

Edenton-Chowan

### School System Praises Local Volunteers

What school volunteers give, money can't buy. In Edenton-Chowan Schools this year, over 50 VIPs, very important people, have given most precious gifts - of themselves and their time.

Who are these special people? Men and women of all ages - some who are regularly employed outside the home, some who are retired and some who seek challenges outside the home. All who become school volunteers respond to a need and are generally united by one common purpose - an interest in helping children.

"They (the students) pay me every day" was the remark made in an interview recently by Mrs. Charlotte Skinner, a volunteer in the program for the Learning Disabled at John A. Holmes High School. This comment was in response to the fact that for no pay, she has put in a regular school day, five days a week since becoming a volunteer in February. Mrs. Skinner's expression of reward for her services is that generally expressed by

volunteers throughout the schools. "There are no special qualifications needed to become a volunteer," continued Mrs. Skinner. "All it takes is time, love, patience and a willingness to learn what the needs of students are" was her motivational statement in citing the need for more and perhaps older volunteers.

Serving in many capacities, volunteers give the regular classroom teacher more time to develop the teaching day, plan for special activities and give individual pupils specialized attention. As a rule, volunteers assist classroom teachers by helping children who need individual attention, preparing teaching materials, reading stories, correcting papers and workbooks, making posters, preparing inventories, organizing physical education programs, typing and performing a multitude of clerical tasks.

Generally speaking volunteers are that extra pair of helping hands, who provide that extra measure

of personal warmth which enhances learning opportunities for students. As one teacher put it, "In certain cases a volunteer can be more effective than the teacher, because the students know they are there because they care." Volunteers perform a great social service as they establish a rapport with students and counsel students informally.

Teachers have also stated that volunteers tend to "keep the classroom teacher's morale up", as they ease the frustrations of the teacher who couldn't otherwise give each child the individual attention needed.

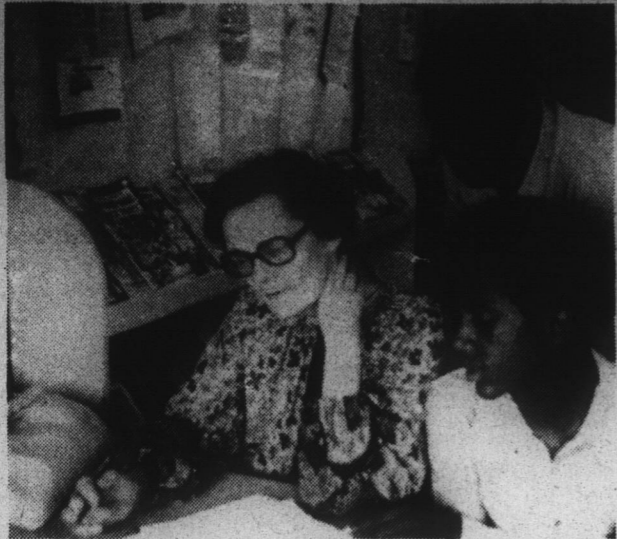
During the interview with Mrs. Skinner, she acknowledged a growth in awareness and understanding of the multitude of problems which schools face and of the need for citizen support of education. "As the result of being a volunteer," she noted, "I have realized the heavy workload which teachers have and I have found out a lot about schools which have caused me to change my

opinions - such as a definite need for a new high school and the fact that discipline within a school is not half as bad as outsiders seem to think."

When asked if a volunteer felt as if their presence improved the academic circumstances of children, she responded that "in many cases, just sitting with individual students needing special help and giving praise and encouragement makes all the difference in the world." "Kids in school are our future. God gives each of us a gift and if he gave me one, it was to love children."

Indeed, what school volunteers give, money can't buy. Mrs. Skinner is a classic example of the fifty volunteers who served in all of the Edenton-Chowan schools this year.

In terms of money saved, volunteers collectively donated approximately 448 hours of time monthly this year. Based on the \$2.78 hourly wage paid to aides in the 1978-79 year, this was a gift of \$1245.44 from those who were interested in helping children.



**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION** — Mrs. Charlotte Skinner (top photo) supervises a small group math session with Alphonsa Brothers and Rupert Johnson at John A. Holmes High School. Phyllis Lane, left, 4th grade teacher at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School goes over the day's schedule with Mrs. Ernie Martin, a retiree who has faithfully performed volunteer service with students for two hours each week for the past two years. Primary students at D. F. Walker School thoroughly enjoyed physical education time with Buddy Knapp, a 15 hour per week volunteer, who also portrayed a father image at school. In bottom photo, Mrs. Kathy Busby, regular volunteer in Mrs. Twine's 2nd grade at D. F. Walker school, shows a supplemental film strip to students.



**PRESENT PLAYPEN** — The Colonial Extension Homemakers Club presented a playpen to the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library for use by its youngest patrons, last Thursday. Presenting the playpen was Miss Harriett Leary, club treasurer, and Mrs. Kenneth Thorsen, international chairperson of the county and club for the International Year of the Child. The gift was accepted by Miss Gloria White, asst. librarian.

**SHOP**  
9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.,  
MON. THRU SAT.  
1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.,  
SUNDAY

# MACKS

**SALE BEGINS:**  
Sunday  
**JUNE 7**  
**SALE ENDS:**  
Thursday  
**JUNE 10**

# WHY PAY MORE?

**WE CARE... The proof is in the prices!**

<p><b>WHY PAY \$3.39?</b> 4 OZ. <b>OIL OF OLAY LOTION</b> MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$2.39</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> NEW! <b>AQUA-FRESH TOOTH PASTE</b> MACKS LOW PRICE <b>88¢</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY \$7.99?</b> METAL <b>TOOL BOX WITH TOTE TRAY</b> MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$6.77</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY \$22.88?</b> 3 SPEED <b>FAN</b> ELECTRIC FLOOR MODEL MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$18.44</b></p>
<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> DISINFECTANT <b>LYSOL SPRAY</b> MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$1.47</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> GIRL'S 1 AND 2 PC. <b>SWIMSUITS</b> MACKS LOW PRICE SIZES 2-3X &amp; 4-6X <b>\$3.59 - \$3.99</b> SIZES 8-14 <b>\$4.99 - \$6.99</b></p>		<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> MACKS BRAND <b>ICE TRAY</b> EASY, POP OUT MACKS LOW PRICE <b>2 FOR 77¢</b></p>
<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> FOSTER GRANT <b>SUNGLASSES</b> MACKS LOW PRICE <b>20% OFF</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY \$8.99?</b> LADIES TERRY <b>ROMPERS</b> RED, NAVY, BLUE, WHITE MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$6.88</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> MEN'S AND WOMEN'S <b>PRINTED TEES</b> COOL COTTON KNIT. MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$2.97</b></p>	
<p><b>WHY PAY MORE?</b> MEN'S <b>MESH TANKS</b> COOL AND COLORFUL MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$2.99</b></p>	<p><b>WHY PAY \$6.99?</b> EMPIRE MOTHER GOOSE <b>5' POOL</b> COLORFUL, STURDY PLASTIC MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$5.77</b></p>		<p><b>WHY PAY \$1.97?</b> MOTOR SOUND <b>LAWN MOWER</b> MOLDED PLASTIC MACKS LOW PRICE <b>\$1.47</b></p>

## Father's Day

A KEY RING FOR HIM

with a tag for name or initials. A most personal gift for the usher, father's day, graduation, or that special man in your life.

Available in sterling or pewter

Ross-Riddick Jewelers

Downtown Edenton

WE SELL FOR LESS ...