

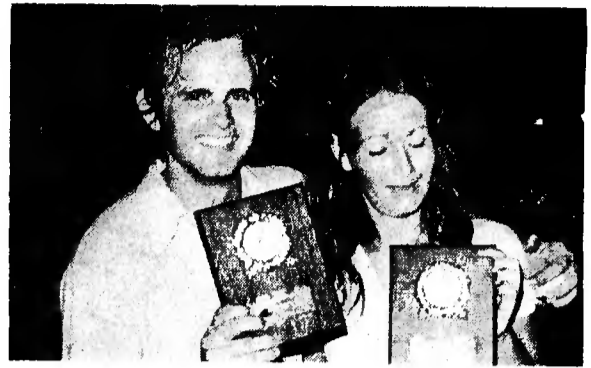
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## Wachovia has Anniversary

Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. The Vanceboro branch celebrated the occasion last Friday. Details in a story by Connie Bryan.

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## Tennis Tourney

The excitement and action of the Greater Vanceboro Open Tennis Tournament returns to Vanceboro July 13-15. For details on the greatly expanded tournament see Rick Cannon's story inside!

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Mystery surrounds death of two Vanceboro dogs

"How could anyone do such a thing if it was intentionally done," commented Mrs. Sue Robinson, following the discovery that the two dogs owned by she and her husband, D. McRay Robinson, were dead. The two dogs, one a red Irish setter and the other a yellow Labrador retriever, were found dead late Sunday evening.

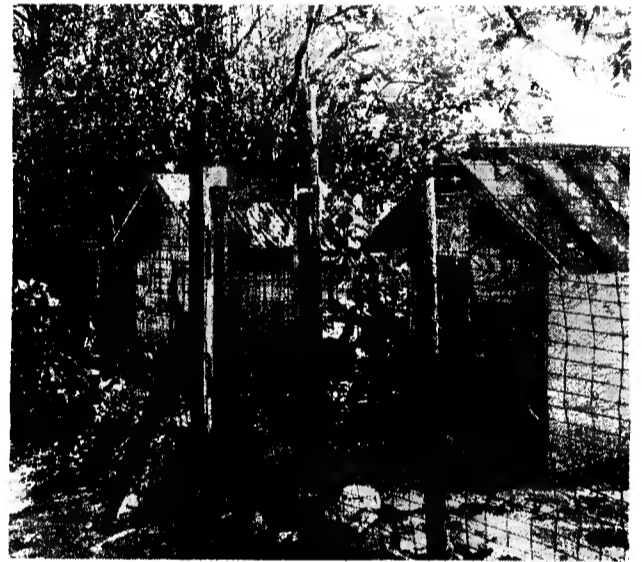
"We usually turn the dogs loose in the late afternoon to exercise," Mrs. Robinson explained. "They never wander far and normally do not stay out more than two or three hours. The last time I saw

or heard the dogs was at about 6:45 p.m." Two hours later when Mr. Robinson went out to feed and return the dogs to their pens, he found "Sandy", the yellow Labrador retriever lying in the driveway, dead. A little over an hour later a neighbor discovered the body of "Rube," the Robinson's Red Irish Setter, in a vacant lot not far from the Robinson's home on College Avenue and near the railroad tracks in Vanceboro.

According to Dr. Rod Lancaster, their veterinarian, the dogs must have been poisoned by some type of stimulating poison such

as strychnine. "From the description by the Robinsons of how the dogs looked, Dr. Lancaster explained, "it seems that the dogs must have suffered from violent convulsions and struggling prior to death, symptoms of strychnine poisoning." He added that it seems unlikely that the dogs got into poison by accident since they both died at about the same time. He went on to explain that even insecticides and weed killers will sometimes have contents strong enough to kill an animal. Dr. Lancaster explained that in his experience most rat

poisons on the market were not strong enough to kill a dog, only to make it sick. He went on to add that he had treated cases in which animals had eaten grass on the side of a railroad that had been sprayed with weed killer. According to Southern Railway officials, the railroad tracks and an area about eight feet wide on either side is sprayed once a year with the chemical, Bromocil Chlorate. This powerful weed killer keeps the tracks clear for the entire summer with only one spraying. The tracks had been sprayed around the middle of May less than



**EMPTY**-The pens for "Rube" and "Sandy" stand empty on Monday afternoon. "Rube," a red Irish Setter, and "Sandy," a yellow Labrador Retriever, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. D. McRay Robinson, were found poisoned to death late Sunday evening near the Robinson's home on College Avenue in Vanceboro. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

two months ago. Officials of the R. H. Bogle Co. of Alexandria, Va., who market Bromocil Chlorate

among other chemicals, indicated that most of the chemicals they sell are not harmful to animals.

### Business of the Week

## Ipocks open station

Richard and Joyce Ipock recently reopened the Sunoco Service Station at the intersection of N. C. 43 and N. C. 118 near



**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**-Richard and Joyce Ipock, new owners of Ipock's Sunoco, stand with Garage Assistant "Pee Wee" Wilson (right) in front of their new business. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

Vanceboro. Under the name Ipock's Sunoco, the new station will offer full service at self-service prices. According to Mr. Ipock, gas will be sold at a price well in line with other service stations however it will be pumped by station employees. Also on the staff at Ipock's Sunoco is "Pee Wee" Wilson.

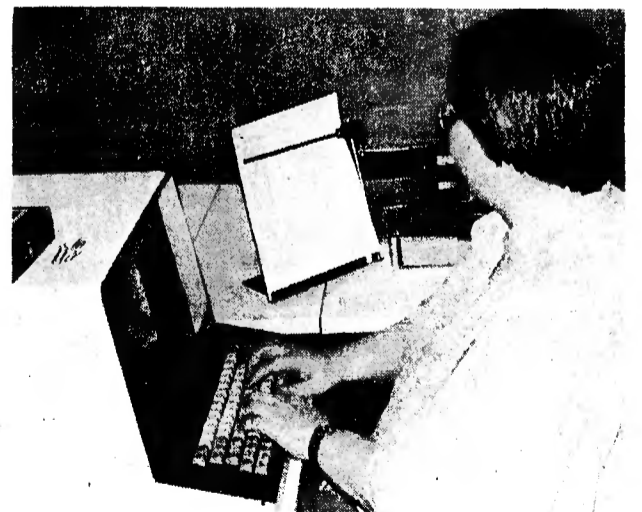
Ipock's Sunoco is open seven days per week. It specializes in Washing, Greasing, Lubrication, Oil Changes, Changing and Balancing Tires, and other general auto maintenance. To reserve a time to have your car maintained, call 244-0074. Ipock's Sunoco is located at the intersection of Highway 43 and Highway 118 just northwest of Vanceboro.



## Morris promoted

Cindy Morris of Vanceboro has been promoted to Executive Secretary to the Assistant Administrator, Laurie L. Kite, officials at Craven County Hospital announced recently. Miss Morris will begin her duties on September 1, 1979.

A 1977 graduate of West Craven High School, Cindy immediately after graduation in the Personnel Department. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Morris of Route 2, Vanceboro.



### Versatility—High Speed—Quality

The Highlights, constantly trying to improve its service to its customers, has recently purchased and installed the Comp/Set 510-II, one of the latest developments in computerized, photographic typesetting equipment. It can set type at the amazing rate of twenty newspaper lines per minute with maximum accuracy due to its typewriter styled keyboard. The Comp/Set 510-II sets high quality type ranging in size from one-sixteenth of an inch to over one inch in height, perfect for business cards, brochures, forms, posters, and many other items. With the addition of the Comp/Set 510-II, the Highlights pledges to provide high quality service to its customers at a reasonable price. (Photo by Rick Cannon)