

Nurses Meet

District 19 Nurses Association held their monthly meeting at the Albemarle Human Resources Development Center in Edenton. Mrs. Peggy West, President presided over the meeting. The devotion was given by Mrs. Arlene Bunch.

Mrs. Elizabeth Belch introduced the speaker Mr. Bill Griswold who is presently serving as coordinator of the Emergency Medical Services in Region R. Mr. Griswold related that the primary purpose of this program is to update the emergency services in our area. He spoke of the present facilities available and the goals that have been established in hopes of bringing more efficient services to the people. New regulations have been set up whereby an emergency medical technician will have to complete 81 hours of study and practical application of skill.

Mrs. West welcomed the four visitors present — Mrs. Roberta Hanson, Mrs. Sharon Sanders, Mrs. Marguerite Lassiter, and Mrs. Evelyn Sanderson. The Secretary, Mrs. Kay Whedbee read the minutes of the last meeting and also

read several thank-you notes received by the group. Mrs. West brought to the group's attention a number of continuing education programs available to nurses. Mrs. Jean Wilson and Mrs. Wilma Harris plan to attend a workshop at Kinston, N.C. concerning Continuing Education Unit for Nurses. Mrs. Osceola Jurash, Mrs. Lola Bass and Mrs. Elizabeth Rumpf have tentative plans to attend the N.C. State Nurses Association Clinical Sessions in Wilmington, N.C. on October 3 & 4.

Mrs. Frances Jefferies was elected to fill the vacancy of First Vice President in District 19. Mrs. West encouraged all members to invite other registered nurses in the district to attend the meetings. Mrs. Shirley Dunbar, Membership Chairperson and Mrs. Wilma Harris are to contact C.O.A.'s recent nursing graduates and invite them to the next meeting.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Rose Pugh, Mrs. Fannie Jenkins, and Mrs. Irene Belgania.

The next meeting is to be held October 8, at 8 p.m. in Hertford, N.C.



HARD AT WORK — Several Jaycee wives met last Wednesday night to draw up a rough draft of what they hope will become the Perquimans County Jayceettes, Constitution. From left to right, they are: Kay Purser, Jeanie Umphlett, Anita Stallings, Sallie Halsey, Patsy Miller, Mary White and Nancy Morgan. (Newbern photo)



SPEAKERS — Area "C" Jaycees await their turn at the Speak-Up competition during the area meeting. Representing Perquimans County was Ray Ward and Robert Halsey. (Newbern photo)

Medicare Benefits For Nursing Care

The Medicare program provides several types of benefits. However, many people do not understand the benefits they have in regards to skilled nursing facilities. First, a skill nursing facility is an institution that can provide for medical needs which require daily skill nursing care. Therefore, a person who does not require skill nursing care would not be entitled to benefits even when confined to a skill nursing facility. Skill nursing care requires trained personnel who provides a higher level of care than just routine care. Routine care is providing for such things as the patients comfort and general safety. In addition, things such as meals, cleanliness, and helping the patient in or out of bed are considered routine care.

You are entitled to these benefits if you have been in a qualified hospital for three

days in a row and your doctor determines you need and orders skill nursing care for you. Generally, you must be admitted to the skill nursing facility within 14 days after you leave the hospital. Also, your treatment must be for the same condition you were being treated for in the hospital. If you meet these requirements, Medicare pays for all covered services for the first 20 days of a benefit period. If a person stays over 20 days, Medicare pays for all covered services by \$10.50 a day for the next 80 days. Covered services do not include a private room, private duty nursing or such convenience items as television in the patients room.

A final but very important thing to remember is Medicare pays for these services only as long as the need for skill nursing lasts.

For example, a person may be entitled to skill nursing facility benefits when admitted to a facility. However, after 10 days he had made a good recovery and no longer needs skill nursing. Medicare will not make additional payments even if the person decided to stay in the skill nursing facility. For additional information call your nearest social security office. The telephone number of the Elizabeth City Social Security Office is 338-2161.

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Hertford Grammar Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for Hertford Grammar School for the week of September 30 is as follows:	<p>Mon. Sept. 30 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vienna Sausage Green Peas Strawberry Cup Milk</p> <p>Tues. Oct. 1 Beef Vegetable Soup Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Fruit Cup Gingerbread</p>	<p>Wed. Oct. 2 Tuna Fish salad on lettuce Lima Beans Buttered Carrots School Baked Rolls Crackers Milk</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 3 Hot Dogs — Rolls</p>	<p>French Fries Cole Slaw Cake Muffin Milk</p> <p>Fri. Oct. 4 Smoked Sausage Applesauce Whipped Potatoes School Baked Rolls Milk</p>
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