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ROCKET BUILDING CLASS — Shown above are some of the students at Perquimans Union School who participated in a rocket building class under the instruction of two NASA men. The launch was held Friday at the school. (Sid Eley photo)



BLAST OFF! — Students participating in the rocket launch at Hertford Grammar School proudly watch as their miniature model lifts off. (Photo courtesy of Pat Harrell)

County Students Launch Rockets

By SID ELEY
With the assistance of James Miracle and Ransome Rittler of National Aeronautic and Space Administration, fifty fifth and sixth grade students in Perquimans County built and launched their own rocket during the past week. Miracle conducted a space program at Perquimans Union while Rittler visited Hertford Grammar and Perquimans High. Each student was given the opportunity of seeing scale models of airplanes, rockets, and other equipment that has been or will be developed and used by NASA. After an introductory assembly, the students were

given a second look at the NASA exhibit, when they were put in small groups so that they could get a closer look and also ask questions. They saw such equipment as a Saturn V rocket model, a space suit, a telecommunication systems model, a sky-lab model and satellite models. The history and the future of the space program plus the actual building of rockets spurred the interest of many students. Perquimans County is extremely grateful to NASA for their program and their help. Who knows, we may have our own future astronaut here in Perquimans County.

Receives Loan

Congressman Walter B. Jones today announced the approval by the Farmers Home Administration of a loan of \$27,000 to the Belvidere-Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Belvidere, N.C., to be repaid in 15 years at 5 per cent interest. The loan will be used to finance a new pumper truck for the Belvidere-Chapel Hill firefighting force.

Job Openings Must Be Listed

Perquimans County employers possessing federal contracts are required by the federal government to list their job openings with the Employment Security Commission office in Edenton.

Contractors or sub-contractors with contracts of \$10,000 or more must "take affirmative action in the employment and advancement of qualified Vietnam era veterans by listing their job openings with appropriate State employment service offices," according to provisions of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

Employment offices, in turn, are required to give veterans priority in referral to these job openings.

Employment office manager Alice W. Bond reports that the law was passed to improve the chances of armed forces veterans, especially veterans of the Vietnam era, for finding civilian jobs.

The law does not force federal contractors to hire any specific job applicant,

but it does require the company or firm to list job openings with State employment offices and interview veteran applicants.

"The final choice of applicant is still up to the employer," says Mrs. Bond.

In addition to placing job orders with the public employment offices, contractors must also identify the name and location of hiring sites across the State and report quarterly to the Employment Security Commission on hiring.

The U.S. Department of Labor is the enforcing agency.

Employers failing to list the job openings may be subject to penalties under the law. Veterans who believe any contractor has failed or refused to abide by the law may issue complaints to the Labor Department.

Mrs. Bond urged all companies and firms with federal contracts of \$10,000 or higher to contact his office to make certain that they are complying with provision of the mandatory listing law.



LOADING UP — Sixteen couples representing the Perquimans County Jaycees met at Harris Shopping Center early on Thursday morning to leave for the N.C. Jaycee State Convention held in Asheville. The group chartered a Trailways bus.



ON THEIR WAY — Shown above are some of the smiling faces of Perquimans County Jaycees and Jaycettes as they depart for Asheville. After a busy weekend filled with meetings, luncheons and awards banquets, the scene of the return trip was a little different.



OUTSTANDING KEY MAN — Wallace Morgan received a certificate from President of the North Carolina Jaycees for being named one of the top ten Key Men I in North Carolina.



OUTSTANDING STATE DIRECTOR — Ray Ward received two individual recognitions during the Asheville State Convention. He received a certificate for being one of the top ten Key Men II and was named the Outstanding Local State Director in the state.

Monds Speaks Out On Doctor Court Case

As a Perquimans County Commissioner, R.S. Monds attended the public hearing on April 16, preliminary hearing, State versus Hodgson.

A telephone interview was held with the commissioner. The following is his comment.

Reporter: Mr. Monds, what exactly is involved in this case?

Monds: The main controversy appears to be over a medicine called amphetamines. Dr. Hodgson prescribed the medicine to four undercover agents who registered as patients under false names, false occupations, false addresses, and offered Dr. Hodgson false symptoms. (One agent did use his real name, but false address, etc). Apparently Dr. Hodgson did prescribe a small number of amphetamine tablets, about one tenth of the quantity a habitual user would use in one day, if he consumed the entire lot, according to the State's expert medical witness. The State expert did testify that

similar medication was prescribed over the state for children as well as adults. According to pharmaceutical regulations, amphetamines are not considered an addictive medicine and they have a good range of safety. For instance, Dr. Hodgson's directions were one tablet in 48 hours as necessary; while the hyperactive child, 8 to 10 years of age would frequently receive the same size tablet three times a day.

Reporter: According to this witness, what are amphetamines used for?

Monds: In general, amphetamines help or improve the functioning of the brain; according to the expert witness.

Reporter: What exactly is the charge and what is hoped to be proved in the state vs. Hodgson case?

Monds: While the total amounts of money charged and received by Dr. Hodgson was \$38.00, the State charged him with five counts of felony and hopes to prove that the proper doctor-patient relationship was not established.



OUTSTANDING LOCAL PRESIDENT — Wayne Ashley (right) receives a plaque for being named the most outstanding local Jaycee president in North Carolina. Presenting the award is N.C. Jaycee President Gus Tulloss. Looking on in the center is Jim Hastings, vice-president of the U.S. Jaycees and a candidate for U.S. Jaycee President.



MANY AWARDS — Wayne Ashley, immediate past president of the Perquimans County Jaycees, displays his individual awards won at the state convention. On the table are some of the 21 total awards won by the club and individuals. The awards are on display in the Darden Department Store window in Hertford.

Local Jaycees Cap Top State Awards

By KATHY NEWBERN
The Perquimans County Jaycees walked away with many high awards and honors during the North Carolina Jaycee Convention held May 15-18 in Asheville, N.C. Representatives of the local chapter arrived in the

"city of the sky" little known to many of the Jaycees there. But following two awards nights, the Perquimans County Jaycees became a legend over night. Individuals in the local club also racked up some of the highest honors in the state. Wayne Ashley, the immediate past president, was named the winner of the Linn B. Garibaldi award which is given annually to the most outstanding local president. Ashley first won in division competition and was then named the overall recipient making him the most outstanding president of a local Jaycee chapter in the entire state. Also, Ray Ward was named the outstanding local State Director. Ward also won first in division competition and was then named top in

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CHAMBER PRESIDENT — Ed Niann, president of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce presided over a brief business session at the Monday night banquet. In his brief remarks, he said, "It's just a real joy to be a part of a community whose pride stretches from one end of the county to the other."



RECOGNIZED — Wayne Ashley was recognized at the past presidents dinner Monday night. The chamber expressed their pride in the local Jaycees. And in return, Ashley expressed the club's appreciation to the people of the county for their support of the club's undertakings throughout the year.



SPECIAL GUEST — One of the several special guests recognized at the Chamber of Commerce past presidents banquet was Dr. Ravin Mehta, an assistant to Hertford dentist Dr. Allan B. Bonner. Dr. Mehta has been in Hertford since December.



AWARD OF RECOGNITION — Bethe Brown, daughter of Mrs. Kitty Brown of Hertford received an award of recognition from the Chamber of Commerce during the past presidents dinner on Monday Night. Chamber President Ed Niann made the presentation. Bethe is the Tidewater area winner in the annual Ledger-Star spelling bee and will travel to Washington, D.C. in June.