



HAPPILY SMILING JACQUES BELTON
... Won first place in contest



Little Sharon Crosby
... Second place winner

Jacques Belton, Sharon

Crosby Win Church Contest

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Eleven month old Jacques Belton won first place and a savings bond in a baby contest at Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Sunday, September 26.

Young Matrons' Missionaries of the church sponsor the annual contest, which this year included a fashion show and talent by church youths. The club raised \$1,061.36.

Second place winner was four month old Sharon Crosby. He won a \$25 bond. Other contestants received a gift certificate. They were Jerry Ezell, Malcolm Lipscomb, Nicole Lesenby and Sandra Wright.

Rev. N.E. Kerry organized the young matrons in 1965 said a statement from the group. Lula Martin, the group's first president, is credited with

successfully motivating members to continue the group mission.

The baby contest was first organized to raise money to buy much needed hymn books for the church. Other worthy projects have been undertaken since that time.

Visits to the homes of sick church members, hospitals and rest homes are included among the activities of the mission group. Aid was given to a family whose belongings were destroyed by fire.

Such courtesies as sending sympathy cards and birthday cards are practiced by the missionaries.

On several occasions, the group has served as hostesses for church dinners.

A family fun night is sponsored annually by the missionaries to help church members become better acquainted. Other social events have in-

cluded a surprise birthday party for Rev. Kerry, as well as the presentation of a birthday gift to revival minister M.V. Wade.

Lucille Taylor presides over the 52 member organization.

"We are struggling to be sincere Christians and to be faithful laborers in God's program," she said.

Gov. Holshouser Sets "Employ The Handicapped Week"

The week of October 3-9, 1976 has been proclaimed "National Employ The Handicapped Week" in North Carolina by Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. in accordance with President Gerald Ford.

The Governor said that this special week is a time to emphasize that employing handicapped people not only benefits them but North Carolina and the whole nation.

The 1976 census projection indicates that there are 384,447 North Carolinians between the age of 15-64 with work disabilities. These do not include students and those with disabilities who are institutionalized.

"Many of these people are self-supporting due to their own will and determination and also by efforts of our state's Council on Employment of the Handicapped and Vocational Rehabilitation program," Governor Holshouser said.

He commends the many employers across the state who have already provided our handicapped citizens with job opportunities and urges others to do likewise.

"We can all be proud that North Carolina has one of the best and most successful Vocational Rehabilitation pro-

grams for its handicapped citizens in the country. During the past fiscal year, we ranked number one in our region and it appears we will rank either fourth or fifth nationally in the number of people who were successfully rehabilitated," Governor Holshouser said.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the N.C. Department of Human Resources reports that 13,152 people were rehabilitated and 82,440 were served during the year.

The Governor's Council on Employment of the Handicapped will kick off this special week with its annual meeting that will be held in Wilmington on October 1.

Additionally, many of the Council's satellite Mayor's Committees throughout the state are planning award luncheons or other special observances to highlight the week.

WHEREAS, much progress has been made in North Carolina to educate, rehabilitate, and employ handicapped residents; and

WHEREAS, many employers have opened their doors of opportunity to our handicapped residents providing them an equal chance; and

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