

PSR Team Gives Schools High Marks For Exceptional Children's Programming

On a hypothetical scale of one to ten, the placement procedures for students in Edenton-Chowan Schools' Exceptional Children's programs were rated an unofficial nine. This light



GOOD REPORT RECEIVED — A good report on Edenton-Chowan School's Exceptional Children's programs is unofficially received by (standing left to right) Mary Horton, program director, Jim Kinion, Associate Superintendent and Superintendent John Dunn. The PSR team included (seated left to right) Mrs. Peggy Davenport, Director of Exceptional Children's program in Washington County, Jeanette Shaw, Education Consultant for Region I, Division for Exceptional Children, and Clifford Phifer, principal of Creswell High School.

hearted observation was seriously made by members of the State's selected Program and Standards Review (PSR) team to school administrators following an intensive, two day inspection of school records and informal conferences with principals and teachers.

The PSR team made last week its first full review of this system to see if students in all of Edenton-Chowan's exceptional children's programs are being appropriately placed and if appropriate programs are being conducted. Established state and federal guidelines serve as

the yardstick upon which a PSR team bases its conclusions.

In their oral exit report to Mrs. Mary Horton, Director of Exceptional Children's program and School Superintendent John Dunn, the PSR team opined that it is "obvious that the principals and teachers take the proper placement of students seriously." They also praised the excellent job which the system's school based committees are performing as students are placed and which teachers made in keeping records up to date. Mrs. Horton was commended for the excellent information which is "essential to understanding a system's

program", collected in preparation for the team's review.

In all but a few instances, the numerous areas in the program review were found to be in compliance with guidelines. Some areas had been carried beyond the minimum standards which the team was looking for. For the most part, areas not in compliance dealt with documentation and meeting established time lines which admittedly were often in areas beyond a system's controls.

Supt. Dunn viewed the PSR's full review as a "positive experience", since the constructive criticism received can only serve to better educational procedures for children. Mrs. Horton credited the

PSR team's report to the principals and teachers, without whose clear knowledge and understanding of the program workings the report might not have been as encouraging.

In conducting a full review, a PSR team ran-

domly selects student records in each of the exceptional children's programs offered in a school system. There are programs in each of the system's six schools which presently serve 395 students. Edenton-Chowan employees fourteen

teachers certified in the program areas for students who have learning disabilities or speech and language problems, and who are either multi-handicapped, emotionally handicapped, educable or trainable mentally handicapped and who are gifted and talented.

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Letter To The Editor

Last week I had the unpleasant task of calling the Sheriff's Department and asking them to come by and check out a stray dog that had been hit by a car. The dog was in very grave condition.

Mr. Rice, who is connected with the Sheriff's Department came out to investigate the situation. He called the stray, which did not look too friendly, but actually was very gentle, and made friends with him. He proceeded to gently lift the dog in the truck because he was so badly hurt, and continued to make friends with him by talking to him and removing several ticks that he had picked up from his journey from who knows where.

The dog had to be put to sleep because of his poor condition, but I am sure even to a stray dog it was a comfort to have met a nice friend like Wayne Rice. I was very impressed with the gentle way in which the animal was treated. We usually think of someone having to perform this task as running them down with a net, this was not the case. Thanks to the nice people in the Sheriff's Department who care.

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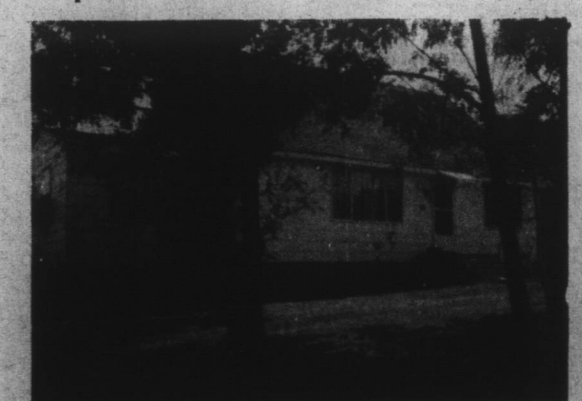
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