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## Town Board meets

### Budget announced

By Connie Bryan

At their meeting last Monday night, the Vanceboro Town Board voted to table the 1979-80 budget for twenty days. This procedure is required by state law. At the end of that period, on June 25 the board will meet in special session to adopt the new budget. Commenting about the proposed budget, Mayor Jimmie Morris said that it was "very near the same as last year's budget." He added that he felt there would be no need for an increase in taxes.

The proposed budget for 1979-80, which if approved will become effective July 1, breaks down as follows:

Administrative Expenses, salaries, capital asset, utilities, etc., 27,300; Police Department, 17,951; Garbage Collections, 22,300; Street Fund (Powell Bill), 13,800; Non-Departmental, social security tax expense, insurance and bonds, etc., 11,190; Utility Department, Water- 64,839, Sewer- 38,300; and Revenue Sharing, 10,500 for a total of 167,880.

Anticipated revenues, which will go to meet these budget needs, will come from local taxes, \$42,280, state and federal revenue, \$39,900, and other

revenue sources, \$86,600. This last category includes \$25,500 in water revenue funds and \$40,800 in sewer revenue.

Explaining why this year's budget figure was larger than the \$122,431 figure last year, Mayor Morris replied that this year's amount included \$66,300 for water and \$66,300 from water and sewer revenues. He added that if you subtract this figure from this year's total it would be very close to last year's budget.

In other business, the board voted to rehire all town employees for another year and approved the standard 5% pay raise.

## Aware Fair-1979

By Connie Bryan

The 1979 Community Services Aware Fair was held last Friday and Saturday at the West New Bern Recreation Center. The Aware Fair was sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Craven County. The purpose of the Aware Fair was to help citizens become "aware" of the community services that are available in Craven County. During these two days a variety of agencies and organizations were on hand to answer questions, give demonstrations, and hand out samples and reading materials.

When asked why the Mental Health Association

sponsors the fair, they replied, "Because an 'aware' person is a mentally healthy person, and an 'aware' community is a mentally healthy community."

Some of the new comers at this year's fair were the International Year of the Child Steering Committee, Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library, Volunteers for Children, Association for Retired Persons, Girl Scouts, and Parents without Partners.

Special features included balloons, lollipops, and punch for the kids, and health screening tests for adults. Special perfor-

mances were also scheduled during the two days. The West Craven High School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Tony Tuckwiller, sang a program of music, which included "Shenandoah" and "On a Wonderful Day Like Today." Other school groups were also scheduled along with the McDonald's Magic Show. On Saturday morning the movie, "The Making of Star Wars" was shown. Later that day, visitors were treated with songs from the musical "Irene" by the cast from the New Bern Civic Theater, which was currently presenting the musical.



**SELECT CHOIR PERFORMS**—The Select Choir from West Craven High School under the direction of Mr. Tony Tuckwiller performs at the 1979 Aware Fair held at Craven Community College last Friday. From left to right is Kim Murphy, Debra Patrick, Marilyn Hargett, George Adams, Neal Tilghman, Timmy Weatherington, Scott Whitford, Phyllis Simmons, Sandra Powell, and Renee Powell. (Photo by Connie Bryan)



**BIKE-A-THON WINNERS**—Winners of the 1979 Bike-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis are from left to right, Christie

Malan, Johnny Pate, Sherry Ormond, Jimmy Haddock, and Jackie White. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

## Bike-a-thon winners named

Jimmy Haddock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Haddock of Vanceboro, was named the winner in the Annual Bike-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis during ceremonies last Saturday morning. Jimmy rode the entire twenty-four mile course and raised \$179 winning a brand new 26" ten-speed bicycle for his efforts. Sherry Ormond took second collecting \$164 and winning a camera. Johnny Pate's third place finish with \$131 earned

him a rod and reel. In the eight and under category, Christie Malan collected \$137 and the first place prize, a 20" bicycle. Jackie White was second with \$82 collected. She won a Big Wheel.

According to Butch White, coordinator of the event which was sponsored by Vanceboro merchants and the New Bern Jaycees, the bikers have collected almost \$1000 with over six hundred dollars coming from the Epworth youth group.

## Substitutes pay upped

By Connie Bryan

Meeting last Thursday night, the Craven County Board of Education voted to comply with recent state policy and raise the pay of substitutes teachers from \$20 to \$30 per day for qualified substitutes. The decision came in a 4 to 1 vote with Jane Atkinson strongly opposed to the state policy. Commenting during the discussion, she stated, "It is not fair that a teacher's aid be paid less than a substitute," adding that the teacher's aid was a full-time position.

Superintendent Hiram Mayo also disagreed with the new policy saying, "I think it is wrong." However, he pointed out to

the board that it had already been decided by the state. He added that the \$30 must be taken out of the teacher's pay whether or not the substitute receives \$30 or \$20 and that the extra \$10 would go back to the state.

In explaining the state regulation to board members, Mayo said that according to these regulations a qualified substitute is either someone who holds a teaching certificate or a college degree, or someone determined by the board as a qualified substitute. It was then decided that a non-qualified substitute could be called in a hardship

situation, but that person would receive \$20.

Mayo read a list of the names of all the substitutes, which the principals recommended for qualification. The board agreed to accept all of those recommended (which included most of the names of those that substitute on a regular basis), and the board left it to the principals to decide if a person should be classified as qualified. Mayo explained that this would not penalize the substitutes by making them wait for another board meeting before they received the \$30 per day.



**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS**—The class officers for the 1979 Graduating Class at West Craven High School are (left to right) Mayline Raspberry, president, Marilyn Hargett, vice-president, and Lisa Barrett, secretary-treasurer. Commencement exercises will take place Thursday, June 14 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Stadium, which is behind the school.

## Benton Chosen for Exchange Program

Jeanne Denise Benton of Rt. 1, Dover has been selected for the Student Exchange Program of the Rotary International District 773. She was sponsored by the Vanceboro Rotary Club. She leaves for France on June 14.

Jeanne is a freshman at West Craven Junior High School. She is a member of the Beta Club, Student Council, and Cheerleader squad. Her hobbies include horseback riding, swimming, dancing, music, and softball.

Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Benton of Dover.