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## Securities Firm Breaks Ground

Wheat, First Securities held a ground breaking ceremony today for their new facility to be constructed in downtown New Bern.

"We are pleased to be in historic downtown New Bern to serve this area" said Harold Bissett, Manager of the local office.

Present at the ceremony was Tom Looney, Regional Vice President and John Sherman, Area Manager of Wheat, First Securities; Leander Morgan, Mayor Pro-tem, and Dell Ipock, Vice Chairman of Swiss Bear, Inc.

Wheat, First Securities is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia with 51 offices in the Virginias, the Carolinas, and the Metropolitan, Washington, D.C. area.

The two story brick structure will be completed March of 1983 and will contain 3,500 square feet.

The office will be staffed with four brokers and two support personnel, according to Bissett.

Wheat, First Securities is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade and other exchanges. Municipal bonds, taxable fixed income securities, options, commodities, mutual funds and annuities are dealt in by Wheat, First Securities.

The office will be equipped with the latest telephone and computer controlled terminals for market information and financial analysis.

Bissett is a native of Henderson and has worked with Wheat, First Securities for the past three years. He and his wife Betty have two sons, Harold III age 7 and William age 5.



SIDNEY FRENCH

ROGER FORREST

Sydney French of Jasper is the New Craven County Commissioner's Chairman. Mr. French comes to the job with prior experience as Board of Commissioners' Chairman. He served as Board Chairman during the tenure of the prior Craven County Board of Commissioners.

Roger Forrest of Vanceboro is the new vice-chairman.



Senator Joe Thomas makes presentation to Mrs. Evelyn Wetherington.

## Special Proclamation

At the Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department Dinner last week Mrs. Evelyn Wetherington of Caton was presented a special proclamation from the LSCVFD as follows:

*Because of her outstanding efforts which resulted in raising monies in excess of one thousand dollars in behalf of the Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department, at their meeting held during the month of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, members of this fire department unanimously and with great enthusiasm recommended that their department President officially and publicly cite Mrs. Evelyn Wetherington for her superlative performance. Mrs. Wetherington's unselfish efforts were responsible for the purchase of chairs for use in the training and meeting room of the Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department's Caton Station.*

*Due to the fire department's policy of making this facility available to the respective residents of Antioch, Askins, Caton and Ernul for educational and recreational classes and other civic gatherings, these communities have since benefitted from Mrs. Wetherington's efforts.*

Senator Joe Thomas made the presentation with words of praise for the Volunteer Program that Governor Jim Hunt has started throughout the state of North Carolina.



Ground Breaking for Wheat Securities

## Football Contest—14th Week

Hubert Perry and Dennis Gentry, Jr. tied for first place during the 14th week of our Football Contest winning \$10 each and 3 points; 2nd place went to Jimmy Huff, \$10 and 4 points. Reginald Lancaster placed 3rd, \$4 and 2 points.

Top two money winners are: Tracey Perry \$50 and Jimmy Huff \$47.

Jimmy Huff remains point leader with 48 points.

Mr. John Everington added to comments by saying, "I wish to add my personal acknowledgement and sincere thanks for the constant support and assistance you, Evelyn, and your husband Joseph, have offered during and subsequent to the construction of the Caton Station."



Officers for the Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

## Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department Holds Annual Dinner

Volunteer work is vital to North Carolina stated Senator Joe Thomas at the annual LSCVFD dinner last Saturday night at the Caton Fire Station. He further complimented the group for the fine job they are doing for the communities in Craven County. Representative Gerald Anderson added that the volunteer work of the firemen is saving the county a tremendous amount of tax money and keeping the tax rate down. County Commissioner Roger Forrest commented that the commissioners are supporting the volunteer firemen's program and that plans are almost complete to install the 911 telephone emergency system in the county, which would link up citizen's calls to the sheriff's department, the rescue units, and the fire departments in the county.

Other items presented at the dinner were the department update by Mr. Gilbert Arthur Whitford III. Mr. Whitford stated the following items have been accomplished during 1983: addition of a dump tank and a Newton valve; monitors for two firemen; two new turn out suits; new hose, 2½" to fit fire hydrants at Antioch station; new tables and chairs for Caton Station; new water cooler for Caton Station; night light at Caton Station; and fund raising from dinners and suppers reached in excess of \$6500. He complimented the group on a job well done.

A special presentation was made to Mrs. Evelyn Wetherington by Senator Joe Thomas for her outstanding help in getting the chairs and tables for the Caton Fire Station.

Mr. Henry Sermons, Craven County Fire Marshall, installed the incoming LSCVFD officers for 1984. They are Line Officers: Chief Gilbert A. Whitford III; Assistant Chief John Everington; Lieutenant Ikie Gaskins; Station Captains - Billy Gaskins, Antioch Station; Douglas Whitford, Askin Station; Keith Fulcher, Caton Station; Administrative Officers: Gilbert M. "Buddy" Whitford, President; Keul Whitford, Secretary; Essie Mae Whitford, Treasurer; and Terry Gaskins, Special Treasurer.

Special guests for the occasion were: Senator and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Rep. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson, Commissioner and Mrs. Roger Forrest, Fire Marshall and Mrs. Henry Sermons, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cannon (representing *The Highlights*), Mrs. Joseph Wetherington and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Norman.

The group enjoyed a delicious dinner of barbecue, slaw, hush puppies, cake and tea. The barbecue was cooked by the Fire Chief Gilbert A. Whitford.