



B.F. Grady Produces Video

The fourth grade classes of Jackie Herring and Vivian Martin at B.F. Grady school teamed together to produce a video about the birth of a new world called "Happy Birthday, America." The video was shown to the entire school and members of the cast are pictured above, standing, left to right, Clay Rogers, Helen Duncan, Mary Melver, Carvis Williams, Spenser Lee, Chad Herring and Ryan Tyndall. Kneeling, left to right,

David Grady, Neil Barnette, Bobby Britt, David Jones and Jared Heath. The video was produced as part of the school's celebration of Heritage Week. Other events during the week included the Duplin County Arts Council sponsored performance by Billy Brennon, pottery demonstration by Frank Grubbs, local storyteller Darlene Fredericks, lunch with parents on School Day, and a presentation of Civil War artifacts by Dennis Heath.



Quilting At B.F. Grady

Local volunteers assisted B.F. Grady school in its celebration of Heritage Week with a week-long quilting demonstration. The celebration was held last week and Marie Harper of rural Duplin said more than 20 volunteers helped with the quilting demonstration.

Pictured above, left to right, are seventh grade B.F. Grady students Jennifer Smith, Joy Barnette, Sandy Hinson and Kristie Hardison with Heritage Week volunteer quilter Marie Harper.

Contract Signed For Construction At Wallace Medical Village

A joint announcement has been made by the Board of Directors of Wallace Medical Village, Inc. and the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital to the effect that the contract has been finalized and signed for the construction of a medical office facility on the site of Wallace Medical Village.

The contract has been signed and entered into with Dixie General Contractors, Inc. of Wallace, which submitted the lowest bid on March 20. Construction is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks.

William Buckley of Wallace, member of the WMV board, is chairman of the building committee, which includes Annette Rose, member of the Board of WMV; Ray Sanderson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital; and Richard Harrell, administrator of DGH. This committee has been working closely with the architect, Daryl Wally of Raleigh.

Buckley states that the office will consist of approximately 3,600 sq. ft. of masonry construction with paved drive and parking area.

It will have five examining rooms with necessary laboratory, testing, office and reception areas to accommodate two or possibly three physicians and expansion capabilities for the purpose of being made adequate to accommodate up to four physicians in the future. The plan includes a trauma room with X-ray and stabilizing equipment which will make possible some emergency care such as stabilizing acute asthmatic, respiratory and heart problems on the spot so that if transport to the hospital is needed, it will be far safer.

Irvin Graham, chairman of WMV, states that the facility will house the practice of Dr. Mark H. Overton, now doing general practice, specializing in internal medicine, and located in the mobile unit on the MV site, as well as that of additional physicians now being recruited.

Graham stated that he has appointed a committee chaired by the Reverend J.G. Morrison to plan ground breaking ceremonies scheduled for May 17 at 5:30 p.m. Morrison has received confirmation that Senator Harold Hardison will

attend this function as a special guest. Other officials are expected to be present for this occasion which will be open to the public.

Morrison's committee is in the process of finalizing plans for this event, which will be announced in greater detail in area newspapers.

Workshop On Elsmere Curriculum

Approximately 16 teachers and related personnel attended a workshop April 18-19 which dealt with the Elsmere Curriculum with trainable

mentally handicapped students. The workshop was conducted by Ann Isley, trainer.

The Elsmere Curriculum is a

vocational oriented program which was developed for the trainable mentally handicapped students ages five through adult. The philosophy is based on the premise that all TMH students should be provided opportunities to develop skills and competencies which will enable them to become productive adults for successful community living.

The curriculum is organized in developmental sequences. There are five major life skill areas taught and they are: academics, socialization, independent living, prevocation and vocational training, and personal family life.

A diagnostic process has been developed for the Elsmere program. Each student is evaluated in the areas of vocationally related academics, social skills, self-help or independent living skills and manipulative-vocational skills. The data gathered is used to determine strengths and weaknesses and the present level of educational performance.

Each student is then placed in the curriculum. The Elsmere curriculum is structured so as to incorporate the drill approach, demonstration, exercising, reinforcing and exploratory approaches to instruction. In each instance, instruction begins with a skill the student has mastered, teaching from the known to the unknown, from the simple to the complex, and from the concrete to the abstract.

Finally, the most important aspect is on-the-job training after they have mastered the appropriate skills and parent involvement.

Volunteer Week

April 22-28 is National Volunteer Week and Services to the Aged would like to thank all volunteers for their participation in their volunteer program.

"You have made a worthwhile contribution in our county by volunteering at sites, delivering home-bound meals and doing other needed jobs for the elderly. Because you care enough to share your time and talent, you have had a part in making Duplin County a better place in which to live. We extend sincere thanks to you — a very special person," said Walter L. Brown of the Duplin County Services to the Aged.



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