

Church News

Oxendines celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary

Green Grove Harvest Festival



Green Grove Elementary School held its Harvest Festival Monday, November 7. Mr. Barry Harding, principal, made the opening remarks and then crowned the Harvest King and Queen for the 1983-84 school year. The king and queen (shown above with principal Barry Harding) are Sanchez Hunt and Jessica Lane Hunt. Sanchez Hunt is the son of Sylvester and Carolyn Hunt. He is in Mrs. Mary Lawson's kindergarten class. Jessica Lane Hunt is the daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Hunt. She is in Mrs. Inez P. Page's kindergarten class. In addition to the crowning, a program was presented by children from each class at the school. Afterwards, a drawing was held for prizes. The following items were given away: a portable television set won by Everlena Marsh; Raymond Hunt won a seafood dinner; Emma Oxendine won a turkey. The festival marked the end of a fund-raising project for the school.

Employees Concerns Council formed

All employees in Robeson County will now have their own Citizens Council where they can come together, discuss, and take action about problems and concerns facing them on their jobs. The first meeting of the Employees Concerns Council will be next Tuesday night, November 22, at 7 p.m. at the new Robeson County Information and Education Center at 116 West 4th Street in Lumberton. The Employees Concerns Council is being established by the Robeson County Fair Employment Project, a special project of Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. The Information and Education Center is the new office of Robeson County CALC. Mr. Johnnie Jacobs, a Staff Member of the Fair Employment Project from the Long Branch Community, stated: "The Council is being formed by and for employees who are concerned about their own welfare and the welfare of their fellow employees. At times, employees feel like they don't have rights or that no one cares. This group will care and will stress what can be done about unfair treatment, favoritism on the job, low wages, discrimination, and no benefits--things of this nature that affect not only the employee but also the employer. When employees are denied the rights and respect that they are entitled to, their work performance will not benefit the employer. At times, employers forget that the people who are working for them are indeed people who need and want these things. These are the things that America is supposed to offer, such as the pursuit of happiness, good working conditions, good paying jobs, and employees rights. With these things, employees will say to their employers, "I will give you eight hours, or whatever, of quality work." The Employees Concerns Council is one of the first being started by the Fair Employment Project. Other Councils include the (1) Fair Employment Council which will investigate and take action on complaints of unfair employment practices; (2) Unemployment Council which will form Jobs, Benefits, and Credit Committees and include the establishment of a Crafts Cooperative, Jobs Bank, and small industries; and (3) An Economic Development Council which will involve citizens in economic development planning and decision-making in the county. All of these Councils will meet during the monthly meetings of the Fair Employment Project to be held the first Tuesday night of every month at 7 p.m. at the Information and Education Center. Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned, the sponsoring organization, was formed in 1980 to unite citizens across race, economic, and religious lines to seek and find solutions to the serious problems facing citizens of our county. For more information, call the Robeson County CALC Information Center at 739-7851 or 739-7854 or drop by the office at 116 West 4th Street in Lumberton.

NEWS FROM EVER GREEN CHURCH

This being Homecoming Day (Sunday) we had a lot of visitors. Each was given a welcome by the superintendent, Jackie Wilkins.

The Young People rendered special singing during Sunday School.

The class of Mrs. Macie Oxendine received the attendance banner.

Proud to have the Rev. Edmond Locklear, Jr. back with us after being away for some time working in another field for the Lord. He brought the message, taken from St. John, 12th chapter and 13th verse, using for his subject, When Jesus Comes to Your House. He's surely coming at an hour we think not. So be ready. It could be today.

Rev. Edmond also gave the history of the church after dining over at the fellowship hall.

We had many visiting groups to sing: The Lowry Sisters from Tabernacle, Young and United from Daniels Chapel, Gosplers from St. Anna, Jones Family from Union Chapel, the Hunt Sisters from Church of God, Young Messengers, also from Union Chapel, the Ever Green Trio, Ever Green Adults, Ever Green Young People, and Bro. Irvin Locklear. Each song had a great message.

I would like to share our Sunday School lesson with you.

Lesson for Today: St. John, Chapter 4.

Jesus met the woman at the well. As we look at the story of the Samaritan woman, we must see first the value of Jesus' one method of evangelization, and we must seek to follow His example.

Our lesson gives us a picture of Jesus' humanity. As He paused at the well of Jacob in Samaria, and as He waited for His disciples to go into Sychar to purchase food, He was aware of a woman who came to draw water from one of the rare wells of the area. He first asked a drink of water from the woman, then attempted to talk with her. Jesus opened the door to the Samaritan woman's heart by appealing to her curiosity. At first He asked for a drink of water. Then, after she had questioned Jesus' propriety--she being a Samaritan, He being a Jew--Jesus startled her with the claim that she should have asked water of Him, for He had the unusual ability to give her water whereby she would never thirst again. The real need of the woman's life was for a

satisfaction of her spiritual thirst; and Jesus was ready to offer her such; but first she had to face the truth of a wasted life. Before she could find satisfaction of mind and peace of heart, she had to make right the wrongs in her life.

The basic question of the woman of Samaria, and the lost persons of our day, must be, "Where can I find God?" We who have found Him must be ready to help those grasping in the darkness of their sins.

The first response of the Samaritan woman after her dramatic discovery was in sharing what she had learned and received. Her waterpot became an important. She became more interested in that which was spiritual and eternal, rather than that which was material.

The second response of the Samaritan woman was in forgetting her shame. To tell of her newfound joy she went quickly into the city, the place of her sinful past, and expressed to all, to come and see the One who had changed her life.

Upon her first encounter with Jesus, the Samaritan woman was frightened. Her fright probably increased as she realized Jesus knew everything about her, including many things she dared not tell Him. But her fears faded when she realized that Jesus cared for her.

We, too, should possess a respectful fear of Jesus, our Lord, and we should also realize that He cares for us.

Please pray for the family of Mr. Ronnie Oxendine. This family needs Jesus so much. Pray also for Mr. Johnnie Allen. He's in Durham Hospital.

Many sick and lost people need the prayers of God's children.

Thought for Today: We alone can do nothing but with God all things are possible.

Remember we get what we have faith for. Please pray for us at Ever Green.

Mrs. Leacie Brooks



The state of Utah has the highest birth rate in the nation: 26.3 births per 1,000 of the population.

NATION'S FORD CHURCH OF GOD

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--Rev. Tom Tatum read from Exodus 30:22-33. You know, the holy anointing oil can be used by so many Godly things. Remember you are welcome to come to Nation's Ford Church of God. You can always feel God around you. I really do enjoy myself when I go.

Well, I got a big surprise Sunday night. Brantly Oxendine called me from Tillery, N.C. I was so happy. You know God can work miracles. The understanding that I got was that he could not make a phone call unless it was very important. And then only to his family. But you can see how good God is. He can do anything if you only ask Him in the right way. Please remember him in your prayers.

Please pray for the family of Mrs. Hazel Bosch who passed away Thursday. Her son-in-law's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peggy and Parker Duncan are very good friends of mine

here in Charlotte. And Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Strickland, Jr. I think both of them are still in the hospital. Mr. Hank Calderone is still very sick. Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Cloninger of Salisbury. I work with their daughter Kay Miller. Also remember her too. And Mrs. Willie LeMaster and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Estes and Mr. Enaris Harris--all of Charlotte. Pray for all the ones that are lost in sin. Especially my father. I love him so much. And my children and sisters. I want to thank all of you that have made a prayer for my daughter Lisa. Please continue it. Her legs still bother her sometimes.

Words to Remember

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." John 2.

Please pray for me. I thank you Jesus for my life today. Being a Christian is wonderful.



PINEY GROVE SCHOOL WINNERS

During the recently held Harvest Festival at Piney Grove School a new Prince and Princess, King and Queen were crowned. The Prince and Princess are from Ms. Helen Smith's 3rd grade class. They are Denise Hunt, the daughter of Ms. Sarah Hunt and William Locklear, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Locklear. The King and Queen are from Mr. James M. Hunt's sixth grade class. They are Kimberly Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Collins and Christopher Locklear, son of Ms. Shirlean Locklear. During the ceremonies each contestant from grades K-6 was introduced and presented a silver dollar and a certificate of appreciation.

BLOOD DRIVE

Mt. Airy Baptist Church, in conjunction with the Mt. Airy Jaycees and Jayettes, are sponsoring a Blood Drive December 3, 1983 at the Mt. Airy Church. The time will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The American Red Cross will be on hand to draw your blood. You know, God gave us life, and in turn, He gives us ways and opportunities to save life. Please come out and help save someone's life. The site is located on Highway 72 between Pembroke and Lumberton. For more information please call Rev. Michael Cummings at 738-7384, or Harlie W. Locklear at 521-9584.

BLOODMOBILE AT CHEROKEE CHAPEL CHURCH

There will be a Red Cross Bloodmobile at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church on Friday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The church is located off Highway 71 in the Wakulla Community between Red Springs and Maxton.

GOSPELSING

Prospect United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Maxton, is holding a Gospel Sing Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at the church. The pastor, Rev. Robert Mangum and the Music Director, Harold Jacobs invite the public to attend and participate.

GOSPELSING

There will be a Gospel Sing at Smyrna Baptist Church located on Hwy. 211 E., Lumberton, Nov. 19, 1983, beginning at 7 p.m. Quinton Mills and Deliverance, plus many other groups, will be participating in the Gospel Sing which is being sponsored by the Calvary Gospel Singers of Lumberton.

INDIAN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET

N.C. Indian Ministerial Association will meet Monday night, Nov. 21, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. at Bear Swamp Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All interested ministers and lay persons are urged to attend.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE PLANNED

A special Thanksgiving service will be held at Sandy Plains Methodist Church on Sunday night at 7 p.m. The churches participating will be Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Union Chapel Community Church and Union Chapel Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. The Rev. Mike Cummings, pastor of Mt. Airy Baptist Church will bring the message.



Some say sneezing before a journey is a bad sign.

Kiwanians hear from Local Principals

Program Chairman Freddie Maynor presented Junior High School Principal Bill Brewington and Assistant Principal James F. Bell.

Principal Brewington discussed the importance of junior high school students establishing goals such as good study habits, habits of work and play.

There are 600 students at Pembroke Junior High School about evenly distributed between the 8th and 9th grades. There are 33 teachers with whom Principal Brewington was very well pleased. The School has a fine athletic program consisting of football for grades 7, 8, 9 boys; girls and boys basketball; and they hope to have baseball this coming Spring.

Valuable experience in student government and conducting elections, fund-raising activities in the form of the Miss Warrior Pageant. Miss Charlotte Chavis was the first Miss Warrior to be elected.

Students take pride in the school flag which was flown over our nation's capital. The campus is a very busy place. The cafeteria has been used as a voting place, the athletic facilities have been used by South Robeson High School, the baseball field was used by the PSU Baseball Team while their baseball diamond was being repaired. The tennis courts have been used by the West Robeson Tennis Team. There are ongoing plans for the public address system and to change the sign in front of the school to read "Pembroke Junior High School."

Mr. Brewington is working with the academic program of the school. He has as a goal for every 8th grade student to be able to take algebra; all 9th grade students to take biology and to be able to offer courses in Spanish or French as well as music and art.

Principal Brewington also asked Kiwanis to act as volunteers in helping with their program and to assist in

Mr. and Mrs. Millard H. Oxendine

Mr. and Mrs. Millard H. Oxendine celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 22 at the Harpers Ferry Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Larry D. Hunt presided at the guest register and directed them to the receiving line composed of the honorees and their children, Janet, Chris, Lisa and Michelle.

The Rev. Steve Jones, the couples' pastor, gave the invocation to the buffet tables.

Ms. Clyde Holly served the cake, baked by Mrs. Woodrow Cummings. It was a three-tiered cake with three other cakes surrounding the wedding cake. A flower arrangement consisting of white

mums, carnations and daisies decorated with silver glitter accented the table.

Mrs. Dexter Jones, Mrs. Bentley C. Harris, Mrs. Garth Locklear and Mrs. Joyce Locklear served at the buffet tables.

Mrs. Bobby Deese and Mrs. Rufus Locklear served at the gift table.

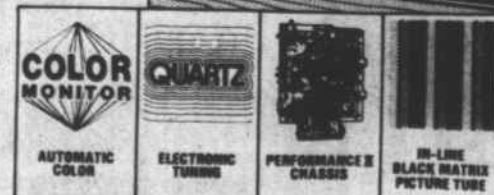
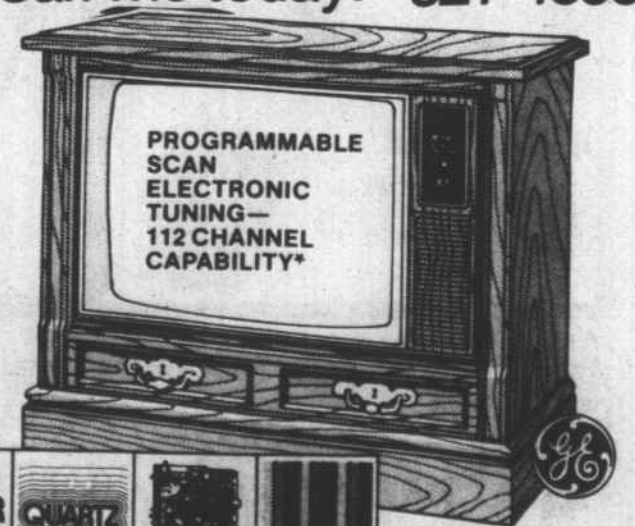
The honored couple was married October 22, 1958. Mrs. Oxendine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bullard and Mr. Oxendine is the son of the late Lonnie H. Oxendine and Mrs. Minerva E. Oxendine residing in Pembroke.

Around 125 attended the occasion.

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