

READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

Hiller helicopter was converted to an ambulance by the front and from the rear and adding two full-sized seats. (Photo by Bessie Hookstra)

Emergency Evacuation Plan Approved For Hilton Head Island Rotarians

Rotarians got a first-hand look at how the system would work when Dr. Rittenbury arrived on the island in a Fairchild Hiller 1100 helicopter ambulance during the meeting.

The craft had taken off from Savannah 13 minutes before it landed on the lawn of the Adventure Inn. It is expected that a helicopter could be dispatched from Charleston to pick up a patient on Hilton Head within 33 minutes.

Pilot Mike Hayes, a representative of the company, demonstrated to the club how the four-place craft could be converted in a matter of minutes to accommodate two patients on stretchers while leaving ample room for the attendant and the pilot.

In demonstration flights, Hayes showed the craft's maneuverability in landing and taking off in wooded areas without endangering the rotors. Also demonstrated was a built-in safety feature that permits the pilot to make a safe landing in the event of a stall.

The statewide emergency evacuation system would tie in with a local system that has been recently organized by the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club and headed by Dr. William H. Fries.

Working with Rotary is the Hilton-Bluffton Jaycee Club which has organized and trained the first of a number of rescue squads.

In addition, there is a joint effort on the island to purchase an ultra-modern ambulance for

use in rescue, evacuation or other emergencies.

According to Rotary President Bill Cork, nearly \$8,000 has been raised toward the purchase of the vehicle.

Graves Drops Push For Fishing Moratorium

Rep. J. Wilson Graves abandoned Thursday his campaign for a moratorium on inshore fishing in Beaufort County waters.

Instead, the Beaufort lawmaker announced, he will push for the creation of a special committee to make a statewide investigation of the harmful effects of certain chemicals on human, animal and marine life.

The surprise development came barely 24 hours after Graves offered a resolution to ban shrimping and crabbing in Port Royal Sound and within one mile of Beaufort's coastline.

Any court-ordered moratorium against a company discharging chemicals or other wastes into Port Royal Sound or its tributaries would have triggered inshore fishing ban and made it run concurrently.

Chief victims of such a ban would have been two Beaufort firms now seeking an injunction to halt construction of BASF chemical plants at Port Victoria, the Blue Channel Corp. and the Hilton Head Fishing Cooperative.

The third firm, the Ocean, Lake and River Fishing Co., deals in oysters and would not have been affected.

Graves' resolution went to the House Agriculture Committee, which now must decide whether to bow to his wishes

March 1 by Southern Natural Gas Company.

Arthur M. Williams Jr., SCEGCO president, said that the increase, which amounts to about six-tenths of a cent per hundred cubic feet, will be passed along to its customers according to provisions of the utility's rate schedules approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Williams explained, however,

\$754,373 Grant Approved For Health Group

A grant in the amount of \$754,373 has been approved for the Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health Service, Inc. to provide expanded health care and environmental improvements for the poor people in the two counties.

Making the announcement last week was the office of Sen. Strom Thurmond. The grant was made from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The non-profit organization which received the grant is headed by Thomas Barnwell of Beaufort County.

Included in the program are family health care teams consisting of private physicians who will volunteer their services in training non-professional health care workers.

The program will also mean jobs for low income persons who will work within the community after undergoing specified training.

A key feature of the program will deal with getting rid of parasitic worms that have plagued residents of Beaufort County. Among the environmental services included in the program are running water and sewerage facilities.

Fire Dept. ...

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be paid for fire service outside the city limits is estimated at \$1,200 for the 1969-70 fiscal year.

During the 1968-69 fiscal year, expenses for the fire department came to \$28,822. The expenditures for the present fiscal year have been estimated at \$36,080.

Throughout the year several fund raising projects are conducted by the Beaufort Fire Department.

"These fund raising projects are always for a worthy cause," the chief noted. "Among them are the annual Firemen's Ball the second Friday of each December."

According to Chief Harriott, property has already been purchased for a new fire substation on Mossy Oaks Road and construction is expected to begin in the near future.

The Pioneer Fire Department on Prince Street consists of 14 members who assist the Beaufort Fire Department at many fire emergencies.

President of the Pioneer Fire Department is Sam Goodwater.

"We have made our protest and are vigorously opposing the application for increase," he said. "Should FPC decide that all or part of the increase is unjustified, SCEGCO gas customers will get refunds."

Southern Natural Gas Company is the sole supplier of natural gas to South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.

Accident ...

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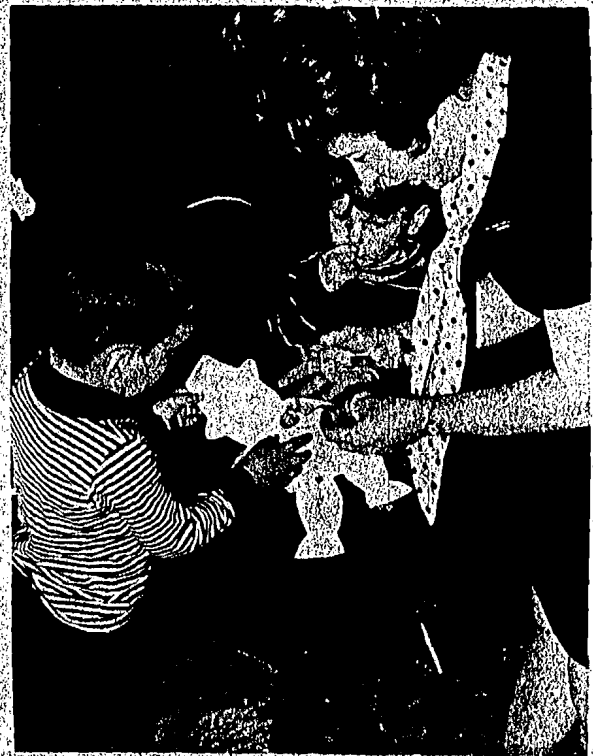
According to Beaufort Fire Chief John Harriott, the fire was apparently caused by a floor furnace.

Monday afternoon a trailer located at Gray's Hill was completely destroyed. Personnel from the Marine Corps Air Station answered the alarm but were unable to save the dwelling.

Another fire last week involving a trailer has been suspected to involve arson and the investigation has been turned over to the proper authorities.



Brigadier General R. F. (center), Eastern Area, and guest quarters Squadron Mess (center), Beaufort County MCAS public works office control foreman. (USMC photo)



LITTLE PEOPLE

In preparation for St. Patrick's Day March 17, Donald Rutledge (left) and Leif Gyllenhoff, begin decorating the MCAS Library bulletin board with Shamrocks and Leprechauns made by children at the Joe L. Warren Child Care Center. Assisting the youngsters is Mrs. Jean Postak, director of the center. (USMC photo)

Jurors Drawn For Third Week Of Court Of General Sessions

The following is the list of petit jurors drawn for the third week of the March term of Court of General Sessions:

Abraham Middleton, Box 343B, Rt. 1, Burton; Allen B.

Ciprios, 507 Monson St., Beaufort; Marion T. Etheridge, 2403 Pine Ct., Beaufort; Luther Goode Jr., Box 153, Burton; William Chaplin, Box 188, Frogmore; Lillian Byers, Box 559A, Rt. 1, Burton; Agnes E.

Guard Retention Program Gets Under Way Here