



GROUP ORGANIZES — A close look at Close Up brings students from Chowan High School, John A. Holmes and the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School closer together. Pictured are left to right Darla Nixon, Darlene Saunders, Bonner Litchfield, Mrs. Clara Boswell, coordinator, McCoy Bazemore, Mike Underkofler, chairman, and Gail Felton, officer of the newly formed Close Up Club.

"Close Up" Program

"It gave us a chance to see politicians in the literal sense of the word." "I enjoyed meeting people from all around and hearing heated discussions on controversial matters." "Self-discipline played a major role." "As a history teacher, I learned a lot." "I didn't realize how hard our government officials work for us." "Close Up brings education forward into doing something with it." "I want to go back." These comments came from local students and teachers who participated in National and State Close Up programs last year.

Increase Is Planned

J.C. Cluen, president, Norfolk Carolina Telephone, announced to all CWA Bargaining Unit members wage increases and other benefits are being put into effect October 1. Pay checks for time worked beginning in October will reflect a 7.5 per cent across the board wage increase. In addition, the following improvements will be made: Company contribution towards health insurance premiums will be increased from 70 per cent to 80 per cent.

\$6-\$9-\$15. The relief differential will increase from 70 cents per session to \$1.20 per session. The per diem rate for travel expense will increase from \$20 to \$22. "Although we are in a strike situation, we are continuing to operate with those employees who desire to work. Of course, all employees who desire to work during the strike are welcome to return to their jobs," stated Cluen.

Services Planned

Harold G. Scott will be the revival speaker for a series of services at Merry Hill Baptist Church the week of October 22. Services will be held at 7:30 o'clock each evening through October 28. Rev. Percy Upchurch, interim pastor, extends an invitation to the public to attend.

"Cheerfulness is the spice of all truth." Pestalozzi

students became Charter Members of the Close Up Club. McCoy Bazemore, Alternative School; Mike Underkofler, Holmes High School; and Gail Felton, Chowan High School were elected as school chairmen, with Underkofler being chairman of the overall group. Darla Nixon, Alternative School; Bonner Litchfield, Holmes High School; and Darlene Saunders, Chowan High School, were elected as school recorders with Saunders being overall recorder.

For the next few months, these and other students will be visiting civic organizations to make the public aware of Close Up, raising money through various projects and seeking scholarships. Approximately \$8,000 will be needed to send 20 students. As a unit, Edenton-Chowan will receive one paid (\$385.) scholarship from the Close Up Foundation and one paid teacher scholarship.

Through the national Close Up program, Washington, D. C., becomes the classroom and provides an unusual educational experience for more than 13,000 students from 29 communities across the country. For it is at this time that students put aside their textbooks and travel to Washington for a one week, first-hand assessment of their government.

Students from John A. Holmes and Chowan high schools and the Alternative School want to go to Washington April 13-17 to gain a greater familiarity with the mechanics and practicalities of government and to gain a clearer, more realistic view of the scope and function of the federal government. Because of their interest and because of the expense involved, approximately 20 students are preparing to roll up their sleeves to earn money for this unusual experience. In doing so, they will involve parents and community.

At the national meeting last week, 15



SUPERINTENDENTS MEET — Superintendents from seven Albemarle region public school systems met recently at College of The Albemarle to informally discuss ways to effectively implement selective high school enrollment policies recently approved by the State Board of Education. Clockwise from top center, are: Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., COA president; Dr. Bobby W. Gordon, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank; Travis Twiford, Camden; Jeanne E. Meiggs, Currituck; Dr. John B. Dunn, Edenton-Chowan; Stephen G. Basnight, Jr., Dare; John E. R. Perry, Gates; and James P. Harrell, Perquimans. (COA Photo).

Letter To Editor: Lion's Club

The Lions Club of Edenton is conducting its annual White Cane Drive in cooperation with the N. C. State Association for the Blind. The State Association for the Blind is a Lions project. It was organized by Lions in 1934 as a non-profit statewide organization and is supported by Lions through this one annual fund raising project.

The association renders service to any blind and visually impaired person if there is a need and there are no other resources available. Funds raised will be used to prevent unnecessary blindness in North Carolina and for restoring the sight of those already blind. Besides helping those with the loss of or impaired eyesight, the association contributes to

the benefit of everyone through its cooperation with research efforts to control the dread eye disease — glaucoma.

It is a known radical fact that approximately 50 per cent of all blindness can be prevented if action is taken in time to save a person's sight. Yet many thousands of persons become totally blind or visually handicapped simply because they have not been informed.

Our task is tremendous, but slowly and surely we will reach the day when men will understand the mystery of sight and know how to combat blindness. What we do today leads to the tomorrow when blindness is no more.

The Lions Club of Edenton asked that you please contribute as generously as possible to this worthy project. Make your check payable to N. C. Association for the Blind, Inc. and mail to White Cane Drive, P. O. Box 805, Edenton, N. C. 27932. Contributions are tax

deductible. Join the White Cane Drive, and help prevent blindness.

E. L. Hollowell
Chairman, White Cane Drive
Edenton Lions Club

Keown Visits Yugoslavia

Navy Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Roger A. Keown, son of Mary E. Keown of Tyner, recently visited Rijeka, Yugoslavia.

He is a crewmember aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Albany, operating from Gaeta, Italy, as a unit of the U. S. 6th Fleet.

His ship made a four-day stop in Yugoslavia's largest seaport as part of efforts to spread goodwill overseas. Rijeka, located on the Adriatic Sea, is an important center for commerce and famous for its nearby resort islands.

The Albany is 673 feet long and carries a crew of 1,000 officers and enlisted men. The flagship for the Commander, 6th Fleet, she can also accommodate 68 personnel assigned to a command staff. She is outfitted with guns, missiles and an anti-submarine rocket launcher.

A 1978 graduate of Chowan High School, Keown joined the Navy in September, 1978.

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