

BICENTENNIAL NEWS by Dot Avent

It is with pleasure that I announce to all citizens of Pamlico County that the Old Register of Deeds Building has been selected by the State Preservation Officer for nomination to the National Register for listing. While this nomination does not insure the building's listing to the National Register, it does make preservationists on the national level aware that we value our heritage and are working to keep it for the future. Our county has received recognition on the state level for the efforts of many citizens to retain this structure because of its contribution to our history and the planning which makes it a serviceable site for the future. At present it houses the Pamlico County Public Library, a branch of the regional library, and the beginnings of the Pamlico County Museum. The letter announcing the building's nomination asked that we be patient concerning notification of the building's listing to the National Register as there is quite a backlog in Washington. As soon as word is received, it will be passed on to the citizens of the county. I am certain that our pride in this restored building can only be increased if the nomination is accepted. I also believe our future generations will be equally proud of the present day effort to preserve a building of this significance in Pamlico County's history.

Efforts are being made to locate ALL cemeteries in Pamlico County to be listed in a permanent directory. The directory will serve as a record of old

Pamlico County Young People

The young people of Pamlico County really are showing their interest in worthwhile Civic activities. Several volunteer groups are cooperating in the Easter Seal Drive this year and are doing a great job according to Burt Titcomb, First Vice President of the South Eastern Region.

The Beta Society, whose sponsor is Mrs. Helen Jones, did an outstanding job for Lily Day. They raised \$181.00 on that one day only! The drivers of the school busses volunteered to place the canisters around in retail outlets and according to Bob Jones, Transportation coordinator they tackled the job with great spirit.

It was no problem for the governing body of Pamlico Tech to get volunteers to conduct a car wash to raise funds for the less fortunate crippled children and adults. This is a repeat and they do a great job at bargain prices.

family property locations, settlement areas, and an aid to researchers, especially those who are compiling family histories. Much concern has been expressed that some grave sites will be lost to erosion, logging operations, land transfers, and to time where the land has been set aside for timbering. These small burying grounds were a necessity in days gone by but are of great value now and are often the only source to determine the original property holdings of some families. They are also an indication to settlement areas and the time when a property development began. If your family had a grave site set aside in years past, or you know of such a site, please note its location and, if possible, the names of those interred there. Location directions need not be complicated. For example, John Doe Family Cemetery was located on property now owned by John Jones on state road 0000 approximately 100 yards from the present dwelling and contains graves of John Doe, his wife Jane, and several other family members; or the Doe Family Cemetery is on property now leased to XYZ Paper Company in that tract fronting on state road 0000. Along the streams and waterways, some of these sites have already been lost if the information given to me is correct. If you know of a burying ground located near the water which has been lost due to erosion or storm damage, please note these also. The names of those buried in these sites is most important for a cemetery directory. Contact me by mail at P. O. Box 337, Bayboro 28515, or by phone at 745-4461 or 249-1011. The success of this project depends on information from YOU who know where these sites are to be located. Take a minute now to share the locations.

The location of the oldest home in Pamlico County is being sought. As a reward to the person who gives information concerning the site of the house determined to be the oldest, a SMALL prize will be awarded by the Bicentennial Office. Write location directions on a post card and send them with your name and address to Bicentennial Office, P. O. Box 337, Bayboro, 28515 by May 19, 1977.

Minnesott Ladies Golf Association

The Minnesott Ladies Golf Association will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, May 7th at the Minnesott Beach Cafe. Meeting 11 be a 9:00 a.m. and tee-off, 10:00 a.m. All members are urged to attend.

Local Beta Club At Convention

The Pamlico County High School Chapter of the National Beta Club attended the 39th Annual North Carolina Beta Club Convention, which was held in Asheville on April 15, 16, and 17. Sponsor was Mrs. Helen Jones and chaperones were Mrs. Lottie caroon, Mrs. Doris Prescott, Mrs. Ann Whorton and Mr. Robert Jones who is supervisor of the Pamlico County School Transportation, along with twenty eight Beta members attending. The Beta members were Lindy Bercaw, Cathy Buck, Jamie Carawan, Randy Caroon, Nicola Cowell, Chris Dixon, Debra Hargett, Rebecca Hollowell, Donna Holton, Kenneth Holton, Leslie Jones, Debra Miller, Pamela Mills, Kimberly O'Neal, Linda O'Neal, Tammy Page, Timmy Prescott, Jeffery Riggs, Rhonda Roberts, Daniel Sharpe, Darla Stephenson, Donna Stephenson, Samuel Swindell, III, Sandra Swindell, Willie Tyn dall, Angela Whorton and Donna Willis.

Upon arrival at 2:30 p.m. the club was registered at the civic center in downtown Asheville. The first General Session of the 39th Annual North Carolina Beta Club Convention was held in Thomas Wolfe Auditorium. Presiding was the president, Greg Butler who is from Harrell's Christian Academy. The

opening welcome was provided by the State Sponsor, Mrs. Jean Swiggett. All Beta's were honored with greetings from Asheville Mayor Eugene Oshenheit. Mr. R. A. Tomberlin, a chairman and North Carolina Representative to the National Senate, gave introduction to the North Carolina Beta Council. Although he was unable to attend, the Pamlico County Chapter was honored to have their Superintendent of Schools, George R. Brinson's name upon the list. Mr. Tomberlin stated that we, the North Carolina Beta's were the best looking group in National Conventions. Then we had the campaign rally Campaign speeches and promotional performances of the candidates for State offices were presented and the meeting then adjourned.

At 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning the Second General Session was called to order by president, Greg Butler. All Betas participated in the singing of the Beta Club song, then immediately turned their attention to Mr. Julian M. Stanford, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Beta Club and his opening remarks. Next we heard from Dr. R. R. Morgan, who spoke on the progress of Beta in North Carolina. He stressed that North

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From Horse And Buggy Days To Oil And Tractors

RALEIGH—While Henry Ford was slowly turning us to a life-style of addition to the horseless carriage with his Model T, something happened down on the farm. When we weren't looking, American Farmers traded in their 25 million horses and mules for today's five million tractors and companion machine tools.

This substitution of motors and machines for animals and manpower has greatly changed the pattern of energy consumption on the farm. Agriculture now depends on and must have assured supplies of energy—diesel fuel, gasoline, LP gas and electricity to produce our abundance of food. We have become as entangled in our success at harnessing the energy in petroleum as the man who pleads for help to release a bear after a successful headlong chase into the bushes.

With concern over this dependence on energy, sharpened by the ongoing energy crisis, we may wonder if it foretells a future of scarce and progressively more expensive food.

This, according to A. L. Hartfield, agronomist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, depends on the priorities we place on the use of the energy supplies available. The farmer must bid against the rest of us who find so many attractive uses for energy. It may be hard to equate a new car or poor insulation in our house with an increase in the price of vegetables and meat. But, with a controlled or limited supply of energy, the relationship is a direct one.

According to a recent Connecticut study, American farmers use energy equivalent to 340 million barrels of oil each year

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Tobacco Not To Be Deleted

Washington, D. C. — Congressman Walter B. Jones today announced the defeat in the House Agriculture Committee by a record vote of 28-10, an amendment introduced by Congressman James P. Johnson of Colorado, which would have deleted tobacco from the provisions of PL 480, The Food for Peace Program. The effort on the part of Congressman Johnson to delete tobacco from the provisions of this Act is another move on the part of the anti-tobacco Members of Congress who would destroy the entire program.

Under the Food for Peace Program, the federal government transfers American agricultural commodities to underdeveloped countries throughout the world. Sometimes the recipient countries are allowed to finance the purchase; sometimes the transfers are outright contributions. However, tobacco is classified under Section I of the Food for Peace Program, which involves only cash transactions. These cash transactions are monitored carefully by both the USDA and the Department of State. The Food for Peace Program is important for our farmers because the government purchases the commodities at the going market rates—this provides both income and expanded markets for the farmer.

Jones state: "The tobacco interests continue under attack by many segments of our society without sufficient justification or documentation. Without the dedicated efforts on the part of those few Members of Congress representing tobacco producing areas, I am fearful of the ultimate consequences should these vicious attacks continue."

Pamlico County Olympians Surge In Area Special Olympics

by C. Ray Dudley

Saturday, April 23rd, was the date set for the Area II Special Olympics to be held at West Craven High School this year. Over 500 participants were scheduled to compete. Olympians came from Carteret, Greene, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico and Wayne Counties. This was the second annual area II meet and this year Craven County was the host. Mrs. Kathy Gross, Coordinator for Craven County, had done a great job coordinating and carrying out special preparations for the Olympics.

Pamlico County proudly led the Parade of Athletes around the track field. After the welcome by Co-ordinator, the Special Olympic Oath was recited by all: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Then the games were on. Pamlico County massed 19 First Place Finishes and eight (8) Second Place Finishes. There was only one third (3rd) place finish and two placed for Pamlico County. Of the 20 scheduled to attend from the County only 15 participants were able to make it.

Here are the finishes for Pamlico County: Donald Gibbs, 1st place in the softball throw and first place in the 50 yard dash; Ellis Gibbs, first place in the Standing Broad Jump and second place in the 220 yard dash; Willie Fisher, first place in the 50 yard dash and first place in the running broad jump; Jeffrey Sawyer, first place in the 50 yard dash and second place in the softball throw; Cheryl Jones, first place in the 220 yard dash and first place in the softball throw; Millard Smith, second place in the standing broad jump and placed in the 220 yard dash; Joe Jones, second in the 440 yard dash and first place in the softball throw; Johnny Kilmer, first place in the 220 yard dash and second place in the running broad jump; George Wall, first place in the 440 yard dash and first place in the running broad jump; Timmy Hackney, first place in the 50 yard dash and second place in

the standing broad jump; Willie Hackney, placed in the 50 yard dash and first place in the softball throw; Hattie Boomer first place in the 220 yard dash and first place in the softball throw; Audrey Sawyer, second place in the softball throw and third place in the 50 yard dash; Mike Midgette, first place in the 50 yard dash and first place in the softball throw; Ron Purifoy, first place in the 50 yard dash and second place in the running broad jump. The Groups were divided into male and female groups with 8-9 year olds, 12-13 year olds, 16-17 year olds, 20-29 year olds, 10-11 year olds, 14-15 year olds, 18-19 year olds and 30 competing against one another. Events slated were the Wheel Chair Race and Slalom, 440 Race and Relay, 50 Yard Dash, Standing Broad Jump, 220 Yard Dash, Standing Broad Jump, Softball Throw and the Running Broad Jump.

All of the participants enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank the following teachers who attended: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. MacDonald of the Pamlico County Junior High School and Mrs. Utley of Fred A. Anderson Elementary School. We would also like to thank the parents who attended. It was a very "Special" day for all of us and it will be a day long remembered.

Jones Joins Air Force

GOLDSBORO—Mark A. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassie Jones of Route 1 Bayboro, has enlisted in the U. S. Air Force.

A 1976 graduate of Pamlico County High School, Airman Jones enlisted on April 26 and departed the same day for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., where he will undergo six weeks of basic training.

After completing basic, Airman Jones will receive training in the General career field, according to Sergeant Tom Koblinksky, Air Force recruiter in New Bern.

Shawn Harris First Runner Up In State



Shawn Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Harris of Bayboro, was judged as first runner-up for the title of "Little Miss Majorette of North Carolina" at the State Drum Majorettes of America baton contest held at West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte on April 23 and 24 this year.

Scores were combined from the twirling military and fancy strutting, modeling and talent events to arrive at the winning scores for the above title and a beautiful trophy was presented.

Shawn also won the following honors in individual open competition in these events: Advanced solo twirling, third place; Best appearing military, fourth place; Advanced fancy strutting, third place. For her talent, Shawn performed a creative dance entitled "Open Up Your Heart." Her instructor was Mrs. Donna Cloninger of New Bern and her baton instructor, Miss Jane Swain of Washington.

Pre-Season Game Premieres May 7 In Little League

by C. Ray Dudley
The Little Pamlico League will take to the field at the site of the Pamlico County High School Football Field on Saturday, May 7th to open a series of pre-season games. At 3:30 p.m. Reelsboro will take on Hobucken. At 4:30 Oriental will test Bayboro and at 5:30 Vandemere will take bats

against regular season champs of a year ago, Grantsboro. The nightcap will face Arapahoe against Stonevall at 6:30. All of the games will be exciting and we need your community support to make the season just as successful. Come out on May 7th and support the Little Pamlico League.

Stairway To The Stars To Debut In Pamlico County



By C. RAY DUDLEY
The Pamlico County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pamlico County Arts Council are co-sponsoring a new musical revue, "Stairway to the Stars" performed by the Greensboro Youththeatre on Friday, May 13th at 8 p.m. at the Pamlico County High School Auditorium.

"Stairway to the Stars" (or Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Astrology But Were Afraid to Ask) is a bright new musical set about the current craze of today—Astrology! Why are some people

power-hungry, or meek, romantic or sensible, sloppy or neat, optimistic or pessimistic—the stars have the answer. "Stairway to the Stars" is a light-hearted look at Astrology through song and dance. You'll be taken on a "Magical Mystery Tour": "Up, up and Away," where you will "Fly to the Moon," "That Old Devil Moon," and where you will find your "Lucky Star." Please let us build you a "Stairway to the Stars."

The Greensboro Youththeatre feel that all audiences will enjoy this humorous musical zodiac. The music and dances offered

will describe the traits of each sign, for example: ARIES is declared "The Leader of the Pack," to TAUREANS we sing "Why Can't You Behave," GEMINI admits "I'm Late," CANCER is "Always Chasing Rainbows," LEO declares "I'm the Greatest Star," while VIRGO sings of "Solitaire," LIBRA, the marriage sign, tells of "An Old Fashion Wedding," and SCORPIO is "In the mood for Love," as SAGITTARIUS says "Be a Clown," CAPRICORN shows us "A Touch of Class," AQUARIUS preaches "The Brotherhood of Man," and PISCES expresses

"Feelings." All of the revue is delightfully interspersed with lively chorus numbers and dances, designed to entertain.

Pick up your tickets today! Adults tickets are only \$2 and Youth tickets are \$1. See your Pamlico County Arts Council member for further information. If you are unable to get up with an Arts Council member, contact the Pamlico County Department of Parks and Recreation for further information at 745-4240. Do it today!!! "Stairway to the Stars" plans to be all that you've been looking for in a delightful evening of entertainment.



AZALEA IN THE WILD—Fragrant wild azaleas, more commonly referred to as "bush Honesuckle" is one of late April's more colorful touches in Pamlico County and eastern North

Carolina. Two basic varieties, the low-growing and the high-growing bushes, add abundant pinkish-white flowers that add to the beauty of spring. (Photograph by Jerry Raynor)