

HIGHLIGHTS

Vanceboro, N.C. - Thursday,

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TOTAL LOSS-The home of Mr. W. H. Campbell on Butler's Ford Road was ravaged by fire last Thursday afternoon. Firemen sift through the charred remains of the double wide mobile home in search of more fire or sparks. No injuries were reported.

Kite trailer can stay

The Vanceboro Town Board met Monday night, July 2, at the Town Hall. Major Jimmie Morris called the meeting to order. The main topic of debate was the recommendations of the planning board to change the zoning ordinance for a lot owned by Gus Kite. The lot is located on the corner of White and Cleve Streets. Mr. Kite had requested that the zoning regulation be changed so that a mobile home could be placed on the property.

The board decided to modify the present ordinance. After a public hearing and the planning board recommendation, the board decided to modify the present ordinance. The board agreed to allow the mobile home, which is presently on the lot, to remain, but if that mobile home is moved the modification would be "null and void." Major Morris explained that this modification would not change the zoning ordinance for the property, but would apply only as long as the

present mobile home remained. He added that it would not apply to any others.

It was also announced that a zoning permit would be required, where applicable, before the town would allow water and sewer hook up.

In other action, the board heard from Sid Bartholomew, from Carolina Telephone. He explained that he was present at the meeting as part of a program designed to improve community relations. He added that he company wanted to know if there were any complaints and assured board members that repair requests would be handled as quickly as possible and as accurately as possible. Major Morris thanked him for attending the meeting. Alderwomen Daphne Cleve and Kathleen Carawan told Mr. Bartholomew of several telephone problems in the community, and he promised prompt action on the matters.

Good news for school employees

New pay scales for teacher aides and secretaries were adopted by the Craven County Board of Education at their regular monthly meeting last Thursday night. State Pay Grade 49 was adopted for teacher aides, which means that newly hired aides would receive \$499 per month. Those working for 1-5 years with the Craven County system would make \$519, while those with 5 or more years would receive \$541. According to Hiram Mayo, Superintendent of the county schools, all teacher aides last year made \$485, but that this year a graduated scale would be

used. He added that the scale is not based on a persons educational record, but uses experience as the criteria.

Mr. Mayo commented that the board would have liked to have done more, but that this pay raise was "a step in the right direction, and I would hope that next year we would be able to take another step." he explained that this raise would include all kindergarten, primary, library, and locally funded aides.

Secretaries and bookkeepers also received pay raises. Their salaries are also up from \$530 to \$563 for beginning secretaries,

Officers Installed Inscoe speaks to Firemen

By Fannie Quimby
Special to the Highlights

The No. 9 Township Fire Company held an installation ceremony for their new officers Friday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. Following a covered dish supper, Dale Dupree, president, opened the meeting and introduced Elwood Inscoe, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina. Mr. Inscoe praised the company on its rapid progress, saying that "the seeds of the past bring forth the harvest of the future." He explained that the key to a good organization was its leadership. He added that the state has over 1200 fire departments, which it provides with insurance benefits.

"Zoot Saunders, New Bern City Fire Inspector, then spoke on the history of the Township 9 Fire

Department. He congratulated them on their 10th anniversary this year. He then introduced the 1979-80 officers. These were: Dale Dupree, president; Chance Jenkins, vice-president; Walter Thomas, secretary; and Allie McCosley, treasurer. The Fire Chief for 1980 will be Jim Barnwell. His staff will include Sammy Riggs, Jr., Asst. Chief; Jerry Pascal, Captain; Robert Swan, First Lt.; Eddie Wetherington, Second Lt.; and Roger Wetherington, Training Officer.

Following a film on the activities of the Fire Department during the last ten years, service awards were presented to the following men, 5 years- Jim Barnhill, Clem Daughterty, Jerry Pascal, James Tripp, Roger Wetherington, and Dale Dupree. 10 year certifi-



OFFICERS-Newly installed officers of the Township 9 Fire Company are (left to right) Roger Wetherington Training Officer, Eddie Wetherington 2nd Lieutenant, Robert Swan 1st Lieutenant, Jerry Pascal Captain, Sammy Riggs Assistant Chief, Jim Barnhill Chief, and Dale Dupree president. Not pictured are Chance Jenkins Vice-President, Walter Thomas Secretary, and Allie McCosley Treasurer.

cates went to Lynn Adams John Henry Carawan, Merril Dale, and Tommy Wetherington. Those who received awards but were not present were 5 years-

years- Allie McCosley, Ed Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mur-

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In and around Ernul

by Mrs. Alma Drake

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Arthur Vendrix, Sr., had as their guests for two weeks their grandson, Scott. For the weekend they had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Vendrix and children of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kalb of Michigan.

Carl Willis attended

Civitan Camp at Cleveland, S.C. He is an active member of the West Craven Jr. Civitan Club.

Clayton Gaskins is a patient at Craven County Hospital.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Mrs. Jeannette Boyd, and Sharon Taylor took Claudia Taylor and Rhonda Fulcher to Falcon on Sunday to camp.

Mrs. Ruth Keel and children, Brian and Michelle and Jamie spent the day at Billy K's Saturday.

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Local Alger Story

Local man has worked his way up the ladder of success from an electrician's helper to administrator of 859 employees. Details in a story by Rick Cannon on Page 2.



Peterson's profiled

Peterson's store has been a part of the Vanceboro community for over 56 years. It has grown up with the town. This store and its owner, Mr. J.L. Peterson, are profiled in this week's "Business of the Week" by Connie Bryan on page 6.