## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Fireman's Day -- 1978

## Record crowd attends festivities

thousand people thronged the streets of Vanceboro during the annual Fireman's Day festivities Octo-County. Highlighting the parade was the West Craqueens. I

Vanceboro, N.C.-Over two parade. The United Tabernacle Holiness Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church both sponsored floats in the parade. Bringing up the ber 7. The annual parade, rear was a fleet of motorwhich took a three mile cycles, bicycles, and horses. route, featured fire trucks After the parade the rest of and firemen from Vance- the day was spent in fire boro and all of Craven truck rides, games, and eating the homemade barbecue pork and chicken ven High School Marching that has made Fireman's Band under the direction of Day famous. The barbecue Mr. Joseph Sizemore. Also pork, seventeen hogs' in the parade were the Cub worth, was gone by three Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy o'clock forcing firemen to Scouts, and two beauty purchase extra barbecue to Charlene feed the record crowd. The Page, Miss DECA and Miss afternoon began with sev-Donna Pappas, Miss Flame eral gospel groups perof Cove City gave a touch forming in front of the fire of grace and beauty to the station. These groups

included the Gabriels and the Vanceboro Christian Church Choir. Later, the attention shifted to the playing field where young children and older children participated in the egg throw, the greasy pole climb, the frisbee throw, sack races, and bike races. Soon, action shifted back to the front of the fire station where the First Annual Fireman's Auction took center stage. The Fireman's Auction was the culmination of a month-long promotion by the merchants in Vanceboro in which they gave away over 100,000 Fireman's Bucks to customers. Auctioneer Richard Cannon auctioned off mer-

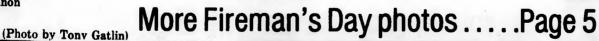


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chandise and services donated by the merchants. Over 500 anxious bidders clutching their handfulls of Fireman's Bucks watched a \$35 power saw bring over 5,000 "Bucks," \$5 worth of gasoline bring over 1,000 "Bucks," a 8-Track tape deck bring over 4,000 "Bucks," a \$30 Camera bring over 3,000 "Bucks," and a \$2 meal at Vera's Diner bring over 900 "Bucks". All in all about 50 diferent items brought over 43.000 Fireman's Bucks. Cannon announced that Sutton's Supermarket would take any unspent Fireman's Bucks in a drawing for ten \$25 Savings Bonds to be given away December 23rd. Raleigh Ipock was the winner of the drawing for the black& white T.V.











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