

Local Lass Winner of Voice of Democracy State Competition



Alfreda Jones

The Voice of Democracy program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary is conducted annually in our nation's secondary schools during the fall term. It is a national broadcast scriptwriting program which provides an opportunity for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in public, private and parochial schools to think, write and speak up for our country for freedom, democracy and citizenship.

"What America Means to Me," the theme for the VFW 40th Annual Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program, focuses the Attention of Youth on our country and its meaning and on their understanding of the ideals on which our nation was founded—ideals that have endured for 140 years. It calls upon the youth of America to make a personal evaluation of their citizenship responsibilities.

Participating students prepare and transcribe on magnetic tape a three to five minute broadcast addressing their remarks on the theme, "What America Means to Me." At each level of judging—school, community, district, state, and national, winners are selected from the evaluation of the judges using three basic criteria. These Criteria and the maximum point Value assigned to each are: Delivery, 20; originality, 35; and Content, 45.

Prospect High School and the Locklear-Lowry VFW Post are proud to announce that Alfreda Jones, a junior at Prospect High School is the state winner for North Carolina. Alfreda Jones will not only be representing Prospect, a rural school in Robeson County, but she will be representing the state of North Carolina on the National level. Being a state winner, Alfreda will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. on March 4-9 and will compete for one of five National Scholarship Awards provided by the VFW. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of his or her choice; 2nd place, \$5,000; 3rd place, \$2,500; 4th place, \$2,500; and 5th place \$1,500.

During the five days in Washington, D.C., the state winners have an opportunity to meet their United States Sena-

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TOP TEN

1. Year of the Cat- Al Stewart
2. I Wish- Stevie Wonder
3. Car Wash- Rose Royce
4. New Kid in Town- Eagles
5. Blinded by the Light- Manfred Mann's Earth Band
6. Torn Between Two Lovers- Mary MacGregor
7. Walk This Way- Aerosmith
8. Somebody to Love- Queen
9. Lost Without Your Love- Bread
10. Enjoy Yourself- The Jacksons

All music station Red Springs

government for the people, of the people, and by the people. Such great documents as the Emancipation Proclamation, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights have helped to form our present democratic government. I am proud to say that America has a government that is absolutely run by her people.

In addition to this, I take great pride and admiration in the courageous efforts of man to maintain his right to worship freely. Americans have nourished their religious beliefs to such an extent that they have survived through such confrontations as drugism, alcoholism, crime, and political manipulations, to name only a few. The trials and tribulations suffered and endured by religion are potent enough to ruin and destroy most organizations, but religion as a secular way of life is gradually becoming a stronger lifeline for Americans to hang on to. Due to the great missionary and evangelistic efforts of our nation, religion has become prevalent in many remote parts of the world; and in this we take great pride.

Furthermore, we as Americans, can enjoy the many baffling advancements made in the numerous fields of science, one of which includes medicine. I find myself frequently looking back with amazement at the persistence of medicine to overcome and annihilate so many dreaded diseases in its endeavors for advancement. If only we are present day Americans could feel a small bit of the triumph that was felt when some of the most beneficial accomplishments were made, or the tragedy felt when so many hours and years of hard work were found to be useless in the end. Can you imagine the will and determination that it took to pick up the pieces and return to the starting point with the knowledge that there might be a similar recurrence? This strong-willed determination and perseverance extended through all the various fields and phases of the scientific world. Fortunately, America had produced men who were willing to give untringly of themselves if it meant some small contribution to the betterment of our great country.

Yet, I am still awesomely struck by the accomplishments and failures that education has encountered in its many experiments to educate the masses of America. Educationally, America has truly advanced from the days of walking three miles to borrow a book and inadequately heated schoolhouses to the days of air-conditioned schools and books for everyone. Education is valued more highly now than ever before as a result of man's continuous yearn for knowledge of himself and the world around him.

A nation of rights, responsibilities, security, freedom, and liberty—a country exploring broader horizons in every aspect imaginable; millions of brave men and women, past and present; and all the events that have occurred because of them and their bold determination to improve the standards of our country—this is what America means to me; and for this I love you, America for to me YOU are my life.

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 will host the district meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30, 1977 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The 8th District is composed of the Pembroke Post, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Maxton, St. Pauls, Raeford and Red Springs. All members are invited to attend.

At the District Meeting Alfreda Jones will appear as special guest. She will present her award-winning entry at that time.

Magnolia 77
Nakina 67
NAKINA—Tonya Kerns fired in 21 points as Magnolia spoiled Nakina's homecoming 77-67 in a Cape Fear I-A Conference high school basketball game Tuesday night.
Magnolia had three other players in double figures in cruising to its tenth win of the season against four league. They are 32 in the league.

20 COEDS COMPETE FOR PSU HOMECOMING QUEEN



Candidates for homecoming queen of Pembroke State University include the above. Left to right, they are: [sitting] Debra Lamm, Lenoir; Tanuel Hunt, Pembroke; Linda Lovell, Fayetteville; Charlene Averitt, Raeford; and Jo Anne Britt, Fairmont; [standing] Debbie Hammonds, Raeford; Debbie Lowry, Parkton; Martha Kivett Fayetteville; Daffinette Whittington, Maxton; Agnes Mayo, Ft. Bragg; Wanda Burns, Pembroke; and Patricia Locklear, Laurinburg.

Twenty coeds, all representing different campus student organizations, will compete for "Miss Homecoming" during PSU's homecoming week Jan. 24-29 with the winner being crowned during halftime of the homecoming basketball game Saturday, Jan. 29, with Atlantic Christian College.

The girls represent 13 different towns in North Carolina with the most, five, coming from Pembroke. Next in number of representatives are Fayetteville with three and Raeford with two.

The coeds are majoring in 12 different fields of study. Seven of those competing are juniors, five are seniors, five are sophomores and three are freshmen.

The queen is decided by a popularity vote on campus with balloting taking place Jan. 27-28.

Names of the contestants, their year in school, hometown major and the student organization sponsoring them are as follows:

Charlene Averitt, junior, Raeford, elementary education, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Debra Lamm, senior, Lenoir special education, Student Government Association.

Patricia Locklear, junior, Laurinburg, psychology, Sigma Sigma.

Jo Anne Britt, freshman, Fairmont, undecided on major Kappa Delta Sorority.

Wanda Burns, sophomore, Pembroke, sociology, American Indian Student Association.

Betty Jean Coe, sophomore, Winston-Salem, biology and physical education, Baptist Student Union.

Dehaeva Drake, senior, Lumberton, music, Alpha Omega Music Sorority.

Debbie Hammonds, sophomore, Raeford, biology, Health Careers Club.

Tanuel Hunt, freshman, Pembroke, communicative arts, Cheerleaders.

Donna Johnson, junior, Evergreen, home economics, Home Economics Department.

Martha Kivett, junior, Fayetteville, physical education, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Debra Lamm, senior, Lenoir special education, Student Government Association.

Patricia Locklear, junior, Laurinburg, psychology, Sigma Sigma.

Linda Lovell, freshman, Fayetteville, mathematics, Pi Kappa Alpha.

Debbie Lowry, junior, Parkton, sociology, Social Work Club.

Agnes Marie Mayo, freshman, Ft. Bragg, intermediate education, Interfaith Fellowship.

Diana Lynn Nelson, junior, Fayetteville, French, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Pamela Junius Pat, junior, Bladenboro, sociology, Applied Sociology Club.

Gwen Strickland, senior, Pembroke, chemistry, Chemistry Club.

Faith Wallace, sophomore, St. Pauls, mathematics, The Pine Needle.

Daffinette Whittington, junior, Maxton, physical education, Black Student Organization.

Zoe Ann Woodell, senior, Pembroke, special education, Alpha Omega Upsilon.

Basketballers At Pembroke Junior High



Pictured above is the ninth grade basketball team of Pembroke Junior High. They are: first row, left to right, Gene Oxendine, Frankie Harris, Ricky Monroe, Telford Locklear; second row, James N. Deese, Blake Pate, Michael Hayman, Craig Brooks; top row, Jeffery Locklear, Frederick Watson, Eddie Jacobs and Clifton Harrington. Coach of the team is Mr. Harvey Lowry.



Pembroke Junior High's eighth grade basketball team is announced. They are: first row, left to right: Rodney Jacobs, Darrel Godfrey, David Leak, Richard Tuck; second row, Harvey Sampson, Ronnie Bell, Brent Swett, Billy Joe Malcolm, Reggie Dider; top row, Ronnie Sampson, Ricky Sanders, Donnie Carter, Reginald Strickland and Ronnie Carter. Coach for the team is Mr. Donald Locklear.

Principals Attend National Meet

Mr. John N. Sampson, Principal of Deep Branch Elementary School, and Dr. V. R. Thompson, Principal of Pembroke Senior High School, during the recent convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals in New Orleans, La., explored with colleagues from all over the country possible solutions and alternatives concerning issues facing education and the schools in 1977.

Sampson and Thompson were among some 12,000 school administrators participating in more than 100 different sessions focusing on such topics as back to the basics—what it is and how it's done; budget decentralization; alternatives to desegregation; and extracurricular programs—how to survive in an era of austerity. An activity of the National Convention was visits to New Orleans area schools that feature innovative practices and concepts.

Major speakers at the 61st annual convention included Senator Sam Ervin, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, Saturday Review Editor Norman Cousins, Olympic Gold Medalist Bob Richards, and Xavier University (La.) President Norman Francis.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals, organized in 1916, serves 36,000 school administrators through several monthly publications, seminars and conferences, research and information clearinghouses, and legal assistance. Its annual convention is one of the largest gatherings of educators in the country.

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