

Robeson County Schools



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22 TEACHERS WILL COMPETE FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Robeson County Schools will offer a total of twenty candidates for local district competition for "The Teacher of the Year" who will represent the Robeson County Schools in district competition. Selected by their representative schools for this outstanding recognition are: Annie Ruth Bullard, Deep Branch School; Sylvia McCallum, Fairgrove School; Mary Lawson, Green Grove School; Crystal Blue, Long Branch; Peggy Chavis, Magnolia; Myrtle Black, Orrum; Holly Floyd Locklear, Oxendine; Elizabeth Shore, Parkton; Shirley Locklear, Pembroke Elementary; Robert Lee Davis, Pembroke Junior; Agnes Chavis, Pembroke Middle; Debbie Britt, Piney Grove; Phoda Godwin, Prospect; Katherine Carter, R.B. Dean; Mary B. Hunt, Robeson County Career Center; Jean W. Shaw, Smiths/Alenton; Josephine Locklear, South Robeson; John Pat Locklear, Townsend Middle; Yvonne L. Wallace, Union Chapel; Molly Locklear, Union Elementary; Barbara Powell, West Robeson; and Evelyn Dawson, Rex Rennert. Candidates will be hosted at a tea by the Robeson County Board of Education on Wednesday, October 26th after which they will be interviewed by the TOY (Teacher of the Year) Committee who will announce the final selection of

Robeson County Teacher of the Year on Monday, Oct. 31st.

ROBESON COUNTY ECIA CHAPTER I PARENT WILL ATTEND NATIONAL MEET

Approximately 2,000 parents, educators, administrators and concerned citizens from across the nation are expected to attend the National Coalition of Chapter I Parents Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, November 2-6. The Conference will feature more than forty workshops designed to increase knowledge and skills in more effective planning, administration and evaluation of ECIA Chapter I Programs which are federally funded compensatory education programs designed to assign students with educational deficiencies in improving basic skills. Representing the Robeson County Schools will be Alphonzo McRae, Jr., ECIA Chapter I Supervisor and three members of the District ECIA Chapter I Parent Advisory Council: Effie McEachin, Doretha Adams and Naomi Hines.

AROUND THE SCHOOLS...

Deep Branch School was the scene of a special dance program coordinated by Kate Rinzler, visiting consultant with the Robeson County Schools in a cooperative project with Save the Children Foundation. The student dance performance portrayed

creative expression in the study of science through motion illustrated through dance. The solar system was introduced by students through various movements accompanied by Space Odyssey Music.

Eighth grade students at Fairgrove School recently visited the Town Creek Indian Mound as part of their social studies classes in studying North Carolina History and Landforms. Students were accompanied by their classroom teacher, Kathy Leggett and Title IV Indian Education Resource Specialist, Kathy Chavis. Fairgrove School eighth grade students supervised and directed by Kathy Leggett also participated in the Folklife Festival at the State Fair in Raleigh on October 19th where they performed in the square dance competition and demonstration.

Resource utilization has been established as a priority for the Robeson County Schools, and several schools are using community resource volunteers and specialists. Recently, Anna M. Reagon and Lindell Freeman of the Robeson County Ambulance Service provided pulse and blood pressure checks for the students in the classes of Kay Dean and Sharon Sampson at Fairgrove School and also provided students with an opportunity to look inside the EHE ambulance. The Prospect Volunteer Fire Department conducted a demonstration at Prospect School during Fire Prevention Week and presented fireman hats, stickers and bubble gum to all students in K-6 at Prospect School.

Orrum High School proclaimed October 14th as Eric Floyd Day in recognition of Eric Floyd's outstanding achievement and performance in football as the leading rusher of all football players in Robeson County and having gained 1,088 yards in 7 games. Special activities included the wearing of Frog Day Pin-ons, a special pep rally to honor Eric, and special recognition of Eric at the scheduled game with Clarkton during half-time ceremonies by Orrum coach, Jay Lowry.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Question: Some people seem to think no matter how high the price, people will always drink and the liquor industry will always be very profitable. Is this true or false?

Answer: Experts say that the above statement is false. Per adult consumption of liquor in the United States is less today than it has been at any time since 1970.

Liquor sales were down roughly three percent in 1982, probably due to the recession. If there were to be a major increase in taxes on liquor, for instance, it would cause a major price increase which would only accelerate the decline in sales. A 100 percent boost in the federal tax on liquor, for instance, would cause retail prices to go up as much as 50 percent. Liquor sales could drop at least 25 percent, according to conservative estimates.

Unfortunately, the decline would not come from problem drinkers, says the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, Inc. (DISCUS), the trade association of the distilled spirits industry. It would come from reduced consumption by light and moderate drinkers—over 100 million consumers. The industry would suffer a severe blow but we would likely see no change in alcohol abuse problems.

Pembroke State University

BY GENE WARREN



THE BIG DAY NEARS: 'MISS N.C.' SPEAKS AT PEMBROKE STATE

Jeanne Swanner Robertson, the 6-foot-2 former "Miss North Carolina" who calls herself a "tall lady with a tall sense of humor," will be visiting Pembroke State University next Thursday to speak at PSU's fourth Annual Giving Campaign kickoff dinner in the Jones Physical Education Center.

She realizes as the speaker she is following in the footsteps of enthusiastic Jim Valvano, N.C. State's high-flying basketball coach who is still in orbit after last March's national NCAA championship. "Jim and I are good friends," she smiled, is ready for the challenge. Valvano was great as PSU's speaker last year.

A native of Graham, Jeanne was recently given a full-page spread in her hometown newspaper, the Burlington Daily Times-News, reflecting back on 1963 when she won "Miss North Carolina" and six busloads of Alamance County residents accompanied her to Atlantic City.

Now 40 years old, married to Jerry Robertson, and the mother of a senior in high school, Jeanne "is more beautiful than ever, with a softness and a maturity that have developed in the two decades since she was 'Miss North Carolina,'" said the Burlington newspaper.

The newspaper continued: "There are a few gray strands in the honey-blond hair, some of the southern drawl has vanished or been refined, but the twinkle in her eye is just as bright as ever and the wit is just as sharp...She still strums the ukelele and sings as she travels around the country making speeches...As one of the nation's top female humorists, she still tells jokes—down-home, country style jokes—and pokes fun at herself and others and wins admiration from audiences everywhere she goes."

This lady is a professional speaker, averaging 150 speeches a year—to such organizations as Key Club International, IBM, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Kansas Livestock Association, Hilton Hotels Corporation, Oklahoma Lumbermen's Association, etc.

Mary Kay Cosmetics is one of her best clients and usually sends a Lear Jet to take her from one location to another. "I owe it all to my year as 'Miss North Carolina,'" Jeanne says. "That year was equal to being in Toastmasters for 10 years—better, because it made me a professional and gave me a career. I learned I could say funny things and people would listen and laugh. But I have a point to make, too—a point that will relate to each individual audience."

In order to participate in the "Miss America" pageant in 1963, Jeanne was forced to decline an invitation to make her bow into society at the N.C. Debutante Ball because they took place on the same weekend—a decision she has never regretted.

She will now use this ability as a speaker to help raise funds for Pembroke State University. If you haven't purchased your \$50-a-plate ticket yet, please hurry and call the PSU Office of Institutional Advancement, 521-4214, Ext. 252, and they will get a ticket to you. Remember: tickets are tax deductible.

AMATI STRING QUARTET WILL BE PART OF EVENING

Those purchasing tickets to the fund-raising dinner will also be special guests at a performance by the Amati String Quartet the same Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the PSU Performing Arts Center.

This quartet has been praised throughout Europe for its artistry. It made its debut at La Piccola Scala in Milan. Within a year it had performed in many of Europe's most prestigious music centers. Single tickets are on sale for \$5, \$4, and \$3. Call 521-0778 for more information.

STALEY LECTURE SERIES SET MONDAY & TUESDAY

To begin the many activities scheduled at PSU next week, the annual Staley Lecture Series is scheduled Monday and Tuesday.

The speaker this year is Dr. George Schweitzer, whose theme for the two-day series of talks will be "Misplaced Debate: Science Vs. Religion." Dr. Schweitzer is Alumni Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Schweitzer earned a B.A. in chemistry at Central College, an M.S. in geochemistry at the University of Illinois, and M.A. in religion at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. A Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at the University of Illinois, a second Ph.D. in philosophy of religion at New York University, and an Sc.D. (Doctor of Science) for his work in the history of science from Central College.

His talks will be as follows: Monday, 9 a.m.—"The Cosmic Drama," Moore Hall Auditorium; 11 a.m.—"Scientific Faith and Religious Knowledge," Educational Center 223; 2 p.m.—information discussion between Dr. Schweitzer and students at the PSU Baptist Student Center, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.—

"the Creation-Evolution Controversy," Educational Center 223; 11 a.m.—Science Seminar on "Photoelectron Spectroscopy," Oxendine Science Building 104.

Co-arranging the lectures are the PSU department of Philosophy-Religion and Physical Science.

ELEVEN COEDS COMPETE FOR 'MISS PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY'

Eleven coeds will compete Wednesday, Nov. 2, for "Miss Pembroke State University" with competition beginning at 8 p.m. at the PSU Performing Arts Center.

The winner will receive a crown, trophy, and roses—plus a \$500 scholarship. Also selected will be the first, second, third and fourth runner-up and a "Miss Congeniality," who will receive a plaque.

The contestants, year in school, and hometown are as follows: Dana Brigman, sophomore, Rockingham; Priscilla Dunham, sophomore, White Oak; Melissa Gates, freshman, Chapel Hill; Sharon Hart, sophomore, Falcon; Jackie Lull, sophomore, Fayetteville; Gretchen Mathews, sophomore, Fayetteville; Pam

Oxendine, sophomore, Lumberton; Jean Shifler, freshman, Great Falls, Va.; Beverly Stephenson, senior, Conway; Sharona Stone, freshman, Fayetteville; and Sherri Westmoreland, senior, Sophia.

Francy Adler of Fayetteville, who was "Miss PSU" two years ago, is in charge of this year's contest.

PSU BENEFIT TOURNEY AT GATES FOUR SET NOV. 4

Gates Four Country Club near Fayetteville will host a Pembroke State University scholarship golf tourney Friday, Nov. 4. Teams will gather at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$35 per person and \$70 per team. Firms are encouraged to sponsor teams. The entry fee includes the green fee, cart, and refreshments which will follow. A number of prizes will be given away.

Chairman of the tournament committee is Bob Wagstaff. Other committee members include Earl Collins, Dr. James B. Chavis, and Dr. Pete Wish, the latter two of Pembroke State University. For more information, contact Dr. Chavis' office at 521-4214, Ext. 226.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY WEDNESDAY

Along with the "Miss PSU" pageant Wednesday, Nov. 2, Pembroke State's Office of Career Planning and Placement will sponsor a

"Graduate and Professional School Information Day." It will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Student Center. Representatives from several universities will be on campus to discuss with junior and seniors their graduate programs in a variety of disciplines. They will have application forms and will provide information on admission, financial aid, and housing.

COL. EARL LOWRY PLANS VISIT TO PEMBROKE

Col. Earl Lowry, one of the most distinguished alumni of this institution, writes and says he plans to be in Pembroke next week, arriving on or about Nov. 1. This is a man who was a physician to such giants in history as general Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton and Omar Bradley. We are looking forward to meeting Col. Lowry and having a long chat about his exploits. See you at the fund-raising dinner!



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JEANNE SWANNER ROBERTSON...When she was "Miss North Carolina" in 1963. From Graham, she will be the speaker at Pembroke State's fund-raising dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3.