

# 20° HIGHLIGHTS 20°

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## Spring Festival at Bridgeton

Spring showers did not dampen the spirits of everyone at the Bridgeton School PTA Spring Festival Friday evening. A

large crowd turned out for a hamburger and hot dog supper and to play a variety of games under the direction of Noah Rice.

PTA members, who had worker hard preparing for the evening of fun, were rewarded with \$2400 to be used toward the school's activity program.

While Clown Linda Russell made her way through the crowd with balloons, other were hard at work. Those in charge of the various activities were: J.L. Hinton, food; Teresa Gautier, general store; Carol Caton, cake walk; Teresa Purifoy, fish pond; Ada Rice, pick-up ducks; Judy Turner, bingo; Shirley Edwards, jewelry engraving; Carolyn Clark, gold fish,

by Cheryl Kite and Beth Stilley

Jerry Finch, sponge toss; Helen Powers, bean bag throw; Janice Gaskins, treasure hunt; Linda Dunn, candy jar; Max and Judy Dudley, ring toss; Joette Abeyounis, thumb print art; Norma Harvey and Birchie Bullock, prize ticket sales, Marlaine Tyree and Winne Caton, events tickets.

The climax of the evening was the drawing for three calculators won by James Herring, Leshia Wright, and Judy Tyson. Mrs. Willis won the grand prize of a microwave oven.



**TREASURE HUNT**-Janice Gaskins helps some young treasure seekers hunt for buried treasure in the sand at the Bridgeton Elementary School PTA Spring Festival held last Friday night. (Photo courtesy of Cheryl Kite)

## Bike-A-Thon to support work of CF Foundation

by Connie Bryan

Bike-A-Thon will ride 24 miles, which will be broken down into three laps of an 8-mile course with short breaks in between each lap. Those 8 years of age and under will have a special course on College Avenue. Prizes for the younger group will include a 20" bike for the first place winner and a Big Wheel for second place. Prizes for the older group (9 and up) are: 1st place, a 26" 10-speed bike; 2nd place, a pocket camera; and 3rd place, a rod and reel.

The race will start at the Wachovia Bank on Main Street in Vanceboro at 10:00 a.m., Saturday. The race which, is being sponsored by the New Bern Jaycees with Butch White as coordinator, will be broadcast by WHIT Radio.

The Jaycees would like to thank the following Vanceboro merchants for their help in making this event possible: Vanceboro Pharmacy, Kite's Supermarket, Bryan-Smith Texaco, Powell Brothers Hardware, Pat's Furniture, Western Auto, Stop-N-Go, Swain Gas Co., and Corey's Hairstyling. Riders in this year's

The 1979 Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon will be held this Saturday. Riders will be pumping away to raise money to help support research, medical care, and education programs at 100 CF Centers for the more than 6 million American children who suffer from chronic lung-damaging diseases. Duke Hospital has one of these CF Centers.

Cystic fibrosis, the most serious of these diseases, affects one in every 1600 children born in the United States. Although in the last 20 years the average life expectancy of CF patients has increased from infancy to 18 years of age, CF is still incurable. Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease. It is estimated that one person in 20, or 10 million Americans, are symptomless carriers of the CF gene. At present there is no accurate test to identify these carriers, but researchers funded by the CF Foundation are working to develop such a test, along with a cure for CF and better methods of treatment for all lung-damaged children.



**YOUTH RALLY**-Over forty area youth enjoy folk dancing led by Rev. John Meares of Raleigh at the recent Vanceboro Interchurch Youth Rally Day last Saturday at Farm Life Elementary School. Following the folk dancing, Rev. Meares entertained the group with stories and folk tales. The event was sponsored by the Vanceboro United Methodist Youth Fellowship. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

## Youth Rally a big success

Over forty young people ranging in ages from 10 to 18 years representing at least ten churches from all over the Vanceboro area participated in the first Vanceboro Interchurch Youth Rally held last Saturday at Farm Life School in Vanceboro. The event, sponsored by the Vanceboro United Methodist Youth Fellowship, featured a film entitled *Fable* followed by discussion in small groups led by area ministers and youth counselors. Ministers and counselors participating were Rev. Steve Hickle of the Vanceboro Circuit,

Rev. Claude Wilson of the Vanceboro United Methodist Church, Mrs. Alma Drake of the Vanceboro Pentecostal Holiness Church, Mrs. Sharon Gaskins of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church and Mrs. Sherry Toler of New Haven Free Will Baptist Church.

Youth attending represented over ten area churches. Following a short break, the group participated in games led by Keith Cannon, president of the Vanceboro UMYF. Keith served as coordinator for the day long event. Before lunch the group heard



## Jacaruso Named To New Position

by Connie Bryan

Michael T. (Micky) Jacaruso has been promoted from his present position at Cherry Point Marine Air Station to the Naval Civilian Personnel Command in Arlington, Virginia. He will report for work on June 11. Mr. Jacaruso, who has been a Vanceboro resident since 1951, has worked with the apprentice program at Cherry Point for the past 11 years. He has been in the civil service for 18 years, in addition to 10 years in the Marine Corps.

In his new position, Mr. Jacaruso will be responsible for implementing policy plans, and providing guidance and leadership, for the training, education, and development of more than 140,000 wage grade employees. He will be asked to recommend policies and policy modifications for the Administrative Section of the Civilian Naval Operations. He was selected for this position from a field of 87 applicants.

Mr. Jacaruso is married to the former Barbara Cleve of Vanceboro. They have six children, Joe, Judy, Mike, Mary, Abe, and Jim. When asked if he would be moving to Washington on a permanent basis, Mr. Jacaruso replied that the would be back, because "Vanceboro will always be home." Mr. Jacaruso said that their future plans have not been definitely decided. He added that Mrs. Jacaruso, who is a math and science teacher at West Craven Junior High School, will probably join him in Washington for the summer, but return home to teach next year.

Even if will be only temporary, Vanceboro will be losing a valued member of the community. Mr. Jacaruso has been a staunch supporter of youth building programs. In addition, he has served as president of the Civitan Club and the Parent-Teachers Association. He was one of the original appointees to the Craven County Recreation Commission.

remarks from Rev. R. T. Commander, District Superintendent of the Greenville District of the United Methodist Church. He spoke on the importance of choices and how the choices one makes can shape their later life.

Following lunch, Rev. John Meares of Raleigh led the group in a series of American folk dances. After the folk dancing, Rev. Meares entertained the group with humorous

stories and anecdotes. The Youth Rally Day, whose theme was "Grow for Christ's Sake," ended with a contemporary worship service led by the Vanceboro UMYF. During the worship service special music was provided by a trio composed of Charlotte and Angie Smith of Chapman's United Methodist Church and Jill Bland of Epworth United Methodist Church.