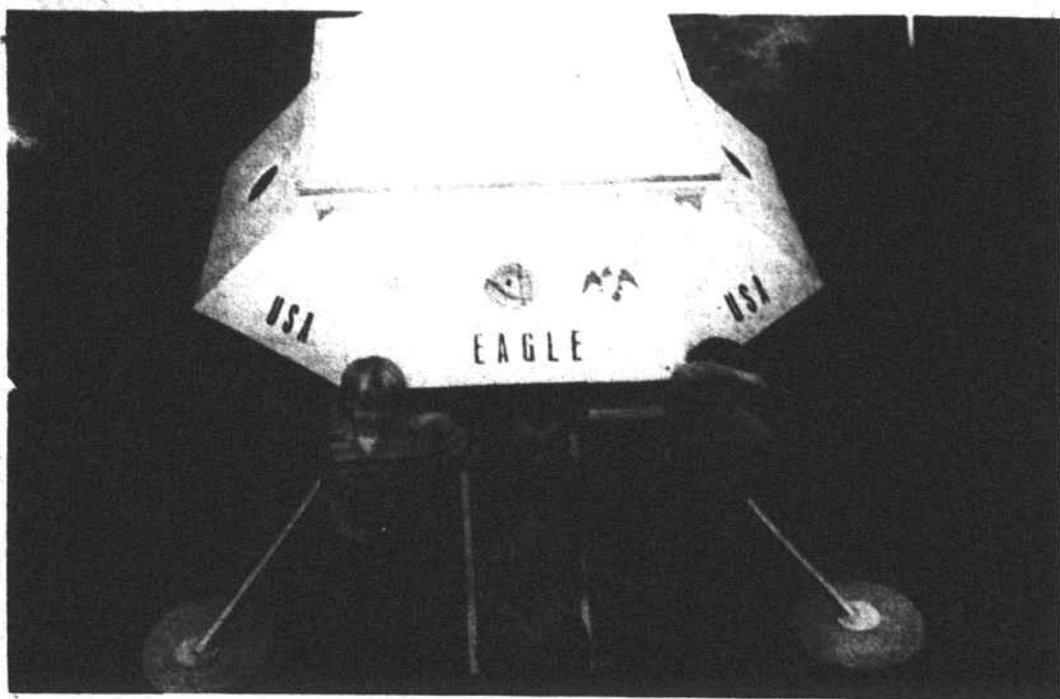


Space Ship Lands Here, Brings Yule Joy To Kids



The space ship Christmas present as it looks on the outside, with the youngsters Dale Teal made it for.



Robbie Thorn, Harold Teal, and Todd and Chris Davis in their Eagle.

A "space ship" landed in Raeford Christmas Eve, and four people about the size of the movie's Extra Terrestrial could be seen moving around in it.

The ship and the ETs turned out to be a Christmas present made by Dale Teal for his nephews, Robbie Thorn, Harold Teal, and Todd and Chris Davis.

The ship is big enough for the

boys to get into, though it can't take them to the moon and back or even down the street.

Dale Teal made the craft in his spare time, from wood, steel and masonite.

He said he'd been hearing all about ET and Battlestar Galactica and whatever, and I just got the idea. "Those kids are into all of

that space stuff."

Teal, whose regular job is that of Hoke Auto Co. business manager, worked nights building the ship in the company garage. He assembled the craft from plans he drew and christened it The Eagle as it resembles the craft whose name he borrowed, the American ship which landed on the moon.

Hoke Emergency Agency Gets Federal Check

Hoke County's Emergency Management Agency office has been allocated \$11,665 of the \$1.2 million authorized for the state in the 1983 federal budget under the Emergency Management Assistance Program.

The allocations for the state and the breakdown for each county were announced last week by Heman R. Clark, secretary of the State Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

The EMA, a federal agency, is the former Office of Civil Defense.

Tom Pugh, director of the State Division of Emergency Management, said "This year we will apportion \$846,906 among the 76 counties which applied to participate in the program. That is \$79,153 more than the 1982 allocation to the counties. In addition, this represents 69 percent of the total allocation, an increase over last year's percentage."

"We are working hard in Raleigh to increase the counties' share of this money," Pugh added, "because we realize their needs are great."

The federal assistance program is designed to encourage local governments to employ professional staffs to design and administer their comprehensive programs of management of communitywide emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters.

Each county provides matching funds to add to the federal money.

William Niven, county EMA coordinator, said last week that the county contributes about half the

total annual budget for the agency.

The county pays the total but is reimbursed by the federal government for about half, Niven said.

He said the county agency requested \$30,579 from the county for the 1982-83 budget, about the same as for 1981-82. The budget year for the federal agencies runs from October 1 to September 30 of the next year.

In reference to funds, Niven said the county got an additional \$2,899 federal fund to be added to the 1982 budget. He explained that surplus funds intended but not used by counties for one reason or another are divided among the other counties with active programs.

Niven said the money is used to pay his and secretary Joye McNeill's salaries and the office expenses, including the costs of travel on agency business.

The federal agency allocates money through the state for distribution to county EMAs, he said.

Last August, Niven received from C. Dan Isom, an official of the State Division of Emergency Management, a letter commending him and Mrs. McNeill "on the outstanding task of reaccomplishing" the Emergency Operations Plan for Nuclear Civil Protection Planning for Hoke County.

Isom added, "It is apparent that much time and effort was expended by the Hoke County Emergency Management Agency. Hoke County was in fact the first Host County to fully utilize the illustrative model as intended."

During the past year the work listed in the county statement to the state office and carried out included:

- Update Hoke Emergency Operations Plan for War.
- Conduct shelter-management and damage-assessment courses.

- Attempt to upgrade communications hardware after completing a Community Development plant.

- Conduct Radiological Defense Exercises in March and May.

- Conduct a tornado warning drill in conjunction with the county school system.

- Conduct a table-top exercise (in management of emergencies).

- Hold a course for county emergency services (law enforcement, fire protection, ambulance and rescue) on handling of hazardous materials spilled in accidents.

- Attend quarterly meetings of the County Firemen's Association and monthly meetings of the Rescue Squad.

- Attend RADEF refresher course in Raleigh.

Niven said the county's emergency services would use their equipment and, in event of a nuclear bomb attack or nuclear fission accident, the EMA has designated shelters throughout the county, many of them at McCain, and radiation detection equipment. Food and other necessary supplies for the people can be delivered to the shelter quickly after the alert is made. He said that in addition to the activities listed in the 1981-82 plan, the county EMA office conducted natural-disaster exercises in 1981 on two occasions.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH -- Hoke County employees and county commissioners are shown at the Christmas Lunch held last week before the county offices closed for the holidays.

LAW For Laypersons

Last summer a large daily newspaper published an account of a successful college president who suddenly disappeared. He was not kidnapped and held for ransom or murdered and thrown in a ditch to be discovered later.

He had left his home and family on his own free will. He sent a letter to his elderly mother and father, telling them to leave him out of their wills. He wrote short notes to the college's trustees and his colleagues to tell them that he had resigned his position.

Lastly, he wrote a note to his wife, explaining where she could find all of his assets and telling her that he would use their credit cards for a month or so and then tear them up.

There was absolutely no evidence that he left in order to escape some criminal charge, such as embezzlement; he had apparently just left to start all over again in a new style of life.

Assuming he had left per-

manently and would not return despite his wife's appeals to come home, what could his wife do to carry on her life?

She knew what checking and savings accounts he had, what real property he had, and what life insurance policies he had, but how could she get to them?

Unless he had given an appropriately worded power of attorney, she could not get money out of his checking account or savings account and she could not sell his property.

If he were not dead, his life insurance company would not want to pay off on his life insurance policies. His wife was in a real "pickle"!

The college president's wife was not in a unique situation. People do disappear, and often no one knows whether they are still alive or dead. Jimmy Hoffa is an example of a person who has disappeared, and his body has never been found. No one knows for

sure exactly what happened to him, but he left a wife who needed his support.

Certainly, some type of legislation is needed to take care of a person's financial matters when he disappears. Not only is there a need to conserve his assets, but there is also a need to distribute them in a manner which will support his family.

North Carolina has answered this need by enacting Chapter 28, entitled "Estate of Missing Persons," which provides for the preserving of a missing person's estate and for supporting his dependants while he is gone.

McNeill Promoted

Marine Pfc. Kenneth N. McNeill, son of Julia M. McNeill of Route 3, Box 71, Raeford, N.C. has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Futenma, on Okinawa.

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