

# Vandalism Hurts Everyone

Most people know by now that one of the four signs posted by the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club was cut down and stolen. The sign, which called for "A Finer Town," was removed by someone obviously not interested in making this a finer town. This act of vandalism hurts not only our club, but every citizen of Vanceboro that is dedicated to making this town a better place to live. Upon learning of this vandalism, my first reaction was one of disgust and despair. The signs did not belong to the club. Ruth Witherington was nice enough to loan them to us. But more than that I was disappointed (although not very surprised) that there was anyone living in Vanceboro that would deliberately be so destructive.

However, this vandalism has other even more serious implications. As Brenda Ipock, president of the Vanceboro JWC stated, "This incident may seem very small to some but it is an example of much larger things. Industries, searching for locations to build, are looking for clean towns free of vandalism in which to build buildings and place expensive equipment." These industries would provide the employment so desperately needed to stop the outward flow of the community's youth.

I realize that this destructive element is a



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small minority. It is indeed a shame that everyone who care so much and works so hard must put up with these people. As Brenda writes, if these people "would use only a small portion of their energies spent 'tearing down' and try for once to 'build up' our town. we

would be amazed at how our town would grow." Therefore, let me join Brenda and countless other concerned citizens in urging everyone to take pride in our town and to help make it the very best possible for ourselves and our families.

## Senator

Joseph E. Thomas

Legislative Report



April 27, 1979

The ongoing controversy between the University of North Carolina and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has now reached the point where it is affecting the entire spectrum of State Government.

Recent efforts to come up with a compromise would involve major funding decisions by the State Legislature. Although the desegregation argument seems to have moved to the court at least momentarily, the Governor has still asked the General Assembly to

appropriate an additional \$40 million for capital and program expenditures in the five predominantly black schools of the sixteen member university system.

Although I believe we should make every effort to support the Governor's request, I am opposed to any major reduction in the proposed tax cut that is apparently gaining renewed momentum in the joint finance subcommittee.

## In and around Ernul

by Mrs. Alma Drake

Our Gang C.B. Club will have a benefit Barbecue Chicken Supper on May 12. There will be tickets available for a chance on cash prizes. Contact any C.B. member for tickets. The supper will be held at the WOW Hall in Ernul.

The Ladies Grove 6280 held its regular meeting Tuesday, April 24 at the WOW Hall in Ernul. Plans were made to attend the WOW Bright Belt Jurisdictional Convention on May 4, 5, and 6 at the Royal Villa in Raleigh. Delegates from Camp 652 are Laurie Lee Whitford, Leslie Ipock, and Frankie Whitford. Those attending from Grove 6280 will be Myrtle Ipock and Thelma Whitford. Also attending will be Marvin Whitford, Robert Ipock, Elsie Whitford, Monica Whitford, and Patricia Whitford.

On April 17, Vanceboro Rangerette Unit 1350 along with Ranger Unit 1347 of Ernul went roller skating at Rollerland in New Bern. They all went to McDonalds afterwards for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vendrix of Vanceboro and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Vendrix and family of Raleigh went to Carowinds Saturday. While in Charlotte, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anspach.

Mr. Robert Ipock, Douglas Whitford, and



**RANGERETTES CAMP OUT:** Rangerette Unit 1350 Vanceboro camped out on the Park Inn Camp Grounds during the week following Easter. The girls were joined by Thelma Whitford, leader; Elsie Whitford, adult secretary; and Shelia Whitford and Kim Harmon, junior leaders. They practiced various activities in preparation for camp at Fort Barnwell in June.

Leslie Ipock attended a C.B. Jamboree at Garner, N.C.

Mrs. Peggy Fulcher has been a patient at Beaufort County Hospital in Washington.

Michelle Morris spent last week with her grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitford.

Mrs. Dorothy Ipock was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Whitford, Friday and Saturday at Atlantic Beach.

# Dear Libby

Dear Libby,

I am a divorced man and on Sundays I spend the day with my sixteen year old daughter. Last Sunday, she asked me what kind of birth control method I thought she should use. I was shocked at what that question implied, so I asked her if she didn't think it best for her to discuss this with her mother. She said she didn't feel she could. I need your help.

A Stunned Father  
Dear Stunned,

Be thankful that she could trust at least one of her parents to help her. I'm sure you were shocked but I trust you reacted to her adult question in an adult manner. Having an open ear is important since it is vital that you keep the communication open with your daughter. Evidently, your daughter is concerned about the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy.

However, she has failed to grasp the reality that the best birth control method for her at this age is to wait until she is older and hopefully married. Have a doctor, trained youth counselor, or minister explain in detail to her and her boyfriend (its his problem, too!) exactly what contraceptive methods are available, their uses, their risks, and their success rates. Often after a discussion of this sort, your daughter may decide that the risks of pregnancy are too great even with contraceptives at her age. She'll have a firm reason to say no plus she knows you care about her. Anyhow, her boyfriend knows that all the cards are on the table. He may decide its better to "cool it." At least you can be sure that you did all you could do to make the couple aware of the choices they have.

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