

During the past two years embersof the Robeson ounty Rural Development anel have been actively volved in numerous projects hich have resulted in some ajor accomplishments. The eautification efforts spear eaded by the panel have efforts of the panel members. sulted in over 11,000 people eeing a "Pitch-In" film; ecuring and distribution of 9,000 litter bags; and the ctual development of the Robeson County Beautification Council which is now

quite active in its own right. In addition to the beautification effort, there has been considerable time and energy

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applied to rural-urban relations which recently culminated in the recent excellent Farm City Week activities. Naturally, throughout the year, considerable interagency coordination is brought about through the

Even though these achievements have been made, the Rural Development Panel took on an entirely new mission last spring when the group was appointed by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners as the Robeson County Involvement Council which automatically

made it the Robeson County

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component to represent the activities of the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs. Even though the appointment was made late in the spring. the committees of the panel, plus other representatives, got quite active and secured nominations for eleven different awards categories that are involved in the Governor's State-Wide Volunteer Awards

Those eleven awards included individual human service volunteer, individual community volunteer leader, administrator/ coordinator of volunteers, youth volunteer, senior citizen volunteer, dis-

of the new year,

awards opportunities which are currently available from the President of the United States. These include the 1983 President's Volunteer Action awards and the 1983 President's Young American Medals for Bravery and for Service awards. The President's Volunteer Action awards entry form must be submitted directly to Washington, DC by Jan. 7, 1983. This award involves no competition at the county or state level, and applications must be submitted directly to Washington. Nomination forms are available at the County Extension Office, or forms can be obtained by contacting Wyatt Johnson at the Lumberton City Schools administrative

bled person volunteer, schovolunteer, one-to-one vol-

teer, and a volunteer or-

ganization category which in-

cluded three components. This awards program will

continue for 1983, and the

Rural Development Panel will be seeking nominations for

these awards at the beginning

However, there are other

unit. The President's Young American Medals for Bravery and for Service awards will involve competition in North Carolina initially since only four people may be nominated from this state to receive presidential recognition. There will be two youth each for the President's Young the Year." Ms. Gertrude American Medal for Bravery and for the Young American Medal for Service awards. Nomination forms for these awards are expected to be available at the County Extension Office by mid- January. We have received information that only six weeks times will be available to distribute and retrieve forms for these four awards, so for this award. The Extension anyone who may have a nomination in this special category is encouraged to call the Extension office at 738-8111 and leave your name and address so that a copy of the application form may be mailed to you immediately upon ous to make sure that deservarrival.

However, the most pressing award regarding time is the President's Volunteer Action award which must be in later regarding the special Washington, Jan. 7th, so awards programs that are immediate action will be available through the Goverrequired by anyone who may nor's State-Wide Volunteer desire to secure an application Awards Program.

Book Week at Deep Branch



to 21 was celebrated by the students of Deep Branch School with a gathering in the

sion to honor the "Woman of

Locklear was presented an

appreciation plaque and was

She was chosen by having

highest score from tabulated monthly score sheets. The

score sheet tells the story of whose hearts have been made

glad by a friendly visit, helped

office will be closed on Dec.

24 and 27, so this should also

be considered a factor in taking quick action to secure

Development Panel are anxi-

ing individuals from Robeson

County receive appropriate

recognition, so considerable

information will be provided

these application forms. The members of the Rural

"Woman of the Year."

Book Week, November 15 school's auditorium for a performance by each class enacting how books play an important part in our lives.

Pictured above is the 2nd Grade class of Mrs. Evelyn Meares, with Mrs. Mary Scott, Assitant. [Brenda Gleave Photo

## Pembroke Homemakers

ers and invited guests met at sorrow. It also tells how loyal the Red Carpet Inn Dec. 10 for you are to your county, local their annual Christmas party. and community activities. The Club President, Ms. Runners up were Ms. Hel-Dollie Lowry, presided. The en Sampson and Ms. Hazel club chose this festive occa-Brewington.

honor "Woman

Of The Year"

The Pembroke Homemak- in time of need and in time of

A buffet dinner was served after which games were en-

joyed by all. The party ended with the group singing draped with a banner reading Christmas Carols.



Gift to Hospital given in Honor of Vietnam Soldier

served in Vietnam was recently donated to Southeastern Genereal Hospital, Donald C.Hiscott, SGH President. announced today. Mr. and Mrs. Willie F. Oxendine, Jr. Of Farmingdale, New York, gave the bench in memory of their son, Willie F. III, who was killed in

A marble bench commen-

orating a young soldier who

action on May 30, 1968. The inscribed bench is located in the hospital's patient discharge area. Mr. Oxendine, a native Robesonian, cited two reasons for this memorial: his son's love for Robeson County and its people and the excellent

care given Oxendine during his stay at SGH in 1974. Hiscott, accepting the gift on behalf of the hospital, remarked. "We appreciate this beautiful tribute from the Oxendine family and are certain that it will be used by many patients and visitors at Southeastern General Hospi-

tal for years to come."





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