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Board of Education approves funds

Tentative plans for new Vanceboro school eyed

By Connie Bryan

A new elementary school for Vanceboro was the topic of discussion last Thursday at a meeting of the Craven County Board of Education. The Board agreed to include funds for the school in its 2.76 million budget for 1979-80.

Bobby Stephens, an architect with Stephens and Cardelli in New Bern, presented his tentative plans for the new building, which will be constructed on the present site of the 65-year-old Farm Life structure. Cautioning the board to not consider the plans as

if they were "carved in concrete," Stephens outlined his plan for incorporating the four newest buildings in the complex. He plans to connect the third grade classroom building, which was the shop (for us older generation) and the library, which was the Home Economics room with a long classroom building down the front of the present structure. The auditorium and gym will be tied in at the other end, which will give the new building a U-shape. Stephens added that after construction on the new

building is completed, the present classroom building will be torn down and a recreation area landscaped.

Commissioner Grover Lancaster of Vanceboro, who attended the meeting commented after seeing the plans that he liked the arrangement and utilization of the four newest buildings. He assured the board members that they could count on his vote, when the County Commissioners meet to decide whether or not to include the school in their budget.

The estimated cost of

construction has been set at 2 million. The Board of Education proposed to budget this figure for three years at \$670,000 a year. At their meeting the board approved this three year commitment to fund half of this figure. The County Commissioners will be asked to provide the remainder.

Commenting during the discussion, Superintendent Hiram Mayo said, "It is my understanding that there is not another school board in the state that is able to help the commissioners as much as we are."



"YOU HAVE MY VOTE," said Grover C. Lancaster Jr., Craven County Commissioner as he pledged his support for the new elementary school to be built in Vanceboro. Lancaster commented that the plans for the school pleased him greatly. (Highlights File Photo)

Robinson speaks to DECA Club

Doug Robinson of Vanceboro addressed the West Craven Chapter of DECA at their meeting on Thursday, April 5. Robinson, a 1972 graduate of West Craven,

attended Lenior Community College and then Appalachian State. He is presently employed by Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. In his speech to the club, Robinson spoke on how to approach a customer. He told of some of his experiences while working in the insurance field. He then passed out pamphlets entitled, "Life Insurance Buyer's Guide" designed to answer any questions a customer might have.

In other business, the club heard reports from Carleen Page and Cheryl



Douglas Robinson

Fillingame on the state competition in Winston-Salem, which they attended. R.L. Cannon, Jr., club advisor, also reported on the competition. The meeting was then adjourned by club president, Charlene Gaskins.

Bike-A-Thon shaping up

The 1979 Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon, which is scheduled for May 26, is shaping up according to Butch White, coordinator of the event. He says, "We raised over \$1200 last year, and we are hoping for even bigger results this year." He explained that an 8-mile course has been laid out and that bikers will run three laps for a total of 24 miles.

This year there will be two age groups. Those 9 and up will ride the long race with a shorter one planned for young riders. First prize for the older group will be a 26" 10-speed bike. 2nd place will receive a Kodak 110 Pocket Camara with a rod and reel going the the 3rd place winner. Anyone who raises \$25 or more will receive an "I Did It" T-Shirt, others will get an iron-on sticker.

Interested persons can pick up sponsor sheets at any Vanceboro business or at the Highlights office.



CHARTER MEMBER—Mr. J. L. Peterson, one of two living charter members of the Vanceboro Rotary Club, received the Merit Award for "devoted and thoughtful service above self" from Rotary secretary, Richard Bowers at the recent Ladies' Night. Looking on is Mr. Peterson's wife, Dollie. (Photo by R. L. Cannon, Jr.)

Ipock inducted into ECU honor society

Gwendolyn Ipock was among a select group of ECU students to be inducted into the ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Gwendolyn is a junior. Also inducted during the same ceremony, was new ECU Chancellor, Thomas B. Brewer.

Like its more famous cousin, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi honors juniors and seniors in

college who achieve the highest in academics at a member school. However, unlike Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi embraces all areas of learning rather than only one phase. In order to become a member, a junior must attain a quality point average of 3.8 of a possible 4.0.

Gwendolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McNeil Ipock. In addition

to Mr. and Mrs. Ipock others in attendance at the event were sisters, Susan of Fayetteville and Mary and Martha of Route 2, New Bern. Also attending was Mrs. R. A. Watson and Mrs. O.G. Richardson of Route 2, New Bern, Mrs. Dennis Harris of Greenville and Perry Morris of Vanceboro.

59th Alumni Banquet slated

The Farm Life School Alumni Executive Committee met on Tuesday, April 17 at the home of Jimmie Morris to make plans for the 59th Annual Alumni Banquet and Dance slated for May 11. The Banquet starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Farm Life School Cafeteria with the Dance following in the gym at 9:00 p.m.

Brenda Ipock and Etheleen Butler, the program committee reported that a very interesting program is planned consisting of a featured speaker and a special musical pro-

gram. The Class of 1929 will be celebrating its 50th year reunion and will receive special recognition. Tables will be reserved for it and the Classes of 1939, 1949, 1959, and 1969.

Baker Bland and Ray Matthews, the food committee, reported that the banquet will be catered by Parkers Barbecue of Greenville and will consist of barbecue pork and fried chicken with all the trimmings.

Officers for the 1979 Alumni Association are Pete Bland, president; James Ipock, Jr., vice-

president; Janice M. Morris, secretary-treasurer; Peggie Mills, assistant secretary-treasurer. Nancy Capra, Patsy Townsend, Thalia Broadway, and Sarah Alice Weatherington make up the table decorating committee. The nominating committee is composed of Bill Cleve and James Earl McLawhorn. Pete White and Jatha Smith are responsible for decorations in the gym.

At its 1978 banquet the Farm Life School Alumni Association voted to welcome as members any student who had attended Farm Life High School and graduated from another school. The 1979 banquet will be the first to recognize these new members.