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All Day Celebration Of Independence Day In Oriental Drew Large Turnout



SPECIAL CITIZENS — A highlight of the Oriental festivities was the recognition of special citizens who have contributed much to the Oriental community. Plaques were presented by John Bond to Edward Lupton, left, Mrs. Irma

Midyette, Mrs. Inez Hargrove and Brantly Norman, shown above displaying their plaques. Information on each of these will be found on page 3 of this edition.

The celebration of Independence day on its two hundredth birthday last year in Oriental was such a tremendous success with citizens, businesses and vacation home owners there becoming deeply involved in its planning, that it was decided to plan and carry out an "old fashioned" celebration there every year from then on.

Sunday's all day observance was equally successful. It began at 10 a. m. with a community church service held next to the tennis courts at the Mini-Park, conducted by Rev. David Lupton and Rev. Michael Oliver. In spite of the early hour, all seats were filled for the service and many sat on blankets spread on the ground, all standing at intervals to join in the singing of hymns and in "God Bless America."

The service was followed by a Special Citizens service during which four were given recognition for their special services to the Town of Oriental through the years. Next came the "Oldies but Goodies" Fashion Show with winners of the contest being selected by a panel of judges.

The "Miss Independence" Beauty Contest, open to young

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HE DIDN'T MIND POSING A BIT — Master Tod McBryan, winner of the Oldies but Goodies Fashion Show in the boy's division, didn't mind posing for The Pamlico County News. By his expression, one might believe that he wasn't surprised one bit that he won.



OLDIES BUT GOODIES FASHION SHOW — This group, competing in the Oldies but Goodies Fashion Show drew many smiles and much applause as they stood to be reviewed by the judges. Left to right, the first three, who were dressed in colorful red and sparkling white, are the John McBryan family. Next is Mrs. Irma Midyette, Ms. Sue Cox, Fay Bond, Betsy Thomp-

son, Ruth Statham, little Miss Wendy Broughton, dressed in the flapper outfit, Chris Lupton and another pretty young Miss with her mother who did not get identified. In the Oldies division, children winners were Master Tod McBryan. His family represented the "Gas House Gang" and Little Miss Wendy Broughton. Adult winners were Mr. McBryan and Ms. Sue Cox.



COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE — Oriental residents and many who maintain vacation homes there turned out in great number to at-

tend the community church service held on the tennis court during the beginning of the day long observance of Independence Day.



ENJOYING THE SHADE — This group found itself a nice shady spot to spread their lunch and enjoy the refreshing breeze blowing in from Neuse River. From left to right are Margeret

Brickell, Lynn Martin and David Evans, Jr., all of Raleigh and Oriental; Mrs. David (Grace) Evans of Oriental, Karen Stephens and George Stephens of Raleigh and David Evans of Oriental



MISS INDEPENDENCE BEAUTY CONTEST — Thirteen pretty young belles entered the Miss Independence Beauty Contest open to little girls from age one to five. Winner was Gerri Miller, now "Miss Independence 1977." She is shown in foreground above. First runner up was Christina Price, second, Jennifer Sanderson and third, Christie Bond.



THEY GAVE THE JUDGES A HARD TIME — Shown here with their mothers are the contestants in the "Miss Independence" contest. The young contestants were Gerri Miller, Kim Pittman, Joane Abbott, Christie Bond, Jennifer

Davenport, Wendy Broughton, Christina Price, Kim Broughton, Brenda Hodowanie, Jennifer Sanderson, Kimberly Lupton, Renee Statham and Wendy Hill.

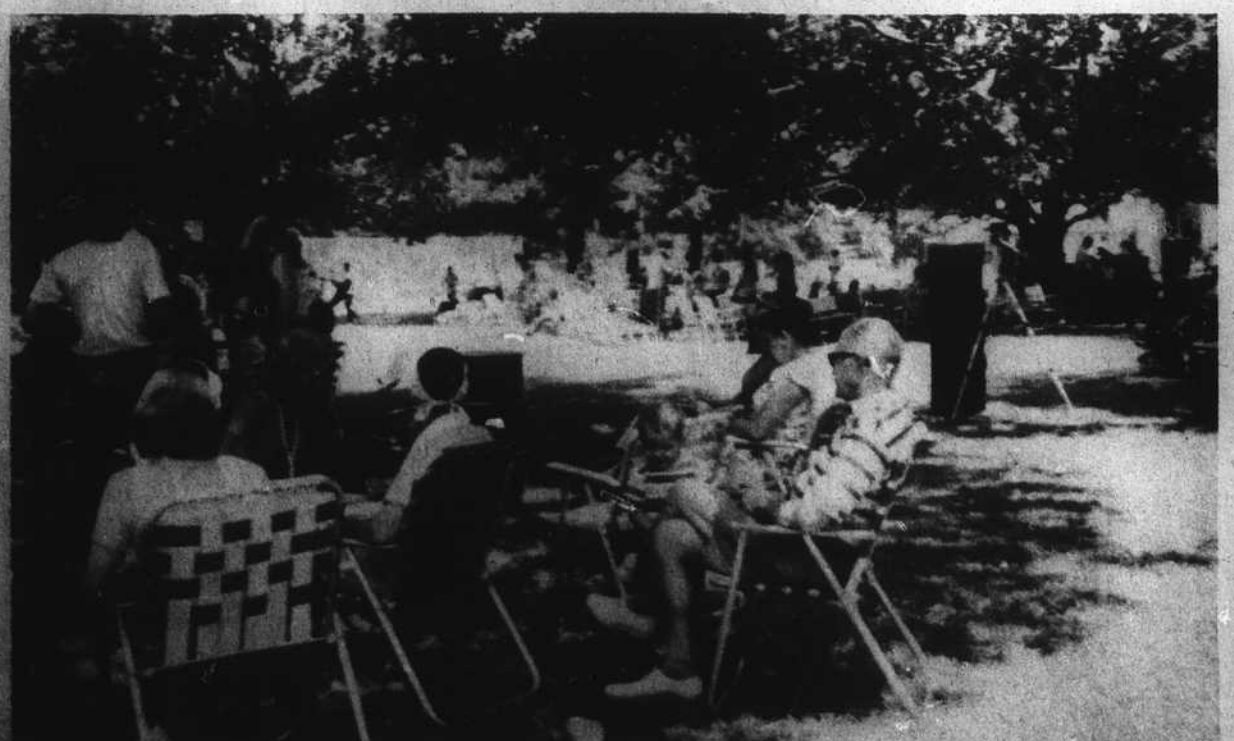


THE LINES WERE LONG — The lines were long and the food abundant during Oriental's Independence Day Celebration Sunday at the Mini-

Park that drew hundreds of people from Oriental and the surrounding area.



THE WEATHER COOPERATED — With sunny skies and just enough breeze to make it pleasant to sit around under shade trees



eating lunches which were spread outdoors, and enjoying the good good fellowship that was much in evidence, many turned out to

observe America's 201st birthday.