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## Vanceboro Mayor Elected to Boards

Jimmie L. Morris, Mayor of the Town of Vanceboro, was recently elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the New Bern-Craven County Chamber of Commerce for a term of three years. The Chamber of Commerce is a very vital organization that promotes the growth and development of Craven County.

Mayor Morris was also recently selected to become a Board Member of The Craven County Committee of 100, which is a part of the Craven County Industrial Development Commission. He was also elected in a secret ballot to be one of three members on the Governing Body of the Craven County Industrial Park. This position is an extremely important and powerful position in that the three members of the governing body elected by the committee of 100 have absolute control over the development of the park. The governing body will have a total of five members with the other two members being elected by occupants of the park.

## ECU OFFERS EVENING COURSES

**GREENVILLE** — Eastern N. C. adults who wish to improve their reading and writing skills are invited to enroll in any of three non-credit evening and Saturday courses to be offered this spring.

They are "Speed Reading" (Mondays and Thursdays, March 16, April 17, 7:30 - 9:30 pm); "Written Communications" (Wednesdays, March 15 - April 5, 6:30 - 9:30 pm or Saturdays, March 4 and 11, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm); and "Writing for Publication" (Wednesdays, March 1 - April 12, 7 - 9 p:30).

The speed reading course, to be taught by Homer Yearick of the ECU School of Allied Health and Social Professions, can enable participants to at least double their reading rates while improving their comprehension of written material.

Classroom instruction and practice will stress the replacement of poor reading skills with efficient ones, and will involve use of the tachistoscope, an eye training machine.

"Written Communications" provides students with instruction and practical skills in writing letters, job applications, memoranda, reports and other types of business-related communications.

Course instructor is Dr. Keats Sparrow of the ECU English faculty, who is senior editor of the book "The Practical Craft: Reading for Business and Technical Writers."

The "Writing for Publication" class is for the inexperienced writer who wishes to know how to get his or her work published. Instructor Thomas A. Williams, editor of "Tar Heel" magazine and a successful free-lance writer, will share tricks of the writer's trade including how to approach an editor, how to write skillful leads and endings, basic research techniques, and the use of dialogue and anecdotes.

Further information about these and other non-credit course offerings is available from the Office of Non-credit programs, Division of Continuing Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C., telephone: 757-6143.



Jimmie L. Morris, Mayor of Vanceboro

In addition to the above, Mayor Morris is presently serving as Superintendent of the Holly Hill Sunday School, a Director of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, a member of the Board of Directors of the Falcon Childrens Home, a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Vanceboro Medical Center, a member of the Vanceboro Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Past President and now a member of the Eastern Lung Association, Past President and Member of the Vanceboro Rotary Club, Scouting Co-ordinator for Troop #58 Vanceboro Boy Scouts. He is very active in the Democratic Party, having served as the Craven County Democratic Chairman for 5 consecutive years.



Billy Gurkin

## Gurkin initiated into Honor Society

William Gurkin, son of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Gurkin of Route 1, Vanceboro was one of twenty East Carolina University students who were initiated as members of the N. C. Epsilon chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta honor society for pre-medical and pre-dental students in a Jan. 28 ceremony here.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Dr. Robert L. Garrard of Greensboro, a founding member of the society. His topic was "Alpha Epsilon Delta" 52 Years Ago."

Alpha Epsilon Delta has 50,000 members in more than 120 chapters throughout the U. S. and Canada. It is an affiliation society of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Council on Education and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

Among its purposes are encouragement of excellence in pre-medical and pre-dental scholarship, stimulation of appreciation of the importance of pre-medical education in the study of medicine, and promotion of cooperation and contacts between medical and pre-medical students and educators.

Each year, the society awards several \$250 scholarships to members entering medical or dental school, a program supported by alumni members who are practicing dentists and physicians through payment of annual dues.

ECU's N. C. Epsilon chapter was chartered in February, 1976. Its projects include a Physician Observation Program and several social gatherings each year.

## TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD IN VANCEBORO

Vanceboro will be the site of a Community wide "Town Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday night, on February 14, 1978 at 7:00 pm at the Vanceboro Fire Department Building on First Street. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

This town meeting is part of the "Town Meeting-North Carolina" program being initiated by a national volunteer organization. Sixty-six counties in North Carolina will be visited by the volunteers in January, February and March. The National program of Town Meetings was created by the Institute of Cultural Affairs and carried on by the North Carolina Committees for Town Meetings.

The purpose of this Town Meeting is to engage the citizens in the Vanceboro area in the active planning of their future. This is a good opportunity for us to discuss challenges and to create proposal for our town.

## Coastal Resources - February ECU Program Topic

**NEW BERN** — Eastern North Carolina's coastal resources will be the subjects of three Thursday evening public forums to be offered here by East Carolina University in February.

The forums are sponsored by the ECU Title I Environmental Education Program, with the assistance of the Craven County Agriculture Extension Service and the Craven County Public Library.

The programs include the following:

Feb. 9: "Rivers, Swamps and Streams, Our Surface Water Resources," by Edward Simpson, Craven County Extension Service Chairman.

Feb. 16: "Coastal Plain Groundwater: Our Hidden Resource," by Dr. Bryson Trexler of the ECU geology faculty; and

Feb. 23: "Mining and Mineral Resources of the Coastal Plain," by Dr. Stanley Riggs of the ECU geology faculty.

Each program is scheduled for 8 pm in the Craven County Public Library Auditorium, 400 Johnson Street, New Bern, and is free and open to the public.

Purpose of the series, according to Stephen Benton, director of ECU's Environmental Education Program, is to provide a non-technical forum for the discussion of the numerous natural and human resources of the state's coastal plain.

Any person interested in the origin of these resources, as well as their interdependence and future, is invited to attend the February presentations as well as later programs in the series scheduled during March.

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