

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

Project Aries is a student conceived and student conducted program in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Begun in 1972 by Steve Carouthers and Rufus Washington, two students, the program is based on the following philosophy; Junior High years are often the most difficult years in the maturing process; senior high school students can many times relate more effectively to junior high students than adults can; many senior high students are eager to serve as meaningful agents of change in their schools; and, if meaningful change can be made on the junior high level, future problems in the senior high school would be minimized.

Project Aries students attended a week-end retreat at Camp Marywood in Monroe, N.C. The participants were senior high students from each high school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.



The purpose of the training retreat was to introduce to the students various skills that they will need to serve as a resource in meeting the needs of the 21 junior high schools and the Street Academy in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The retreat focused on many different Human Relations skills, these skills were the following: Self-Identification, Communication Skills, Leadership Skills, Human Relations Skills, Values Clarification and Self-Concept Development Skills.

The training for the retreat was done by the Project Aries Staff, Mrs. Kitty Hoffman, Advisor and Administrator, Ms. Margie Appling, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Roy Alexander, Advisor and Associate Extension Agent of the Mecklenburg 4-H, Dr. James Mikkelsen, Advisor and Director of Human Relations in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, and Mr. James K. Palk, Professional Training Consultant of Management Manpower Associates.

The following students and their schools participated:

- East Mecklenburg; Ken Clay, Manuel Esquivel and Arnette Garvin;
- Garinger High School; Sandra Alexander, Raymond McClain, Virginia Heath, Doris Jackson and Gloria Ussery;
- Harding High School; Willie Baccute, Sylvia Sullivan, Malcolm Garland, Jeanette Serrano, Jimmy James, Diane Drum and Kelvin Harris;
- Independence High School; Linda Little, Mildred Raper, Missy Parker and Terry Duncan;
- North Mecklenburg; Sherri Long, Reginald Lowery, Rene Adams, Mary Morrow and Denise Richards;
- Nyers Park; Doug Adair, Keema Caldwell, Yolanda Redrick, Cheryl Baccetti, Anthony Grier and Andrea Martin;
- South Mecklenburg; Sanford Cohen, Berniett Porter, Gloria McClurkin, Dan Mikkelsen, Charles Williams, and Stephany Criss;
- Olympic High School; Chris Paradi, Charles Abbott Jr., Charles Anthony, Bonnie Brucker, Pam Craig and Sanga Kirksey;
- West Charlotte Traditional; Dusty Boyd, Rami Ross, Ronald Mattison and Janet Davis;
- West Charlotte Optimal; Leslie Brown, Richard Hill, Cindy Page and Gawn Berry;
- West Mecklenburg; Paul Hutchinson, Arnette Ehyne, Jeff Williams, Heidi Starnes, Denise Howie, Chris Brown and Sherry Johnson.

PARTY TIME.....Last Saturday night from 9 p.m. til about 4 a.m. a group of people known as the Extracordinaires gathered to honor new members and to help a young man celebrate his birthday.

Charlie Cox's spacious home on Hamilton Circle was where the fun began. During this phase of the merry-making the Extracordinaires social club honored several new members. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whaley and Carolyn Haley.

The party then moved to Plumstead Avenue where the second phase took place. L. C. "Little Rock" Cook was honored at this time. His home was the scene for part two and the only break in the fun was the trip from Charlie's house to "Rocks."

Some of the guest included in this two part party were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson Jr., Charles Hodges, Bernadine Coles, Virginia Massey, Julius Lloyd, Carolyn Haley, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin White, Bobby Johnson, Doris Massey and Jackie Thompson.

SWEETHEARTS BALL.....The West Charlotte High School Class of 1957 will hold their regular monthly meeting Saturday night, February 14, at the Metrodina School of Driving. This meeting will be followed by a sweetheart's party. All class members are asked to come and bring their suggestions for making the 20th reunion really super.



200 CLUB'S BEAUTY QUEENS

They are, left to right, Mrs. Mable H. Lattimer, Ms. Katrina Costner, Mrs. Dawnie T. Orange and Mrs. Brenda W. Mammel. These lovely ladies will be in to solicit your support for top honors as "200 Club Queens" at the annual basketball game between Johnson C.

Smith and Livingstone Tuesday night at the Charlotte Park Center. All proceeds go to Johnson C. Smith's athletic department. Give the queen of your choice your loyal and financial support.

Young Tar Heels Not Taking Advantage Of Health Screening

RALEIGH - Less than one-third of the eligible young North Carolinians are taking advantage of a free comprehensive health screening, diagnosis and treatment program offered through the state's Medicaid program.

The Division of Social Services of the N.C. Department of Human Resources reports that only 42,805 youngsters under 21 years of age were screened by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) during the past fiscal year. The Division estimates that 144,700 young people in North Carolina are eligible for this free health screening and treatment program.

All children under 21 years of age in families receiving Aid to Families With Dependent Children are eligible, as well as other children in families that have been denied the support for one or both parents because of absence from the home of disability.

North Carolina Secretary of Human Resources David T. Flaherty voiced concern in Raleigh this week over the lack of participation in the EPSDT program.

"All of us know that children are our greatest resource. EPSDT strengthens that resource by offering a practical and humanitarian method to prevent needy children from being handicapped by conditions that could lead to chronic and disabling ailments later in their lives. Health experts estimate that more than one-half of these handicapping conditions in children can be prevented or corrected by early health care," Flaherty stated.

"It is readily understandable why medical attention is not a poor family's first priority, unless it is a serious emergency. We have both a moral and economic obligation to assist these children without financial means. We are faced with a choice of helping them realize a life of achievement or a life of being handicapped by disability and disease. This is a simple choice when the ultimate costs are compared. Basically, we are concerned with doing what is right. At the same time, we have a strong belief that preventive care, especially for children is the most effective way to deal with this massive problem,"

Flaherty emphasized. He also stated that it's a shame that over 100,000 eligible youngsters in North Carolina are not getting this health screening and treatment. The federal government pays 68.68 percent of the cost and the remainder is shared by state and county governments.

Citing the value of the screening program, Flaherty said that of the 42,805 youngsters who were screened last year, 17,928 needed treatment.

The EPSDT program in North Carolina is administered by county social services departments. The actual screening is given by county health departments or private physicians if a family physician.

200,000 North Carolinians Are Alcohol, Drug Abusers

There are an estimated 200,000 North Carolinians who are alcohol or drug abusers. Nearly 50 percent of admissions to psychiatric hospitals are diagnosed as alcoholics.

As this problem increases, how does it affect the economy of our state?

"These and other personal medical problems, which cause poor job performance, cost the economy of North Carolina over \$300 million a year," said A. Richard Elyac, occupational programs consultant with the Division of Mental Health Services, N.C. Department of Human Resources.

Approximately 20 percent of any work force has these problems, according to U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare reports.

At this time, 125 industries in the state have adopted Employee Assistance Programs to identify employees problems at the earliest possible

stage, to motivate them to seek help, and to refer them to the most appropriate service available.

Professionals in the Division of Mental Health help in designing these programs for employees with alcohol, drugs, family or legal related concerns.

Management in these industries focuses on the employee's job performance. An employee who consistently does poor work or is absent frequently can be referred to an appropriate person or agency for help. These sources are identified in the company's Employee Assistance policy.

The employer does not act as a counselor.

What Do Many Doctors Use When They Suffer Pain And Itch Of Hemorrhoidal Tissues?

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