

Pembroke BPW Club observes National Business Women's Week



Ms. Ruth D. Woods, left, President of the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club, presents a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Tannala Gross, President

of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus, who was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Pembroke BPW Club. [Elmer Hunt Photo]



Ms. Dorothy Blue, left, was presented the Ruth Tidwell Woman of the Year Award by Ms. Clara Neville, chairperson of the Nominating Committee,

at the dinner meeting of the Pembroke BPW Club Monday night, Oct. 18. [Elmer Hunt Photo]

As part of the week-long observance of National Business Women's Week, the Pembroke BPW Club began the week with group worship services where fourteen members attended service at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church on Sunday.

The highlight of the week was a dinner meeting on

Monday evening at Maynor Manor Community Room in Pembroke where the group program was entitled, "A Salute to Women." Guest speaker for the occasion was Ms. Tannala A. Gross, President of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus from Greenville. Twenty-three club members and eight guests were in attendance at

the dinner. Table decorations focused on the theme of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs: WOMEN IN AMERICA-WOMEN IN THE WORLD. Small globes with United States flags were used as centerpieces and flanked by green candles on gold cloths to emphasize the National Federation colors of green and gold. Guests in attendance included Ms. Jane Smith, Chairperson of the Robeson County Democratic Women's Club, Mmes. Vickie Bass, Blana Harris and Margaret Krabill of the Robeson County League of Women Voters, and three guests from the Greenville area who accompanied the guest speaker: Mmes. Dorothy Sullivan, a marketing supervisor with J. C. Penney Company, Freda Jacobson, a radio commentator, and Marian House, a homemaker.

Ms. Gross commended BPW clubs for paving the way for women in the businesses and professions to accept new responsibilities in the world, thereby contributing to our country. She indicated that the most significant change for women has been how women feel about themselves, and the new respectability of the word "woman." Reviewing the past Ms. Gross stated that in primitive society, both women and men worked hard to survive with little time to reflect on roles, but as new fields opened for men, the women remained at home and were left out of the decision-making processes. Women performed narrow, predetermined roles with little opportunities for individuality and were reared with the prevailing idea of the inferiority of women. Traditionally, history has been negative for women, and if women's organizations had not been developed, it is highly probable that women would have been left out again. History indicates that there have been no women in the United States Senate in eight years, and that there have been only 19 women in Congress.

Turning to the revolution of women, Ms. Gross referred to current achievements of women in making history. Women have been on the frontiers of business management, teaching, politics, women's organizations, and professional organizations. They have competed in sports, scholarship programs, have served as union organizers, have enter-

ed the ministry. Ms. Gross encouraged women to continue to think courageous about themselves, for as they think, they will become more courageous and will venture out and accomplish more as women and for women.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The 1976 Ruth Tidwell Award for Woman of the Year was awarded to Ms. Dorothy L. Blue, past-president of the Pembroke BPW Club by Ms. Clara L. Neville, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In presenting the award, Ms. Neville referred to Ms. Blue as "a teacher, a charter member of the Pembroke BPW Club, with outstanding and dedicated service to her profession, her church and the Pembroke BPW Club, with her leadership ability personified during her year of service as President of the Pembroke BPW Club." The award was presented to Ms. Blue for her "continued demonstration of a high level of interest and dedication to the ideals and objectives of BPW."

Magnolia's Homecoming Queen Crowned



Janice Brewer, 12th grade student at Magnolia, was crowned Homecoming Queen Friday night during halftime activities at Magnolia's homecoming football game with Fairgrove. Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nell R. Brewer of Route 1, Shannon. [Elmer Hunt Photo]

PSU Club to sponsor blood donation drive

PEMBROKE--The Pembroke State University Medical Sociology Club is sponsoring a blood donation drive and is seeking pledges now for a visit Nov. 18 by the Bloodmobile of the Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"We must have a minimum of 200 pledges to give at least a pint of blood each for the Bloodmobile to visit," said Mrs. Carolyn Wagner of Laurinburg, president of the PSU Medical Sociology Club. She is a senior majoring in sociology with plans to attend graduate school at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health.

Deadline for those pledging is Nov. 4.

Pledges are being sought among the student body at PSU, but those in the Pembroke area from ages 17 through 65 may donate blood through the program. Those taking part will be part of the Robeson County American Red Cross Blood Program which will assure the blood needs of Robeson County.

Mrs. Wagner noted that 17-year-olds must have parental consent. It was also pointed out that the social security numbers of donors will be needed on the date of the Bloodmobile visit.

Those wishing to pledge may telephone 521-4214, Ext. 294. The Medical Sociology Club has as its advisor Dr. Frank Pokrass, PSU associate professor of sociology. The Medical Sociology Club plans to set up a booth for the drive in the PSU Student Center.

Magnolia's Elementary Queen



Annette Smith was crowned Elementary Queen at Magnolia's homecoming game Friday night. Annette is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Doris Jones' room. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Smith of Route 1, St. Pauls. [Elmer Hunt Photo]

Cross Country Team Travels to Raleigh

PEMBROKE -- Pembroke State University's cross country team, which finished sixth a year ago in the State Championship Meet, aims for better things Saturday when the cross country event is held at Raleigh beginning at 11 a.m.

Duke captured last year's state meet, followed by UNC-Chapel Hill in second place, N.C. State in third, Appalachian in fourth, Western Carolina in fifth and then Pembroke State.

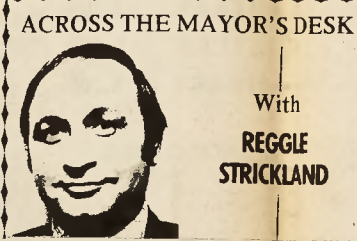
Others in the top 11 were: 7. Wake Forest, 8. Brevard, 9. Davidson, 10. High Point, 11. Campbell.

This will be a major test for PSU's fine freshman runner, Gary Henry, from Australia. He has won the last three meets in which he has participated, including a six-team meet at Davidson College and seven-team meet at Pembroke. The only time he has lost this season was in the Stone Mountain Road Race at Atlanta in which he finished fourth in a field of 300 runners.

Last year PSU's top indi-

vidual finishers in the state meet were Steve Carney, who was 16th and Jeff Cushing, who was 26th. Both have completed their cross country careers at PSU.

Leading this year's Braves along with the long-striding Henry will be sophomore Jeff Moody of Southern Pines and James Plummer of Fayetteville.



I would like for all motorists to please be advised that our Police Department is now using radar. And, we would like for you to please observe and obey our posted speed limit signs.

We have had complaints from some of our school officials about motorists speeding in our school zones. Drive Carefully!

I would like to recommend that you be sure and see "110 in The Shade" which will be presented Oct. 21, 22, and 23 in the Performing Arts Center on the PSU campus at 8 p.m. The musical, is based upon the

Pulitzer Prize winning play, The Rainmaker.

Because of the many obligation that I have inherited in recent weeks, I find it necessary to limit ACROSS THE MAYOR'S DESK to one article each month. I am helping with the Town Manager's duties, working for the completion of my college degree at PSU, plus working full-time to support my family and, I find that this is a little too much for any one man.

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