

Bryan joins staff

Connie Bryan recently joined the staff of the Highlights, Publisher Rick Cannon announced. Miss Bryan will take over the duties of News Editor. Connie graduated with honors from N.C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. She attended Masters' School at East Carolina University and is presently working on her Masters Degree. A 1973 graduate of West Craven

High School, Connie was editor of the school paper during her senior year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick "Whitey" Bryan of Vanceboro. Connie is a member of the Vanceboro United Methodist Church and the Junior Woman's Club. Connie joins Hilda Barrow, who serves as Social Editor and Office Manager.



SENATOR AND FAMILY--Senator Thomas with his family [left to right] Scott, Linda, Emma, Brynn, and Alan.

Postmaster speaks to Rotarians

Vanceboro Postmaster "Pat" Robinson spoke to the Vanceboro Rotary Club at its regular Thursday night meeting. Mrs. Robinson, a native of Meriman, N.C., has lived in Vanceboro over thirty years. She has served with the Vanceboro Post Office for nineteen years. In February, 1976, Mrs. Robinson became Postmaster. She began with the Post Office as a rural mail carrier, later became a Postal Clerk, and finally Postmaster. Mrs. Robinson began her comments by explaining some of the history of the U.S. Postal Service. She explained that the first recorded postal service in America was operated by Richard Fairbanks under the authority of the General Court of Massachusetts.



POSTMASTER--Pat Robinson has served in the United States Postal Service for over nineteen years. [Highlights photo by Rick Cannon]

Fairbanks was authorized to charge one cent for his service. Robinson commented that prices really haven't risen so fast after all. She recalled some experiences in the earlier Post Offices in Vanceboro. In 1963 during a modernization program, Vanceboro received the modern facility it en-

joys now. Since 1971, the Post Office has operated like a private corporation and is called the United States Postal Service. The Postal Service is no longer a Cabinet position nor is the Postmaster General appointed by the president. Mrs. Robinson announced that the Postal Service would within two years begin using a new nine digit zip code which will speed mail even further. She commented on the Postal Service handling of Parcel Post. She explained that United Parcel Service had actually taken the parcel post business away from the Post Office. However, she added that steps were being taken to recapture some of the parcel post business. Mrs. Robinson ended her comments by praising her employees for

their dedication and productivity. She said that the Southeast Region of which Vanceboro is a part, has been rated the most productive in the country. Surveys have indicated that 87% of the people in the U.S. are satisfied with their Postal Service. She encouraged the Rotarians to issue complaints because that is the only way to improve service. The Vanceboro Post Office employs seven people--three fulltime and four part time. It serves a little more than 7,000 people in the Vanceboro area. At present for the Vanceboro Post Office, First Class mail receives next day delivery within a 300 mile radius, two-day delivery within a 600 mile radius, and anywhere in the United States within a three day period.

Girl's Auxiliary meets

The Girl's Auxiliary held its regular meeting recently with Mrs. Alma Drake leading the group in prayer. A brief business meeting was held. It was decided to hold a Rock a Thon in the near future.

Mrs. Marietta Fulcher gave the devotion taken from Exodus 12. Members then named things that one does with their hands that is harmful to the body. A discussion has held.

Adjournment was announced after a song was sung.

The Girl's Auxiliary of the Vanceboro Pentecostal Holiness Church visited with Mrs. Ada Taylor last Saturday, January 6. They were accompanied by Mrs. Marietta Fulcher and Mrs. Alma Drake. Mrs. Fulcher read scripture from Psalm 25 and the group sang some songs. Attending were Rhonda Fulcher, Lisa Godley, Jenny Chandler, Wanda Drake, Claudia and Sharon Taylor.

Dear Libby

Dear Libby,

I have a problem I hope you can help me with. I babysit alot and sometimes I have a problem with the fathers of the children when they take me home. They will try to get fresh and sometimes say things that frighten me. I don't do anything to lead them on,

so what can I do?

Dear Scared: First I suggest you let them know you won't put up with their behavior. You could get your mother to ask the lady of the house to bring you home. If things don't stop let them know they'll have to find another sitter. Libby.

The Pirate's Ship

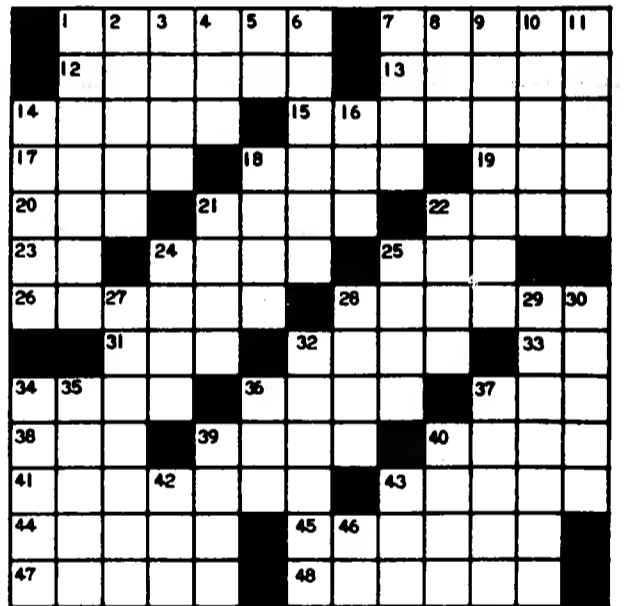
by Regina Hargett and Jane Smith

The Ft. Barnwell Elementary School gave 522 canned goods to the Salvation Army's Empty Stocking Fund. Art work is on display in the hall of the schools. The drawings were selected by the art teacher.

The Craven County Recreation Department bought us a new ping pong table for use in the gym. Watch out for an eclipse that will happen on February 26 of the year. Happy New Year.

* CROSSWORD PUZZLE *

- ACROSS**
- 1. Building housing works of art
 - 7. City of Australia
 - 12. Eagerly desire
 - 13. Worship
 - 14. More underhanded
 - 15. Blots out
 - 17. Walking stick
 - 18. Glen
 - 19. Make lace
 - 20. Equip
 - 21. Lower leg
 - 22. Type of airplane (Pl.)
 - 23. Like
 - 24. Convulsions
 - 25. Weight of India
 - 26. Small and trim
 - 28. Light-armed cavalry soldier
 - 31. Climbing vine
 - 32. Vehicle
 - 33. Greek letter
 - 34. Land measure
 - 36. A French cheese
 - 37. River in Norway
 - 38. National Educational Assoc-
- DOWN**
- 1. Feeling of discomfort
 - 2. Making use of
 - 3. Count von (1861-1914)
 - 4. Goddess of healing
 - 5. Home of Abraham
 - 6. Awards for distinguished service
 - 7. Wan
 - 8. Dutch commune
 - 9. Blackguards
 - 10. Pick up the "tab"
 - 11. Biddings
 - 14. Fragment
 - 16. Fairy
 - 18. Appointment
 - 21. Large town
 - 22. Joke
 - 24. Number
 - 25. Certain
 - 27. Abusive speeches
 - 28. Salute
 - 29. Good-natured
 - 30. Florid
 - 32. Crucial time
 - 34. Plant yielding aniseed
 - 35. Coins
 - 36. -- voyage
 - 37. -- prizes
 - 39. German novelist, Thomas --
 - 40. Asian desert
 - 42. Wrath
 - 43. Kind of meat
 - 46. Yes (Sp.)
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RULES

1. Winner is the first correct answer drawn.
- Answers must be submitted or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday. Only the official entry blank will be accepted.
3. The correct answer and winner will be announced in the following week's issue.
4. Prizes must be picked up in the Highlights office within FIVE days.

Last Week's Question Answered: O Henry is the pen name for what famous North Carolina native? WILLIAM SYDNEY PORTER
Congratulations to last week's winner: Mrs. Mildred Huff
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: According to naval tradition battleships, are named after states. What are cruisers named after? This Week's Prize: 6-Volt Flashlight Lantern Donated by Powell Brothers Hardware. 1-11-79

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

ANSWER: _____
NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____

MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions -- horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle then strike it off the list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

AT THE BRIDGE TABLE Sol.: 11 letters
CLUES

A--Attack, Auction; B--Beat, Bid; C--Clubs; D--Deal, Declarer, Defense, Diamonds, Discard, Double, Dummy; E--East, Errors; G--Game; H--Hands, Hearts; J--Judge; L--Losers; N--North; O--Opposition; P--Pairs, Partner, Pass, Penalty, Play, Points; S--Scoring, Shift, South, Spades, Strength; T--Table, Tricks; V--Vulnerable; W--West, Winners

ANSWER NEXT WEEK
Last Week's Answer: MAGNIFICENT 347
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Y O I B B A C H T R O N R C D
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