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ROBERT WILSON

## Vanceboro Citizen Invents New Way To Exercise

From the green turf of his back yard to the hard cement of his garage, went this inventor. Wherever he chose to jump rope had many drawbacks. The jumping on dirt dug holes, jumping on cement gave aching of the legs from the sudden jolts and jumping on foam rubber didn't give the rebound necessary for a good rope jumping session.

The search began for a substance that would return to its original firm smooth surface jump after jump on the surface. The material was found, and so began the idea of a circular board composition of rebound material. After many days and nights thinking and dreaming of how to make a practical way to use the jump board for proper exercise and a proper place for jumping, Robert M. Wilson, College Avenue, Vanceboro, N.C. designed his "Jump For Joy Board".

At the present time, Mr. Wilson is holding rope

jumping classes in Greenville, N.C. In his school, he is using the jump boards and jump ropes designed by him to teach the correct way to jump rope.

He says rope jumping is like any other sport. You can develop many wrong habits just as you can develop many good habits, if you get the proper training.

As a result of his classes, he has seen students who couldn't get the rope over their head advance to a minute of rope jumping without tiring. Other students have stated their tennis game has improved since learning the correct way to jump rope.

So out of a desire to find a better way, we now have available rope jumping classes, properly made jump ropes, and a base to jump on that does not ruin the grass, dig holes, or injure legs, bones, and muscles.

## Ernul Native Awarded Coveted Honor

Colonel Walter R. Hoyle, USMC of Ernul has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the highest Department of Defense Award for peace-time military service. He received this award for his outstanding performance of duty from July 1981 to February 1983 as a member of the United States European Command. The citation accompanying this medal read:

Colonel Walter R. Hoyle, United States Marine Corps, distinguished himself by noncombat meritorious service from July 1981 to February 1983, as Logistics Plans Officer, Logistics Plans and Analysis Branch, Logistics Plans Division, Logistics and Security Assistance Directorate, Headquarters United States European Command. Colonel

Hoyle demonstrated outstanding professional skill, managerial ability, and superior resourcefulness by providing sound and accurate input to national, international, and North Atlantic Treaty Organization logistics planning and studies. He was the focal point for many United States/ North Atlantic Treaty Organization logistics interfaces having established a seldom equalled rapport with many high level North Atlantic Treaty Organization and alliance defense officials. Colonel Hoyle's expertise in North Atlantic Treaty Organization reallocation planning is widely recognized and his ceaseless efforts in this area culminated in signed agreements between the United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Major

Subordinate Commanders. By his exemplary performance of duty, Colonel Hoyle has reflected great credit upon himself, the United States Marine Corps, and the Department of Defense.

Colonel Hoyle was born September 14, 1937 in Ernul, N.C. and attended area schools and graduated from Farm Life High School. During his high school years he lettered four years in football, baseball, and basketball. Upon completion of two years at Wingate Jr. College, he attended East Carolina University. His university years gave him an opportunity to become a member of Platoon Leader's Class and upon graduation in 1960, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corp.

The next three years he attended basic



Major General F.J. Toner U.S. Army Commanding General for Logistics and Security Assistance, Headquarters, U.S. European Command, pins medal on Colonel Walter Hoyle.

officer school and served in the First and Second Marine Aircraft Wings and Aviation Supply. Upon completion of a three year tour of active duty he transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and was employed by the Federal Government in Washington, D.C. for two years. In January 1966 he returned to active duty

and served with the Third Marine Aircraft Wing at El Toro, California and Second Aircraft Wing in Vietnam as an aviation supply officer.

Returning to the United States in 1968, Colonel Hoyle attended the Amphibious Warfare School and was assigned as the inspector/instructor for the Washington, D.C.

area.

In 1972, Colonel Hoyle was assigned to the First Force Service Regiment in Camp Pendleton, California for two years in logistics assignments and in 1974, was reassigned to the Third Force Service Regiment in Okinawa as a supply staff officer. Returning to the

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