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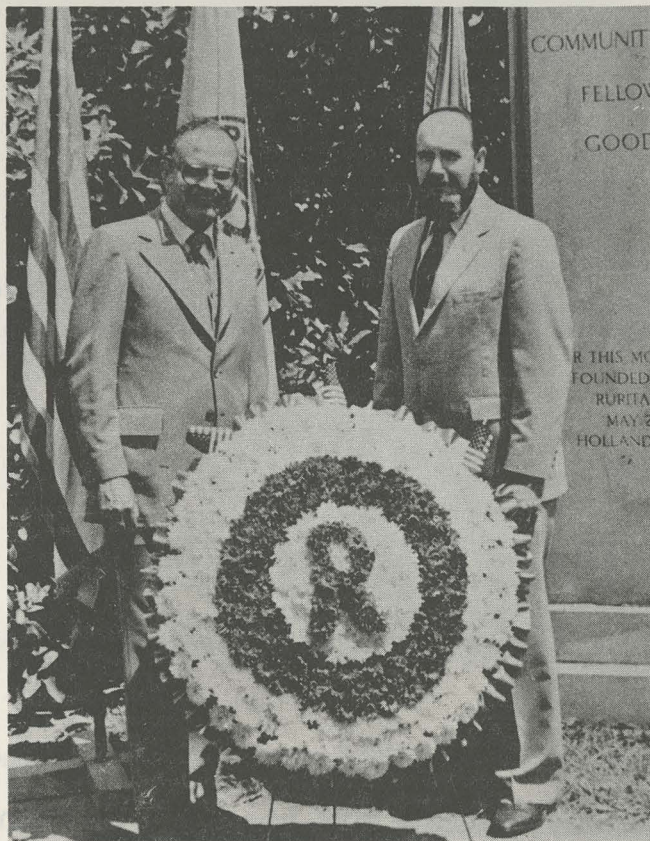


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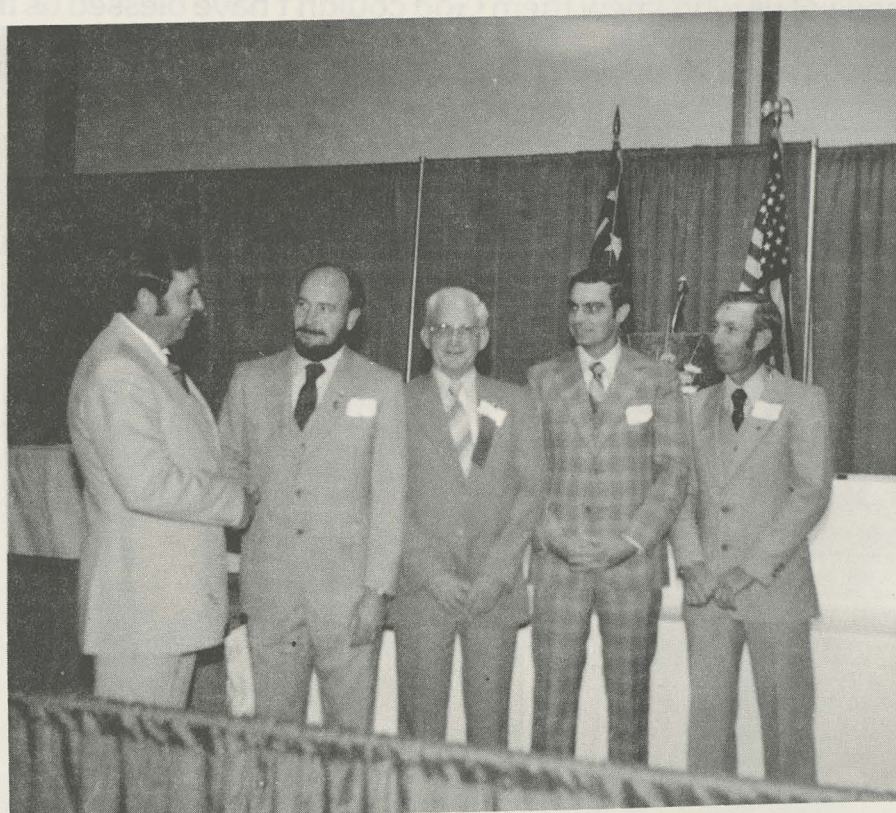
We, the members of the Piedmont District Cabinet of Ruritan National, do hereby dedicate this yearbook in memory of those deceased Ruritans of our District.

For those of us who knew them God couldn't have blessed us more. As the years roll by, they won't be with us but their memory will linger in our hearts and minds forever.

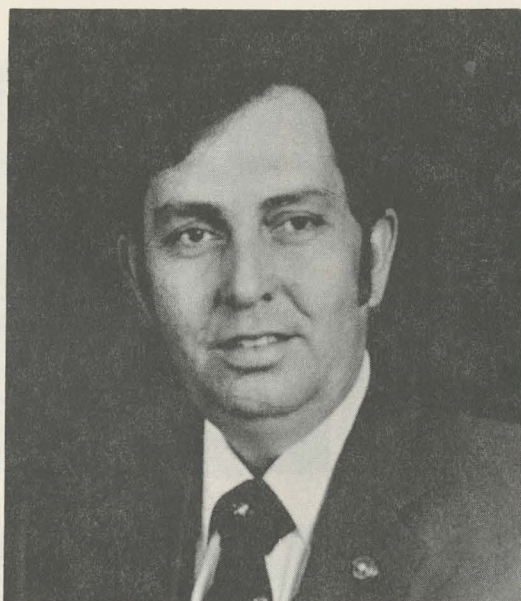
Through their dedication to the Ruritan cause, their dreams have become reality, their ideals have materialized, and their efforts have made our communities a better place to live.



National President Bob Davis and District Governor Dean Francis at Founders Day Celebration held in Holland, Virginia on May 23rd.

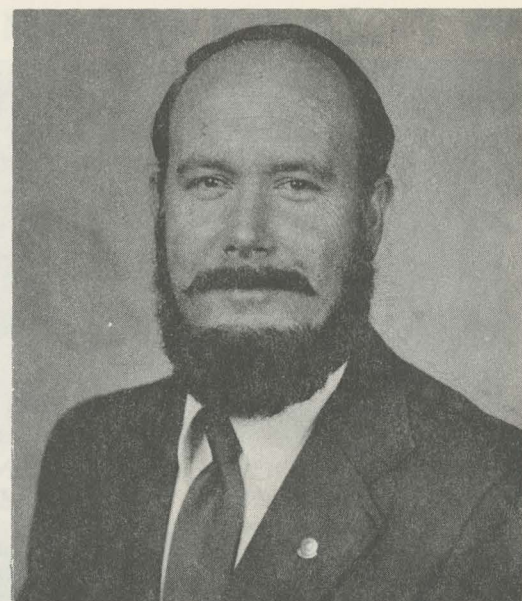


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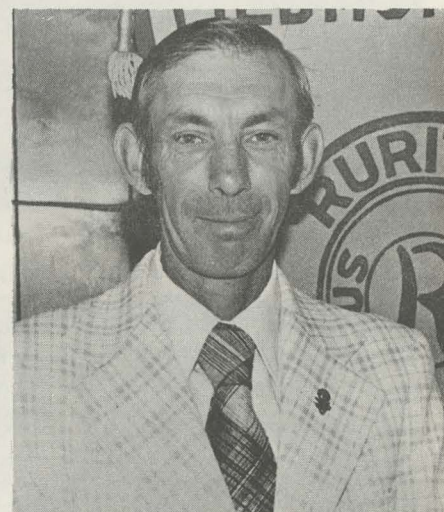
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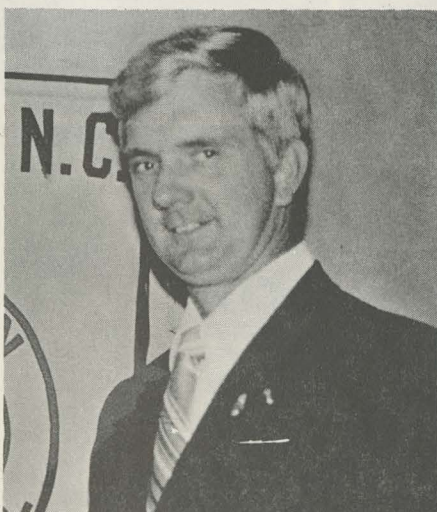
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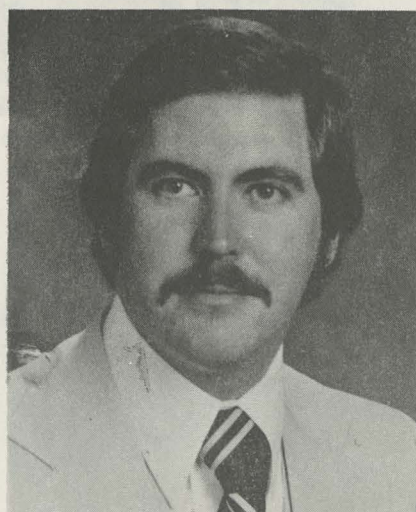
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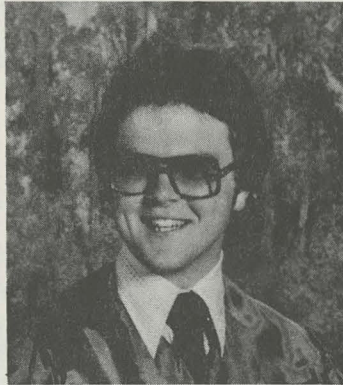


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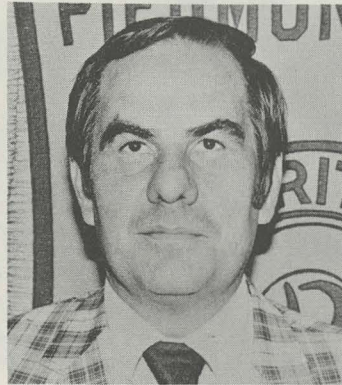
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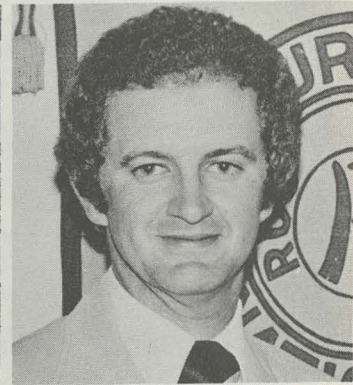
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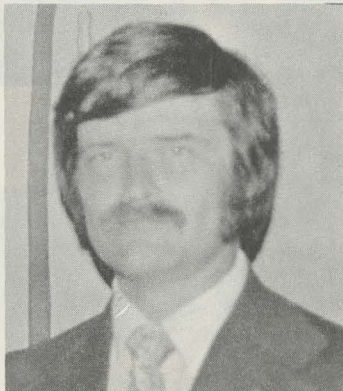
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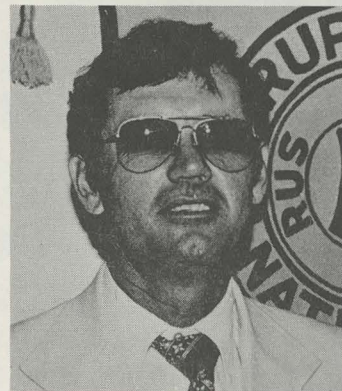
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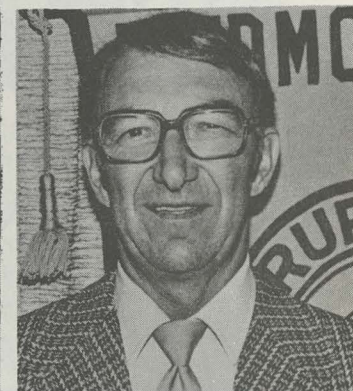
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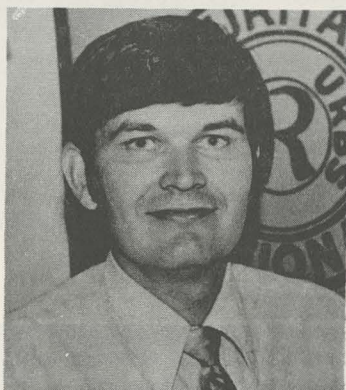
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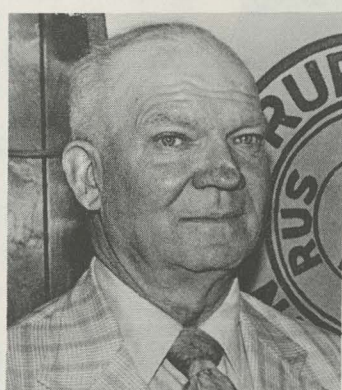
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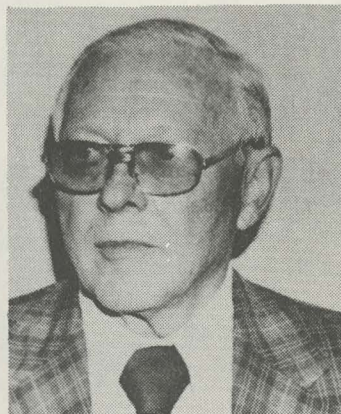
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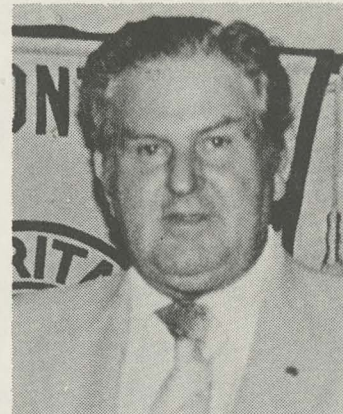
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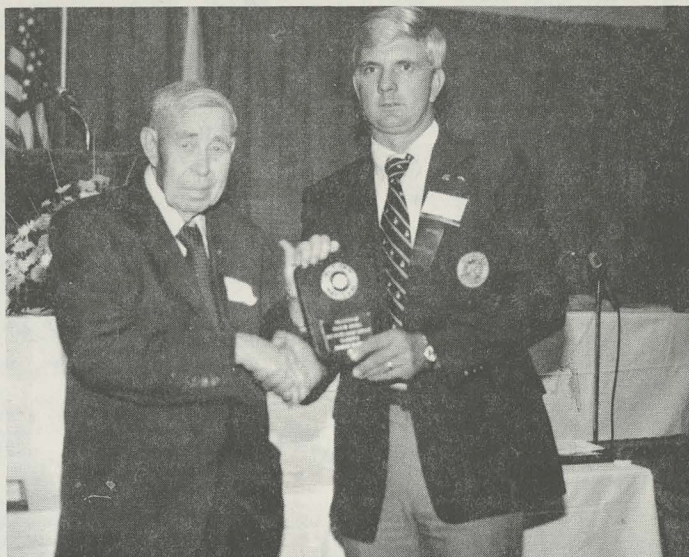
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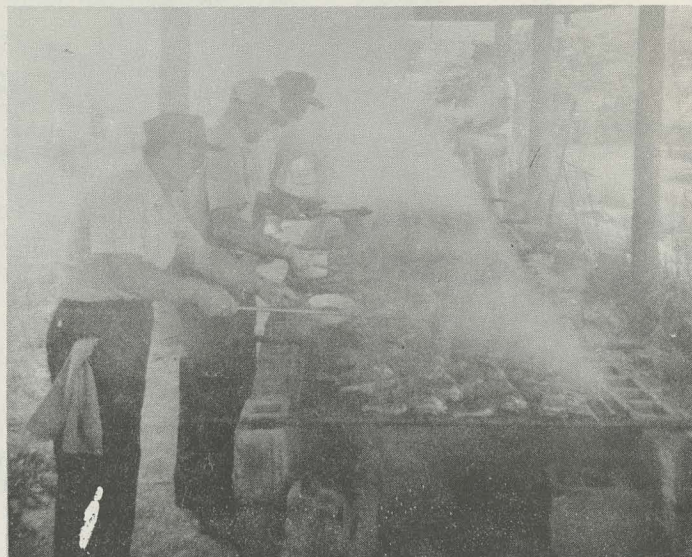
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Harvey Blackburn of Benham, left, was named Ruritan of Year for Piedmont District. At right is Jim Eaton, 1980 governor.

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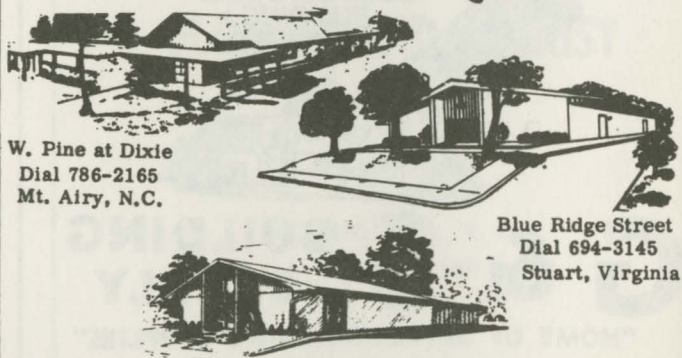
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1981 RURITAN CLUB PRESIDENTS — Wilkes Ruritans Installation Banquet was held Saturday night at North High School cafeteria. Installed as club presidents were: front, left to right, Larry Roope, Mountain View; Gaither Keener, Mulberry-Fairplains; Graham Cockerham, Pleasant Ridge; Eric Land, Boomer-Ferguson; Cecil Church, Mt. Pleasant; back row, Marshall Souther, Little Brushy Mountain; J. R. Foster, Speedway Road; Billy Soots, Ronda; Thomas Staley, Wilbar; Franky Shepherd, Cricket; and District Governor Jim Eaton of Mocksville, who assisted Dean Francis, governor-elect, in the installation.

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RURITAN WEEK - Dean Francis of North Wilkesboro (left, above) is with other Ruritan leaders in Governor James B. Hunt's office in Raleigh May 14 as the Ruritan Proclamation is received. Others are: (l-r) Louis Amos, Lt. governor; Gilmer Rhoades, governor of Zone 14; Ed Cartner, national director; Joseph Rogers, governor of the Greenville-Goldsboro district; Governor Hunt; Dan Tharrington, national director; J. W. Arvin, Rocky Mount-Durham district.

Governor Hunt Proclaims Ruritan Week

Governor James B. Hunt Jr. proclaimed the week of May 17-23, as Ruritan Week in North Carolina and commended this observance to all of the state's citizens.

Ruritans met with Governor Hunt to receive his proclamation. Those attending the event from Wilkes were Gilmer Rhoades, zone governor, and Dean Francis, governor of Piedmont District 31 of Ruritan National both of the Mulberry-Fairplains club.

Others attending were Louis Amos, lieutenant governor

of Piedmont District from the Price Club in Rockingham County; Ed Cartner, national director of David County; Joseph Rogers, governor of Greenville-Goldsboro District; Dan Tharrington, national director of Nash County; J. W. Arvin, past national director of Wake County.

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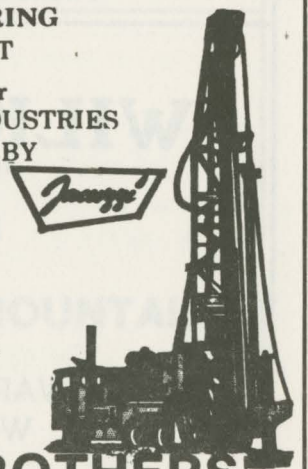
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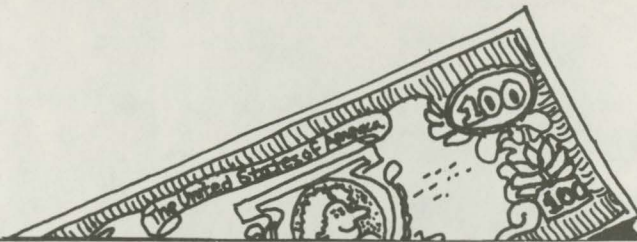
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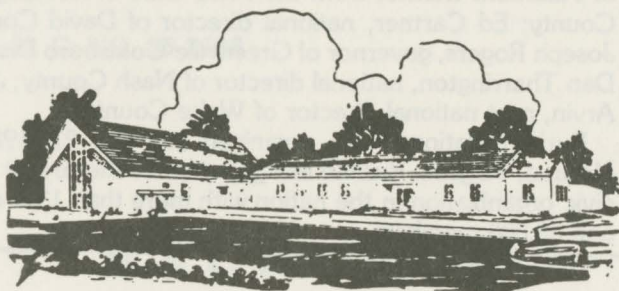


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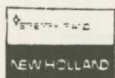
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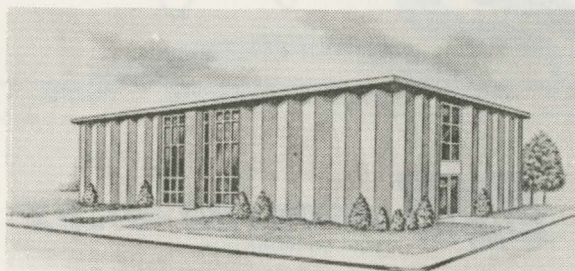


RURITANS ASSIST — Kenneth Cornelius, right, president of the Forbush Ruritan Club, presents a check for \$2,693 raised at a recent benefit to Mrs. Doris Hutchens to help pay the hospital bill for her son Timothy who died February 28 of cancer after about three months of hospitalization. Timothy, 20, was a member of the Ruritan Club, Forbush Fire Department, Yadkin County REACT, and a student at Forsyth Tech. Ruritan members would like to thank everyone in this project, during which Harold Sheek of Winston-Salem won a prize from the club.



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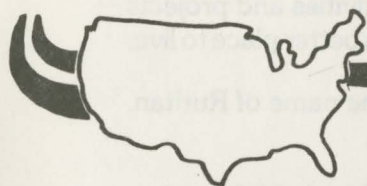


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It has been a joy to read the monthly club reports of all the activities and projects your clubs have carried out this past year to make your communities a better place to live.

We in Piedmont District can all be very proud of our labor in the name of Ruritan. Through it we continue to be a leading district in Ruritan National.

The highlight of the Ruritan year, our District Convention, will be held Saturday, November 21, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem. The election of 1982 District officers, club awards, Ladies entertainment, the Installation and Awards Banquet, door prizes for the ladies will all make for an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

There is still plenty of time left before January first; share Ruritan, organize new clubs, bring in new members, and continue doing even more service work.

I want to thank you for your Ruritan efforts and for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor this year.

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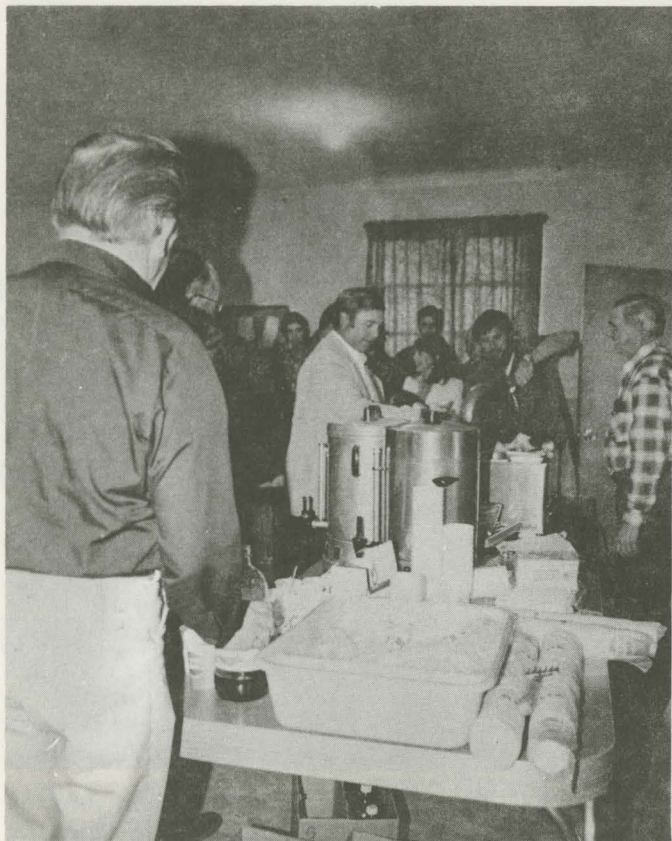
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Jim Forest, vice president of the Pilot Mountain Club, presenting a \$250 check to Ida Neal. Ida was the winner of our grocery grab ticket sale; she elected to receive the cash instead of grabbing groceries.



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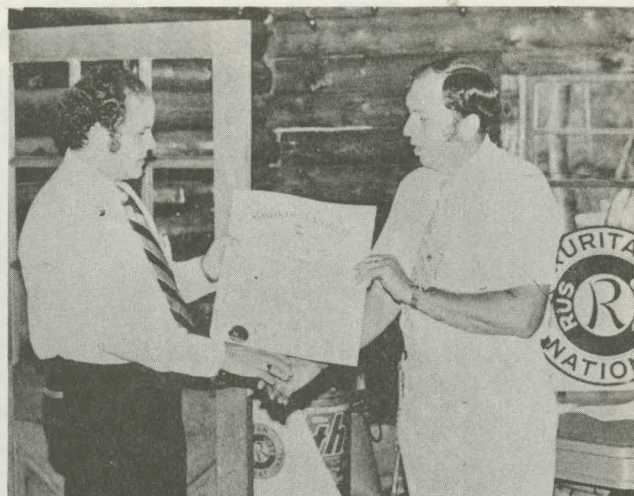
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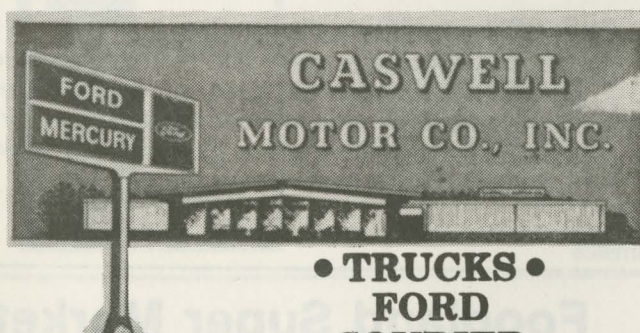
MOUNT HERMON CHARTER NIGHT: District Governor Dean installs officers. Pictured left to right: Governor Dean; Eddie Black, president; Tom Mizelle, vice president; Robert Gann, secretary; Louis Joyce, Robert Manuel, directors. Not pictured: Lewis Manning, treasurer; Ernie Ratliff, director.



Mount Hermon Club President Eddie Black receives charter from Ed Cartner, past National President.

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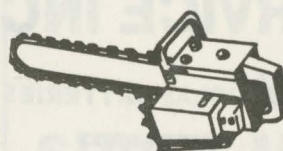
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The Flat Rock Ruritan Club of Mount Airy, North Carolina was organized 25 years ago and recently celebrated its 25th anniversary honoring past members who were among the many guests and honoring posthumously the deceased members. Following a steak dinner, several leaders in Ruritan spoke briefly. Alfred Hiatt was honored at the celebration for his many years of service to the club. Hiatt has served as president of the local club five times. His brother Dillard is currently serving as president. Frank Hensley, past president, and presently treasurer; and Dr. Frank A. Archer, past president, and presently secretary, were also honored for their many years of service.

The club's service to the community this year has been rewarding. Several projects were calendared and completed. Some of them were:

1. Two Bloodmobiles
2. Two Anti-litter Campaigns
3. Softball Tournaments, men's and women's
4. Senior Citizens and Handicapped Appreciation Day
5. Essay Contest for Surry County students
6. Auction Sale
7. Community Fair Exhibit
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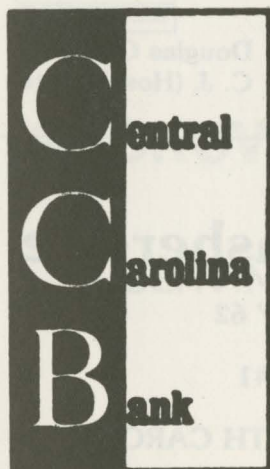
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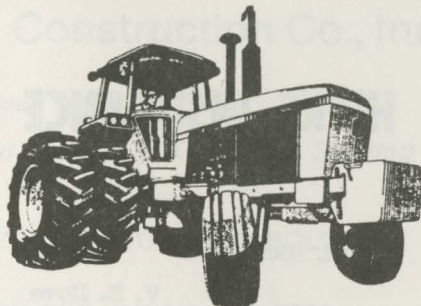
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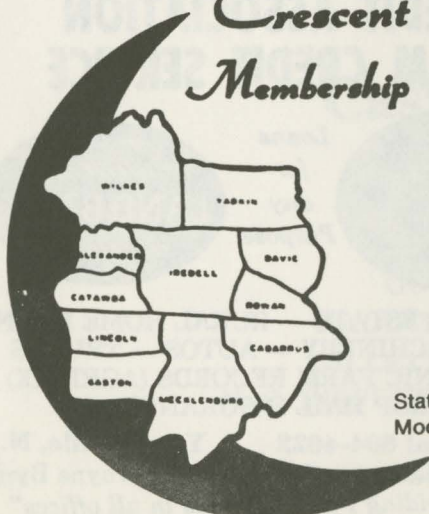
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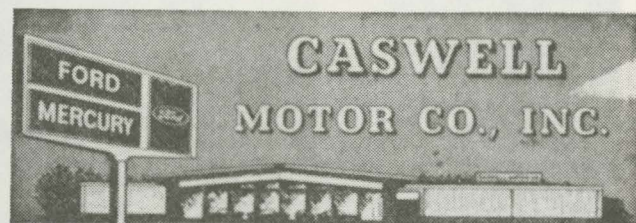
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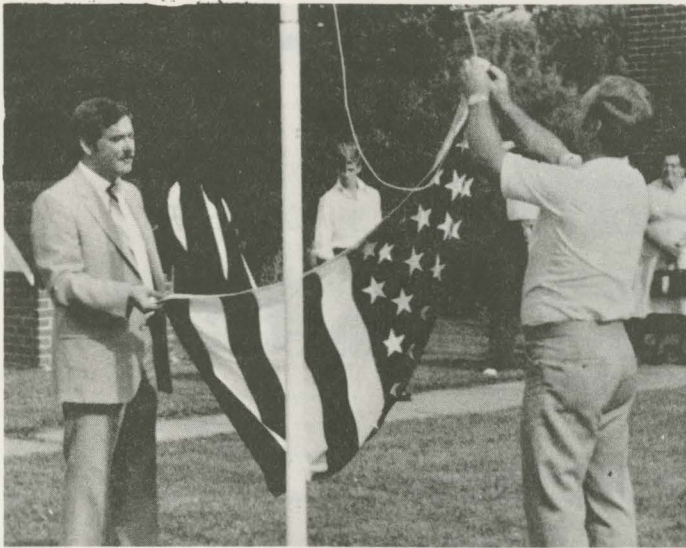
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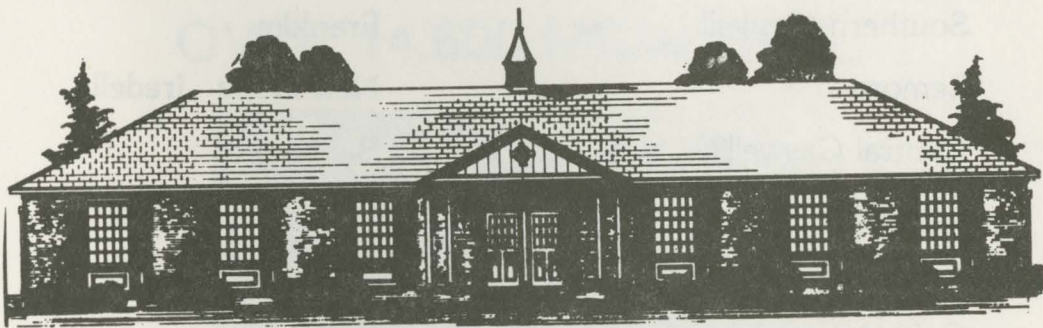
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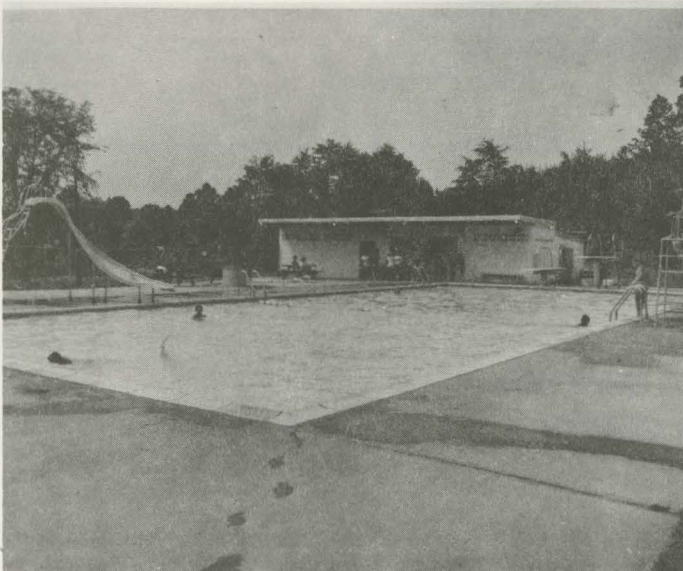
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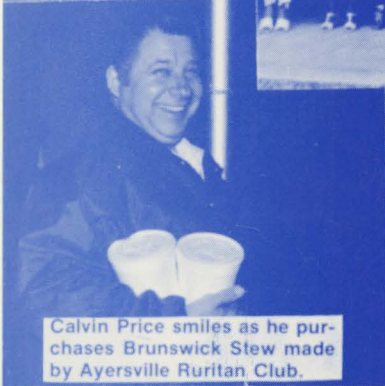


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