

Church Observance: 150th Anniversary

Old friendships were rekindled, the past remembered and community bonds strengthened on Sunday, July 14, when close to 800 people gathered at Rocky Hock Baptist Church to celebrate the church's One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary.

The sanctuary and both balconies were filled to capacity as former pastor Rev. Meredith Garrett delivered the Sunday morning message. Garrett, who was pastor of the church from 1966 - 71, is now pastor at Bayview Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. The current and twentieth pastor at Rocky Hock Baptist Church is Rev. Donald Wagner.

After worship services, the celebration moved outside where the ladies of the church had prepared a generous noon meal. Throughout the churchyard were reminders of the past:

members of the congregation dressed in period costumes and two horsedrawn carriages which had transported families to the anniversary celebration. A shelter reminiscent of the ones used by families to eat their noon meals in years past was constructed for the occasion; it housed relics from the church's rich history and also contained photographs of former pastors.

Later in the afternoon a skit was performed by 23 church members whose ages range from 7 to 70. The script, written by Sandra Boyce, a Drama Professor at Chowan College in Murfreesboro and chairman of the five-member Anniversary Committee, told the history of the church organized in 1835 by Elder J.B. Webb, Robert Felton and others. The name of that church was The Church of Christ at Rockahock.

Boyce did research for the skit by reading church minutes from the past century-and-a-half. Those minutes told of the first church built of logs and located in the fork of the road known as the "big A", 150 yards northeast of the present building. The congregation moved to its first frame building on the present site in 1855. She also found that Elder J.B. Webb served as the church's first pastor at a salary of \$25 per annum.

In a news article published in 1955, Boyce found a description of the people of Rocky Hock. A man was reported to have said, "If I were blindfolded and put on the Chowan River, I would know whether I was at a Rocky Hock fishing pier. They don't drink and there is no dirty talk." Also an Edenton merchant was quoted as saying, "I a man is from the Rocky Hock Community, I will give him credit or cash his check. I know he is honest."

The One Hundred Fiftieth Celebration on Sunday was a huge success.

"I just had a real good feeling about the day," said Boyce. "There's a real good feeling of community in Rocky Hock. I'm so glad that I live in a rural setting where everybody is so close."

Another member of the congregation, Jack Evans, commented on the celebration. "I really does you good to look back and see what went on before your time; I just hope we'll be able to come up with some history that people beyond us will be able to look back on and say, 'Hey thats great.'"

Annual N.C. 4-H Congress

Chowan County 4-H members will be among some 900 Tar Heel youth attending the 1985 North Carolina 4-H Congress July 22-26 in Raleigh according to Theresa Clark, Home Economics Extension Agent.

Leaders and extension agents from across the state will accompany the youth for the annual event.

Registration will be held at the North Carolina State University Faculty Club. Delegates will reside in NCSU dormitories. Activities are scheduled for the NCSU campus and the State Fairgrounds.

The congress officially opens

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY— (from left to right) Sammy Morris, Mary Ann Bunch, Lou Ann Elliott and Kay Evans were players in a skit depicting the 150 year history of Rocky Hock Baptist Church performed as part of the church's One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, July 14. The skit was written and directed by Sandra Boyce.

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Area Allocated Funds For Road Improvement

The North Carolina Board of Transportation recently allocated \$97,134 for secondary road construction improvements in Chowan County. The money is the county's apportionment of \$47.1 million approved by the board to fund improvements to secondary roads and statewide.

The funds, which were allocated on a county-by-county basis, were appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly earlier this month. The legislative action guaranteed that 1 3/8 cents of the state's 12 1/4 cents per gallon gas tax will be used for secondary road improvements.

The amount of funding for each county is determined by a formula

established by the state legislature. According to the formula, every county receives a percentage of the total funds based on the unpaved secondary roads in the county in relation to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state. Statewide, 17,929 secondary road miles remain unpaved, a figure that represents 20 percent of the state's highway system. In Chowan County 36 miles remain unpaved.

State Transportation Secretary James E. Harrington called the secondary roads program one of the most important elements of North Carolina's overall highway

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Not X-Rated Show

The operator who set the type for our little piece last week about the state zoo must have been thinking about Ramar and Hope rather than the whole animal population.

Those "loving exhibits" referred to in the story were really living exhibits of birds and animals from around the world. We wouldn't want anybody to get the idea the zoo is putting on x-rated shows.

Ball In Agency's Court

That paragraph in the Chowan Herald story which said that Eastern Municipal Power Agency officials charged that Mayor Roy Harrell's criticisms "had lowered the organization's bond rating to a point that might cost the agency \$6 million over the next 20 years" says more than meets the eye of the casual reader along the Public Parade.

If the mayor's criticisms have, indeed, lowered the agency's bond rating, that can only be because what he has been saying is true; and, if it is true, market analysts would have recognized it whether the mayor opened his mouth or not.

With local customers paying the agency more for electricity than if they buying it direct from Carolina Power and Light, it cannot be said that the agency has been caught with its kilowatt costs down. On the contrary, if its bloated bureaucracy and inefficiency have pushed costs up to where it cannot undersell the utility, then it has abdicated its reason for being.

Whatever the current status, we can understand why, under the mutual agreements which brought the agency into being, it may not be feasible to permit any of its 32 municipal members to withdraw. Slicing losses into bigger pieces is never a popular proposition; whereas, on the other hand, if it were a money-making situation, there would be lots of takers for Edenton's small share.

So there was little left for Edenton to do but accept in as good a

Slogan Chosen By Extension Service

"Eat Right For Life" is the state foods and nutrition slogan for the Agricultural Extension Service during the next two years. Mrs. Margie Harrell and Mrs. Cora Guthrie are members of the Chowan County Extension staff. They are Foods and Nutrition Program Aids and work with families in Chowan County, especially those with young children. The purpose of the foods and nutrition program (EFNEP) is for families to acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes and changed behavior necessary to improve their diets in normal nutrition.

Mrs. Harrell has been a program aide for ten years. She

works primarily in the southern part of the county. She lives at Route 3, Edenton with husband, Samuel and has two sons, Tommy and Cedric.

Mrs. Guthrie joined the extension staff in March, 1985 and works more in the northern part of the county. She resides in Tyner with her family, husband, Rev. Sherman Guthrie and son, Shane.

They visit families individually to enroll them in the program. Generally homemakers remain with the program about one year. While they are in the program, efforts are made to involve them in other programs offered by the Ex-

tension Service. One prominent result has been the motivation of homemakers to want to pursue and improve other facets of family living.

The most outstanding result is the increased levels of dietary adequacy along with the fact that nutritious diets are being obtained at a lower cost than the amount spent before the aide enrolled families in the program. Thus the economic value has great appeal among clients.

Considering the fact that the percent of family income spent for food varies from one family to another, financial management and efficient use of resources necessarily are integral components of the nutrition education subject matter taught. A sizeable proportion of program homemakers have been able to reduce their food expenditure while improving the quality of diet.

Working under the supervision of the Area Home Economics Extension Agent, Ila Grey White, they participate in a continuous training program. During the first three weeks of employment they were involved in intensive training on district basis.

Currently Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Harrell have attended workshops related to "Eat Right for Life", osteoporosis, cancer and nutrition, cooking with light touch, weight management and nutrition and heart disease. Specialists at N.C. State University provide educational materials and resources. These staff members are specialized in foods and nutrition, home management, family relations, entomology, adult education, etc.

Families are interested in gardening, canning, freezing, sanitation, storage, food preparation and planning. Young families are interested in nutrition during pregnancy, for the baby and children. All families are interested in saving money of food.

The program aides are not expected to cope with non-related nutrition problems. However,

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FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION— John Baker (standing) Chief of the Farmville Fire Department and President of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, and Edenton Fire Department Chief Lynn Perry were on hand for the quarterly meeting of the association held at the American Legion Building on Thursday, July 11. During the special Ladies Night meeting, new officers were installed. The Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association has representatives from 32 counties.

County District Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session July 16, 1985 with the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding over the criminal calendar.

Monique Armel Ward was called but failed to show on a charge of unsafe movement.

Zenetta Simpson plead guilty to shoplifting and was sentenced to 90 days suspended 2 years on the condition that she pay a \$100 fine and cost of court. She is also to remain off the premises of Revco Drug Store for 2 years.

Charles "Chuck" Paylin was

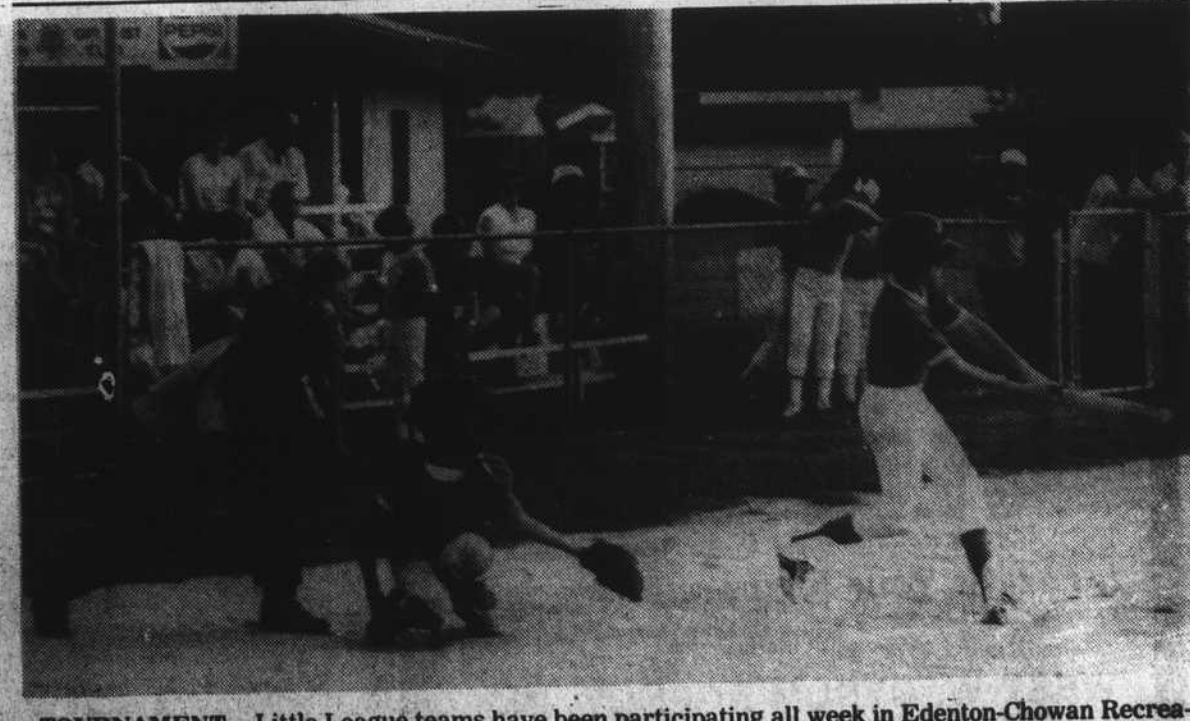
called but failed to show on a charge of secreting secured property.

Archie Allen Felton was called but failed to show on a charge of communicating a threat.

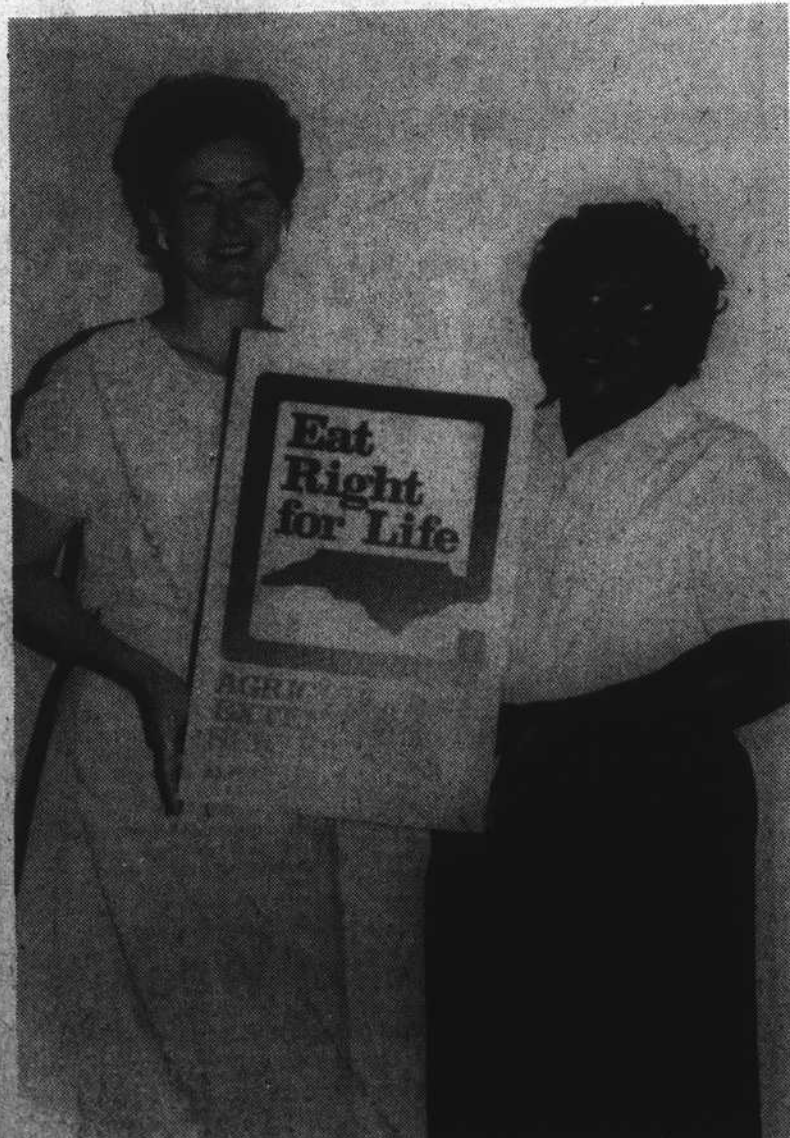
Other cases tried in the July 9th session of Chowan County District Court were:

Joe Louis Johnson was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 2 years on condition he pay a fine of \$150 and cost of court. He is to perform 72 hours of community service

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TOURNAMENT— Little League teams have been participating all week in Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department's End-of-Season Tournament. The final championship game is scheduled to get underway 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 19, at Fisher Field, Badham Road. The photo above was taken Monday night during a game between Rocky Hock and Hardee's; final score: Hardee's - 23, Rocky Hock - 3.



SLOGAN— Cora Guthrie, left, and Margie Harrell, members of the Chowan County Extension staff, are pictured with the foods and nutrition slogan, "Eat Right For Life."