

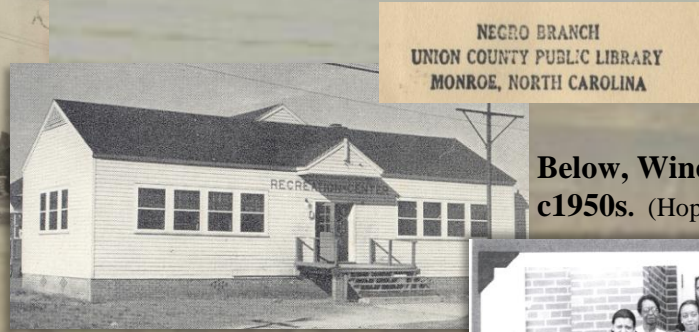
Into the Future: The Children

A community's legacy and one woman's gift

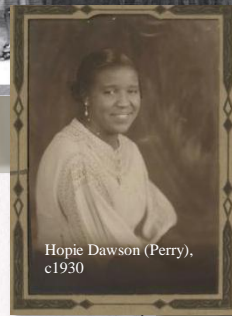
It is believed that the first public library for African-Americans in Monroe, N.C., was established in 1941 at Mount Calvary AME Zion Church (below left) which was on Church (Morrow) Ave. at that time.



At right, the U.S.O. building built for the African-American soldiers of Camp Sutton in 1943 became the "Negro Branch" (and Recreation Ctr.) about 1946. It was located on Winchester Ave.



Below, Winchester School Teachers, c1950s. (Hopie Dawson Perry)



Background photo: 1915/1916 rural Union County School, Carrie Taylor Johnson, teacher.



Hopie Perry, a 92-year-old retired school teacher, is donating \$35,000 to the Union County library. Her gift is the largest to date.

In the year 2000, a retired school teacher donated \$35,000 to the Union County Public Library. Hopie Dawson Perry's gift lives on today in the minds enriched by the materials purchased and by her teaching.

Hopie Dawson Perry Reference Area & Multicultural Collection
Made possible by a gift from Hopie Dawson Perry

Perry organized & led the first African-American Girl Scout troop in Union County, NC.

For more information, visit the Dickerson Genealogy & Local History Room of the Union County Public Library and ask for the vertical files: Library History – African Americans; Perry, Hopie Dawson; Winchester Ave. High School & Neighborhood