



A new home for Dawkins woman

For more than forty years, Queen V. Lemon lived in poverty in a rundown shack in the Dawkins community. The house had no running water, electricity, or a bathroom, but it was home. It was where she gave birth to five children.

Born in Fairfield County 84 years ago, on March 20, 1905, Ms. Lemon earned a living as a maid and by working in the fields. She never had an education, but she maintained her strong belief in church. St. Matthew Baptist Church has always provided her with faith and strength to face another day.

After years of living in dire poverty, her eldest son, Boozer gave her \$1,700 to buy a trailer, but because of her age, she could not purchase the trailer or get a loan in her name. Ms. Lemon kept her faith that someone would help her.

It was Ms. Lemon's faith, along with the help of Fairfield United Action and Marvin Lee at South Carolina National Bank that is moving Queen Lemon into a new home. With the cooperation of these two organizations, a trailer was financed in Ms. Lemon's name and moved to Dawkins two weeks ago.

It was a welcome birthday present for Ms. Lemon.



The rundown home Ms. Lemon lives in is actually a log cabin dating to the 1700s. Her new mobile home is also shown here.

Fairfield United Action still needs the help of the community to put Ms. Lemon in a safe, clean home. Donations are being ac-

cepted so water, electricity, furniture, and a septic tank can be provided for the family.

If members of the public wish to

donate home items or money to this project, please call Jackie Workman at 635-5728 at the Fairfield United Action office.