

4-H

Bike-A-Thon

Over 100 bike riders participated in the Annual 4-H Bike-A-Thon sponsored by the Robeson County Extension Service 4-H County Council. The bike-a-thon is a project of the 4-H's to help raise money to support the work of the Robeson County Red Cross Chapter.

According to Sara Leggette, 4-H Council President, the bike-a-thon was a "super success" in the four areas of the county. Sara also mentioned that the top three riders who raised the most money in each area will be awarded a bicycle as first prize, \$30 as second prize, and \$20 as third prize. Prizes will be awarded on Wednesday, June 24, 1981.

Instructions to bike-a-thon riders for collection of pledges are:

1. Don't send cash! Send check or money order for cash

2. Have all checks made out to the Robeson County 4-H Fund.

3. Show your certificate to your sponsors to prove you rode as far as you did.

4. Collect your pledges at once! The longer you wait, the harder it is to collect. Prizes will be determined by the actual amount of money turned in within 30 days after the ride. You will be notified if you have won a prize.

5. Return your sponsor sheet with your checks.

Particular thanks from the Robeson County 4-H Staff and 4-H Council went to A.D. Lewis of Big Brick Warehouse; Thomas Jones of Ideal Cleaners; H.T. Taylor of the Bargain House of Lumberton; Sammy Cox of Lumberton Datsun; Eric Prevatte of Prevatte Auto Parts, Inc.; Burlington Industries and First

Union National Bank of St. Pauls for providing bicycles in each of the areas; Lumberton Coca-Cola Bottling Company; McDonald's; Robeson County Sheriff's Department; Bike-a-thon area rescue squads; and radio stations WTSB, WAGR, WFMO, and WLAB for providing special assistance to the bike-a-thon.

For more information about the 4-H program or the bike-a-thon, you may contact the Robeson County Extension Service at 738-8111.

Best Of Press

Good Advice

Stop worrying about what Junior will do when he grows up-better go see what he's up to now. -Pathfinder.

How True

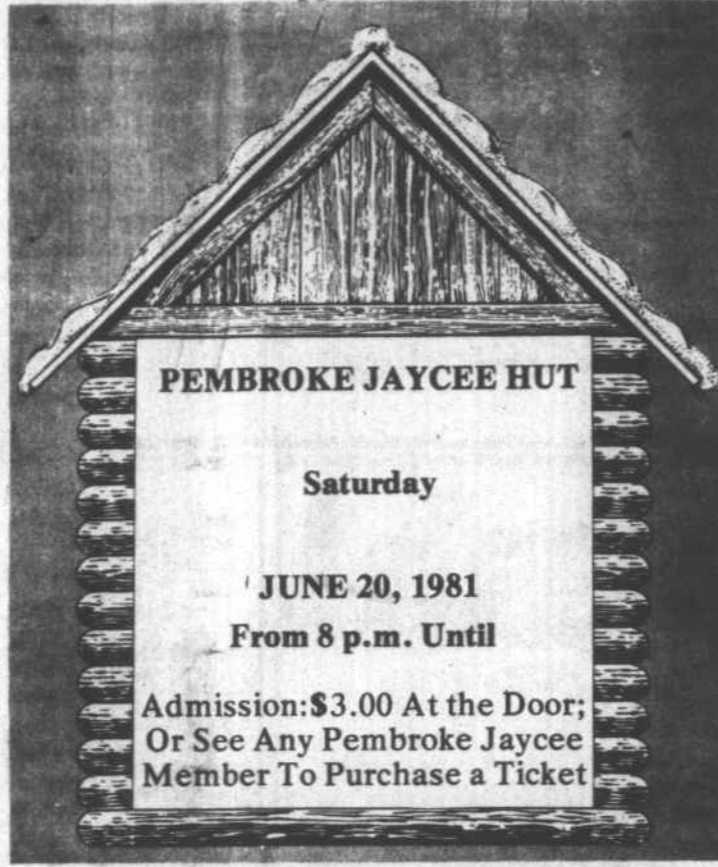
Young people have to try their wings, but a lot of parents wish they wouldn't try putting them on the family car. -Republican, Boone, Ia.



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Computerized System to speed delivery of Services to Indians

A newly developed automatic data processing system for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' social services programs will be implemented October 1 in all areas except Alaska. Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Ken Smith announced today.

With the new system in place, the processing of a request for general assistance, which in the present manual system takes 3-6 weeks before delivery of the first check, will be completed in 2-3 days.

Smith said the new system will eliminate some emergencies now created by the time lag in delivery of services; will give social workers more time for clients by cutting down paperwork time; will give management immediate data needed for analysis and planning; and will provide accurate, timely audit and program reports required for budgeting and reports to Congress. The system will also work in conjunction with other existing and planned local operating level systems.

Smith said that he was especially pleased with the development of the Bureau's social services automation program because it "came from the users...I didn't start with the planners."

Ray Butler, director of the Bureau's Social Services programs, said the laborious manual system has not been able to keep up with the growth of the programs. He noted that the social services budget grew from \$1.5 million

in the 1950s to \$20 million at the end of the 1960s to approximately \$90 million in 1981. The number of people receiving general assistance grew in this time from 12,000 to 58,000.

Butler said that the Bureau's Phoenix area office played a leading role in the development of the new ADP system through pioneering a conversion to the system in October 1979. The system has been thoroughly tested in the Phoenix office which serves 46 reservations in Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Operation of the system will be delayed in Alaska past October 1 because of some special telecommunications problems, but will be operational in all other areas by October 1.

The Bureau's general assistance and child welfare programs are for eligible Indian people living on or near a reservation who are not able to receive such assistance through state or local public welfare agencies. The Bureau's social services program also includes providing assistance through tribal work projects (similar to so-called "workfare" projects); child welfare services in helping with the placement of Indian children in adoptive or foster homes; family services; assistance to Indians to enable them to get needed services and assistance from state and local agencies; and helping community agencies away from the reservations to understand the needs of Indians.

A New 4-H Club in Piney Grove Community

The new 4-H club was organized recently in the Piney Grove community. During the planning stages of the new club, Eddie L. Locklear, associate Extension agent, 4-H, met with interested adults in the Greenview and Piney Grove communities to discuss the formulation of a new club. During the meeting at the home of Mildred Rogers, 4-H program leader of the new club, Locklear discussed 4-H activities and projects and gave an overview of the local, county, district, and state programs.

After receiving a commitment from the five adult volunteers present, a second meeting was held in the home of Shirl Bolin, 4-H organizational leader of the new club. During the second meeting, the agent discussed the role of a 4-H leader and identified the various leadership positions and their responsibilities. There was also an in-depth discussion of projects and demonstrations during the second meeting. To conclude the meeting, Locklear presented roll cards to the leaders and asked them to identify their specific leadership roles.

Other leaders of the club are Barbara Graham, 4-H project leader; Judy Oxendine, recreation and refreshment leader; and Janice Hough, 4-H activity leaders. Locklear explained that with good communication, the leadership team approach would be ideal in working with the 4-H community club. After the initial training of the 4-H volunteers, an or-

ganizational meeting was held with the 4-H members. During the first meeting, Locklear presented a program on "Something to Sing About." He discussed the various activities and functions of 4-H members and asked the children to think about membership and to discuss with their parents whether they could be members.

During the second meeting with the new 4-H club, Locklear discussed the 4-H emblem, the order of a 4-H meeting, the community 4-H club concept, and officers and their responsibilities. After the discussion of these various topics and responding to any questions presented, Locklear distributed 4-H enrollment cards for the youngsters to enroll in 4-H. The new members were assisted in completing the cards by their 4-H leaders.

During future meetings, the 4-H members will be trained in parliamentary procedure, duties and responsibilities of officers, and projects and how to select projects. Also during the next meeting, 4-H members will elect officers for the new club.

The new club will be known as the Piney Grove 4-H Club, and this new club has an open membership policy for anyone who may wish to join. Membership is open to any race, creed, or nationality. Anyone interested in participating in the new 4-H club should contact one of the leaders identified above or call the 4-H Office at 738-8111.

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