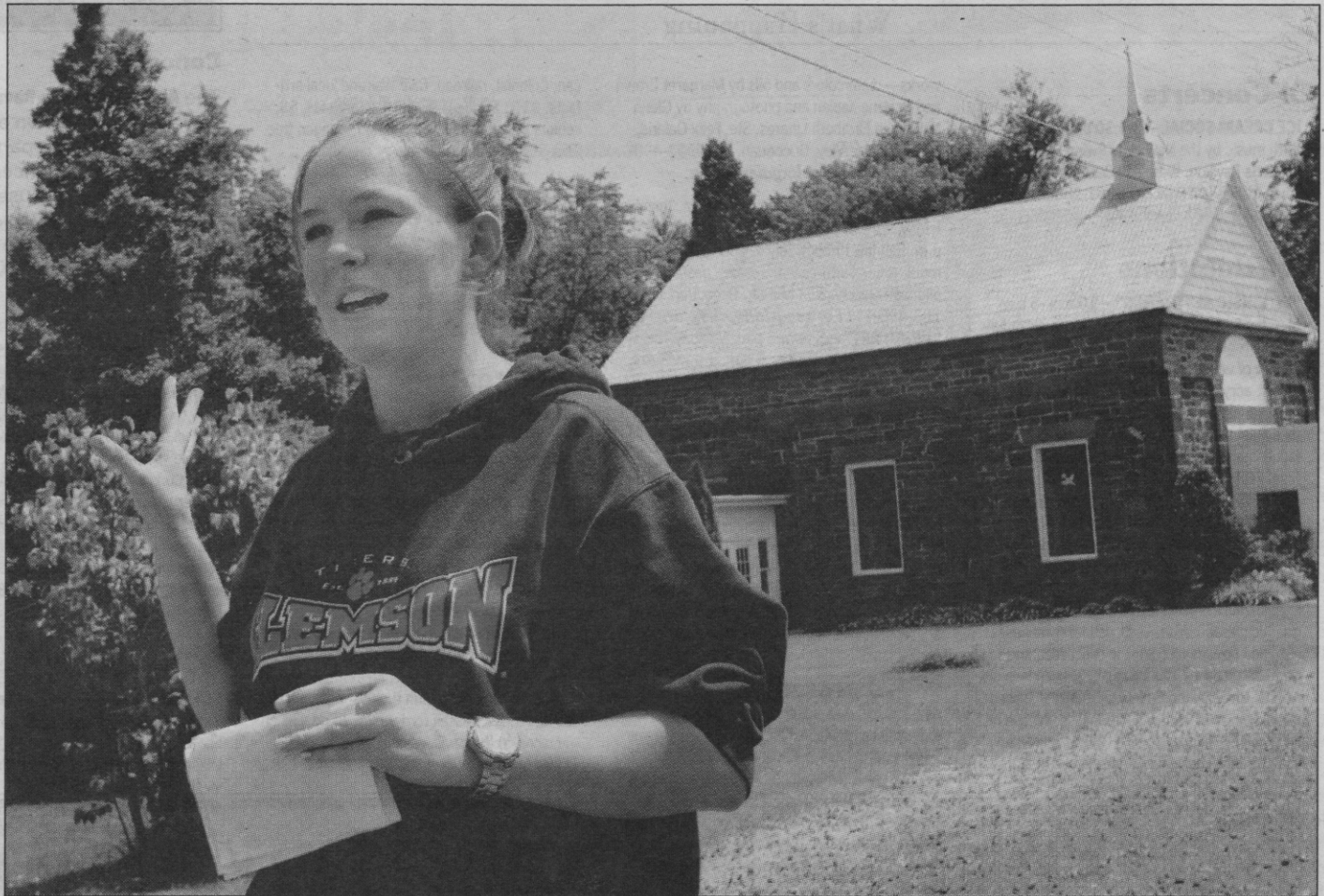


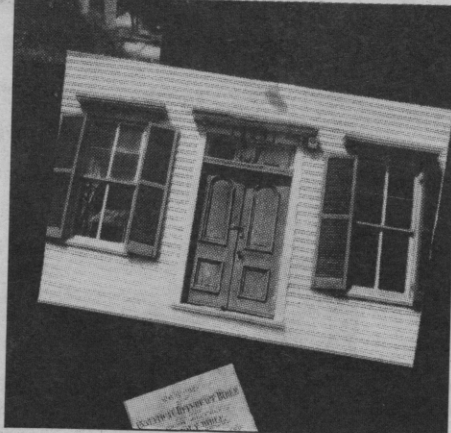


Local history buffs gathered Saturday in Brentsville for a "box social" and walking tour of the historic town, which was the county seat from 1820 to 1894. Students from Hylton High School helped plan the event and served as tour guides. Above, Hylton's Rebecca Wells takes a breather outside the one-room schoolhouse before the walking tour begins.

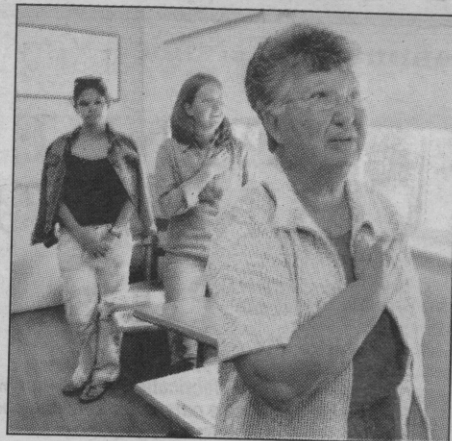


Hylton's Amanda Strickland explains the history behind Hatcher's Baptist Church, which was built in 1847 as St. James Episcopal Church.

Interest in Historic Brentsville Spans the Generations



A photo of Brentsville Union Church on display at the schoolhouse. The church was built around 1874 and is now being restored.



Above, Gladys Eanes salutes the flag with Maggie Woodward and Allison Brieske. Right, Eanes visits Union Church with Don Wilson.



At right, the walking tour reaches the Brentsville Courthouse, which survived the Civil War and is being restored to its original appearance. At far right, Tom Knock and Catherine Ring study an old plan of Brentsville with Hylton archaeology teacher Robin Meyering, whose students helped out.



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