



Macio Mayo (left), gets input from teenagers and others depend on drugs. students as they try to determine why

Drug Awareness Workshop Interests Local Teenagers

The Charlotte chapter of Links, a community service organization, concluded its 1984 project in the "Services to Youth" division last month.

According to Thelma Ladd, who coordinated the project, the Drug Awareness Workshop was an informative program for Charlotte youth. About 32 junior and senior high students gathered in Greenville Center for the workshop. It was conducted by Macio Mayo, counselor at

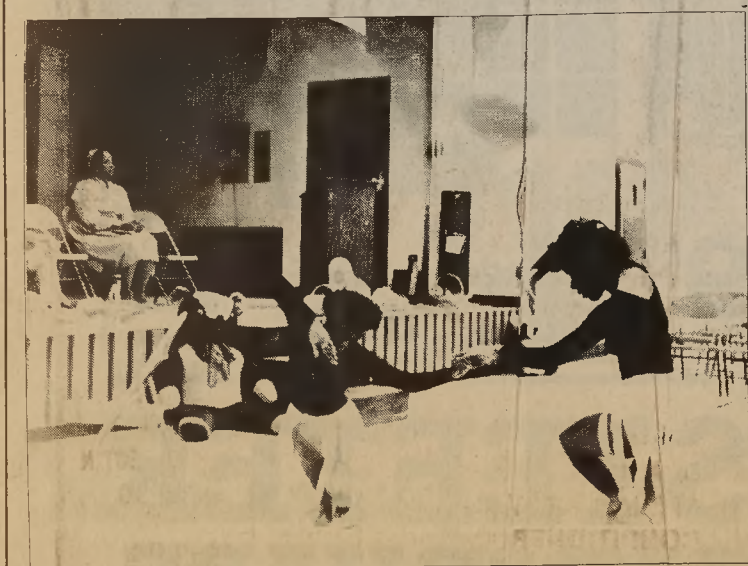
the Charlotte Drug Education Center.

"The students seemed very excited about the workshop," Mrs. Ladd mentioned. "They discussed with the counselor why students use drugs, and discovered the primary factor is peer pressure. Some other reasons which the students listed were family problems, experimentation, depression, and loneliness.

Mayo presented to the students what can happen

to them if they are caught possessing illegal drugs. Ms. Ladd believes the penalties which Mayo spoke about made a lot of the teens think twice about using drugs. After talking about the harmful effects that drugs can play in a person's physical and mental life, a question and answer period was conducted.

The Drug Awareness Workshop was coordinated by Link members Vivian Chambers, Flosse Rann and Lois Byers.



These talented young ladies performed a high-stepping number off Michael Sembello's "She's A Maniac" at the recent Chi Eta Phi Sorority's "Twis On Parade," which was held at the Greenville Center. (Photo By Loretta Manago)

Rodney Brown Says:

It's Difficult To Leave Domestic Problems Behind

Special To The Post
Winston-Salem - Answers to daily problems and stresses people face on the home front may be found on the job.

"It's difficult to leave domestic problems behind when going to work each day," says Rodney C. Brown, director of employee counseling at R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. "A recent survey of business and industrial chaplains indicates that marriage and family problems are the primary counseling issues they face."

Employers walk a fine line between helpful support and unwanted interference when dealing with individual problems at the workplace. Still, many accept the responsibility to help.

"Employers generally have a human concern for the well-being of their employees, along with a vested interest in easing problems that affect an employee's performance on the job," Brown says.

He heads a staff of three pastoral counselors and the coordinator of an Alcohol-Drug Recovery Program. They provide counseling services to R. J. Reynolds' employees and their families. RJR established one of American industry's first full-time pastoral counseling programs offering marriage and family counseling. Since 1949, thousands of RJR employees and members of their families have sought help from the company's counseling staff.

Employees requesting help come from all parts of the work force from the factory line to corporate offices. Marital and family problems affect no one group of employees more than any other, Brown

says. In dealing with family and marital conflicts, Brown and his staff note the frequent breakdown in communications among partners and family members. The increase in dual-career families and single-parent households has led to family concerns that counselors rarely saw 20 years ago.

Brown describes some of the most common family issues he and his staff encounter and suggests some ways to approach them:

-Make time and take the effort to communicate thoughts and feelings to your spouse and children. Unclear expectations complicated by inadequate communication skills are major contributors to family discord.

-Channel anger into positive, constructive resolution of conflicts and disagreements. Discuss the situation openly with all those involved instead of withdrawing and "freezing out" others.

-Dual-career families require an extra emphasis on compromise and under-

standing among spouses and children. Despite the advantages of increased income, families face added pressures when both adults work outside the home.

Husbands and wives need to list household chores and divide the responsibilities in advance of assuming the person will do the job. Make sure children have a clear understanding of their role in maintaining the family household.

-Try to head off financial problems before they reach the crisis stage. Mounting unpaid bills can place stress on the best relationship. Seek help from Consumer Credit Counseling services found in many communities, or talk to a financial advisor at your bank, credit union or savings and loan.

-Take advantage of confidential counseling services offered by employers and community organizations. Sometimes just having "a good sounding board" can ease tension and help solve problems.

R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., headquartered in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mercy's Renovation Program

Mercy Hospital nurses once again man their nursing stations on two floors of the St. Mary's wing with the completion of the first step toward the hospital's overall \$7 million renovation and expansion program.

The nursing stations on the fourth and fifth floors of the St. Mary's wing have been expanded.

Construction also is under way to convert semi-private and four-bed wards in the wing into private rooms with private baths. The first three private

rooms conversions are expected to be completed by the end of March. Other renovations will continue throughout the next few months.

A major expansion of the front of the hospital facing Vail Ave is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1984.

Plans continue on the construction of the satellite hospital in Pineville. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 1985, with completion planned for 1986.

Walls Memorial Celebration Extended Through April 8

Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 2722 Bancroft Street, will continue its Centennial celebration Sunday, April 8, with a Centennial concert featuring the combined choirs of the church.

April 1 marked the kickoff of the centennial celebration with guest speakers The Right Rev. Reuben Speaks as morning speaker, and The Right Rev. L. Scott Allen as the 5 p.m. speaker.

Walls Memorial has come a long way, both spiritually and physically. Last week, we revealed the beginnings of the church. This week, the church and its history from 1950 to 1960 will be discussed.

In the late 1950's, the Little Hope congregation, now formally named Mount Calvary AME Zion Church, faced an important decision. They had a

Rabies Clinic

Rabies inoculations are required for all dogs and cats in Mecklenburg County. From May 7-12, rabies shots will be offered for \$5 at local veterinarian offices and hospitals. Contact local veterinarians to see if appointments are necessary and if checks will be accepted. The length of a vaccine's effectiveness varies from one year to three years depending on the type used. Ask your vet.

The May 7-12 clinics are the last opportunity for pet owners to take advantage of reduced rate rabies shots before City pet licenses expire on June 30. Valid rabies inoculations are required for dogs and cats to qualify for a City license. All cats and dogs four months of age or older in the city must have a current yearly animal license. City licenses will not be sold at the clinics; however, mail-in envelopes for obtaining licenses may be picked up at local veterinarian offices starting May 7.

Reduced rate rabies clinics are being sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Health Department to weeks of May 7-12, September 10-15 and December 10-15. For more information about rabies clinics, call 399-2501.

Gini Ingram

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stand the problems with waste landfills and the need for a comprehensive state policy on hazardous wastes," Ingram stated.

Many blacks suffered from the spills of the toxic waste, PCB, in Warrenton, N.C., but protests against dumping the wastes led to arrests. "Only planning and immediate forceful action can help N.C. avoid another PCB crisis," Ingram professed.

Gerald Griff

Gerald H. Griff has joined the local agency of The Life Insurance Company of Virginia as a representative, announced C. Wayne Dewar, CLU, agency manager.

With more than \$17 billion of life insurance in force, Life of Virginia is the oldest major life insurance company headquartered in the South, having been founded in 1871. The company sells and services individual and group life and health insurance, annuities, and pension plans. Life of Virginia has more than 120 offices in the United States with more than 2,000 sales and service representatives.



Rev. J.T. White
.....Walls Memorial pastor

need for a new building and funds to begin, but their location no longer seemed right. Over the years as Charlotte grew, many of the neighbors moved to the city, miles from the church. Attendance was still good but transportation problems caused hardships. While the members considered their plans for the future, another congregation was facing its own crisis.

Mother Walls AME Zion Church was named in honor of the mother of Bishop William Jacob Walls and established as a

The new congregation mission work on Statesville Avenue by the Western North Carolina Con-

ference and the Charlotte District of the denomination. Unfortunately, the congregation did not expand in numbers and the decision was made to look for assistance.

The Presiding Elder, G. W. Hunter, began the search for an established congregation. The need of Mount Calvary Church was brought to his attention by Ms. Rosa Means Lenoir. After many conferences with all involved, including ministers, trustees, elders, the congregations, and the Presiding Elder himself, a merger was created uniting the fledgling church which needed more members and the established church which needed a better location. This move was made under the leadership of the late Rev. William H. Lenoir.

took the name Mother Walls AME Zion Church. Immediately it set to work. The first need was to finish the interior of the church which lacked pews and a heating system. A series of fundraising drives were initiated and special events involved every member of the congrega-

tion. These special events kept enthusiasm high while the financial struggles continued. There were rallies, suppers, contests and programs, all of which contributed to the financial strength of the church while they built a spirit of fellowship in the community.

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