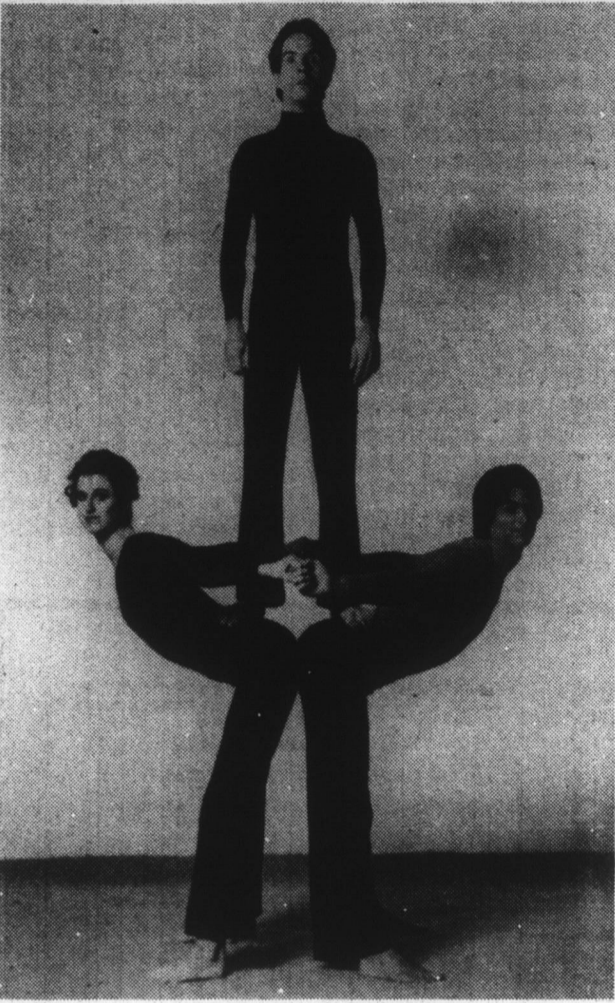


TOUCH, The Mime Trio

The trio first met in 1975 while attending a Florida mime school. The next year found them in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina working together as TOUCH, the mime trio. To bring mime to the people, TOUCH performed in hospitals, libraries, prisons, art centers, churches, cafes, theatres, street fairs and festivals, in television, and for students from pre-school to the university level. In February '77 TOUCH became an affiliate of the ArtSchool, a non-profit tax-exempt cultural center



dedicated to sharing and promoting the creative spirit in the Tarrboro-Chapel Hill area.

By 1979 TOUCH was one of 78 theatre resources in the country listed in the Directory of Artists-in-Schools, distributed to State Arts Councils by the Education Program, National Endowment for the Arts. That same year the troupe was named to the N.C. Artists-in-Schools Program. Also, TOUCH toured junior high schools for the Division of Cultural Arts, N.C. Department of Public Instruction, Fall '79 and Winter '81.

TOUCH was one of five acts selected to showcase at the Southern Arts Federation's 1980 Exchange for sponsors from the ten-

state region. The next year they became the first N.C. theatre company selected for the S.A.F. Touring Program, 1982-3.

As North Carolina's professional touring mime theatre, TOUCH receives state support through the Theatre Arts Council and is on their 1982-3 Touring Program as well.

To date, TOUCH has been sponsored in 13 states, from Maine to Mississippi. They continue in the roster for programs sponsored by the S.C. Arts Commission. Memberships include: National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association; Southeastern Theatre Conference; N.C. Theatre Conference; and the N.C. Association of Professional Theatres.

DEC Has New Project

The Developmental Evaluation Center in Elizabeth City has undertaken a very worthwhile project for children who have learning disabilities, in a five-county area of North-eastern North Carolina. The counties involved include Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, and Chowan.

Mostly preschoolers, these children are socially deprived children who seldom are exposed to toys or books that stimulate learning. Some of these children have never held a pencil in their hand or had a book or toy of their very own. Some have never had a story read to them.

These children play with toys at the Developmental Evaluation Center while they wait for services and then return to homes where stimulating toys are not accessible to them for various reasons.

Children who are tested and found to be delayed in meeting the milestones of psychomotor skills can benefit if DEC toys has toys to send home with the child. A health professional will select the toy that best meets the child's particular need.

Each child is a unique individual and frequently a clinician who is experienced in working with these special children can select the one most beneficial to these children.

The Optimist Club and several Home Extension groups in Chowan County are actively involved with providing toys, as well as Home Extension groups in other counties. The staff and clinicians would appreciate greatly other civic or community groups participating. Both new toys and used toys that are in good condition will be distributed wisely. If you or your organization are interested in participating in this most worthwhile project, you may obtain more information by calling 338-2167 and asking for Mrs. Nora McDougald at DEC.

Bake Sale Set

The Happy Home Youth will hold a garage and Bake Sale Saturday from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Ryland Community Building.

Something old, something new, something for everyone especially you. Bake Sale, Mothers Day's Cakes, pies, jacks, candies, cookies, ect.

Hot dogs will be sold from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Volunteer Workers Given Recognition

Volunteers in the ARPDC Aging Program were honored on April 23, in Hertford. The celebration was in honor of National Volunteer Week April 18-24.

Local volunteers honored give their time in the

nutrition program for the elderly, to serve on the Aging Advisory Council and to provide transportation for the elderly.

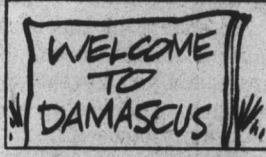
Ernest Messer, assistant secretary with the Division of Aging in Raleigh, gave an inspiring talk to the 75

persons in attendance.

Laurel Tierney, nutrition project director, and Lee Riddick, area agency administrator, gave remarks of appreciation to the local volunteers whose support continues to make a number of aging services possible.

The door prize was donated by Horton's Flower Shop and other supplies were donated by A & P both of Washington County.

The volunteers and guests were treated to refreshments provided by the staff at ARPDC.



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