

Miss Dedra Kay Powers was crowned the 1985 "Miss Flora Macdonald Academy at pageant ceremonies held in the academy auditorium on March 21. Dedra is a member of the senior class and resides in Lumberton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Powers Jr. Other winners were: first runnerup, Miss Elizabeth McLeod of Raeford, second runnerup Miss Kathleen Henderson of Maxton, third runner-up Miss Taylor Fields of Red Springs and fourth runnerup Miss Myra McCabe of Maxton. The pageant is held each year as a fund raising project for the senior class.

#### Hefner backs law repealing record-keeping

Congressman Bill Hefner has voted for a bill to repeal the con-temporaneous record-keeping re-quirements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984.

Speaking after he cast his vote Hefner said, "This was a ridiculous rule, and it should never have been in the 1984 Act." The bill, which quickly passed

the House, repeals the requirement of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 which specify that up-to-theminute records must be kept to substantiate tax deductions for business use of automobiles and pick-up trucks.

The rules have been very controversial since they became effective January 1, 1985. The IRS issued regulations requiring that detailed logs be kept of business use of any vehicle, but modified the rules somewhat after pressure from Hefner and other members of Congress.

"Even with the modified rules the record-keeping requirements were still too burdensome for small businesses and farmers," Hefner said. "I'm glad we repealed the whole thing. It's rules like these that cause people to hate the IRS."

### Democrats convene Sat.

The Hoke County Democratic Convention will be held on Satur-day, April 13 at 1 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Hoke County Courthouse, Chairman Harold L. Gillis said.

Heading the convention's agenda will be the election of a new County Democratic Chairman and County Executive Committee.

One delegate from Hoke County will be chosen to serve on the State Democratic Executive Committee.

"The County Conventions are important to all Democrats in North Carolina," Chairman Gillis noted.

will choose the Party leadership that will lead us in the 1986 election and gather to-strengthen our organization," he



Flora Macdonald marshals Beth McNeill (seated left) and Kim McNeill (seated right) were named marshals at Flora Macdonald Academy.

## Two Raeford students named FMA marshals

Two Raeford students were selected as marshals for 1984-85 at Flora Macdonald Academy.

Serving as chief marshal is William Perry Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlee Cummings of Maxton.

The remaining four marshals are Mary Elizabeth McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McNeill of Raeford; Kimberly Ann McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McNeill of Raeford; James Murray Askew, son of Mrs. Sally W. Askew of Maxton; and Virginia May Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hayes of Red Springs. Selection of marshals is based on

students who have maintained the highest academic averages and who have accumulated the greatest number of secondary achievement points in their high school program.

The five marshals who are chosen each year serve as ushers and escorts at baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies.

Elizabeth (Beth) McNeill is a member of the Student Govern-ment Council, manager and statistician of the basketball and softball programs, assistant editor of the school annual.

She holds memberships in the

French Club, Beta Club, Jour-nalism Club and Science Club.

She has been listed as the headmaster's honor roll, the U.S. Achievement Academy Rolls and has received the D.A.R. History Award and Biology Award.

Kimberly (Kim) McNeill is a member of the school annual staff, honor rolls, French Club and Journalism Club.

She plays on the varsity tennis, basketball and softball teams for the academy.

Kim is president of the junior class and vice-president of the Beta Club and received status in the U.S. Achievement Academy for math and science.

Perry Cummings holds memberships in the Beta Club, Drama Club, Science Club, and serves as secretary of the Student Government Council.

James Askew holds memberships in the Drama Club, annual staff, chorus and Science Club.

Virginia Hayes holds membership in the Beta Club, annual staff, Journalism Club, and the Student Government Council.

She is a member of the school chorus and plays on the varsity soccer, basketball and tennis

### Lifestyles change may help alcohol, drug dependences

Alcoholism -- it's the third leading killer and the most costly disease in the United States in terms of lost lives and productivi-

More than 8,000 people die on the nation's highways each year, and an additional 40,000 are injured.

The financial cost is equally as staggering; more than \$50 billion in lost productivity annually. Alcoholism affects everyone:

men, women, teenagers, the elderly, business executives, blue-collar workers, doctors, and civil servants.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates that 10-12 million Americans have severe alcohol problems.

Three million of those are teenagers.

The alcoholism problem is growing every year, and with more and more young people drinking some experts are fearful that it could soon be the nation's number one killer. In North Carolina alcohol abuse is as serious a problem as it is on the national level

Alcoholism results in more than \$2 billion in lost productivity annually in this state according to Steve Hicks, deputy director of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services for the North Carolina Department of Human Resources.

"Alcoholism takes phenomenal toll on people's health and finances, but the greatest loss is in human suffering and wasted lives," Hicks said. "Alcoholism directly affects the lives of over one million North Carolina families."

The various forms that alcoholism can take are becoming more evident as research and understanding of the disease increases. Alcohol related problems among women and teenagers have grown rapidly. Expectant mothers who drink automatically risk af-fecting the lives of not only themselves, but also their unborn children. Between 1,800-2,400 in-fants are born each year with irreversible birth defects caused by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

North Carolina has made the prevention and treatment of alcohol abuse a top priority.

"In 1982 almost 400 Carolinians died in alcohol related traffic accidents," Hicks said. "I believe that the Safe Roads Act, which is one of the toughest drunk driving laws in America, will go a long way toward getting the drink-ing driver off the road."

The Department of Human Resources' Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services helps problem drinkers through 150 alcohol and drug programs at com-munity mental health centers. In addition, the state's three alcohol rehabilitation centers provide intensive 28 day programs that treat both the medical, and the psychological, affects of

alcoholism.
North Carolina also has extensive support groups to aid the alcoholic and his or her family. There are 581 Alcoholics Anonymous groups in the state,

with a membership of over 7,000. For North Carolinians to successfully fight alcoholism, prevention must be stressed, Hicks said.

'Alcoholism and drug addiction are preventable chemical dependencies," he emphasized. "By developing healthy lifestyles now, we can prevent the devastating affects of alcoholism in the future."

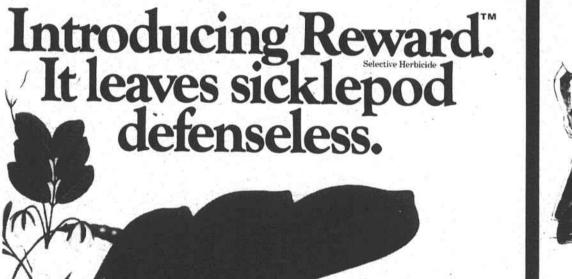
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