

Air Service Application Filed

NORFOLK, Va. — Medical Center Hospitals has applied to the Eastern Virginia Health Systems Agency for a Certificate of Need for an emergency air ambulance service. The service, to be called "Nightingale", will utilize a Bell Long-Ranger II helicopter capable of handling two patients, two medical crewmembers and a pilot.

At present, there is no hospital-based emergency air transport service operating in the State of Virginia or in Northeastern North Carolina.

It is expected that the Commissioner of Health, Dr. James Henley, will make a ruling on Medical Center Hospital's application for this emergency

air ambulance service on or about November 10. If approved, Medical Center Hospitals will take delivery of the helicopter in December, 1981, and has set a tentative start-up date for the Nightingale service for January 1982.

Nightingale will be based at the heliport at Norfolk General Hospital and will augment existing ground transportation systems within an approximate 70 mile radius of the hospital. The Nightingale service, subject to extreme weather conditions, will be available 24 hours, seven days-a week. A total of 360 flights are estimated for the first year of service.

The emergency air ambulance will be dispatched in situations when traffic or

distance would impair ground ambulance service, when time would be a decisive factor in patient survival, and when the site of a medical emergency would be inaccessible by other means.

Timely interhospital transfer of critically ill patients is projected to be one of Nightingale's most frequent functions. The speed with which patients can be transferred to more appropriate or tertiary care facilities is clearly a benefit of the service. Nightingale can lift off within three-five minutes of dispatch and has a cruising speed of 120-140 miles per hour.

Nightingale will also be dispatched to the scene of accidents — on highways, in remote locations, and at isolated industrial sites. Sophisticated intensive emergency care can be administered at the scene and enroute to the closest and most appropriate hospital of the patient's choice. All physician referrals will be honored.

Medical Center Hospital will lease the helicopter, which will be fully equipped with emergency care and life support systems, from Chesapeake and Potomac Airways, Inc., of Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to the helicopter, the leasing arrangement also designates that C&P Airways will provide three qualified helicopter pilots and one qualified mechanic.

Medical Center Hospitals is a private, not-for-profit, hospital system and will not receive federal, state or local government funding for the emergency air ambulance service.

The first President to ride in an automobile was Theodore Roosevelt.



THE GREAT PUMPKIN — Shawn Whicker stands beside his pumpkin which Leary Bros. Storage Co. weighed at 89 lbs. The pumpkin was grown from a seed dropped in a flower bed last Halloween. Shawn, the son of Melvin and Carolyn Whicker of Edenton, entered it in fair competition this year.

Hollman Is Guest Speaker

At the September meeting of the Chowan Garden Club Dr. Robert Hollman presented an informative slide presentation the The Blooming Chowan. Bringing us up to date on the current study of the "algae bloom," he stressed that for long term results the study must continue.

Officers for this year are: President - Mary Peele; vice president - Evelyn Sims; secretary - Betty Beckett; treasurer - Virginia Jones and historian - Carolyn Medlin.

Various lawn and garden tips were given by Virginia Jones, Carolyn Medlin, Marguerite Long, and Grace Richardson.

Joy Oborn reported that the corsages and boutonnières made club members and

presented to the residents of ElderLodge for their birthdays have been gratefully and enthusiastically received.

Methodist Church Celebrates 172nd Anniversary

The New Hope United Methodist Church is celebrating its 172 Anniversary with a homecoming Sunday. Sunday School begins at 10 A.M. and the morning worship service is at 11 A.M.

A picnic lunch will be served on the lawn immediately following the service. All former members are invited to share in this special event.

Traffic Offenders Are Fined

Traffic cases dominated the weekly session of Chowan County District Court at the old courthouse on East King Street. Presiding at the Tuesday session was Judge John T. Chaffin.

Cases disposed of included: Rita Ann Saberon, speeding, \$35 fine and costs. Bessie Saunders, worthless check, 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs and make restitution.

Eddie Wayne Nixon, drunk driving and stop sign violation, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$225 fine and costs. Notice of appeal was entered. Jerry Lewis Cullipher, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Timothy Lewis Phelps,

speeding, \$10 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Raymond Isler, traffic violation; Edward Zimmerman, speeding; Andres Javier Forno, speeding, Edward Lewis Herron, Jr., speeding and Zacccheaus Adewole Takuro, speeding, all called and failed.

Alfred Thomas Cooper, speeding and driving after license revoked, 30 days. Notice of appeal entered. Drug related cases against Melvin Alton Lane and Judy Kay Mizelle were dismissed. The district attorney is expected to issue new warrants.

Vanetta Wilson Williams, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Willie A. Carter, Jr., speeding, \$20 fine and costs. Donald Leon Keech,

speeding, \$25 fine and costs. Arnell Wilder, communicating threat, dismissed.

Roy Dale, trespass, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Drunk driving charges against Zack White Mabine and Gary Wayne Snead were dismissed.

Cp. Williams Is Promoted

Marine Cpl. Edward R. Williams, son of Tommie Jones, Route 3, and Mildred L. Williams of Edenton Manor Apartments, both of Edenton, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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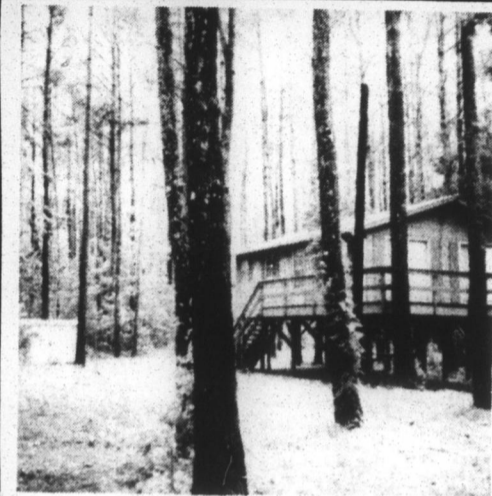
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