as Cathey's Inn, from which he retired.

"Exercise in that garden keeps me going," says Cathey. "I do a whole lot of work out there and been doing it."

Cathey only has a nephew here in Winston-Salem to take care of him. He says that his nephew takes care of him and pays the bills.

He has a son in Bridgeport, Conn. His daughter died in 1976, the same year his wife died. He has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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