



**25th REUNION**-Members of the Farm Life High School Class of 1954 held their twenty-fifth reunion last Saturday night at the Holiday Inn in New Bern. Recognized for having changed the least was Russell Toler. Class members attending the reunion were as follows from left to right: (Kneeling) Russell Toler, Charles Spruill, Earl Wright, Harvey Lee Harris, John W. Laughinghouse, (Standing left to right) Donald Ray Arthur, Patricia Laughinghouse Wright, Wilton Wood (Bristol, Tenn.), Virginia Pappas Tilghman, Sam Cutler, Evelyn Nobles Evans, Clarence Powell (Charleston, S.C.), Peggy Ballenger Mayeaux (New Orleans, La.),

Joe W. Dudley, Doris Bryan Emerson, Richard Gladson, Edna Gaskins Kite, Sandra Hicks Laughinghouse, John Harvey Lilly, Lucille Franks Adams, J. L. Peterson, Jr. (Atlanta, Ga.), Shirley Wilson Jones, Ray Nobles, Ellen Faye Gaskins Garza (Alexandria, Va.) [Photo by Rick Cannon]

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## Holiday Deadline

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the West Craven Highlights will go to press on Tuesday, July 3, instead of Wednesday. All news and ads must be in the Highlights office by 12 Noon on Monday, July 2, 1979, in order to be in the July 5th issue. All standing columns should be mailed no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 29, to insure delivery.

## Report to the People

By Senator Robert Morgan

The Senate has approved a bill that would create a separate Department of Education. I opposed the whole idea of setting up a new department and voted against it at every opportunity.

During the time the bill was being debated and acted upon in the Senate, an amendment was offered requiring that school systems adopt right-to-work laws, in order to be eligible for federal education funds. I opposed the amendment, also, and my vote seems to have been misunderstood by some people, who felt that because I opposed the amendment that I was casting a vote against a right-to-work law.

It has always been my belief that a man should be able to get a job without having to join any organization and that he should be able to hold the job without any interference from anyone.

But if the federal government can pass a law that directs personnel policies be adopted by a school system, then the principle of state and local control over education has been violated. And that is one reason many Senators opposed this proposed separate department, because they felt that control of the schools should remain at the state and local level.

The Taft-Hartley Act says that each state shall decide whether it shall have a right-to-work law. North Carolina, along with many other states, has such a law and it is a good law. But if the Congress can change Taft-Hartley by an amendment to an Education Bill, then labor unions could also override it if they could muster sufficient votes in the House and Senate.

This amendment, even to those who support right-to-work laws in their states, was an example of what may be the worst feature of the bill to form this new department, and that is to put the federal government in charge of children's education.

It has been amply demonstrated by the Department of Energy how a newly created department can grow and spend a lot of tax money.

Many are fearful that this is exactly what will happen to a separate Department of Education should the House of Representatives follow the Senate's lead and vote to create it. And there are some of us in Congress who are more interested in cutting back the federal government's powers than in adding to the bureaucracy.

So a vote against the bill was a vote to curtail the activities of the federal government in local school systems and a vote against the amendment was not a vote against right-to-work laws but to keep the government from setting policies that should be set closer to home.



**TOBACCO SEASON BEGINS**-Workers on Bill Arrington's 33-acre farm began the 1979 tobacco harvest last week. He, along with Alford Locklear and Albert Morris, was one of the first in the area to begin harvesting. (Photo by R. L. Cannon, Jr.)

## Farm Life Honor students named

Richard Bowers, principal at Farm Life Elementary School in Vanceboro, announced the students who made Honor Roll for the sixth grading period, Honor Roll for the year, and Perfect Attendance for the year.

Students who made Honor Roll for the final six weeks grading period are as follows: Third Grade-Jerry Campbell, Dwayne Ellis, Virginia Gaskins, Tammy Hughes, Vicki Norman, Hilton Fillingame, Traci Fillingame, Sharon Respass, Felicia Williams, Jonathan Taylor, Timothy West, Catherine Hudson, Susan Nobles, Sandra Fillingame, and Chrishell Johnson; Fourth Grade-Lanesia Fonville, Marla Fonville, Steve Watson, Cliff Toler, Neal Russell; Fifth Grade-Michael Jones, Michelle Miller, Julia Moore, Keith Morris, Mary Purifoy, Travis Wetherington, Billy Arrington, Denise Fillingame, Jessica Chesson, Clay McOmber, Debbie Hodges, Patricia Elks, Kelly Evans, Troy Freeman and Doug Lee; Sixth Grade-Frankie Moore, Curtis White, Angela Smith and Wendy Toler.

Students named on the Honor Roll for the Year are as follows: Third Grade-Tammy Hughes, Hilton Fillingame, Sharon Respass, Felicia Williams, Traci Fillingame, Jonathan Taylor, Catherine Hudson, Susan Nobles, Sandra

Fillingame, Chrishell Johnson, Bryan Yeager, and Tracy Ipock; Fourth Grade-Marla Morrow, Cliff Toler, and Neal Russell; Fifth Grade-Michael Jones, Michelle Miller, Travis Wetherington, Billy Arrington, Denise Fillingame, Jessica Chesson, Debbie Hodges, Cliff Holland, Clay McOmber, Lana Maxey, Kelly Evans, and Troy Freeman; Sixth Grade-Patricia Dawson, Frankie Moore, Dolores Waters, Curtis White, Jackie Mobley, Wendy Toler, and Angela Smith.

Students having perfect attendance for the year are as follows: Third Grade-Nathaniel Henderson, Traci Fillingame, Michael Lancaster, Isis Moore, Anthony Becton, Danielle Chapman, Jo-Lynn Crawford, Comasina Fonville, Kendall Gaskins, Thomasina Fonville, Brian Whitford, and Chris Garris; Fourth Grade-Lanesia Fonville, Reginald Jenkins, and Colette Smith; Fifth Grade-Clay McOmber, Sheila Hardy, Denise Fillingame, Cliff Holland, Susan Smith, Rhonda Dawson, Vicki Moore, Kenneth Roundtree and Marvin White; Sixth Grade-Audrey Dawson, Jimmy Haddock, Allen Dixon, Denise Holmes, Lance Price Carl Toler, Curtis White, Lisa Carol Boyd, Gregory Lamont Moore, Nichelle Roach, Patrick Troutner.

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TOM WEST

## Letter to the Editor

### News 'Travels Far

My husband, William R. Dunn, and I, Betty Tripp Dunn, are both from Vanceboro. My husband is now stationed at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Last week I opened my mailbox, and there I found a copy of the West Craven Highlights. What a surprise! We all read it with excitement as we found pictures and names of relatives and friends. It was truly a quick visit back home.

Aloha from Hawaii  
Bill, Betty and Kids

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