

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Ft. Barnwell celebrates Fireman's Day

W. M. "Zoot" Saunders, retired Fire Marshall for Craven County, was in excellent form Saturday as he recognized the over forty-five units that made up The Third Annual Fireman's Day Parade held in Fort Barnwell.

Leading this well organized and colorful parade was Ms. Emmie Dudley and her daughter, Beth. They were riding two beautiful horses and carrying the U.S. and N.C. Flags. They were followed by West Craven High School's Award Winning Marching Band.

An outstanding float in the parade was Dover's Fire Department's Float which carried queen, Ms. Phyllis Whitney and court, who had raised over three thousand dollars for the benefit of the Dover Fire Department.

Another attractive float was representing Lane's Chapel Methodist Young Adults. Much work and planning went into the building of these floats. Fire Departments from Vanceboro, Askin, Dover, Jasper, New Bern, Ayden and Grifton were represented in the parade. Rescue Squads from many of these communities were present.

Other attractions in the parade were Jo Ella Riggs and her clowns. They were very generous with sweets for the crowd. Jim Hines with Smokey the Bear and

Santa Claus showed up too. Carl Skinner, Jr. was overall parade chairman and had the parade well organized. Barbecue pork and barbecue chicken was served to the large crowd attending the event. The Fort Barnwell Fire Department cooked 8 pigs which

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President Carl Skinner, Jr., Secretary Joe Hill and Treasurer Ray Newell.

Two highlights of the day were: Crowning of the Fire Queen and the Horse Show. Excitement mounted throughout the day with the two contestants collecting votes.



Jo Ella Riggs, Ft. Barnwell's Parade Clown.

dressed out to 850 pounds and 16 crates of chicken. It is reported they sold out of barbecue early and had to rely on barbecue chicken to get through the lunch hour rush. Mr. Leslie Heath was in charge of cooking. All this was sponsored by the Fort Barnwell Fire Department which has its leadership Chief Frankie White, Ass't Chief Leslie Heath, Capt. Jimmy Nobles, Capt. Charles Willis, Lt. J.K. Russell, Lt. Bill Russell, Lt. Bill Newell, President Jimmy Smith, Vice

Those two contestants were Donna Cox and Patricia Russell. When the votes were counted, Patricia Russell was declared Fort Barnwell Fire Queen for 1978.

As usual the Horse Show had a large attendance. Show horses from several communities went through the paces of the show to conclude the Third Annual Fireman's Day in Fort Barnwell.

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Mrs. Emmie Dudley and daughter, Beth, lead the Ft. Barnwell Fireman's Day parade last Saturday.

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## Sewer hook-up delayed at least two more weeks

Vanceboro, N.C.--Mayor Jimmie Morris reported that due to problems in getting some pipe under streets, hook-ups to the new sewer system could be delayed at least another two to three weeks. He made these statements at the regular Monday night meeting of the Vanceboro Board of Aldermen. "I plan to meet with the chief engineer, Robert Pittman, tomorrow," Morris said, "We will go over the system and determine how soon hook-ups can begin." Morris had spoken to Pittman on the phone earlier and learned that all the lines seem to be in good shape. Morris warned citizens of Vanceboro to be wary of out of town plumbers overcharging for the hook-ups. Alderman Daphne Cleve recommended a fine be assessed if citizens didn't hook up within the specified period, however, the Board voted to allow citizens forty-five

days to hook-up to the sewer system. In hooking up to the system, each citizen must use a special fitting made of Neoprene which can be purchased at Longley Supply Company for about \$7. This fitting must be attached after breaking off the bell around one end of the terra cotta pipe the town used. Citizens must use ABS black sewer line four inches in diameter. Either of two weights may be used, but the stronger weight, 140 lb. pressure, is recommended. Further explanation of the hook up procedure will appear in later issues of The Highlights. The sewer bill will run 1.6 times the water bill.

Morris reported that the Safety Inspector had condemned the playground equipment at the Vanceboro Elementary School as unsafe for the children. The PTA, which owns the equipment, has agreed to donate the

equipment to the town for the new Town Park.

In other action, the Vanceboro Board of Aldermen passed a resolution adopting rules, policies, and guidelines for mutual assistance between the Vanceboro Police Department and other county and municipal departments in Craven County and the State of North Carolina. The resolution allows the Chief of Police of the Vanceboro Police Department, with the authorization of the Police Commissioner, to provide temporary assistance to any Sheriff's Department, county Police Department or municipal Police Department in North Carolina while still maintain the same personnel rights of his own agency. For instance, he is entitled to workmen's compensation and the same benefits as though he were functioning within his normal scope of duties.



WAITING FOR LUNCH--The line stretches way back as supporters await lunch at the Ft. Barnwell Fireman's Day last Saturday.



Fire Chief Frankie White (left) and Captain Jimmy Nobles show off new Ft. Barnwell fire truck.



FIRST CLASS--The award-winning West Craven High School Marching Band performs at the Ft. Barnwell Fireman's Day last Saturday.