

Political Action Skit

The Realtors Political Action Committee of the Moore County Board of Realtors, Inc., put on a skit for the membership at the Realtors' recent monthly luncheon meeting.

The play, entitled "Awake," portrayed the potential consequences that realtors could face if they did not become involved in political action directly with elected officials or through support of the Realtors Political Action Committee.

Participants in the production were Chairman Jeanne Crouch, the Pinecrest High School Brass Band, Gardner Barber, Pat Blue, Gwen Bowers, Ed Comer, Ann Doxey, Bob McVay, Walker Oldham, Tim O'Leary, Diane Schwanger, Mike Thomas, Pat Watson, and Rebecca and Travis Whitaker.

The Sandhills Yamaha Cycle Center and Aberdeen Florist contributed "props" for the skit. Immediately following the skit many realtors made contributions to RPAC.



BEST FRIENDS — Joe Trujillo (left), a student at Sandhills Community College, is shown with Carl Maness and Sue Black, Moore County youth services coordinator.

Best Friends Program Launched

Joe Trujillo is a "wanted man." Because of his concern and caring for a young man named Carl, he is on the Department of Youth Services' "most wanted" list for the Best Friends Program.

Presently Joe is a sophomore in pre-law at Sandhills Community College. He is active in many campus activities, including Circle K.

"I'm very interested in helping younger people any way I can," Joe said.

His friend, Carl, is in Ed Auman's class at Sandhills Farm Life School. Carl has learned to play ping pong and is looking forward to attending a movie at the college this week.

Carl lives with his grandmother, Mary Jackson, who said: "Carl is very excited about having a best friend. He has been lonely and in need of male companionship. Having Joe as a best friend will be a good experience for him."

The Best Friends Program is designed to match a concerned, qualified and responsible adult volunteer with a child in need of friendship and guidance. Best Friends is a program sponsored by the Moore County Department of Youth Services through its Volunteers in Action Program. An adult Best Friend must be

at least 18 years old, an emotionally stable person who is sufficiently flexible and self-confident to be a leader in establishing a friendship with a child who may be too troubled, timid and defensive initially to give much in return.

"The chief value of the relationship is the friendship itself, with all that the word friendship suggests," said Sue Black, local youth services coordinator. "Most importantly, the child needs to know that their adult friend really cares about them. In this way the Best Friend helps by truly accepting the young friend and liking them just as they are."

Mrs. Black said that many more people are needed to match up with "little friends" who are waiting for a Best Friend, such as Joe Trujillo.

"There is a real need for male Best Friends to volunteer. Many of the young boys who are waiting for a Best Friend are like Carl, live with a female, and have few or no caring males involved in their lives," Mrs. Black said.

The staff of the Best Friends

Program is housed at the DYS office in the old courthouse in Carthage. DYS is responsible for prevention of juvenile crime through community-based alternatives to training school commitment. The Volunteers in Action Program is one of these alternatives.

"As an agency with primary responsibility on prevention programs, our focus is on youth who are beginning to experience problems at home, in school, or possibly with the law," Mrs. Black added. "The Best Friends Program can make a big difference in helping a child to a better life through the opportunities of this special friendship and preventing more serious life problems. This makes the program an important project for the entire community."

Interested persons may call Mrs. Black at the DYS office (947-3501) if they are interested in being a volunteer, have questions about any of the programs, or wish to refer a child for the Best Friends Program.

Hunt Cites Volunteers

Remember when someone helped you? People in nearly every county in the state will be doing just that when they celebrate National Volunteer Week in North Carolina April 26-May 2.

Governor Jim Hunt officially proclaimed the observance in honor of thousands of volunteers and urged the recognition of volunteers in communities across the state. "Remember When Someone Helped You?" is the theme for this year's observance.

The Proclamation, issued by the Governor this week, cited "...a long and outstanding heritage of citizen volunteering" and the fact that "...thousands across North Carolina have come from all segments of society to serve their neighbors" as reasons for this observance.

Governor Hunt pointed out, "Volunteering is important for several reasons. The person doing the volunteer work gets a real sense of satisfaction from helping someone. Many times a volunteer learns new skills or gains valuable work experience."

"Also, volunteering does make a difference. One-on-one, volunteers can teach a child to read, or turn a young life from crime, or make an elderly person's life happier," says Hunt. "Volunteering also fills in the gaps where the government can't meet people's needs. We know that government can't do everything we need—but individuals and groups of volunteers can contribute a tremendous amount of valuable service to the people of their state and nation."

As reported by the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs this week, volunteers, working through programs of state government alone, contributed over 30,000,000 hours of their time to help other North Carolinians. Based on the value placed on them by state government departments, they are worth more than \$200,000,000.

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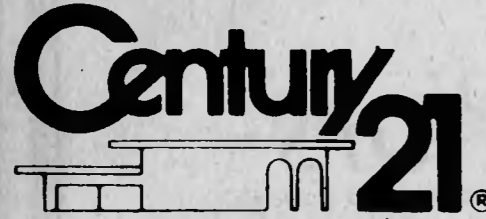


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WINNER — Mrs. Rose Anderson, Librarian, presents a check to Matthew Dean, first place winner in the ink drawing contest. Dean's sketch is behind them on the top of the display board.

Drawing Contest Winners Announced At Sandhills

The library at Sandhills Community College puts out several publications each year for use by faculty members and students on the campus and has a need for illustrations to be used on the covers of those publications.

Librarian Rose Anderson recently found a way to provide the library with drawings suitable for library publications. A contest for students sponsored by the library resulted in 16 drawings being submitted for possible use.

The contest ended last Wednesday when the winners were announced by Mrs. Anderson. They were: Matthew Dean, first place; Michael R. Riddle, second place; Robin Giese, third; Monique Vines, fourth; and Michael Cumber, fifth. Cash prizes and certificates of appreciation were awarded the winners. Also, two students received certificates and honorable mentions: Clifton Jackson and Jeanette Sheehan.

The drawings are on exhibit in the library at the entrance. All of the entries picture scenes in and around the library including book stacks, students using books and librarians at work. The architectural features of the library, particularly the round, tall windows, appear in most of the sketches.

A panel of judges, composed of faculty members, judged the entries. The judges were: Dr. Hope Brogden, political science instructor; Sharon Shaw, English instructor; McKellar Israel, music instructor; and Jack Acton, art instructor, who coordinated the contest.

Career Sessions Are Held For Students At O'Neal

Robert Haarlow, Headmaster of the Wallace O'Neal Day School, has announced a new concept that is being adopted for the last marking period of the 1980-81 school year—a "Career's" session to be held once a week.

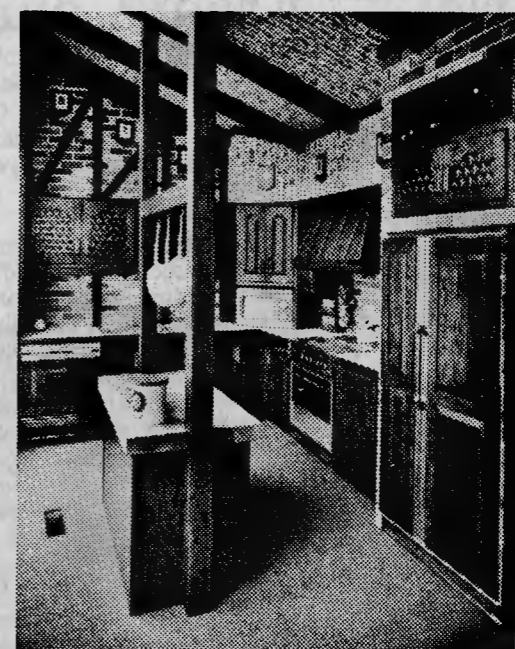
For the past three weeks, guest speakers have been invited to the campus to discuss their various professions.

The first speaker was James Randolph of Pinehurst, who spoke on "engineering." The second speaker was R.F. Hoke Pollock of Southern Pines who spoke on the field of "law," and

the third speaker was Derry Walker of Pinehurst, who spoke on "hospital administration." Future speakers will discuss the fields of "business" and "medicine."

"This program has generated quite a bit of interest with our students and we may make this a permanent part of our scheduling for the 1981-82 school year," stated Haarlow. Vincent Greene, Social Science teacher, and Durward Grady, Director of Development, have been responsible for recruiting the guest speakers.

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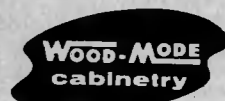


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