

IN AND AROUND ROCKY MOUNT

By R. D. Armstrong

Miss Myrna Lowe, a senior at Southern Nash Senior High School, was crowned "Miss OIC" (Opportunities Industrialization Center) at the fifth annual OIC pageant staged here last Friday night in the OIC auditorium.

Also sharing awards were Miss Wanda Joyner, first runner-up and Miss Judy Powell, second runner-up, both seniors at Rocky Mount Senior High School.

The pageant was presented in three categories, swimsuit competition, talent competition and evening gown wear. Each contestant had a three minute interview with the judges.

The master of ceremonies was J. D. Lewis, popular host of the weekly television show "Teenage Frolics" over WRAL-TV in Raleigh.

The eleven judges were W. Kyser Wilson, Durham; Mrs. Hanna Cannady, Warrenton; Plummer Alston, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Yvonne Wheeler, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Iris Marbet, Wilson; Mrs. Vivian Garica, Rocky Mount; Dr. Earl Glenn, Goldsboro; Mrs. Clara Scarborough, Durham; Miss Gloria Pinder, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bruce Lightner, Raleigh; and Ike Goods, Baltimore, Md., currently with WRSV in Rocky Mount.

Along with the top honor went four additional prizes, including \$150 scholarship, a beautiful trophy, a weeks vacation in Philadelphia (OIC's National Convocation) and the honor to represent OIC in community activities.

The second prize winner, Miss Joyner, will receive a \$75 scholarship, a trophy and will represent OIC in community activities when "Miss OIC" is not available. The third prize winner, Miss Powell, received a \$25 savings bond and a trophy. Opportunities Industrialization Center is a community based program designed to assist in finding jobs. It is also designed to train and retain men and women with untapped talents and unknown skills who are unemployed and underemployed.

Willie Powell, Jr., is executive director of the local center and Stanley Green is chairman of the Board of Directors.

More than 300 persons attended the first annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast staged here last Thursday morning at the Family YMCA.

It was a welcome experience and a credit to Mayor Fred Turnage to lead such a cross-section of citizens in Christian Fellowship. The turnout was indicative that Christ is present in City Hall. It was also a tribute to the Mayor that such a crowd had faith and confidence in his leadership.

It was also refreshing to recite the Corporate Prayer of Citizenship, which was led by Dr. Gaylord Lehman, pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church here.

The prayer began, "Eternal God, rich in mercy and lavish in thy care of us, may thy name be praised". The prayer went on to "give thanks for the nation with reflections on the nations past and to the work of liberty and justice for all with opportunity for each person to actualize his full potential", we direct our actions.

Continuing, the prayer asked to "raise us into a community in which the welfare of one become the concern of all. May fences of separation be turned into bridges of understanding."

The prayer concluded, "Help us to relate our faith to life as it is lived around us. Make us bearers of hope, champions of justice, and agents of reconciliation."

It was a refreshing position to see more than 300 blacks and whites repeat the meaningful prayer together and more refreshing to see the Mayor so deeply involved in the entire program.

Miss Lizzie Mae Hill was crowned Queen of a rally held by the Usher Board of the St. Paul Baptist Church, recently. The Board was celebrating its Thirty-second anniversary and more than \$1055 was raised.

The other winners were Miss Juanita McNeil and Mrs. Jene Lawrence, first and second place respectively. The funds raised during the rally will be used for the construction of an education building.

The Rev. W. L. Dilday, pastor of the church, has been at the helm of St. Paul for the past twenty-four years. He is a retired school principal and a native of Northampton County. Herman Alston is president of the Usher Board.

The St. Paul Baptist Church is located on the Hunter Hill Road near the Nash General Hospital and has a membership of approximately 250. There are twenty-members of the sponsoring Usher group.

The church built a new edifice about ten years ago to replace the old wooden structure that had served the community for many years.

The Victory Club of the St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) conducted its annual Baby Contest recently. Seven babies participated in the annual event.

The first place winner was young Katie Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie of Hill of Forestville, Md. The baby was sponsored by Mrs. Ruby Chavis of Rocky Mount. Second place went to Stephen Wiggins, whose mother is Mrs. Carolyn Wiggins of Durham. The sponsor was Mrs. Dovie Anderson also of Rocky Mount. Third place winner was young Nakia Davis, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Davis. She was sponsored by Roxie Davis. The fourth place award was to young Kesia Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Humphrey. The sponsor was Mrs. Ruth Smith.

Other participants in the contest were Carlos Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Sr., sponsored by Mrs. Dorothy Joyner, Chris Sanders, whose mother is Mrs. C. Johnson and was sponsored by Mrs. Alzada Petway and Mrs. Dorothy Pierce and young Tanya Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davis. The baby was sponsored by the Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Dovie Anderson is president of the club.

Three area attorneys spoke here Easter Sunday morning at the annual Easter breakfast sponsored by the Men's Council of the United Presbyterian Church.

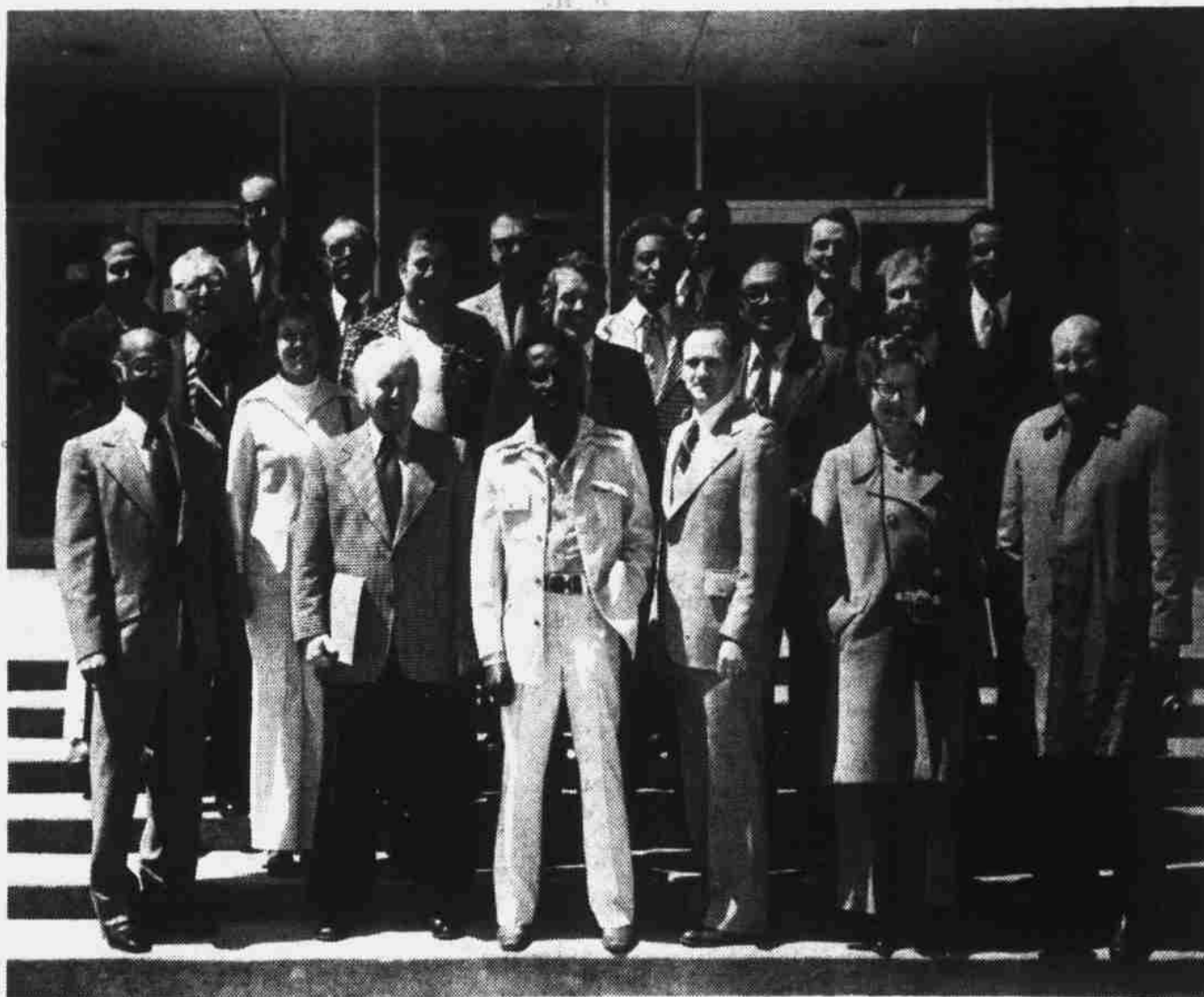
The attorneys were Milton F. Fitch, Jr., G. K. Butterfield, Jr., both of Wilson and Quentin T. Sumner of Rocky Mount, who are partners in the law firm Fitch, Butterfield and Sumner with offices in Rocky Mount and Wilson.

The three attorneys are graduates of North Carolina Central University in Durham. Fitch was an athletic coach at NCCU and Delaware State before entering law school.

M. A. Hawkins is president of the Men's Council at Mt. Pisgah, and presided at the Easter Morning breakfast.

Five staff members of the Rocky Mount Recreation Department attended the 1976 Southern District Recreation and Park Conference April 11-13. The conference was held at the Royal Villa Motel in Raleigh.

The theme for the conference was "Declaration of Recreation" and was sponsored by the National Recreation



FUNDING GROUP MEETS AT SHAW - The Fund of Renewal, a joint program of the American Baptist Churches and the Progressive Baptist Churches to raise funds for minority, Baptist related institutions held their annual training workshop at Shaw University last week. Representatives from throughout the U.S. attended. The group posed for photographers during a break from the two day meeting.

Willing Workers First Bapt. Group Notes Anniversary

ROXBORO - The Willing Workers Club of the First Baptist Church in Roxboro celebrated its 41st anniversary, Sunday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m.

The Willing Workers Club was conceived in the mind of the club's founder, Mrs. Ruth Barnett Atkinson (deceased), in 1935. She put her idea to work and the club was organized on October 23, 1935. At that first meeting, held in the home of Mrs. Annie B. Johnson, the collection was \$38. During the forty years of operation, the club has raised a total of \$10,287.27. The greatest portion of this has been turned over to the church. The remainder has been used to aid charity, sick and shut-in, and other worth-while organizations.

Charter officers and deceased members were recognized and hymnals and a plaque were presented to the church by Miss Reubena Whitted in honor of the late Mrs. Callie Lawson.

The anniversary speaker was Elder Ted C. Pierce of Philadelphia, Pa. He is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Crooms, a native of Roxboro and a member of the First Baptist Church. Music was furnished by the St. James Baptist

and Park Association. The conference got underway Sunday afternoon and concluded late Tuesday.

Those attending from the Rocky Mount Recreation Department were Ed Turnley, director, Julian Lawrence, Gail Eagles, John Rooks and Vann Davis.

A capacity crowd was on hand last Sunday evening to hear Mimi Lynch Tyler, soprano and Charles Wright, baritone, in concert at the Mt. Zion First Baptist Church.

The program was sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Church and was well received. The selections ranged from "Ava Maria" to "Come Ye Disconsolate" and was presented in two parts including a number of traditional Negro Spirituals.

Mrs. Tyler is a native of Halifax County and a graduate of Eastman High School. She has studied at the Boston Conservatory of Music and the University of Massachusetts. She is currently appearing in concerts in the New England States.

Mrs. Tyler's sister, Mrs. Lenora L. Wilkins, resides in Rocky Mount at 159 Spaulding Drive.

Wright, the accompanist, is a native of Charleston, S. C. He attended Benedict College in Columbia, S. C., and the New England Conservatory in Boston. Wright has sung with Harry Belafonte, the Boston Opera Company and is currently the teacher of voice at the High School of Fine Arts in Boston. He also produces a television show, "Life Every Voice", every Sunday morning over a Boston station.

The general chairperson, for the Palm Sunday concert was Mrs. Ernestine Belfield. Other chairpersons were Mrs. Nancy G. Joyner, program; Mrs. Macie Riddick, ushers; Mrs. Lenora Wilkins, publicity; Mrs. Lucille Hagans, hospitality and Mrs. Vivian Tillman, finance.

Rev. George W. Dudley is pastor of the church.

A sister and brother combination was among those placed on the Dean's List at Shaw University for the past semester. The two young Rocky Mount students were Dottie and Charles Harrison.

They are the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrison, Sr. of 1321 Hillsdale Drive in Rocky Mount.



LEFT TO RIGHT - Florence Shaw, Eulalia Cherry, Mary Dempson.

Russell Women to Present "Slabtown Convention"

The Women of Russell Memorial C. M. E. Church, 613 S. Alston Ave. will present to the public Sunday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m. a one-act play

entitled "Slabtown Convention". The play is a comedy centered around a Missionary Convention with thirty ladies participating. President, Mrs. Carolina Crabtree, vice-president, Mrs. Susanna Stepandetchit, recording secretary, Mrs. Fluvanna Bell, treasurer, Mrs. Watchanna Scrouge and others will be members of this cast under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Wingate. This program is in a series of events leading up to their annual Women's Day Celebration. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Church Junior Choir. Elder Pierce is pastor of the New Jerusalem Church in Philadelphia.

Present officers of the Willing Workers Club are: president, Mrs. Olivia Barnett; vice president, Mrs. Doris Blackwell; secretary, Mrs. Cathleen Benjamin; assistant secretary, Mrs. Rivers Barnett and treasurer, Mrs. Emily Lee.

ST. JOSEPH'S PASTOR'S AID TO SPONSOR BABY CONTEST

The Pastor's Aid Club of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church will present their Annual Baby Contest Sunday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Special Service will be rendered by Rev. W. E. Daye, choir and congregation of Peace Missionary Baptist Church at this time. First, Second and Third prizes will be presented to the winners of the Baby Contest. The public is invited to attend.



Rev. Daye
Hats Off to Spring!

Gusty winds, rainbow showers, spring is in the air! But with such unpredictable weather, it may still be the season for snug headgear.

Bundling up beneath warm woolly hats can present special hair care problems—like hair that feels quite limp and stringy by the day's end.

The best way to cheer-up "miserable-looking" hair is with a really reviving shampoo; a safe and sensible help-mate like Prell is a good choice.

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So, even if winter does linger a little longer, a "pick-me-up" shampoo will give you a head start to hair that looks and feels as fresh and lovely as a perfect spring day.

Religious Train. Inst. Held at Pine Grove

The East Cedar Grove Granville County Religious Training Institute, was held at the Pine Grove Baptist Church in Creedmoore during the week of April 5-9. Rev. C. R. Stone is pastor of the host church.

"Reach Out and Touch" was the theme for the week long institute which involved classes on missionary work, Sunday school, youth, pre-school and officers of the church.

The institute is held annually to get up-to-date information on new materials, ideas, and to promote the cause of Christ. The institute was not designed to instruct teachers how to teach, it did bring about a better understanding of what the needs of the church are, and how to get materials across and to have more group involvement.

The institute proved to be very successful and very well attended. A minister was present each evening to do a sermonette.

Friday evening was the highlight of all activities with a fellowship hour in the

fellowship hall. The institute was sponsored by the ministers, deacons, and deaconess union of the East Cedar Grove Association with Dean Rev. Nealie M. Harvey who pastors at the Red Mountain Baptist Church, Rougemont, and the Tally Ho Baptist Church, Stem, N. C. He was assisted by the Associate Dean, L. N. Pettiford, Deacon of the Synama Grove Baptist Church, Oxford, and Assistant Principal of the Hawley Elementary School, Creedmoore.

MONDAY—April 26, 7:30 p.m., Men's Clubs, Deacons and Trustees, Sponsor, Guests: North East Baptist Church, Durham, Rev. David Massey, [Continued On Page 6]

Chapel Hill Church Slates Anniversary

The 111th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill will be held April 26 through May 2. Dr. J. R. Manley is the minister.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels & Gardens.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HARRIS WILKINS

Funeral services for James H. Harris of 24-C Dayton St., who died Friday at Duke Medical Center, were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapel by the Bishop F. Yelverton. Burial was in Glenview Memorial Park.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Mary Saunders and Mrs. Eva Hill, both of Durham, Mrs. Beulah Foster of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Martha Scippo of Pittsburgh, Pa., and one brother, Frank Harris of Patterson, N. J.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels & Gardens.

CAMPBELL
Mrs. Flora Campbell of 31-E Lawson St. died Friday at her home. The body has been moved to Cheraw, South Carolina for funeral and burial service.

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April 25, 1976

9:30 A. M. - CHURCH SCHOOL
10:55 A. M. - WORSHIP

Sermon - "ON PONDERING THE AFTER-MATH OF THE RESURRECTION!" The Pastor

The Junior Ushers ushering.

The Gospel Choir singing - Mrs. V. W. Alston, Director and Mrs. P. J. Holliday, organist

6:00 P. M. - Paving Rally
7:00 P. M. - Committee to Study Deaconship

Wednesday, April 28, 6:00 p.m. - Membership Fellowship Information Meal and 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting

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