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## Bicentennial Celebration Begins Jan. 6



These three PSU students will represent the three races of Robeson County on county's Bicentennial Float Jan. 6

when opening ceremonies will be held in Lumberton beginning

at 1:30 p.m. Left to right, Rogers, Miss Lumbee, also of PSU coeds are: Sheree Blue Red Springs; and Kimberly Bennett of Shannon.

The Robeson County Bicentennial Celebration, for which planning began two and a half years ago, is less than three weeks away.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 will be the 200th birthday of Robeson County. On that day at the Robeson County Courthouse in Lumberton, festivities will be launched with special events taking place through out the year.

Banners publicizing the Bicentennial are going up in Lumberton, Pembroke, Red Springs, Fairmont, Maxton, St. Pauls and Rowland.

Television coverage will be provided of the opening ceremonies.

A Bicentennial float has been constructed with representatives of Robeson County's three main races to be on it for the opening ceremonies Jan. 6. The three representatives will be Leshia Gayle Rogers, Miss Lumbee, who will represent the Indian race; Sheree Blue, who will represent the Black race; and Kimberly Bennett who will

represent the white race. Miss Rogers and Miss Blue are from Red Springs, while Miss Bennett is from Shannon. All are PSU students.

This float will be stationed at courthouse square in Lumberton which will be the center of the Jan. 6 activities beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Ft. Bragg, located only a half hour from Lumberton, is playing a big part in helping Robeson County launch its celebration. Both Lt. Gen. John W. Foss, present commander of Ft. Bragg and Lt. Gen. James J. Lindsay, immediate past commander who is now commander of MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa, Fla., have indicated they and their wives will be in attendance.

So will a color guard from Ft. Bragg and a squad of seven soldiers who will fire a 21-gun salute. Also invited to be part of the opening ceremonies is Ft. Bragg's 82nd Airborne Division's All-American Band and All-American Chorus.

Among the dignitaries who have confirmed they will be present is Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m. will be a performance by the All-American Chorus from Ft. Bragg. At 2 p.m. the main part of the ceremonies will start. Prayers will be offered by ministers of the three races of Robeson County. Soloist Carolyn Snow of Lumberton will sing "God Bless America" as part of the proceedings.

In case of rainy weather on Jan. 6, the opening ceremonies will be moved inside the Carolina Civic Center.

Chairman of the Robeson County Bicentennial Commission who has spearheaded the festivities all of the way is Hector MacLean, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Southern National Corporation in Lumberton.

Each month of the year in 1987 has a special designation and January is "Heritage Month."

As part of the festivities in January, Sunday, Jan. 11, has been designated by the Robeson County Bicentennial Commission as "Religious Heritage Sunday."

"Every church or religious organization in the county should have a special service or sermon that day in which gratitude to God should be offered for providing us this wonderful land of Robeson County," said MacLean.

Commemorative medallions about the Robeson County Bicentennial are on sale at 28 financial institutions in the county. They depict the three major races of the county in the order they arrived here: the American Indian, the white man, and the Black man. Under those faces are the years 1797-1987. The medallions, which are brass with gold tones, are on sale for \$20.

A historical map of Robeson County will soon be ready as part of the many special observances of the Bicentennial this year.

## 4-H Achievement Program Held in December

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet was held recently at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building. Cathy M. Lowery, assistant Extension agent, 4-H, says the underlying theme of the program was "4-H for Youth, for America." The spirit of 4-H could be sensed among the clover tablecloths and the green and white decor. Posters and flags were designed and displayed during the achievement Night by the following clubs: Regan, Trailways-Kennedy, Roy's Clover, Greenville, and North Lumberton.

The call to order and welcome were by County Council President Deidra Sutton. Miss Sutton also recognized 4-H leaders and supporters. Other County Council members were responsible for the presentation of the United States Flag and the 4-H flag. Deloris Hudson, advisor for the 4-H Leaders Association, gave the invocation. Three key 4-H members delivered brief presentations about their 4-H experiences in the past year. Bert Bernhardt of the North Lumberton 4-H Club presented a discussion of his trip to National 4-H Congress held annually in Chicago. Kim Brewer spoke of her trip to Citizenship-Washington Focus. Doug Bernhardt, advisor of the North Lumberton 4-H Club, briefly discussed his participation in 4-H National Conference.

Recognition of 4-H members for project work was by Georgi Mosby, volunteer leader of Boy's Clover 4-H Club. "I Dare You" Awards were presented by Christy Strickland to Billy Hunt of the West Lumberton 4-H Club and Priscilla Ivey of the Regan 4-H Club for outstanding 4-H achievement. Recognition of special guests was by Sheila McMillan, volunteer leader of Boy's Clover 4-H Club. In the spirit of the holiday season, Rhondette Jones, 4-H County Council secretary, lead the congregation in singing "Joy to the World."

Another important function held during the Achievement Program was the installation of 1987 4-H County Council and Leaders Association officers. The ceremony was conducted by Deborah Houston, who installed the following County Council officers: Doug Bernhardt, president; Bert Bernhardt, president-elect; Dion Mosby, secretary; Angela Floyd, treasurer; Priscilla Ivey, reporter; Wesley Clark, sergeant-at-arms; Deidra Sutton, county representative on State Council; and Rhondette Jones, county representative on District Council.

The new Leaders Association officers are: Georgi Mosby, president; Sheila McMillan, president-elect; Rogena Deese, secretary-treasurer; Jackie Clark, reporter and Deloris Hudson & Ruth Bernhardt, advisors.



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## 4-H CHRISTMAS CRAFTS ALIVE WITH HOLIDAY SPIRITS



Scene from Christmas Crafts Workshop held at West Lumberton School.

The enthusiasm of the Christmas season was apparent at the recently conducted 4-H Christmas Crafts Workshops. Students from the Lumberton area elementary schools were involved in making Christmas ornaments. The excitement generated by the elementary students could be sensed as they cut, glued, and constructed their own holiday crafts, says Cathy M. Lowery, assistant Extension agent, 4-H.

The workshops were conducted by 4-H leaders, principals, parents, teachers, and Lumberton High School art

students. These volunteers assisted the elementary pupils in making clothing pins, reindeer, macrame canes, felt door hangers, and wooden sleds.

Lowery states that over 100 youth were involved in the crafts workshop held at the following schools; Tanglewood, Rowland Normet, Janie C. Hargrave, West Lumberton, and W.H. Knuckles.

An additional highlight was a surprise visit to all the schools by Santa Claus and Chris Clover, the 4-H mascot.

## Congressional Teacher Scholarship Program Offered in North Carolina

Chapel Hill. A new scholarship program designed to attract bright and talented students into the teaching profession is being offered in North Carolina. The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority announced today that a Federally-funded scholarship program will be available for the first time in 1986-87 to resident junior and senior undergraduates enrolled in North Carolina teacher education programs.

The Congressional Teacher Scholarship program, originally named the Carl D. Perkins Scholarship Program, was authorized by Congress in 1985 but not funded until adoption of the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986. Governor James G. Martin designated the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority as the administrative agency for the Congressional Teacher Scholarships. The Authority is an agency of the University of North Carolina General Administration.

The Congressional Teacher Scholarship program was established to provide college scholarships to outstanding

students to encourage and enable them to pursue teaching careers at the pre-school, elementary, or secondary level. Fifty recipients will be selected annually from candidates submitted by the deans of education of the 44 public and private schools in North Carolina with approved teacher education programs. Congressional Teacher Scholarship recipients for the 1986-87 academic year will be chosen by the seven-member Board of Directors of the Authority in February 1987. Selection will be made on the basis of academic performance, evidence of leadership, extracurricular participation, and the promise of service as a teacher at the pre-school, elementary, or secondary level, especially in North Carolina. Financial need is not a criterion for the Congressional Teacher award.

The amount of the scholarship is \$5,000 annually and may be received for a maximum of four years, subject to Congressional appropriations, provided the recipient continues to meet the scholarship requirements. Scholarship recipients will be obligated to teach two years for each year of scholarship assistance they receive. Recipients who teach in designated schools with high concentrations of economically disadvantaged or handicapped students may teach one year for each year of scholarship assistance. Recipients who do not fulfill the required teaching obligation must repay their scholarships including interest at a rate set by Congress.

Due to the upcoming holiday season, the Carolina Indian Voice will be published early during Christmas and New Year's weeks. During those two weeks only, the following deadlines will be effective.

Issue	Deadline	Published
Dec. 25	Thur. Dec. 18, 5 p.m.	Dec. 22
Jan. 1	Mon. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.	Dec. 29

The staff of the Carolina Indian Voice would appreciate your help in adhering to these deadlines during this special time of the year so that we may serve you better.

**Christmas Blessings**

Let peace and kindness reign in the hearts of all men.

From the staff of THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

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## LRDA Head Start King and Queen



Rex Rennert Head Start King & Queen  
Michael Raby  
Margaret Locklear



Fairgrove Head Start King & Queen  
Haley Locklear  
Derrick Wayne Scott

The Head Start Program sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association announces the winners of the king and queen contest.

The Rex Rennert Head Start King and Queen are Michael Raby and Margaret Locklear. Michael is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Michael Locklear. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Scott Jr. First runners up are Timothy Morgan and Vanessa Locklear.

The Fairgrove Head Start King and Queen are Derrick Wayne Scott and Haley

Locklear. Derrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Scott Jr. Haley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Locklear. First runners up are J.R. Hunt and Jessica Caulder.

The LRDA Head Start Program is appreciative of the community's support during the fund raising activities.

## Safety Tips

From  
Pembroke  
Police  
Dept.

The Pembroke Police Department wishes a happy and safe holiday to the citizens of Pembroke and the area around us. We wish to remind every driver that the new seat belt law and fine goes into effect January 1, 1987.

We believe reasonable enforcement can save thousands of people from injury and death. We have had over a year to get into the habit of wearing a seat belt, as the law went into effect without a fine on October 1, 1985.

Effective January 1 all drivers and front seat occupants must be in a lap belt or lap and shoulder belt. Already in effect is North Carolina's child passenger protection law which requires children less than age three to be in a safety seat and children age three and up to age six to be in a safety seat or buckled up no matter where they are in the car.

From a law enforcement perspective, it is interesting to note that in North Carolina three times more people are killed in auto accidents as are murdered. Three times more people are seriously injured in automobile accidents than robbed. Additionally, the economic impacts of auto accidents is six times higher - not counting repairs in auto mobile accidents than were treated nationwide for cocaine overdoses.