

Funds Are Appropriated

RALEIGH — The N. C. General Assembly appropriated an additional \$2.3-million in October to the N. C. Department of Human Resources for services and treatment for children who are seriously emotionally, neurologically, or mentally handicapped whose disorders are accompanied by violent or assaultive behavior.

In their earlier session this summer, the legislature had appropriated \$1.6-million for care of these children.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., said: "I am deeply pleased that the legislature has seen fit to fund this program. I am personally deeply committed to meeting the needs of this very special group of children."

"In the past, services have been inadequate for these special children. We are determined to make sure that these children will now get the treatment they need in the least restrictive setting possible," said Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, secretary of the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

A recent court case involving four such children (Willie M. and others) ruled that these children and all others like them across the state had been denied the appropriate treatment and education that were rightfully theirs under federal and state laws.

As stipulated by the court, the state has agreed to now and in the future identify these children who fit into this category and provide a "continuum of care" which will enable them to move from services that are segregated from the community to services in their community. Hopefully, most of them will be able to improve to the point that they live independently.

Dr. Morrow indicated that the statewide survey being conducted to locate and identify children in this class has so far nominated 1,308 potential class members. From this number, permission has already been obtained from the parents or guardians of 541 to provide further diagnostic evaluation to determine if these are indeed members of this class of children. Diagnostic

evaluations have already been provided for 330 of these children.

"Recognizing that it would not be feasible to develop a 'continuum of care' for these children in all 100 counties of the state because some counties might have only one or two such children, we have developed a statewide plan for services and treatment that divides the state into multi-county zones. There are 13 such zones across the state which have been ranked according to the number of children in each zone and the readiness of the area to provide services," she explained.

The majority of the total \$3.9-million allocated to the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Human Resources is to be used to begin the "continuum of care" in four priority zones of the state involving 27 counties. Some \$326,903 will be used by the Division for documentation and evaluation of programs, technical assistance to the nine non-funded zones and the upgrading of existing group homes across the state so they will be able to serve these children.

The Division estimates that it would take about \$13-million a year to get the program going in all 13 zones.

"The first year's allocation of funds will provide care for 349 of these children. As areas become ready, we will ask the General Assembly to provide the funds for treatment and services for these children statewide. I feel we also will be able to learn more about the needs of these children and how to meet them from the four zones which are starting to develop treatment and services this year," Dr. Morrow concluded.

Job Counselor Visit Planned

Cephus Kimble, Job Corps counselor, will be at the Chowan County Department of Social Services in Edenton the morning of November 12. Those people who seek additional information prior to this time should call 482-7441.



COA DISPLAY — "Two Lemons in a Cup" - one of 18 watercolors by Hobson Pittman, one of North Carolina's leading artists, on exhibit this month at College of The Albemarle on loan from the N. C. Museum of Art.

Holmes Honor Roll Released

Rob Boyce, principal, John A. Holmes High School, has released honor roll information for the first six weeks grading period as follows:

Principal's List
Ninth Grade — Sherri Belfield.
Tenth Grade — Susan Elks.
Twelfth Grade — Anna Goodwin.

Honor Roll
Ninth Grade — Jimmy Bray, Paul Bunch, Terrell Holley, Teresa Horton, Penny Peele, Mary Perry, Dottie Presson, James Ricks and Cindy White.

Tenth Grade — Marlin Baker, Martha Edwards, Gary Copeland, Michael Harmon, Elizabeth Hornthal, Willene Jernigan, Bobby Jones, Elizabeth Littlejohn, Vickie Nelson, Donna Sellers, Carol Voigt, and Maria Winslow.

Eleventh Grade — Marvin Baccus, Dorothy Elliott, Butch Everson, Patricia

Halsey, Sharon Hollowell and Eric Strother.

Twelfth Grade — Renee Bonds, Stacey Byrum, Alice Capehart, Anna Carter, Debbie Chappell, David Chesson, Norma Chesson, Teresa Forehand, Wendy Hare, Agnes Jernigan, Marion Jones, Connie Lane, Teresa MacDonald, Rhonda Mizelle, Teresa Privott, Sarah Twine, Angela White, Carla White, Susan Whitehurst, Gwen Williams and Barbara Wright.

Reports For Duty

Spec. 4 Donald L. Rankins, son of Ruth Ward, 604 North Oakum Street, Edenton, has arrived for duty at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Rankins, a cavalry scout with the 2nd Armored Division, was previously assigned at Illisheim, West Germany.

He is a 1978 graduate of J. A. Holmes High School, Edenton.

Letter To Editor: Murfreesboro Sends Its Regrets

As principal of Murfreesboro High School, I was informed of the incident October 10, by Mr. Franklin Cason, our band master. He also contacted the parents of the three young men who were in the restroom. They readily agreed to confer in my office, October 12 at 10 A.M., even though it was necessary for the parents to take off from their jobs to keep this appointment. These parents were very disturbed about the possibility of their sons being involved in such an incident.

Monday morning, I telephoned the principal of

Holmes High School to inquire about additional details of the incident. He informed me that he was not aware of the incident because his band director worked at an elementary school in the morning. The principal promised to return my call as soon as he had talked to Mr. Strother. Later, he confirmed the incident as I had reported it. Mr. Cason requested a written report of the incident from Mr. Strother. We received this report October 20.

The conference was quite frustrating because we were hearing one side of the

story. Each youth denied throwing the trash can. One admitted turning the lights off and another to turning the lights on. The parents aided us in getting at the truth. All three young men have been suspended from the band indefinitely. The parents expressed their willingness to replace the glasses, but we are still not sure as to who threw the can. One young man implied that it could have been one of the boys from Edenton since the lights were out.

We were represented at Chowan College by 91 band members. Intelligent

reasoning will certainly reveal that the actions of three do not represent our band nor our school. We regret that the incident occurred, but we cannot predict what a teenager may do when he is away from parental supervision. I certainly resent the implications made by Mrs. Baker about our school, students, and parents.

Richard E. Gadsden
Principal

Interest Rates Are Higher

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The community facility and water and waste disposal rate of 12.25 per cent was derived from the statutory requirement that it not exceed the current municipal bond yield. This rate must be calculated quarterly based on market conditions.

Interest rates will remain at 5 per cent for facilities required to meet health and sanitary standards in areas where median family income is below the poverty level established by the Office of Management and Budget, currently \$8,450 a year.

Other Farmers Home Administration loan rates are not affected by these changes.

Senior Center Activities For Perquimans County Soliciting Public Participation

Activities at the Perquimans County Senior Center:

Lucky Eight Gospel Singers of White Oak A.M.E. Zion Church will present a free concert on Saturday, November 7 at 2 - 3:30 P. M. at the Senior Center. Come out and give your support to the singers!

Williamsburg Trip - the Perquimans County Senior Center and the Perquimans County Extension Service is sponsoring a trip to Williamsburg on Monday, November 9. We will tour the Lightfoot Shops which include the pottery shop, glass factory and etc. We will leave Hertford around 7 A. M. and return back to Hertford around 7 P. M. Cost of the trip is \$15. Call now to reserve your seat, Senior Center - 426-5695 or the Extension Office at 426-7697.

Memory Lane Bazaar - the Memory Lane Show and Tell Members are sponsoring a bazaar. The bazaar will be on Friday, November 20, 2 P. M. - 8 P. M. at the center. Pillows, Christmas decorations, needlework and other handicraft will be on sale. Hotdogs, baked goods and coffee will be on sale also. Come out and support the Memory Lane Club.

Coleman's Nursery Trip : The center is sponsoring a trip to Coleman's Nursery on December 11. The plans for the day include a tour of Coleman's Nursery, lunch at Morrison's and shopping time at one of the shopping centers. Cost of the trip is approximately \$7. Call the center now to reserve your seat.

Christmas Tree Ornament Workshop: The center is sponsoring a one-day

workshop on making Christmas tree ornaments on November 23 from 10 A. M. - 3 P. M. The cost of the workshop is \$3 for people 55 and older and \$5 for people under 55. This fee includes cost of supplies. The teacher will be Mrs. Rebecca Spivey. Call the center now to register.

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