

HIGHLIGHTS



PHOTO BY TIMMY WEATHERINGTON

OVERTURNS - This car reportedly overturned three times on Sunday evening at about 7:45 p.m. The Driver, Milton Roach of Rt. 1, Grifton, was injured in the crash. According to Highway Patrol reports, Roach's vehicle, a 1974 Javelin,

was traveling at a high rate of speed on Rural Road 1454 when he skidded off the road on the right then returned to the road and skidded off the left side turning over in a field. Roach was charged with wreckless driving.

New Bern explosion leaves 1 dead, 2 hurt

Haddock: "Blast unlikely in Vanceboro"

by Rick Cannon

VANCEBORO - William Haddock, plant manager for New Bern Oil and Fertilizer Co.'s facility here said Monday that an explosion of the type which occurred last Thursday in New Bern is unlikely to occur here. The New Bern explosion which ripped a four square foot hole in the eight inch thick concrete wall of a grain elevator leaving one employee dead and two others in critical

condition in Craven County Hospital is still under investigation.

Haddock explained that the cause of the explosion is still undetermined. He added that according to OSHA conditions have to be exactly right for an explosion to occur. Also, the elevator must be in an enclosed area. "Our elevator up here is out in the open," Haddock explained, "It is possible, but extremely unlikely that an explosion could occur here."

New school plans near ready

VANCEBORO - The architect has almost completed plans for the Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School according to Farm Life Principal Richard Bowers. Bowers told the gathering at the Annual Farm Life School Alumni Banquet that the plans should be complete sometime in the very near future with construction to

possibly begin sometime this fall or late summer. He added that the plans call for renovation of the gymnasium and auditorium buildings. The present shop building which now houses classrooms will be completely renovated and turned into a new, modern lunchroom. The former Home Economics Building which presently houses the

school's library will be converted into a remedial learning center Bowers explained. In front of that building a brand new administration building would be constructed. In what is now the school bus parking lot, a brand new class room facility housing grades K through sixth will be built. The new structure will also contain

a modern Learning Center Library. Bowers added. He explained that once the new school is completed, the present Main Building will be torn down.

The Main Building, which has undergone many renovations and improvements, was constructed in the early 1913.

ECU graduates 2,857

GREENVILLE (ECU News Bureau) - Seventeen area graduates were among 2,857 who received degrees at the 71st Commencement at East Carolina University last Friday, May 9.

Dr. William J. Bennett, executive director of the National Center for the Humanities, delivered the 1980 Commencement Address, in Ficklen Stadium.

Graduating with highest honors in the School of Education, Gwendolyn Ipock Morris of Vanceboro was named the 1979-80 Outstanding Senior in the Department of Elementary Education. Jo Carol Barrow of Dover graduated with high honors with a BS degree from the School of Allied Health and Social Professions. Jewel Marie Heath of Cove City received her degree with honors in Early Childhood Education. Also graduating with honors was Vickie Brinkly Swain of Ernul. Vickie received her Bachelor of Arts degree in

Math and Computer Science.

Other area graduates included Bruce Haddock, and Wynne Parker, of New Bern, Deborah Gladson, Jeff Cannon, Nancy O'Brien Jones, Irene Townsend, Julia Ellen Whitford, Conchita Caunter-Bailey, and Lorraine Jordan of Vanceboro, Mary Beth Stille of Ernul, Cynthia Wyatt, Hattie Hargett Anderson and Laura Daugherty Anderson of Cove City.

Eastern Star to celebrate

by Etheleene Butler
Special to the Highlights

VANCEBORO - Wednesday May 21st at 8 o'clock, the Vanceboro Order of the Eastern Star #231 will be honoring the Charter Members, the twenty-five year members and the Past Matrons and Patrons.

Worthy Matron Emma Lee Sutton and Worthy Patron Melvin Adams urge all members to attend this very special meeting, the first of its kind for the organization and the chapter.

The Vanceboro Eastern Star Chapter was instituted on October 18, 1944 with the following charter officers: Mrs. Edna McLawhorn-Worthy Matron, the late Jather McLawhorn - Worthy Patron, Associate matron - Mrs. Sara Jones, Associate Patron - J. L. Ashley, Chaplain - Mrs. Lela

Barrow, Conductress - Mrs. Bertha Williams, Associate conductress - Mrs. Anna Belle Blair, Marshall - Mrs. Neva Laughinghouse, Secretary - the late Mrs. Neva Aldridge, Treasurer - the late Mrs. Ethel Blow.

Organist - Mrs. Fannie Buffkin, Ada - Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskins, Ruth - Miss Helen McLawhorn, Esther - Mrs. Ruby Jordan Miller, Martha - Mrs. Dorothy Powell, Electa - the late Mrs. Stella Lancaster, Warder - Mrs.

Mary Florence Buck, Sentinel - the late Lawrence Lancaster.

Anyone needing transportation should call and a ride will be provided.

Bike-A-Thon planned

Butch and Mary White has volunteered to lead local residents in organizing a Bike-A-Thon to be held on June 6, 1980 in Vanceboro for benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Registration is at 10:00 a.m.

Cystic fibrosis, the most serious lung-damaging disease, is incurable. One in every 1,600 American children inherits this devastating disease when they receive a gene for it from each of their parents. It is estimated that 10

million Americans are symptomless and unknowing carriers of the gene which can cause CF in their child. Through research funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a test to identify carriers is being sought and scientists are pursuing a cure or control for cystic fibrosis.

The bike-a-thon will help support these research programs and medical care to lengthen the lives of all lung-damaged children through over 120 Cystic

Fibrosis Center in the United States. These CF Centers specialize in the diagnosis and care of children with cystic fibrosis and other lung-damaging diseases like chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, severe asthma and recurrent pneumonia.

Participants in the bike-a-thon who raise \$25.00 or more will win a T-shirt from the CF Foundation. For further information contact Butch or Mary at 244-1608. There will be a course for small children.

Connor named

T. R. "Buster" Connor, Jr., F.I.C., of Dover, special representative for the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, has been notified by national Woodmen President Nick T. New Berry that he has qualified for the President's Cabinet by writing more than two million dollars of insurance protection.

His membership in the Multi-Millionaire Section of the President's Clubs honors his top-rated performance in membership protection and service during 1979. Buster will be entitled to wear a gold emblem lapel pin inset with an emerald, emblematic of his accomplishment.

Members of the Club will meet with the National President at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., in July.

Wilcox selected

Angela Wilcox of the Spring Garden community was recently selected as a member of the All-Student Marching Band, USA. The Band will tour Europe this summer.

Angela will be unable to attend because she plans to attend the N.C. Governor's School this summer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox.