DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS TONIGHT

Democrats from Robeson County will caucas at their precinict polling places on Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m., J. Mark Brooks, chairman of the county Democratic Party, announced today. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend.

"These precinct meetings

represent grass-roots demo-cracy in action," Brooks said. "Democrats all over North Carolina will be gathering to elect delegates to the county Democratic conventions and to discuss and pass resolutions on issues that concern them.

Brooks stressed that the

Democratic Party is seeking broad participation in its meetings at both the precinct and -county level. "We seek to be an inclusive party," he said, "and we urge all active Democrats to attend these meetings and make their voic-



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have its annual pageant March 14, 1980, in the Maxton High School auditorium. The pageant will begin at 7:30. Admission is \$1.00 for students and \$1.50 for adults.

The theme for this year's pageant is "Keep on Danc-

are: Susan Bethea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bethea: Deborah McCallum. daughter of Mrs. Mildred Applewhite; Ruby Smith, daughter of Mrs. Flora Lee Smith; Tina Locklear, daughter of Mrs. Emma Locklear; Wendy Wallace, daughter of

Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Douglas; Charmaine Ramsey, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Naughan; Patricia Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marshall; and Vanessa Alford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alford. Not pictured: Amanda Blue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hines.

Local Migrant Staff attends Conference

The Migrant staff from Robeson County Unit attended the eleventh Annual Eastern Stream Migrant Education Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 18-21.

"The Child: Our Focal Point for Continuity" was the theme throughout the conference. The conference goal was to promote continuity through the exchange of ideas, information and materials relevant to the health, education, and welfare of the migrant child. Conference objectives were: (1) to provide for the exchange of instructional techniques for meeting the migrant child's educational, social and cultural needs; (2) to provide for the continued development of sound management practices insuring program continuity;
(3) to provide for the continued development of effective identification and recruitment procedures; (4) to emphasize the understanding and utilization of the Migrant Student Record Transfer System and (5) to provide for the exchange of information and techniques relevant to the Supportive Services Component.

Mr. Edward C. Hopkins. distinguished farmer and agricultural leader, was the keynote speaker for the first general session. Mr. Hopkins a life-time resident of Pennsylvania, has been actively involved as a civic and agricultural leader since his teens. His outstanding contributions to agriculture made him a sensitive, competent Vice President and President of the Falls-Overfield Township School Board. Falls-Overfield was the first vocationaleducation school district in Pennsylvania.

Attending the conference from Robeson County Administrative Unit were Furman Brewer, Assistant Director; teachers. Jerelene Hunt. Vivian Esters, Paulette Deese, Robert L. McGirt; and records clerk. Alice Evans.

Observes 39th Birthday



Donald Ray Strickland celebrated his 39th birthday on Monday, February 25, 1980 at his home on Rt. 3, Maxton, N.C. His family and friends

birthdays. He received many gifts and his birthday cake was baked by his wife, Carolyn.

Chamber of Commerce to meet

Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 The Pembroke Chamber and of Commerce and Agriculture will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Town Hall in Pembroke.

Make a special effort to be there because there will be day.'

forming of committee groups.

Said Curt Locklear, Presiahead of us, as well as a lot of opportunity for building a strong community. So I hope I will see you all this Thurs-

Program on Community Watch presented



Bill Price of the Robeson County Sheriff's Dept. shown discussing appropriate locks with Jimmy Goins, Pres. of

The Prospect PTA recently sponsored a Community Watch program. The session was held at the Prospect School and featured Bill Price of the Robeson County Sheriff's Department as speaker.

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Price explained that the Community Watch program was the idea of the new administration of Sheriff Hubert Stone. He stated that he (Price) traveled to various communities and shared with interested persons steps that could be taken to reduce the chances of breaking and entering of their homes.

Said he, "I'm not going to stand up here and tell you that we can eliminate all the breaking and entering in this county. I will tell you that there are certain things that can be done around your home to reduce the number of breaking and entering cases. What I propose to you is simply a reduction measure."

Price showed the group various locking devices and lained why some are be

Prospect PTA, and Mrs. Mytle Locklear, Parent. (Archie Oxen

hints for making homes less attractive to possible thieves. He told those assembled that there were certain preventive measures they could take in their homes that were relatively inexpensive and very effective.

Following his presentation, Mr. Price opened the floor for questions. He also stated that he was available at any time to come to various homes and tell residents what they need to do in the privacy of their home. Price may be contacted at the Robeson County Sheriff's Department, 738-8271.

The informative meeting was made possible through the auspices of the Robeson County Community Schools Program. The director for that program, Archie Oxendine, was in attendance. The Pro-spect PTA is indebted to Mr. Oxendine for his dedication to ommunity involvement in the sunty schools.

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Social Security Notes

The question has been raised recently about the impact of current economic trends on the Social Security Trust funds. Two points need to be made: first, the trends themselves have been mixed. Second, we can assure the American people that Social Security be fits are not in jeopardy and will be paid in the next five years and over the next fifty years.

In the next five years (the period covered in the President's budget), the total projected tax receipts to the three payroll tax financed trust funds --- Old-Age and Survivors, Disability, and Medicare Hospital Insurance -- are more than adequate to cover projected expenditures. But for a variety of reasons, the specific allocations to each fund are not the best possible ones.

Most people think of the payroll tax as one fixed amount. But, in fact, the payroll tax is a combined amount that is divided after collection among the three funds. Current allocations to each of the three funds were set down in the law in 1977. Since then, unforseen factors have changed the projected

The Disability program, for example, is doing better than expected, because of a continued lower incidence of disability. The Hospital Insurance Trust fund has also been building larger reserves than were anticipated.

But the Old-Age and Survivors program is projected to face short-term difficulties in 1982 primarily because the inflation rate has been higher than expected, and this trend has not been offset by other, more favorable developments. The Administration is proposing legislation that will allow the three funds to borrow from one other, on condition that the loans will not jeopardize the cash position of any individual fund. Inter-fund borrowing is a device to temporarily reallocate revenues as needed.

Current projections show that the combined trust funds are healthy--that they include adequate reserves. There is nothing remarkable about inter-fund borrowing. It is a logical measure to meet shortterm requirements. Taxpayers are not affected. Most taxpayers are not concerned with how the tax is divided.

Over the long haul, the payroll tax increases scheduled in current law will permit the Old Age and Survivors Trust fund to begin accumulating larger reserves in the early 1990s right on through the early part of the next century (2010-2015). After that, the fund is projected to be drawn down to meet benefit payments to the baby boom generation. We will of course be making continuing projections and will make any necessary changes to take account of larger numbers of retired persons.

We have guidance from expert groups about what paths we might take. The 1979 Advisory Council has recently made its recommendations. The National Commission on Social Security, established by the 1977 Amendments, has issued its interim report; the full report is due in January 1981. The President has also named a Commission on Pension policy to study these

In addition to the expert groups, people all across the country have been giving ustheir opinions through our national outreach programs of symposia and town meetings.

So now is the time for careful evaluation and assessment of the various recommendation Policies will be shaped to reflect the best alternatives.

The prospect of change is a sign that this system is healthy and capable of responding to the changing needs of American society. Social Security has been its assembles for the least kept its promises for the inst 40 years. As Secretary Harris currently put it: "The Social



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