

ECU, Dare Co. Develop Helicopter Service

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GREENVILLE — The East Carolina University School of Medicine, in cooperation with Dare County and the Department of Human Resources' Office of Emergency Medical Services, has developed an emergency helicopter program for the eastern portion of the state in an effort to improve the quality of emergency health care delivery in the region.

The Eastern North Carolina Helicopter Program, modeled after military air ambulance programs, will serve 19 counties in the northeast section of the state and link 14 hospitals and seven clinics.

Medical cases that require specialized treatment, such as premature deliveries and severe trauma, may be transported by helicopter from anywhere in the region to one of the health care facilities deemed most appropriate to handle that specific case.

The program has its roots in Dare County where several years ago Sheriff Frank Cahoon developed an emergency air evacuation service for persons in the isolated Outer Banks area. An army surplus UH-1B helicopter, owned by Dare County and commonly known as "Huey", will be used for the new program. It was obtained by Albemarle Associates of Edenton.

Dare County will also provide trained pilots, emergency medical technicians and supplies.

The ECU School of Medicine will provide medical coordination for the program under the direction of Dr. Walter J. Pories, chairman of the Department of Surgery. Dr. Pories will act as medical director, assigning emergency cases to the hospital which can most effectively meet the patients' needs. He will also direct specialized medical training of flight personnel.

The state EMS office will aid the program with administrative support and funds for fuel and equipment, such as oxygen, ventilators, suction aspirators and

an incubator.

"This is a remarkable example of three units — Dare County, the School of Medicine and EMS — working together to provide prompt, adequate access to medical care in the region," says Steve Acai, assistant chief of transportation for EMS.

"Historically, time elements and methods of transportation have made it difficult to transport patients in the east," says Pories. "This program will be invaluable to local physicians, health facilities and their patients. The program can be considered to be a model for other areas."

A physician who wishes to transfer a patient to a facility will call Dr. Pories at a central number at Pitt County Memorial

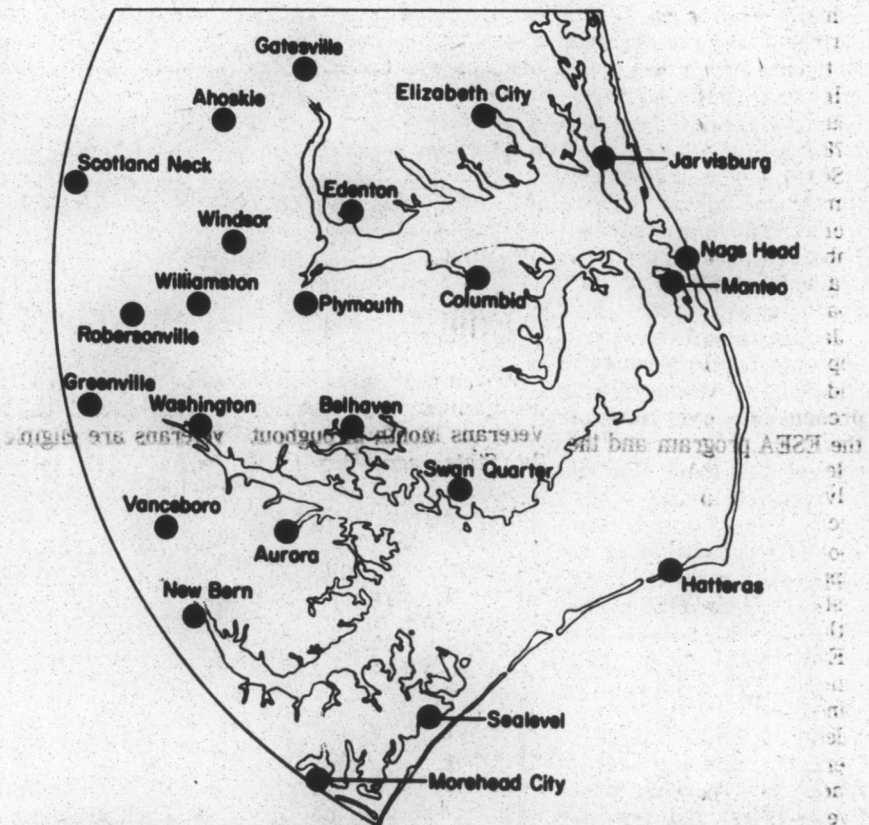
Hospital in Greenville. After consultation with the physician, Dr. Pories — or a designated official — will dispatch the helicopter and make arrangements at the receiving hospital for the arrival of the patient.

A pilot, co-pilot and certified emergency medical technician will accompany each flight. The crew is available 24 hours a day and requires only 12 to 15 minutes to become airborne after a call is received.

The program will serve Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington counties.



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Helms Supporters Organize

Tom Ellis of Raleigh, campaign manager for Sen. Jesse Helms, has announced the formal formation of a Helms For Senate Committee in Chowan County. Heading the committee is Roland H. Vaughan, Jr., local peanut broker.

Other committee members in Chowan are W.P. (Spec) Jones, T.B.H. Wood, Mrs. Walter Noneman, and E.L. Hollowell.

Vaughan said Mrs. Noneman has organized for a precinct canvass which is scheduled to begin Monday.

Also, a telephone campaign has been organized and will begin today (Thursday) to seek campaign contributions. Vaughan said those who are not reached and who desire to contribute to Sen. Helms' re-election campaign can call him at 482-7484.



MRS. HELMS VISITS HERE—Mrs. Jesse Helms, wife of Sen. Jesse Helms, was a visitor in Edenton Tuesday. A number of local women were on hand at the home of Dr. and Mrs. David O. Wright for the occasion. Mrs. Helms stated the purpose of her visit was to renew acquaintances and talk about her husband's schedule in Washington. She is shown above at far left with Mrs. Wright, second from left, and Mrs. Walter Noneman, right, as they chat during the informal affair.

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reorganizing the schools. And the board's unanimous action Tuesday night, reaffirming a commitment to a plan of consolidation, shouldn't catch anyone by surprise.

The plan which has been on the drawing board — a second choice to a new high school — would put Grades 9-12 at Holmes; Grades 7-8 at Chowan; with I-6 at Walker and White Oak. plan that looked best in May could have a different flavor in October. Through a Committee-Administration structure the board will now determine this fact.

There is never unanimity on public issues. There are those who are comfortable with the status quo; others who accept change ever so reluctantly; still others who advocate change merely for the sake of change; and yet another group with constructive reasons for bringing about change. In our opinion the board of education fits in the last category.

The school board is composed of seven members who equally represent every section of Chowan County. They are citizens with varied backgrounds and vocations. There is one area of common ground among them and that is what they consider best for the children in public education along the Public Parade.

As is often said of people, you can question their judgement but you cannot impugn their motives, their motives.

There are scars left from the bond referendum campaign which are ugly and will no doubt be long lasting. Maybe they can be justified by the fact that today more people know more about the process of education and the facilities in which it is carried out than at any other time.

To now fashion an acceptable consolidation plan with the meager means available will be a difficult task. If our children are going to have equal educational opportunities it must, however, become a reality.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education is still on course. They need our help, not our brickbats.

Not Hardly

We read in our favorite North Carolina afternoon daily where "Mrs. Mildred Huskins spoke for her husband, State Rep. J.P. Huskins..." at a meeting of Iredell County Democrats where Insurance Commissioner John Ingram, and candidate for the U.S. Senate was the principal speaker.

While we don't know Kathleen MacKenzie, the Staesville Record & Landmark reporter covering last Thursday's event, we do know her boss, and furthermore know that no one speaks for him. Absolutely!

Being our favorite inexpensive columnist and eldest sister, Mildred speaks with eloquence, but not for Jay. She may speak in his behalf, but not for him.

In recent years he has become a busy legislator who moonlights as a newspaper publisher. This week, for example, he spent three days in Atlanta, Ga., and two days in New Orleans, La., representing the state.

Friend Jay loves to meander along the Public Parade. We have the feeling that he won't send a representative, let alone a spokesman, to a wedding being planned for October 14. Not hardly!



PLAN FESTIVAL EVENT—Mrs. Linda Keel, left, chairman of the Third Annual Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival, is shown with Debbie Jordan, horse show chairman, as they discuss plans for the upcoming event to be held October 7 at the American Legion Fairgrounds. The festival, to benefit bands in Edenton-Chowan Schools, will be held October 7-8.

Get Ready For Festival

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would like the editor of Goobar Gazette to publicly thank the many people who have worked with and who have attended this and the two past Peanut Festivals.

One roster of the "helpers" appears in the form of the ads and compliments throughout the booklet. This serves as a list of contributing local businesses and friends that readers are encouraged to note for their support.

Finally, the Band Parents would like to offer special thanks to the following for their exceptional generosity:

Appreciation goes to the Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, for giving the festival free use of its building and grounds; Fisher Nut, Seabrook Blanching and Jimbos Jumbos are thanked for their gift of peanuts products to be sold by the band during the festival; WCDJ and WBXB for free air time to publicize the event, the The Chowan Herald.

Ross Riddick Jewelers has graciously provided all trophies to be used in student band awards ceremonies, and the traveling and

memento trophies to be given to the winners of the band parade exhibition, as well as the concert on the Courthouse Green.

The Band Parents are grateful to Edenton Jaycees for organizing the parade and to the Town of Edenton Police Department and Chowan County Sheriff's Department for directing traffic around the parade and fairgrounds.

They thank Mrs. Fran Ward, the Chowan County 4-H Clubs, and the Chowan Horse & Pony Club for presenting the Gymkhana and Horse Show; and Edenton Recreation Department for setting up for games.

For the hot dog concession at the fairgrounds, appreciation goes to W.E. Smith who offered food and supplies at cost; Jackson Wholesale of Hertford and Lance, Inc. of Elizabeth City for discounts given in the purchase of candy, nabs and othe snack foods.

With the momentum of this enthusiastic support, the Peanut Festival is fast becoming a very important celebration of our community's pride and tradition.

Police Arrest Truck Theives

Two teenagers were arrested early Sunday morning by Edenton Police Department and charged with breaking into the U.S. Soil Conservation Service office on East Queen Street and the larceny of two government vehicles.

Police Chief J.D. Parrish identified the defendants as: George William Thompson, Jr., 18, 306 East Queen Street; and Calvin Lyon Garrett, 17, 207 Court Street.

Chief Parrish said Thompson and Garrett allegedly broke into the office and took keys to a car. The car was later found in a ditch near Byrum Implement Company on North Broad Street Extended. When arrested the pair was in a SCS pick-up near Hayes Bridge on Water Street.

The arrests were at 3:23 A.M. and by Patrolmen W.W. Jones, Mike Morris and D.E. Jethro.

Garrett posted bond while Thompson is in Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City in lieu of bond.

They made a first appearance in Chowan County District Court before Judge Grafton G. Beaman Tuesday morning.

Asst. Dist. Atty. H.B. Williams told the judge that there was a defect in the felony warrants charging larceny and asked that they be redrawn by the magistrate.



EMPHASIS ON HANDICAPPED—Mayor Roy L. Harrell is shown above signing proclamation designating October 1-7 as Employ the Handicapped Week in Edenton. The 34th annual national observance will highlight our year-round responsibility for assisting the handicapped in obtaining meaningful employment. Mayor Harrell is shown with Bill Taylor, vocational counselor with the local Employment Security Commission office. Harrell is also local veterans employment representative.

Gordon Sentenced

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Tuesday afternoon a jury was hearing the case where Lewis Edward Bailey is charged with embezzlement.

Wednesday morning Bailey entered a plea of guilty to felonious larceny. Judge Small sentenced him to five years, suspended and placed on probation for five years upon payment of \$1,500 fine and costs. He was also ordered to make restitution to S&R Super Market in the amount of \$390.

In other action taken early this week during the criminal term, the following is reported: Kenneth Nelson Hughes, driving

while license revoked, nine months, suspended and placed on probation for three years upon payment of \$300 fine and costs and spend certain weekends in jail.

Jimmie Lewis Bateman, indecent liberties with a child, dismissed.

David Allen Rea, drunk driving, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Henry Curtis Brownridge, speeding, 20 days, suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Lewis Braddock Smallwood, speeding and drunk driving, third offense, called and failed.

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