County 4-H'er's stenciling leads to Chicago competition

For years, 4-H has provided young people a chance to explore and excell in many areas.

Arts and crafts have always been activities stressed through 4-H and for one county resident, the program has reaped big benefits.

Leah Hendrix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hendrix of Hoke County will fly to Chicago on November 29 to compete in the national 4-H Consumer Education

Hoke Arts Scene

By Sonya Falls

contest, sponsored by Mont-gomery Ward.

Hendrix, a member of 4-H for four years, will receive a scholarship, if she wins.

Her project which emphasizes stenciling as a means of inexpensively redecorating a home, has won district and state

Hendrix's interest in stenciling reflects the revival of an old art. Stenciling, long age, was used by the colonists to brighten painted floors or enliven paneled walls.

Today, stenciling is enjoying a great deal of popularity, and as Hendrix stresses in her demonstration, it can be done rather inexpen-

sively.

The paints used for stenciling are not costly and they can be used for many projects. Usually, stencil packages include several patterns which can be varied at the stenciler's descretion. Hand towels. pillows and wall designs such as Hendrix exhibits in her presentation, can be achieved for pennies.

Hendrix, an energetic junior at Hoke County High School, is a firm supporter of the county 4-H

program.
"I wouldn't have know about stenciling if I hadn't learned it at a

4-H booth during Family Fun Day last year," she professes.

Not only was she introduced to this craft through 4-H, but, she stresses, leadership was there, through the 4-H green for the property of the stresses. through the 4-H agent for her to

develop those beginning skills.
"You learn a lot through 4-H
and there's something for everyone," she adds. "It's not just cows and horses. It's everything."

Hendrix's project, which in-cludes stenciling on different surfaces, has also developed her skill public speaking. She has presented her program on various groups around town and in September, as a guest on Channel 40's Carolina Spotlight.

Although she admits she was "a little nervous" she is looking for-ward to the final demonstration of her project in Chicago.

In spite of her developing in-terest in the craft world, Hendrix admits that she is not enrolled in art at Hoke High. ("I can't draw.") Extra-curricular activities extend to the flag corps of the

Making presentation

Leah Hendrix, gives her presentation on stenciling to Raeford Junior Woman's Club Monday night. On November 29, she will leave for Chicago for national competition.

Hoke High Band. This past summer, she had to cut short her week at 4-H Congress held at North Carolina State University, where she was teaching a workshop on stenciling, in order to practice with the band. She is the first to acknowledge that she is, indeed, a very busy young lady.

Her future plans include college

and possbily, a career as a 4-H agent. It's not surprising that she would choose such a course since it has been so beneficial to her.

It is encouraging to know that county programs, such as 4-H, are usefully guiding our young folks into creative and artistic fields and fine tuning those skills they have learned while members.

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Hoke Farm Bureau holds annual members meeting

Hoke County Farm Bureau's annual membership meeting with 277 members and guests present was on November 6 in the W.T. Gibson Cafeteria at the Hoke County High School.

Bill Braswell, Field Representative of N.C. Farm Bureau Federation; Billy Nichols, District Insurance Sales Manager; the mayor of Raeford, John K. McNeill and Mrs. McNeill; and Richard Melton, Associate County extension agent were recognized

Officers elected for the year 1986 were: W.W. Cameron, Jr., president; James N. Maxwell, Jr., vice-president; L.E. McLaughlin, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

Directors elected were: T.J. Harris, Neill McFadyen, Ken McNeill, Charlie Pendergrass, Robert A. Wright, Earl Hendrix, Julian Love and Julian H. Wright.

Resolutions concerning farming, law and order, and natural resources were adopted by the County Farm Bureau to be sent to the N.C. Farm Bureau office in Raleigh for their consideration.

Chairmen of the committees were: Tobacco, T.J. Harris; Cotton, James N. Maxwell, Jr.; Field Crops, Ken McNeill; Natural

Resources, D.R. Huff, Jr.; Law and Order, Julian Love; Livestock, L.E. McLaughlin, Jr.,; General Topics. W.W. Cameron, Jr.; Forestry, Neill McFadyen.

It was announced the 50th annual meeting of the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation will be in Charlotte December 8th through the 11th. Delegates elected to attend the meeting were: Earl Hendrix, Charlie Pendergrass, Jeff Harris, Julian Love, and Mrs. Lucille Pendergrass. It was also announced the National meeting of the American Farm Bureau will be in Atlanta, Ga. on January 12th through the 16th, 1986.

Before the close of the meeting, Bill Braswell asked Reid and Pearl Childress to come forward and accept a plaque from the Hoke County Farm Bureau in appreciation of their many years of service to Farm Bureau. Pearl has served as secretary for over fourteen years and Reid has served as an agent. The board of directors also presented Pearl with a dozen roses in appreciation.

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal served by Bill's Barbecue. After the meeting adjourned, a drawing was held for

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At Farm-City

Eighth District Rep. Bill Hefner will be the guest speaker at the Hoke County Farm-City Week dinner to be held Monday at the National Guard Armory on US 401 Bypass in Raeford. The evening's festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Willie Featherstone at Hoke County Extension Service, or call 875-3461.

Child identification letters go out

Safety Identification Program will go to Hoke County parents of school children this week.

Project chairman Evelyn Manning urges parents to read their letters and sign the permission forms

which will allow volunteers to gather identifying information on

The North Carolina Child Safety Identification Program has been established to raise awareness of

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on each child depend solely on the permission of each parent. Each child can be finger-printed, weighed and measured and this information could be used by a parent if the child were missing or identifying information were needed. Project helper Stephanie McFa-

Plans for collecting information

dyen emphasized that the only copy of the fact sheets would be returned to parents for their use.

This is not a school project, but is a service to parents who give their permission for volunteers to collect data on their children.

DSS extends hours for energy assistance

The Hoke County Department of Social Services has extended hours for receiving applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

The extended hours will be on Thursday, November 21 until 7 p.m.; Saturday, Novemer 23 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and November 26 until 7 p.m.

The last day for receiving applications will be Wednesday, November 27.

The Energy Office is located at the corner of the Dickson and

Donaldson Street intersection. The regular office hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m.