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ROBESON'S 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION NOW OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY

Lumberton-Robeson County's bicentennial celebration is now officially underway, after opening day festivities Tuesday, January 6, at the Robeson County Courthouse in Lumberton. The day's activities commenced with a appearance by Fort Bragg's 82nd Regiment Chorus, and was highlighted by speeches by Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and Henry A. "Sandy" McKinnon, a retired superior court judge, and Robeson native, who gave a brilliant history of Robeson County. Mike McIntyre, a local attorney, and chairman of the local 200th celebration of the U.S. Constitution, also gave a rousing speech in defense of freedom and the sanctity of

the U.S. Constitution. All in all, it was a good day to be an American, and a Robesonian. Robeson County was created 200 years ago Jan. 6 by the state and named for Col. Thomas Robeson, who led 69 Whigs across the Cape Fear River and fought 400 Tories during the Revolutionary War.

The year-long celebration commemorates the 200th anniversary of Robeson County and features the three races in the county. Representing the races are three beauty queens, a black, an Indian and a white.

Several guests, including Gen. and Mrs. James Lindsay, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. John

W. Ross, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Paul Oliver, county officials, and members of the bicentennial commission, chaired by Hector MacLean attended the celebration kick-off.

Others attending was a Robeson County school delegation and local Boy and Girl Scouts.

Closing segments of the ceremony included a prayer of gratitude by the Rev. Olin Heffner and a 21-gun salute.

The Rev. E.B. Turner was in charge of the benediction and Carolyn Snow, accompanied by the chorus and band, closed by singing "God Bless America." Rev. Julian Ransom gave the invocation and Hector MacLean, truly a Robeson treasure, presided.

Jimmie Earl Cummings Supporters To Meet

There will be a public meeting on January 15, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at West Robeson Senior High. The meeting is sponsored by Concerned Citizens for Better Govern-

ment in Robeson County. Everyone is welcome to share their concerns about the killing of Jimmy Earl Cummings by Kevin Stone, son of Sheriff Hubert Stone.

Appointed To Indian Housing Authority

Gov. Jim Martin has appointed three new members and re-appointed another to the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority. The new members and their terms are: Manager T. Richardson of Hollister, June 30, 1990; Sybil J. Bullard of Pembroke, June 30, 1991; and Lee R. Epps of Charlotte, June 30, 1988. James Alex Hardin of Fayetteville has been re-appointed to a second term and will serve until June 30, 1987.

Richardson, 57, is a member of the Haliwa-Saponi tribal council. He also serves as a member of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

Bullard, 28, manages J.R. Jones Grain, a family-owned grain elevator business.

Epps, 51, is co-owner of Safety Distributors, Inc. of Greensboro.

Hardin, 36, is executive director of the Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke.

The Indian Housing Authority provides improved housing for Indians of low income throughout the state and undertakes housing projects within the boundaries of another city, county or regional housing authority only if the latter authority gives its approval.

Hills Food Store Raffles Off Microwave



Shown above is Mary Hills Food Store, Pembroke, manager of the Pembroke Hills Food Store. (Bruce Barton photo)

Robeson County Selected for Celebration of Constitution

Robeson County has been selected as the first county in North Carolina to receive designation as an "Official Bi-Centennial Community" by the Commission on the Bi-Centennial of the United States Constitution.

The announcement was made recently by Mike McIntyre, Chairman of the Robeson County Bi-Centennial Commission's U.S. Constitution Committee. McIntyre said that the county commission was notified of the county's special status by a letter from the federal commission, which is chaired by former Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Warren Burger.

"This designation allows us to use educational materials which are being distributed nationwide in honor of the Constitution's 200th anniversary. It also permits us to use the federal logo, which means we have federal

endorsement for our projects and activities. Special recognition has now been given to our hard-working county commission," according to McIntyre.

Robeson County is now in a position to administer a meaningful celebration of both the county's 200th anniversary as well as that of the U.S. Constitution. A proclamation issued by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners in October authorized the Robeson County Bi-Centennial Commission to lead both celebrations. State recognition was given to the commission by the North Carolina Commission on the Bi-Centennial in November. The State Commission, chaired by Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan, commended Robeson County as being "exemplary of the kind of committee we hope to achieve statewide."

Several educational activities have already been started in the public schools, including essay contests for senior and junior high school students and coloring book contests for elementary school students.

Area attorneys who are members of the Citizenship Education Committee of the Robeson County Bar Association are available to speak to classes, civic clubs, churches, historical societies and other organizations. Groups interested in such speakers may call McIntyre at 739-8818 for further information.

McIntyre emphasized that Robeson County is slightly older than the U.S. Constitution. The county was formed on January 6, 1787, while the Constitution was approved on September 17, 1787.

Hector MacLean is chairman of the county commission.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Alert Cable TV Expands to 16 Channel Primary Lineup
Alert Cable TV, Red Springs expanded their primary basic channel line up to 16 channels January 1, 1987. If you need a converter to receive these new channels contact the office at 739-0072 or 112 E. 3rd Ave., Red Springs. Cable representatives will be available at this address to help you determine what you need to receive the new channels. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. If customers would come to the office in Red Springs, arrangements for your needs can be made much faster.

Financial Aid Workshop at West Robeson
All parents of seniors and seniors are invited to a

financial aid workshop to be held at West Robeson Senior High in the cafeteria on Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. Presenters will be Ms. Ester Jacobs, director of financial aid at PSU and Ms. Theresa DeCarlo, assistant financial aid officer at PSU.

For more information contact Aggie G. Deese, Senior Counselor at 521-3253. All parents are urged to attend.

Public Notice
Elderly divorcees sometimes qualify for more money when their ex-spouse dies. For partial list of Social Security death benefits, and also veterans information, readers may send a stamped, self addressed envelope to John Speights, P.O. Box 12743, Raleigh, NC 27606 (919) 872-6235.

Wins Three Trophies



Little Miss Meredith Bare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bare of Salisbury was a contestant in the 1986-87 Carolina Girl Pageant. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bare of Salisbury and Mrs. Stella Godwin Oxendine of Pembroke. The pageant was held on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1986 in the Mt. Pleasant High School Auditorium, Mt. Pleasant, NC

at 10 a.m. Meredith came out in the Baby Miss Division-ages 1-3 years. The competition included dress, sports wear, judge interviews, talent and photogenic entries. For

her talent, Meredith captivated the audience with her performance on the drum dressed in authentic Indian attire. Meredith was the winner of three trophies: most photogenic, talent and first runner up in her division.

ROBESON COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS



Seventeen junior high students at Magnolia High School contributed do-

LOCALS PART OF 21 DEAD DURING LONG HOLIDAYS

Twenty-one people died on North Carolina highways, including eight from the Cape Fear region, during the long holiday weekend, raising the death toll for the Christmas and New Year's weekends to 34, the state Highway Patrol reported today.

The death toll for New Year's was just below 1986, when 23 people died in the first four days of the year, but substantially higher than the 22 deaths estimated for the two holiday periods by the Carolina Motor Club.

Two Robeson County children, ages 8 and 13, were killed when the moped they were riding was struck by a car.

The victims were identified as

Shawn Franklin Carter, 13, and Nicholas J. Strickland, 5, of Pembroke, according to state trooper Earl Oxendine.

Oxendine said the accident occurred on Rural Paved Road 1553, about 1 1/4 miles east of Pembroke at 5:50 p.m. Sunday. The two were dead at the scene.

The trooper said the moped was struck by a car driven by Gary Curtis Strickland Jr., 17, also of Pembroke. Strickland was not injured.

The Stricklands were not related, but all three involved were neighbors, the trooper said.

The accident is still being investigated, and no charge has been filed yet, Oxendine said.

NEWS AND BRIEFS

John L. Godwin, chairman of the coordinating committee of the Concerned Citizens for Better Government in Robeson County, reports that

the American Civil Liberties Union will hold a press conference in Lumberton on Friday, January 9, 1987, to announce their intention to represent the Jimmy Earl Cummings family. This deci-

sion was made after much investigation by the ACLU.

Kevin Stone, son of Sheriff Hubert Stone, killed Jimmy Earl Cummings on November 1, 1986 after allegedly finding drugs on the car Cummings was driving. The coroner's inquest of Cummings' death reported Cummings died from a bullet wound to the head either accidentally or in self-defense.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS

Mr. Lyeour Lowry, speaking before the Kiwanis Club in their weekly meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant cited statistically that in 1940 the farmer produced for himself and 19 others. In 1950 he was feeding 29 others and himself. In 1970, 73 others and himself and in 1986 he was feeding 116 others and himself.

In 1946 the farmer spent 22 percent out of every dollar for production. What part of the dollar does the farmer get? 3 percent in 1946, in 1986 25 percent out of a dollar. In agriculture each man hour spent has tripled in production compared to other industries. In 1980 General Motors and Ford laid off thousands. Bonuses were paid in the millions to top executives. We were producing what tea to African families were formerly producing. Not being a socialist and believing in the law of

supply and demand and believing in the American system I find the small farmer is having it really tough to make it. The large farms with careful management can make it. The average age of farmers is going down and the older farmers are getting out of it. Industries control other industries but in farming we don't control other industries. Poultry out produces tobacco. The American Tobacco Co. imports tobacco from South American 30 cents a pound cheaper.

Many questions and answers followed Mr. Lowry's presentation. Jim Paul presented Mr. Lowry, President of the Robeson County Farm Bureau.

President Henry Ward Oxendine presided. Invocation was by Don Bullard. Song leader was Ray Lowry. Reporter- Ken Johnson. Ken Johnson

Research Hospital by participating in a Math-a-Thon.

Lumberton races to Shootout title

PEMBROKE — Marie Lorick scored 27 points and Kenny Floyd added 24 and Ebbie Lesane got 23 as Lumberton defeated West Robeson 93-63 to win the championship of the Robeson County Shootout.

All three were named to the all-tournament team with Lesane grabbing MVP honors. Melvin McGirt topped West with 23 points.

Robeson County Shootout at Pembroke State University. Championship. Lumberton 93, West Robeson 63. LUMBERTON: Marie Lorick 27, Kenny Floyd

Multiple Louie 23, Barnes 2, Trotter 1, Hart 2, Shuman 2, Cook 2, Smith 2, McMillen 2. WEST ROBESON: Melvin McGirt 23, Kenny Floyd 24, Lesane 23, James Bates 11, J. Lightner 2, Graham 4, McClendon 2, Wright 2, Gotschall 2, Semmes 2, McMillen 2, Hart 2. Shootout: Lumberton, 93. Robeson: Lumberton 75, West Robeson 63.

All-Tournament: Marie Lorick, MVP; Kenny Floyd, Lumberton; Kenny Floyd, Lumberton; Kenny Floyd, Lumberton; Kenny Floyd, Lumberton. Participant: Jerry Addison, S. Robeson.

Third place: South Robeson 78, Pembroke 68. SOUTH ROBESON: Tom Fowler 14, Jerry Addison 12, Eric Washington 12, Robert Miles 12, Barnes 2, Louch 1, Galt 1.

Participant: Johnny Thompson 20, McDonald 8, James 4, Galt 4, Taylor 4, Evans 2, McLeod 2. Shootout: Pembroke, 93-63. Robeson: South Robeson 63, Pembroke 64.

This IV Parent Committee officers for the new year are chairperson: Barbara Lock, secretary: and vice secretary: Welford Clark, Agnes H. Chavis, chairperson