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CATAWBA COUNTY HISTORY BOOK RECEIVES AWARD

HICKORY – “Help in Hard Times: The History of Social Services in Catawba County, North Carolina,” by Margaret Day Allen has received a book award from the North Carolina Society of Historians.

The judges’ comments included the following: “We have never had the pleasure of judging a history book of this type before and we can definitely say that it has been a wonderful learning experience, to go ‘behind the scenes’ to take an in depth look into a public office that serves the county’s most needy citizens.”

Another judge commented: “Not only does this book contain a proficient history of Social Services; it also boasts an abundance of extraordinary vintage and current photographs of buildings housing the agency, as well as people/supervisors/workers who were employed there.”

“Help in Hard Times” is available from the Historical Association of Catawba County for \$20. It may be purchased in the association’s gift shop, or by calling (828) 465-0383. Proceeds from the sale of this book benefit Catawba County Social Services’ special funds that assist Catawba County residents with needs not met by other sources.

The award was presented at the society’s annual awards banquet on Nov. 5. This marks the society’s 75th anniversary. The award categories included Multimedia Awards (audio, video, poetry, commemorative event, preservation, internet, etc.); Organization Awards (historical, genealogical, school); Museum Awards; Publishers Awards; Book Awards; Publication Awards (newspaper articles, magazine articles, journals, newsletters); Awards of Excellence; President’s Award; Student Historian of the Year Awards (for elementary, middle and high school students); and the Historian of the Year Award.

The N.C. Society of Historians was established in December 1941 for the purpose of collecting, preserving and perpetuating North Carolina’s rich history; and for recognizing those persons who fulfill the society’s objectives. More information about the society is available at its website, www.ncsocietyofhistorians.org.

More information about the book may be found at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/history.asp>.

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