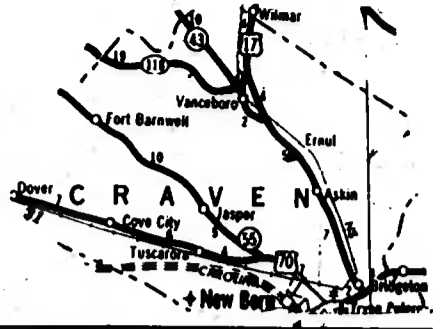




HIGHLIGHTS



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Pens Prize Paper

Mr. Jonathan Phillips former editor of Highlights and a graduate student pens prize paper on Barn Research.

Former Editor

GREENVILLE—A graduate student of East Carolina University has written a prize-winning research paper based on the changes that have come about in a familiar landscape scene in this tobacco-growing region: the bulk curing barn.

In the lifetime of the student, Jonathan Phillips, the style and structure of the tobacco land barn has changed drastically. Today, many of the old, unpainted wooden barns, weathered and weed-grown, stand deserted and forlorn in the fields, as much a relic of the past as the chimneys of long-gone farm houses. New bulk barns are metal and some are brightly colored such as tobacco green and yellow.

Observation of the changes which have taken place because of new bulk barn technology sparked Phillips' research which formed the basis for his paper, "The Bulk Barn in North Carolina: Technological Innovation and the Changing Landscape."

The report, presented at the 36th Annual meeting of the Southeastern division of the Association of American Geographers in Atlanta, Nov. 22-24, won first place in regional competition among master's degree candidates and a \$50 prize.

Phillips, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips of Swansboro, N.C. holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

He also worked as a newspaperman on the staff of the Washington, N.C. Daily News, before entering ECU to pursue a graduate degree in the department of Geography and Planning. He attended high school in Carthage and attended Louisburg Junior College, Louisburg.



JAKE HINTON

In 1952, Mr. Jake Hinton was tired of his occupation and decided to try teaching. He started in Vanceboro at Farm Life High School and said he'd try it for one year. He stayed for ten years. While in Vanceboro he met and married the former Ruth Powell of Vanceboro.

They have one son, Don, age 19, who is a freshman at East Carolina University.

In 1962 he went to Bridgeton Elementary School, Bridgeton, N.C.

Principal Retires

By BETTY DAUGHERTY

December 31, 1981 will end his twentieth year as Principal of this school.

Mr. Hinton attended Iowa State Teachers College, Mars Hill and East Carolina University.

To show their appreciation, the workers at New Bern-Craven County Board of Education gave a luncheon at the Holiday Inn in his honor. Also, on Wednesday night, December 2nd, the faculty from Bridgeton Elementary held a retirement party at the Ramada Inn.

When asked about his future plans, Mr. Hinton said he didn't really have any. But he'd probably tinker around the house and work in his garden.



The Maul Swamp Road "Jot Em Down" Country Store

By RICHARD CANNON

Willie and Lillie Dunn are the operators of W.S. Dunn Grocery on Maul Swamp Road, Route, 1, Vanceboro, N.C. In 1949 Mr. & Mrs. Dunn came to live with Mrs. Dunn's Uncle Billy Ipock, and started helping him operate W.E. Ipock's Grocery Store. Mrs. Dunn actively worked with Mr. Ipock until his death in 1957.

Mr. & Mrs. Dunn acquired the store after Mr. Ipock's death and renamed it W.S. Dunn Grocery. They have operated the country grocery store continuously for the past thirty-two years. They have kept the store small; stocking items such as nabs, drinks, oil, gas, soaps, candy, sugar, bread, and can goods.

A recent item that Mrs. Dunn is proud of is her handmade dolls. She keeps a good supply of THE COUNTRY DOLLS available at all times. She makes these dolls during her spare time while running the store.

Mr. Dunn remembered that a store was on the Maul Swamp Road back in 1919 when he came to live in the community. He remembers that Mr. Dossie Ipock operated the store in the pack house across the road from the present store and later built the present store. The Ipock Grocery was the fourth store on the Maul Swamp Road. The first one was located on the Sam Ellison Place now owned by Wayne Bryan of Vanceboro, the second store was owned and

operated by Allie Barrington Gaskins sister of Mr. Perry Dossie Ipock. Mr. Ipock bought his sister out of business and moved the store to his pack house to make the third store, and the present store was built about 1930 and was the fourth store to be on the road. An interesting sidelight to the store is that most of the material that makes up the front of the store came from tobacco warehouses that were torn down in Vanceboro. He stated there were three floors in the present store. When one floor began to show wear another floor was placed over the worn floor.

When asked if they enjoyed their work, they replied, "We enjoy our neighbors coming in daily and nightly and sitting around talking about old times, the present times and the times to come." They plan to continue to keep the store operating and serve the community. Mrs. Dunn said, "I wouldn't know what to do without the store."

Mr. Dunn can recall many changes, but mostly the biggest changes have been in prices of merchandise. "Why I can remember when Mr. Dossie Ipock paid fifty cent a crate for coca cola and sold them for five cents each, sometimes cold and sometimes hot, same price, five cents."

If you don't have anything to do, why don't you come out and sit a spell.

WACHOVIA BANK

The new Wachovia Bank building is taking shape on the corner of Main and New Street. The new site is the former location of the Holy Name Catholic Church.

This new facility will give the citizens of the Vanceboro area modern and convenient services. There will be plenty

of parking, and available and easy access to and from the bank. Two entrances are planned; one from Main Street and another on New Street. Drive-In banking will be available, and other up-to-date services will be listed in this newspaper at a later date.

Completion date will be some time in April, 1982.



BANK SITE - CORNER OF MAIN AND NEW STREETS