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## County Board adopts specs

# New Vanceboro School one step closer

By Connie Bryan

At their meeting on February 21, the Craven County Board of Education adopted the educational specifications for a new elementary school in the Vanceboro area. Miss Ruth Hoyle, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, presented the plans, saying that she felt that these specifications "reflect the needs of students, faculty, and community."

These plans are just the first in a long series of steps which must be taken before the new school becomes a reality. The first step of course is to secure the funds needed for construction. The board voted to ask the Craven County Commissioners for one million dollars over a three year period. This means that it will be 1983 before construction begins. The

board agreed to provide an additional million dollars from the county's surplus capital in the Unexpended Fund.

These specifications call for a 56,000 sq. ft. complex with 7 pods of 4 rooms each. If these specifications are implemented as they are, the building will include a media center for instructional materials, such as, films, television, and books; a resource area for special education and remedial reading students; and a cultural arts center for music and art education.

In other action the board agreed to accept a bid from Stadiums Unlimited for aluminum bleachers at West Craven and Havelock Junior High Schools. The bleachers will cost about \$10,000. Hiram Mayo, Superintendent, advised

the board that the West Craven Junior High will need athletic equipment in order to be accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in June. Mayo reported that William Rivenbark, principal, had informed him that the school would need baseball and track equipment.

The board also voted to endorse efforts to equip the New Bern and Vanceboro area with one telephone service. The members felt that such action would benefit the school system since it would put all of the schools in the western section under one exchange. Roger Forrest of Vanceboro brought this to the attention of the board saying, "We are making every effort to secure this."

Other business included the revision of the policy of

promoting students. Students with learning problems and slow learners can now be held back three times before they are promoted to the tenth grade. They can be retained once in the K-3 grades, once in 4-6, and once in 7-9, if needed.

At 7:30 the board held a public hearing with the

New Bern City School Board to hear the public's ideas on the proposed merger plan for the two school systems. Fourteen interested persons gathered at the Craven County Courthouse to ask questions concerning the plan. Following the hearing, both boards officially adopted the plan.



Jay Huff

## Huff wins Grand Prize

Jay Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Huff of Vanceboro, narrowly hung on to win the Grand Prize in the first Basketball Contest sponsored by the Highlights and area merchants during the past two months. Jay will receive two tickets to the finals of the NCAA Eastern Regionals in Greensboro and fifty dollars in expense money. Huff finished first with 32 points, followed by Earl Wright with 30, and a fast-closing Billy Johnson who finished with 28 points. Jay also won \$27 during the course of the contest in individual prize money. The Contest, which saw fifteen contestants split over \$200 in prize money, lasted eight weeks and required entrants to predict the winner in ten games to be played on that upcoming weekend. In addition, entrants had to predict the

winner of an eleventh game and guess how many points that team would score. During the contest, only two entrants had perfect guesses. These were Billy Johnson and his brother, Leslie of Ft. Barnwell. The Highlights would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the 1979 Basketball Contest:

Vanceboro Pharmacy  
Western Auto (Associate Store)  
Wesley Morris Photography  
Braxton's Stop & Shop  
Nobles Sales & Service  
The Country Store  
Agrico Farm Center  
Cannon's Variety Store  
Huff Integon Insurance  
Wyatt's TV Sales & Service  
Josh Mills Pontiac-GMC  
NCNB  
L.R. Sermons General Merchandise

## Scouts, Leaders honored at Annual Blue and Gold Banquet

by Connie Bryan

Scouts from Pack 58 and Troop 58 were presented with the badges and awards that they had earned in 1978 at the Annual Blue and Gold Banquet held on February 23, in the Farm Life School Cafeteria. In the opening ceremony, the Webelos Den lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "America". Following the invocation by Webster butler, a delicious coverdish dinner was enjoyed by all.

After dinner, Cub Scoutmaster Ron Chapman welcomed everyone and recognized several distinguished guests. Among these were Lewis Waskey, Neuse Basin District Executive, and Vanceboro Mayor Jimmie Morris, Institutional Representative for Troop 58.

Cub Scout Den 1 gave a skit about the spirit of Lord Baden-Powell, who was the founder of the scouting program. Other scouts then told about the different aspects of scouting.

Next came the time that

the scouts had been waiting for, the presentation of the awards. Cub Scoutmaster Ron Chapman presented the awards to the Cub Scouts, while Scoutmaster Richard Cannon gave the Boy Scouts their badges.

Following this, Senator Joe Thomas presented the scouts with an American flag, and Cub Scout Den 2 gave a candlelit closing ceremony.

Boy Scouts receiving awards: Keith Cannon, Eagle, Camping, Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, Wilderness Survival, Woodcarving, Archery, Cooking, Environmental Science; Stacy Lee, Star, First class, Citizenship in the World, in the Nation, in the Community, World Conservation, Safety, Communications, Public Speaking, Personal Management, Fish and Wildlife Management, Perfect Attendance; Glenn Forrest, Life, Communications, Personal Management, Athletics, Swimming, Archery, Horsemanship; Michael Hodges, Second

Class, Woodcarving, Basketball, First Aid, Perfect Attendance; Jay Huff, Pets, Forestry, Orienteering, Star, Life; Scott Thomas, Tenderfoot, Forestry, Basketry, First Aid; Richard Dail, Archery, Athletics, Swimming, Citizenship in the Community; Scott Gladson, Environmental Science; Billy Lewis, Home Repairs, Basketry, Fishing; Buy Wade, First Class; Pat Troutner, Scout; Jerry Morris, Scout; Clay McOmber, Scout.

The Scouts are lead by Scoutmaster Richard Cannon, Jr. and Assistant Scoutmasters Richard Bowers and Lee Johnson. The Rotary Club sponsors Troop 58.

Cub Scouts receiving awards: Den 1 - Linda Lee, leader; Colleen Gaskins, Asst. Neal Russel, Bear Badge, Gold Arrow; Brian McOmber, Bobcat; Richie Gladson, Silver Wolf Arrow; Clay Gaskins, Bear Badge, Gold Arrow, Silver Arrow; Dean Broadway, Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow,

Silver Arrow; Rusty Norris, Wolf; John Wilson, Bear Badge, Gold Arrow; Eddie Jordan, Bear Badge, Gold Arrow.

Den 2 - Linda Thomas, Leader; Doris White, Asst. Brad White, Gold Wolf Arrow, 3 Silver Wolf Arrows; Jay Gaskins, Bear Badge, Gold Arrow; Stacy Patterson, 2 Silver Bear Arrows; Kendall Gaskins, Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow, Silver Arrow; Hud Weiss, Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow, 3 Silver Arrows.

Webelos - Nelson Lee, Leader; Stacy Lee, Den Chief. Travis Wetherington, Webelos Badge, Showman Activity; Keith Morris, Webelos Badge, Showman Activity; Hurley Tripp, Webelos Badge, Citizen, Scholar, Showman; Eddie Jordan, Showman, Citizen; Scott Willis, Webelos Badge, Aquanaut, Showman; Doug Lee, Arrow of Light, Pack Graduation Certificate, Showman, Craftsman.

## Barbeque this Saturday

The Ft. Barnwell Rescue Squad will sell barbecue pork and barbecue chicken at the Ft. Barnwell Fire Department on March 3, 1979 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Baked goods will be sold. Plates will also be available in Dover at the Woodman of the World Building. There will be a drawing for a 10-channel Regency Scanner with crystals and a drawing for a country ham. On behalf of the members

of the Ft. Barnwell Rescue Squad we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to each of you for your assistance and support since we began operation in May of 1978. Your support will be greatly appreciated on March 3, 1979, since we are trying to pay for our rescue vehicle.

In case of emergency, we can be reached by dialing New Bern, Zenith 146.