

Theatre Troupe's Tour Successful



THANKFUL GENERAL - Barbara, played by Donna Harris, receives expressions of gratitude from George Washington, acted by Johnny Edwards, for heroism in holding burning candles through the night to guide his ship safely to shore through treacherous waters. Onlookers, performing as members of Barbara's family, are Deborah McCraw, Charles White, Peggy Cuthrell, Leigh Cummins and Gayle Harmon.

"The Lantern" Seen by Young People

The recent Children's Theatre tour, sponsored by the Chowan Players, proved to be the troupe's most successful tour and is helping further expand this group's cultural services to northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

Three performances of another Children's Theatre production will be staged in Suffolk, Va., on December 11, 1968, for school children in that area. Children's Theatre recently concluded 14 performances of "The Lantern," a drama about colonial America and Gen. George Washington, before more than 3,000 elementary school children in northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

Thirty-five children have performed in dramas staged by Children's Theatre, reports Mrs. Edith Larson, director.

More Children's Theatre performances are being scheduled for January 20-31, 1969, and the dramas to be produced will be selected in the near future.

The cast for this play was composed of college students and school children from Murfreesboro, Va. schools.

Children's roles were performed by Paul Batchelor, Sumner Burgwyn, Peggy Cuthrell, Claire Dickie, Donna Harris, Deborah McCraw, David Moose, Gertie Revelle, Liz Ann Spring, Warren Taylor, Barry Whitaker, Charles White, Bill Winstead and Todd Young.

Students from Chowan College performing in the play include Leigh Cummins, John Edwards, Gayle Harmon, Howard Harrison, Eddie Keeter, Leslie Pearson, Kelly Reynolds, Becky Terrell and Ben Ussery.

Some roles for young children were double-cast, with different actors alternating in playing the role during the tour.

Children's theatre is a venture of the Chowan Players and Chowan college pays all expenses for presenting these dramas to elementary school children. Dramatists travel in the college bus, which also transports scenery, costumes, props, and stage lighting.



PROUD PARENTS - The heroic deed in "The Lantern" is a source of family pride to performers Peggy Cuthrell, Leigh Cummins, Donna Harris and Gayle Harmon.



CURTAIN CALL - Appreciative audiences of school children in schools throughout much of northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia caused many curtain calls to be answered by performers for Chowan Children's Theater.

Preston C. Hill Speaks To Chowan Students

Preston C. Hill, Negro worker for the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council, got a round of applause during chapel assemblies at Chowan College here recently with a reference to the college's integrated student body.

Hill, community relations representative with the N. C. GNC, spoke to the students on the plight of the Negro as reflected in current movements including that of Black Power.

Hill said American culture had traditionally not recognized the Negro as a human being. He said the Negro did not begin to get people supporting his cause until he began championing his own cause.

What we are witnessing today is not a reformation but a revolution in American culture ac-

ording to Hill. American culture has downgraded the Negro but now he is beginning to rise to a rightful share in that culture, Hill said.

The GNC worker said American culture traditionally has been a racist culture but that it now must change. He enumerated ways in which American culture has left the impression that one race is superior and another inferior.

Hill was introduced by Robert S. Harrell, assistant to the chairman of the state GNC. Harrell, a native of Edenton, is a Baptist minister.

Hill was applauded by the students when he said it was encouraging to look out at the assembly "and see several soul brothers and soul sisters" among them.

Classroom at Ahoskie Used by Chowan Nurses

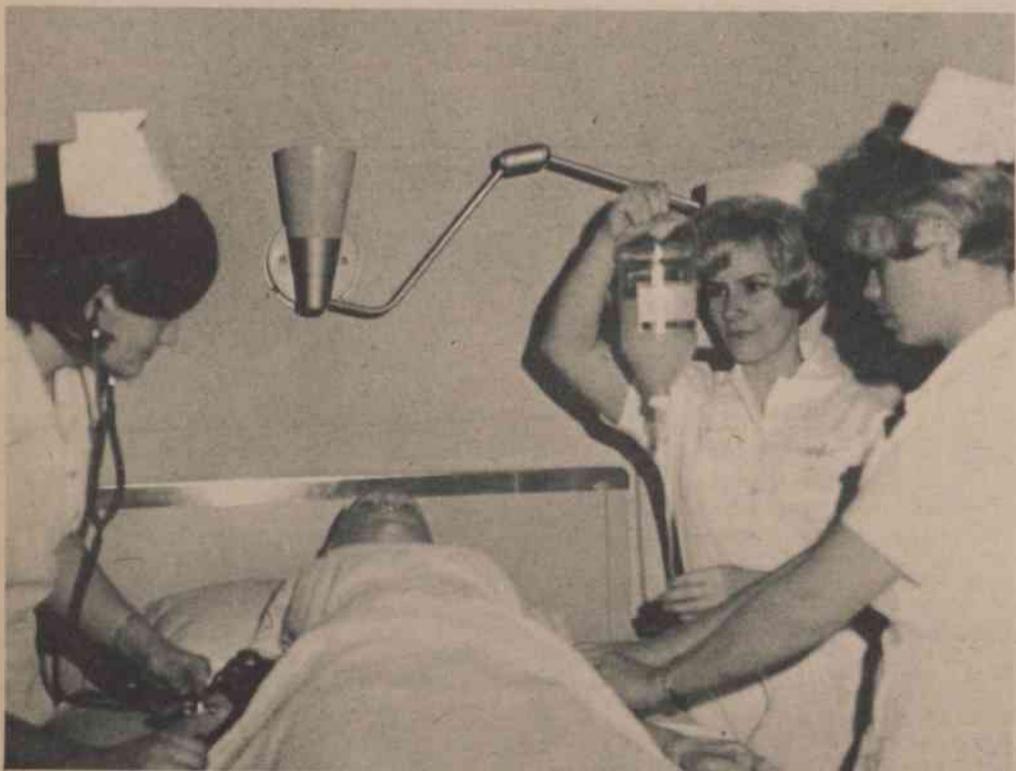
A new classroom building at Ahoskie's Roanoke-Chowan hospital is helping students in Chowan College's Department of Nursing extend campus facilities across a large portion of North Carolina through a unique program of education for nursing.

This program, which arose to help meet increasing demands for more skilled nurses in Coastal Carolina, is offered only by Chowan College. Other colleges are currently planning to begin programs similar to Chowan's in the near future.

Chowan's program is a 33-month program offering the Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. Students receiving this degree from a fully accredited program qualify for admission to the licensing examination and, upon receiving a certificate

that they have passed, become known as Registered Nurses. The North Carolina State Board of Nursing has given full accreditation to Chowan's pioneer program.

Facilities of Roanoke-Chowan hospital in nearby Ahoskie and Duke hospital are used, but the program is completely under the control and supervision of Chowan College. Students gain supervised experience at Roanoke-Chowan during the second year of their enrollment at Chowan. Along with regular academic courses, to meet requirements for degrees, they attend lectures and conferences in medical - surgical nursing and maternal-child care, and care for patients under the supervision of their instructor in clinical nursing, Mrs. Sarah Bryant Tankard.



INTRAVENOUS FEEDING - Gaining supervised experience in a large room full of beds and equipment, similar to a large metropolitan hospital ward, in the new Nursing classroom building at Ahoskie's Roanoke-Chowan hospital are, from left, Dawn Bryant of Gaston, Betty Jean Wynne of Williamston and Nancy Keener of Hopewell, Va.



STUDYING BONE STRUCTURE - The impish smile belongs to Ann Carter of Roanoke Rapids.