

Members of WCMS Library Club prepare balloons for launching with count down instructions from club sponsors Janice Jordan and L.E. Sadler.

Library Club Balloon Launch

West Craven Middle School Library Club sponsored a spectacular balloon launch at the school on April 18th. The launch was a coordinated part of a nation-wide celebration of National Library Week April 17-23.

National Library Week Balloon Launch Day is an annual library promotional event highlighting the many valuable materials and services provided by libraries. To launch more than 1,000,000 helium-filled balloons on April 18th was this year's National Library Week goal.

The first National Library Week was celebrated in 1958 with the slogan "Wake Up and Read", with an additional theme in 1959 of "For a Better-Read, Better-Informed

America". This year's slogan is "Look to Your Library, with a second theme of "Libraries Touch Your Life."

Before launching the balloons Library Club members filled the return name and address cards to attach to the many colorful balloons bearing printed designs of "Light Up Your Life-Read", and "Love My Library". The return card requests anyone finding the balloon to please complete the card and return it to the Library Club member by mail. Some lucky launchers may have balloons recovered from hundreds or even thousands of miles away, and returned to them at West Craven Middle School Library.

In past years balloons have been

recovered thousands of miles from their launch sites. One Launch Day balloon traveled from Illinois, on random air currents, and was recovered in India; thereby setting a world record of 9,200 miles. Be on the look-out in this area for balloons arriving from other launches in the country.

The names and discovery points of all

whose balloons are found will be recorded and miles charted on a map for distance traveled prizes, by Library Club officials: Jerry Campbell, President, Alicia French, Vice-President; Lynette Wiley, Secretary; Janice Jordan and L.E. Sadler, Club sponsors. Prize winners will be announced in a future Library Club press release.

Girl Scouts Visit Camp Hardy

Seven members of Girl Scout Troop #482, Vanceboro, and their leaders, Mrs. Jackie Dudley and Mrs. Judie Freeman, spent last weekend at Girl Scout Camp Hardy near Chocowinity.

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Dover's Gerald Johnson was one of 2000 delegates who attended the 13th annual convention of the N.C. Association of Educators in Raleigh April 14, 15, and 16. During this event, Mr. Johnson had the pleasure to meet and hear a speech by former U. S. Vice-President Walter Mondale. Mr. Johnson comments that Mr. Mondale was a very good and appropriate speaker and Mr. Johnson considers that meeting and speech a highlight of the convention.

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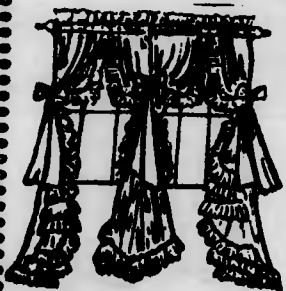
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