



FUNDS FOR WASHINGTON TRIP—Richard D. Dixon, president of Edenton Rotary Club, presents a check to George Gardner of the Albemarle Adult Activity Center. George and 16 other program participants are travelling to Washington, D. C. for an overnight Bicentennial excursion in April. Looking on is Mrs. Sarah Parker, Special Education teacher at the center.

Local Group To Visit Washington For Bicentennial

On April 6 and 7, 16 program participants of the Albemarle Adult Activity Center are traveling to Washington, D. C., for an overnight Bicentennial excursion. Eight staff members will be chaperones for the 2-day trip which will be highlighted by a tour of the White House. Senator Robert Morgan has made arrangements for the group to take a special tour of the Executive Mansion on the morning of April 7. The group will also be touring the Smithsonian Institute, the Washington Monument, memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery.

relates that the main goal of the trip is to "give each adult the 'Normal' experience of packing a suitcase, spending a night away from home, and just being an American citizen touring the nation's capital." Preparation for the journey has been incorporated into the Activity Center program

schedule. Clients are learning better table manners, hotel etiquette, dressing stylishly, an more about the United States and our government. Charles Franklin, Area Director of the Albemarle Mental Health Center, and Paul R. Mayer, Mental Retardation Coordinator, have expressed

appreciation to the organizations who have shown support of the project. Franklin stated that "it is gratifying to see our community become involved with this project during our Bicentennial Year."

The Albemarle Adult Activity Center serves four counties in the Albemarle by providing recreation, education, socialization, and community skills to twenty-one developmentally disabled adults. The Center is located on Route 3 just outside the Edenton City Limits. Mrs. Parker thanks Edenton residents for the support they have shown the program and hopes it will continue.

Shut-In Students Offered Special Program

"An exciting new area for children with special needs is being added to the program for Exceptional Children in the Edenton-Chowan School System," according to Mrs. Mary Horton, director of Pupil Personnel Services.

"In an effort to provide the best possible learning opportunities for every child" Mrs. Horton said, "the school system is now offering a program for homebound or hospitalized students."

Under this new program, any student whose length of disability is determined by competent medical authority to exceed a minimum of four weeks, will be eligible to receive at least five hours of weekly instruction from a visiting teacher—whether it be in the home or in the hospital.

Mrs. Elsie Jones, instructor in the Exceptional Children's program at White Oak School, will be the new homebound teacher. Mrs.

Jones will, however, continue to work with students at White Oak School.

In serving as the liaison between school and home, Mrs. Jones will work closely with the student's teacher in getting assignments. By the time each pupil is able to return to his regular class, following an extended illness of four weeks or more, he should be able to maintain his position with his classmates in the basic subject areas. She will also work closely with the principal, parents and hospital, in matters relative to the pupils needs.

Before the advent of the Homebound and Hospitalized program, students unable to attend school for a long period of time was dropped from the role, and concerned parents would often go to the expense of hiring a tutor for the child. These steps will no longer be necessary. The ill or physically incapacitated student will now remain on the class roll and will receive credit for work satisfactorily completed.

With the addition of this homebound and hospitalized program, which will provide instruction to children who are disabled to the extent that it is impossible for them to attend public school even with the provisions of special classes and transportation, one more banner of providing educational instruction to the excluded child has been overcome in the Edenton-Chowan School System.

Planning for the trip began on January 2. Letters were sent to many Albemarle area civic clubs and organizations requesting donations. The response from Edenton organizations has been excellent. Donations have been made from the Edenton Rotary Club, The Edenton Woman's Club, John R. Page Lodge No. 13, and the R. J. Singers. Pledges for donations have been made from other Edenton clubs but have not been sent in.

Mrs. Sarah Parker, Special Education Teacher,

Helping Others Subject Topic For Nurses

District 19 of North Carolina Nurses Association held their monthly meeting March 9, in the Albemarle Hospital nurses' residence. Nineteen members were present and one guests, Ms. Jeri Spruill.

Bobbie Hanson, president, presided over the meeting.

A devotion concerning "Helping Others" was presented by Mrs. Marginette Lassiter. Under old business, the group voted to rotate sites of the meetings between Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton since the district covers these various areas.

During new business, members voted to notify the state delegates to the national convention that the local nurses are opposed to an increase in national dues. The increase would be from \$25 to \$40 for national dues.

The group decided to have a family picnic at the June meeting, the details of this to be worked out by the hostesses and program committee. A motion was made and carried to omit refreshments at meeting, perhaps serving a beverage during the meeting.

New committee chairpersons were announced for the year, these were as follows: By-laws, Elizabeth Rumpf; Finance, Arlene Bunch; Legislative, Osceola Jurash; Membership, Kay Weeks; Program, Rose Williams; Public Relations, Wilma Harris; Recruitment, Elizabeth Rumpf; Services, Merle Wilson; Hostesses, Irene Belangia; Devotions, Mary Belch; Scholarship, Evelyn Sanderson; Nominations, Viola Jones.

Section chairpersons were also announced. They were: General Duty, Lee Beals; EACT, Wilma Harris; Head Nurse, Shirley Dunbar; NSA, Osceola Jurash, Private Duty, Fannie Jenkins; Occupational Health, Melba Norrell; Mrs. Peggy West, Mrs. Evelyn Sanderson, Mrs. Dot Baxley, and Mrs. Edna Few are to serve on the Board of Directors.

The program was given by Mrs. Rose Williams. She showed a film on "Cancer in Children."

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Viola Jones, Mrs. Irene Belangia and Mrs. Elizabeth Rumpf.

Any Registered nurses living in this area is invited and encouraged to attend the next meeting which is to be April 13, at 8 P.M. at the Nurses' Residence, Albemarle Hospital.

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