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Vanceboro Native Files

A Vanceboro native and former Chairman of the Craven County Commissioners has filed for a seat in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Democrat Grover Lancaster is seeking one of the three seats from the Third District which are presently held by Congressmen Gerald Anderson of New Bern, Chris Barker, Jr., of Trent Woods, and Daniel Lilley of Kinston.

Lancaster's statewide governmental experience includes: President of N. C. Association of County Commissioners; Chairman of N. C. Local Government Advocacy Council; Member of N. C. 2000; Member of N. C. Balanced Growth Board; Member of the Governor's Task Force on Financing Public School Facilities; Member of N.C. Rural Development Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Lancaster has been a life-long resident of the Vanceboro community and has been self-employed as a farmer. He resides on Route 1, Vanceboro with his wife, Peggy. They have two daughters Kathy and Jenny.



Grover Lancaster, Jr.

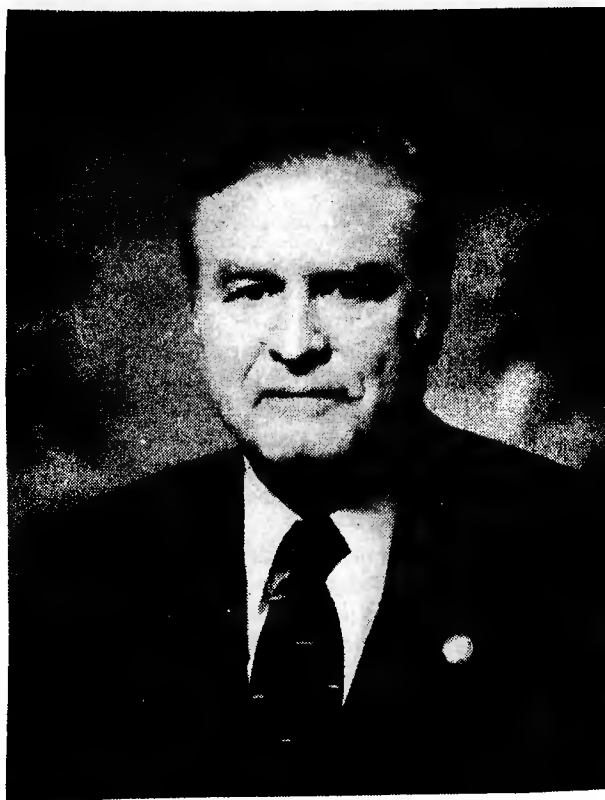
Rev. Stille Missing



Rev. Willie Stille, 74 year old Free Will Baptist Minister has been missing since Monday afternoon. It is feared he drowned in the Neuse River. His boat, coat, and fishing tackle were found near the shore late Monday. A helicopter from Cherry Point Marine Air Station, local rescue squad, and local sheriff's department had failed to locate Rev. Stille as of press time on Tuesday.

Rev. Stille's home is in Bridgeton and he is the present pastor of Reunion Free Will Baptist Church on Maul Swamp Road near Vanceboro. He has pastored several churches in the Vanceboro area and is well thought of by the people in the area.

He is the father-in-law of Representative Gerald Anderson.



Rep. Chris S. Barker, Jr.

Barker Files For 16th Year



N. C. REPTILE

Representative Chris S. Barker, Jr., serving in his 16th year in the North Carolina General Assembly filed today as a Democrat seeking his ninth term in the House. There are only 16 of the 120 members in the North Carolina House senior to him and these six include the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tem. Out of the six, only three have more continuous service than Representative Chris Barker, Jr.

Representative Barker is a member of the Legislative Research Committee as such: The Study Committee on Peat Mining, Land Clearing, Animal Shelters and Pounds, and the disposition of animals are all under his supervision.

He is vice-chairman of the Mental Health Study Commission, which conducts studies and holds public hearings on the Delivery of Mental Health Services and submits appropriate reports to the Governor and General Assembly. Representative Barker is co-chairman of a committee of the commission charged with rewriting the Mental Health Laws for presentation to the 1985 General Assembly.

Representative Barker's current House Committees are: Mental Health, Chairman; Finance, Vice Chairman; Public Utilities, Vice-Chairman; Corporations, Education, Governmental Ethics, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Wild Life Resources.

Representative Barker when questioned about his age stated that he was younger than President Reagan and a good deal younger than our great secretary of state Thad Eure. He further remarked that he had served Craven and Pamlico counties as their state representative longer than any other person in their history.

Representative Chris Barker is proud to serve the people of Craven, Lenoir, and Pamlico counties and earnestly solicits their generous and continuing support in the coming year.

Changes In Social Security

Several changes in Social Security, made as a result of a new law passed last year, are effective as 1984 begins, L.F. Howell, Social Security district manager in New Bern, said recently.

One of the most important changes Howell said, is that all employees of nonprofit organizations who were not covered by Social Security are now covered and will pay Social Security taxes on their earnings.

Also covered, beginning in 1984, are all newly-hired employees of the Federal Government. In addition, certain current Federal employees are also covered, including:

—Legislative branch employees were not covered by the Civil Service retirement system by the end of 1983.

—All members of Congress, the President and the Vice-President.

—Sitting Federal judges.

—Most political appointees, including non-career members of the senior executive service.

Other changes in the law, effective in 1984, include:

—Benefits will be continued after remarriage for disabled surviving spouses 50-59, disabled divorced surviving spouses 50-59, and divorced surviving spouses 60 or older. Before, this provision applied only to surviving spouses 60 or older.

—Benefits to disabled widows and widowers are increased to 71.5 percent of the unreduced benefit amount the deceased worker would have received. Before, a disabled survivor's benefit ranged from 50 to 71.5 percent, depending on the person's age.

More information about the changes in the Social Security law can be obtained at the New Bern Social Security office, located at 2822 Neuse Boulevard. The telephone number is 637-4101.



Donnie Paxson, age 7, second grade Farm Life Elementary School, and son of Judy Paxson of Route 2, Vanceboro displays a large turnip. Donnie and Mr. Henry Lewis were the proud gardeners of this three pound turnip.