



**CHINA GROVE AME ZION CHURCH**  
.....One year old on July 4

## China Grove AME Zion Church Celebrates Bicentennial

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the pastor and congregation of China Grove AME Zion Church, 9401 Old Pineville Road, as they celebrated a "Bicentennial" Homecoming Day, Sunday, July 4, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. They were not only observing the 200th Birthday of our great Country, but also the first anniversary of their new edifice.

This rewarding day brought love, honor and pride to the hearts of both the young and

the elderly as they were so beautifully dressed in their colonial attire.

The choirs added life and vigor to the morning service with hymns and songs of independence and unification, and through his message the Rev. Maxie L. Houston, Sr. instilled within the congregation, truth and purpose of this great and honored day.

At 2 p.m., the pastor, choir and congregation were invited to Stough Memorial Baptist Church, Pineville, N.C., to join in a mass Bicentennial Cele-

bration with eight other churches. This too, was a memorable occasion. The Rev. Houston delivered the afternoon message for this celebration.

As the pastor and congregation returned to China Grove for the evening service, spirits were still high. An annual "States" drive was held that evening. Each governor not only submitted a financial report, but he or she also gave a brief history of the state as represented.

The highlight of the evening were the "Entertainers," a group of five (including the pastor), which was formed especially for this occasion. This group, directed by Mr. James A. Wilson, sang Negro Spirituals, which brought back memories and mellowed the hearts and souls of many. The Young Adult Choir of the Church also rendered two beautiful selections.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Calvin Worthy

Mrs. Calvin Worthy, 31, of 1211 Person St., Apt. 164, died Saturday. The funeral was 2 p.m. Sunday at New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors are sons, Julio Worthy, Marcus Worthy, To-wayne Worthy; daughters Miss Renee Worthy, Miss Tamara Worthy, Miss Beverly Worthy; Miss Kebra Rashe Worthy; mother, Mrs. Annie Mae Morrison; brothers, Calvin McDowell of Montgomery, Ala.; sisters, Mrs. Betty Armstrong, Mrs. Mary Bruton, Mrs. Annie King. Grier was in charge.

### Robert E. Moore

Robert E. Moore Sr. of Washington, D.C. formerly of Charlotte, died June 25. The funeral was 2 p.m. Sunday at Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors are wife, Lillian; sons, Robert E. Moore, Jr., Charles Moore, both of Washington, D.C.; Roy L. Wesley of Las Vegas, Nev.; Calvin Moore, all of Washington, D.C.; brother, Clifton C. Moore; sister, Mrs. Ella Mae Larke of San Francisco. Grier was in charge.

### Mrs. Ethel Vandiver

Mrs. Ethel Vandiver, of the Bronx, N.Y. formerly of Charlotte, died Monday. Funeral was 2 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Harrisburg.

Survivors are husband, Emory; sons, Emory Vandiver Jr., Eric Vandiver, Edward Vandiver, all of the Bronx, N.Y.; daughters, Miss Evangeline Vandiver, Miss Elfreda Vaniver, both of the Bronx.

N.Y.; father, William N. Neal; brothers, Leonard Gilmore of Concord, Mrs. Lillie Thomas, Mrs. Betty Graham. Alexander is in charge.

### Mr. Amos Belk Jr.

Mr. Amos Belk Jr., 41, of 1833 Umstead St., died Saturday. The funeral was 4 p.m. Thursday at New Hope Methodist Church in Lancaster, S.C. David Lewis Hooper

David Lewis Hooper, 19, of 2934 Amay James Ave. died recently. The funeral is 4 p.m. Thursday at Amay James Presbyterian Church.

Survivors are parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hooper; brothers, Simon Hooper, Johnny Lee Hooper, Edward Hooper, Moses Hooper Jr.; sisters Mrs. Barbara Richardson, Mrs. Brenda Hamm, Mrs. Christine Wilson; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest King. Kings is in charge.

### Mr. Othella Richmond

Mr. Othella Richmond, 51, of 415 Solomon St., died Monday. Funeral was 2 p.m. Thursday at Grier Funeral Home.

Survivors are brothers, Albert Richmond of New York, N.Y.; James Richmond, Benny Richmond; sisters, Mrs. Mary Stevenson of New York, Mrs. Rebecca Foster.

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