



Rev. J.W. Gwyn (photo by James Parker)

AARP honors Rev. Gwyn for being master gardener

The American Association of Retired Persons honored the Rev. J.W. Gwyn on Monday, Oct. 22, at a ceremony at the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Gwyn was presented the "Long-Leaf Pine" award which was given by Governor James Hunt and presented to Gwyn by Mayor Wayne A. Corpening.

Rev. Gwyn, who is the retired pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, was recognized for his untiring efforts as the Master Gardener of the AARP garden at Knollwood Hall.

For the past four years the AARP has planted and harvested a garden which is on about one acre of land at Knollwood Hall. A wide variety of vegetables such as green beans, three types of peas, onions, okra, squash, cucumbers and greens are planted and tended and harvested

by the retired citizens of the AARP. The vegetables are then carried by these volunteers to agencies such as the Experiment in Self Reliance and Crisis Control for distribution to low income elderly and handicapped. "This has been one of our best years," said Mrs. Oressa Hauser, who has been in charge of the garden for the past four years. "Rev. Gwyn has worked so hard as our Master Gardener, we wanted to give him the credit he deserves."

Rev. Gwyn, who has been retired since 1981, says, "It's the most enjoyable thing I've done since I have been retired. It is a very worthwhile project. We do need more volunteers who can work with some consistency. There are many other organizations or other retired persons who could help."

Health symposium set

Project Strengthen, a science club on the campus of Winston-Salem State University, will host a two-day symposium of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute on Oct. 25-26 at the Winston Plaza Hotel.

The major discussions during the symposium will center around research the National Institute of Health is financing. Topics will include an overview of heart and vascular diseases, hosted by Dr. Barbara Packard, Dr. John A. Watson for the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine and Dr. Brenda Armstrong from Duke University Medical Center; an

overview of lung diseases, hosted by Dr. Suzanne Hurd, Dr. Curtis Harper of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and Dr. Lee V. Leak, Howard University College of Medicine; and an overview of blood diseases and resources hosted by Dr. Amoz Chernoff, Dr. Kenneth Bridges of Harvard Medical School and Dr. Carolyn F. Whitsett of Emory University Hospital.

Dr. Walveria Atkinson, who is head of Project Strengthen, says the group expects to host from 90 to 95 participants from different colleges and universities throughout the country.

Minority business program set Oct. 27 at Jones School

The fourth annual Minority Business Recognition program will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at North Main Jones School.

The program was first presented five years ago by the Socialite Club, now known as the Social Essence Club of Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Martha L. Joyce felt that since the growth of Surry County/Mt. Airy was also provided by the minority businesses in and around Surry County, that it was time these people were given their due recognition.

"I just hope that what effort we put forth will make the whole community more aware that it takes everyone working together in order to succeed and reach new heights in whatever task has been set forth," said Joyce.

"We are minorities and still need to get more involved with issues that affect us, our children and their children, whether it be going to city council meetings, school board meetings, county meetings, etc. We just need to get in there and make sure that as minorities, we are receiving our

past dues, such as jobs, housing, education, etc."

The program this year is being co-hosted by a new organization in Surry County known as The Surry Section of the National Council of Negro Women.

There are about 25 small, minority businesses that will be given a tribute this year.

Anyone desiring more information about the program may contact Mrs. Marie Ceasoe after 6 p.m. at 789-4975 or Mrs. Martha L. Joyce at 789-9863 after 4:30 p.m.

The highlight of the program will be the crowning of a new "Little Miss Minority Business." The current title belongs to Miss Tina Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Simmons of Grayton Street in Mt. Airy.

After the program, a covered dish dinner in honor of the minority businesses will be held.

A donation of \$1 will be taken at the door which will benefit the Scholastic Scholarship Fund and the new section of the National Council of Negro Women in Surry County.

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