

# Nightingale, Area's New Ambulance Service

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 projected 10 - 12 completed flights during the first full month. These figures were based upon experiences of other air ambulance services in other parts of the country. During March, Nightingale made 24 flights - completing 22 and aborting two due to severe weather conditions and zero visibility.

"We have learned a great deal during this initial phase," Holmes noted. "These experiences have helped fine tune our procedures, thereby enabling us to respond more rapidly," he explained.

Six requests have been cancelled because of heavy rain and dense fog. Two calls were denied because the patient was not classified as critical and could be transported by ground ambulance.

The crew has worked with several eastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina hospitals and rescue squads, thus far. Leo Childers, the Assistant Administrator of Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Va. said, "We have been very favorably impressed with Nightingale."

According to Childers, his hospital hopes to build a concrete helipad soon. To date, Southampton Memorial has requested Nightingale services five times.

Nine other Virginia hospitals have participated in the service, including five local facilities and others as far away as Accomac (Eastern Shore), Rapahannock, and the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Six missions have flown to three North Carolina hospitals. The hospitals are located in Elizabeth City, Washington County, and Ahoskie.

There have also been five accident - site missions - each unique in nature and each closely coordinated with ground ambulance agencies. During February, Nightingale made an early morning landing onto the Laskin Road exit of the Virginia Beach expressway to receive an auto accident victim.

Only days later, the helicopter landed in a muddy field in rural Virginia Beach to assist in a patient transfer from a ground ambulance. The crew has also responded for

a man who was trapped under pilings at Willoughby Beach. The helicopter was ready for transport by the time the pilings had been removed.

Last Thursday, Nightingale carried an 11-year old boy who had been hit by a car in the Ocean View area of Norfolk to Children's Hospital of King's Daughters. On the morning of Friday, April 9, Nightingale received a request from the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad. A 14-year old male had received severe head injuries from a two car automobile accident.

The Virginia Beach Rescue Squad extracted the patient from the car, began medical treatment, and transported him to the Princess Anne Courthouse area for Nightingale pickup. After the patient was stabilized he was rushed to the Trauma Unit at Norfolk General Hospital where he remains in critical condition.

"The time the helicopter has saved in getting critical patients to an appropriate

## Iredell Descendants

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 work in the architectural and building business, and of his Iredell connections in New Zealand, Australia, India and the United States. One of James Iredell's direct descendants was present, Elizabeth Jones Elmore. Mrs. Denise Iredell apologized that she had not brought any vital papers concerning the family, but she had picked up the family tree, which she intends to complete in due time.

The charming couple were delighted to see the original portraits of James and Hannah Iredell in the James Iredell house, saying that they were happy to see them back home.

Those attending were: Mrs. Cornelia J. Privott, Mrs. Thomas H. Shepard, Mrs. Grover Bayles, Mrs. Mary B. Tucker, Mrs. George Hoskins, Mrs. Roland Vaughan, Jr., Mrs. Roger E. Leeper, Mrs. Richard Taylor, Mrs. Anne Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Elmore, Miss Mary Lee Copeland, Mrs. Carolyn McMullan, Mrs. Lina Mack, Mrs. Ruth W. Bond, Mr. John V. Decker, Mrs. Rebecca Drane, Mrs. Frances D. Inglis, D. Ross Inglis, Mrs. Barbara R. Burr, Mrs. Maxine Bullard, Harriet B. Abbe, Mrs. Walter Abbe, Mr. Walter Abbe, Mrs. Denise Iredell, Mr. David Iredell, John Morehead, Mrs. Ruth Rose, Mrs. Rosa Davenport, Mrs. Marguerite McCall and Mrs. Marguerite Burch.

facility has been remarkable," Bob Smith, the Director of Norfolk's Emergency Communications Center pointed out.

One accident site response did not require the helicopter. Crew members ran from their helipad trailer to a nearby accident scene on Hampton Boulevard. After rendering medical care, they called the rescue squad for transport.

"Nightingale has the potential to reduce the morbidity and mortality rates in this area," stated Donald Haupt, Director of Norfolk's Paramedical Rescue Services and Coordinator of Nightingale Paramedics. "In addition, we are pleased that each flight has been deemed medically necessary and appropriate by the Review Committee," he continued.

Although local and regional medical personnel have been pleased with Nightingale performance, Chief Flight Nurse Connie Schneider agrees it will get better. "Input from regional hospitals and rescue squads has been invaluable in helping to streamline many Nightingale's operational and response protocols," she said.

So far, approximately 63 per cent of the patients transported have been delivered to Norfolk General Hospital where Nightingale is based. Five of these "patients" have died after trauma treatments.

Medical Center Hospitals, a non-profit health care system which operates Norfolk General and Leigh Memorial Hospital, expects to break even financially during the second year when 40 flights per month are projected.

## Presbyterian Topic

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 friends will be held with a program led by Fran Ward. At the Sunday School hour, 9:45, the puppeteers from Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth City will be at the church. Worship at 11 A.M. will be conducted by the Pastor, Dr. H. E. Mallinson with the Lord's Supper being observed. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

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MAY PLAY DAY - Evelyn Neptune, outreach librarian for Pettigrew Regional Library, will bring stories and puppet show to May Play Day, an arts festival sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council on May 1, at the Rocky Hock Community Center, Route 1, Edenton.

## Activities Set For May Play Day

May Play Day, May 1, will offer a variety of activities for all ages. One of the highlights for children will be Evelyn Neptune from the Pettigrew Regional Library Children's Services.

There are few youngsters in the area who do not know Mrs. Neptune. Her monthly visits to schools and daycare centers in Chowan, Tyrrell, Washington and Perquimans County bring to children enchanting stories, puppet shows and films, carefully chosen to encourage and enrich the child's appreciation for good literature.

Having returned from New York to her native Plymouth, Evelyn enrolled at Beaufort Technological Institute and completed the requirements for an associate degree in library science. For the past eight years she has been an outreach librarian for the Pettigrew Regional Library.

During these eight years she has perfected the art of storytelling, experimenting with various styles and techniques, always learning from the reactions of her young audiences. Watching her perform, one is taken by her ability to captivate her audiences with a variety of facial expressions and the rich rhythmic patterns of her voice.

How does she account for her success as a storyteller? "You must first sell the story to yourself. You must choose stories that you like." To prepare a story requires many readings. Evelyn says that when her children were young, she often shared stories with them to test their appeal. If she doesn't feel comfortable with a story after several readings, she does not in-

## 4-H Fashion Revue Held

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 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leary; and 3rd place, Jaki Pace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bembry.

12-13 years old, 1st place, Percy Nixon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nixon; 2nd place, Marleen Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Alexander; and 3rd place, Laurie Bond, daughter of Mrs. Laura Bond.

All 4-H'ers participating in the show constructed their garment in sewing classes under the supervision of Mrs. Theresa T. Ford, Home Economics Extension Agent and clothing leaders, Ms. June Britt, Margie Harrell, Mrs. Eula Jordan and Beverly Walker, junior clothing leader.

The other 30 boys and girls modeled ready made fashions selected from their wardrobe and-or from Belk-Tyler and TG&Y, who loaned garments for the show.

Donations from the following sources made the Fashion Revue a success: 4-H Council, Ryans Grove 4-H Club, Belk-Tyler, TG&Y, Clip & Stitch, United Piece Dye Works, Extension Homemakers Council, Baldy Oak Extension Homemakers, Tarheel Bank and Trust Company, Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Blair Funeral Home and Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department.

Ryans Grove 4-H Club prepared and served refreshments and Mrs. Carolyn Hagley provided the music.

## Edenton Aces Defeat St. Francis

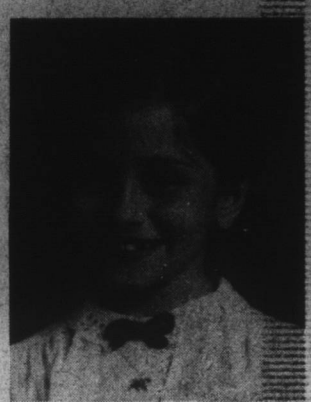
JAMESVILLE - The Edenton Aces were outhit 4-1 against St. Francis High School of New York, but still managed to win 4-2, Saturday in the opening round of the Jamesville Tournament.

Edenton pitcher Al Bunch allowed the four hits, but the sturdy left hander was in complete control, striking out 10 and walking none.

On the other hand, it was the wildness of the St. Francis pitchers that allowed Edenton to win. The visitors walked eight Edenton batters, hit two and struckout 10.

The only hit for Edenton was by Milton Hedgepeth in the first inning as he drove in Mike Hardy for the 1-0 lead.

The Aces play again Monday night at 7:30 P.M. against the winner of the Jamesville - Northampton game, played late Saturday night.



## Science Fair Winner

Kimberly Barrow was one of the blue-ribbon winners in the Science Fair held at Grandy Primary School in Camden, N.C. She will accompany her project to the Camden-Pasquotank-Perquimans public school science fair where she will discuss her project, "A Camera Obscura" with the judges. She is a second grade student at Grandy Primary School and the daughter of Leroy and Yvonne Barrow of Oakum Street, Edenton, N.C.



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