



TOLEDO, OHIO — KENDRA JOYCE WOODWARD BROWN may be the first Bicentennial baby born in continental United States. She arrived at one second past midnight, January 1, 1976, at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center. Kendra weighed in a five pounds, 14 ounces. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Toledo.

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PHILADELPHIA — ERIC KNIGHT who hopes to become a National League Hockey player, skated his way into the Guinness Book of Records, Wednesday. The 20-year-old from Philadelphia is helped from the ice after skating 100 hours and ten minutes. Knight was allowed only five minutes breaks every hour during the marathon. UPI

ASALH Produces Booklet Suggesting Programs For Black History Month

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Nineteen seventy-six promises to be a period of substantial black participation in American life, agreed Dr. Edgar Allan Toppin, ASALH President, and Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Director.

In 1976 the Association will work with several government agencies, including the National Park Service; a number of department stores across the United States, including Woodward and Lothrop of Washington, D. C.; and a number of private groups in sponsoring the celebration of National Black History Month. Formerly Afro-American History Week, the observance for next year has been expanded to include the entire month of February.

The Association has produced a book listing recommendations and

suggestions for the observance of Black Study of Afro-American Life and History, which is 60 years old, has chartered the black history celebration in the nation

all American life through publicity about black accomplishments.

ASALH, the most prestigious historical body devoted to minority

H. Wesley, executive director emeritus; Dr. Charles Walker Thomas, Secretary-treasurer; Dr. John W. Davis, associate for the Associated Publishers; Arnett G.

Woodson, and suggestions about building programs around 150 prominent

black Americans of all time, including historians, politicians, musicians, medical leaders, jurists, women leaders and builders, civil rights activists and the armed forces.

Calling for a new appreciation of Afro-American heritage and a new dedication to the importance of the individual, Dr. Picott said that blacks were in America before the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock.

"The ancestry of most blacks in the United States antedates the landing of the Mayflower. Afro-Americans were in America before Germans, Irish, and some other ethnic groups," Picott said.

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and abroad. Founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, in 1915, ASALH has been the chief promoter in the country of understanding of the history of racial minorities. The Association seeks to enrich

heritage maintains its office in Washington, D. C. In addition to Dr. Toppin and Dr. Picott, the officers of the Association are Dr. Benjamin Quarles and Dr. John Hope Franklin, vice-presidents; Dr. Charles

Lindsay, secretary for the Associated Publishers, and Capt. Louis R. Mehlinger, treasurer for the Associated Publishers. History Month. Programs suggested include sessions on founder Carter G.