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"Up with People" performs April 18 & 19

"Up with People" is an independent, non-profit, educational corporation headquartered in Tucson, Arizona. Each year students are chosen from over 1,000 applicants to be a member of one of five touring groups that travel all over the United States and the world giving a performance of music and dancing. The participants are students and pay a tuition to be in Up with People for a year. The cast which will be performing in New Bern will arrive Friday, April 13. They will stay with families in the New Bern area for a week, April 13-20. During that time the students will not only prepare for the performance but also learn about the town and its people. Anyone interested in being a host family for someone in this group should contact Lynn Corkran or Steve Schmaeder at the Sun-Journal, 638-8101.

The group will be performing in New Bern on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Bern High School Auditorium and the next night, Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenoir Community College gymnasium in Kinston. Tickets for either

performance are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Tickets for the New Bern performance can be obtained from Belks or the Sun-Journal in New Bern or from the Highlights in Vanceboro.

Jasper News

Township 9 hosts Craven County Fireman's Association meeting

The Craven County Fireman's Association held its monthly meeting at the Township 9 Fire Department with a fish fry and chicken stew supper served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Over seventy-five people attended this important meeting. Among the dignitaries present were Elwood Inscoc and Jerry Grimes of the N. C. Department of Insurance, John Willis, Chairman of the Craven County Board of Commissioners; Gerald Anderson and W. J. Wynne, members of the Craven County Board of Commissioners; Williard Bedwell, Director of Public Utilities of the city

Youth Center needs place, youth

"All we need is a group of interested youth and a place to house it and the Vanceboro Area Youth Center will be a reality," Rev. Steve Hickle, chairman of the Youth Center Governing Board, stated at a meeting of the board last Sunday. For months, members of the sponsoring organization, The Vanceboro Area Ministerial Fellowship, and interested citizens from area churches have been meeting to organize the framework of a Youth Center for the Vanceboro area. Committees have been working on rules, site location, and program for the facility. Thus far, no suitable site has been located for the center, although many possibilities have been considered.

Youth involvement is something the organizers

have lacked in the early stages. According to Rev. Hickle, steps are being taken to involve more youth now that the framework is fairly well set. The Board voted to allow Rev. Hickle to work with Mr. Mark Meltzer at West Craven High School to locate five or six young people representative of the youth in the area. Rev. Hickle, Mr. Meltzer, and the youth representatives will meet and compile a list of youth organizations in the school and community. Later, all the organizations will be contacted and invited to a giant meeting where members of a Youth Council will be elected. The Youth Council along with an adult advisor will aid in the further development of the Youth Center.

Wetherington Selected

Joel Wetherington, grandson of Mrs. Daisy Wetherington, has been selected to attend the Virginia Governor's School for the Gifted this summer. Joel, a student at Stonewall Jackson High School, is one of 424 students selected from the

state. Students must be a junior or senior to attend and must be either in the top 10% percent in academic standing or display unusual talent in the arts. Joel was also recently inducted into the National Honor Society Chapter at his school.

By Fannie H. Quimby
Special to the Highlights

of New Bern, and Pete Bland, Sheriff of Craven County.

Reports were made from the committees.

New Bern Captain Robert Boyd introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Ken Farmer, Executive Director of the N. C. Fire Commission. Mr. Farmer spoke on the State Fire Commission and what it has accomplished in the last year, such as legislation, grants, national and state contracts, and an arson prevention program. He also discussed the commission's plans for the future, which include training programs for firemen in the state.

Farmer concluded by stating that North Carolina is high in the number of fire deaths. He also reported that the state has other problems of money, radiation, toxic chemicals, and tornadoes. On the good side, he pointed to the state's training program, pension fund, and excellent fire equipment. Mr. Farmer ended his remarks by saying, "Our challenge is still to protect property and save lives. People are still dying. We must look at our problems and attempt to reduce our fire losses with more vigorous fire suppression, education, and inspiration.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Vanceboro Board of Alderman has designated April as "Clean up Month" in Vanceboro.

WHEREAS, the Vanceboro Junior Woman's club recognizes the importance of beautifying the town.

WHEREAS, we wish to encourage citizens to take pride in their town by cleaning up their yards and planting flowers and shrubs.

RESOLVED that the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a Yard Beautification Contest. The Conservation Committee will judge the yards of each house within the city limits on Sunday, May 6. A flowering shrub will be awarded to the first place winner. Three honorable mentions will also be named with signs posted in each of the winning yards.

JWC to sponsor April yard contest

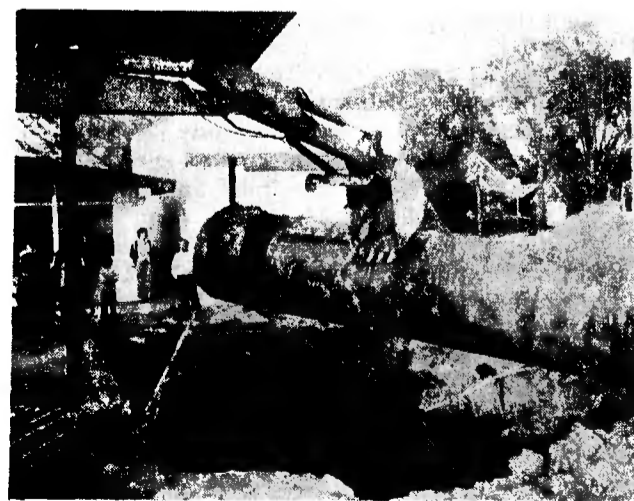
by Connie Bryan

The above resolution was passed at the April meeting of the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club. Brenda Ipock, president, Brenda Ipock presided over the meeting held at the home of Sharon Bland. After a short devotion by club chaplain Peggie Mills, the club decided to sponsor the Yard Beautification Contest in the Vanceboro area on May 6. This event will coincide with the end of "Clean-up Month." The Conservation Department, with Paula Jordan as chairwoman, was placed in charge of the project.

In other business, the

club decided to have a bake sale this Saturday in front of Kite's Supermarket. The club discussed having a Recognition Day for the volunteers that have been working in the elementary schools. This project was scheduled for sometime in May. The club also decided to set up a concession stand at the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon, which is slated for May 26.

After adjournment, the club enjoyed refreshments of cake squares with coconut topping, pimento cheese, crackers, marinated wieners, and punch.



WORKERS REMOVE TANKS-Three tanks owned by Robert Stallings Fuel and Tire Co. of New Bern were removed last week from the late George Peterson's gas station on the corner of Main and Farm Life Streets. Jimmie Morris and Sons Construction Co. of Vanceboro supplied the heavy equipment needed to move the 4,000 gallon tanks. (Photo by Rick Cannon)