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48th Whitford reunion

Family and friends gathered for the 48th Whitford Family Reunion this past weekend. They met at the WOW Hall in Ernul on Sunday, September 2. After the invocation by Rev. Owen Arthur, Jr. the approximately 300 guests enjoyed a bountiful spread of a wide variety of food, which each family brought.

Lee Griffin of New Bern, the outgoing president, presided over the meeting. Laurie Whitford of Vanceboro was elected as this year's president. Thelma Whitford of Ernul

is the secretary, and Vera Whitford of Bridgeton is the historian.

The oldest Whitford man present was Arthur Whitford, while George Ipock was the oldest man present. Katie Whitford, 90, was both the oldest Whitford woman and the oldest woman present. The youngest boy was three year-old Jason Grant Whitford, while the youngest girl was Wendy Lorraine Hunning, who was just 8 days old. It was announced that Katie Whitford, Violet Whitford, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert



Mrs. Katie Whitford



Wendy Hunning

Arthur Whitford had attended all 48 of the reunions.

Of the ten family groups present, the Dave P. and Susan Cox branch of the family had 50 members present, which was the most of any of the groups. A report was given on the births, deaths, and marriages within the family during the past year.

The table committee was Lester Gaskins, Lee Griffin, Ed Brinson, and Vernon Ray Whitford. They were thanked for setting the tables up.

The Whitford family and their friends always meet for their reunion on the Sunday before Labor Day, which next year falls on August 31.



GOSPEL SING— The Promised Land Singers from Jacksonville entertained spectators at a gospel sing held recently at the Masonic Lodge. The Gospel Sing was sponsored the Governing Board of the Vanceboror Youth Center. (Photo by Rick Cannon.)

Gospel Sing

A Gospel Sing was held on August 18 beside the Masonic Lodge near Vanceboro to kick off the new Youth Center. Between 80 and 100 people enjoyed the afternoon of inspiring gospel music from five area groups. These groups were The Chapeletes from Chowinowity, The Traveling

Stars from Ft. Barnwell, The Christianaires and Rev. Robert Worthington from Vanceboro, The Golden Notes from New Bern, and The Promised Land Singers from Jacksonville.

Watch for other events this fall to be sponsored by the Vanceboro Area Youth Project.

Monday night's game there was a three-way tie for second. Pittsburgh won the game scoring 16 points. Leaving Peggy Hickle and Neal Russell tied for second, since each had predicted Pittsburgh to win and score 27 points. The prize money add points for second and third

places was divided between the two. Each picked eleven correct winners.

The editor posted a respectable 9-5 record but was surpassed by twenty-one entries. Earl Wright was the lucky winner of the "Beat the Editor" Drawing for a \$5 cash prize.

Winner Announced

Clay Jordan, Head Football Coach at West Craven High School, demonstrated his knowledge of pro football talent by winning the first week of the 1979 HIGHLIGHTS Football Contest. Jordan picked twelve correct winners to finish all alone in first place. He wins ten dollars and six bonus points toward the trip for two to Disney World in Orlando Florida. The trip includes two nights lodging plus fifty dollars expense money. Going into



COMMUNITY CONCERT SALES UNDERWAY—The Texas Boys' Choir, under the direction of Jack Noble White, is one of four concerts being sponsored this year by the Craven County Community Concert Association. Membership is available until Saturday by contacting the Highlights or Virginia Cleve at 244-0268. For more information, see related story on Page 2.

Extended Area Telephone Service

Vote Coming Soon

In October, telephone subscribers in New Bern, Vanceboro, and Havelock will be asked to vote by mail on whether or not they wish to have extended

By Phil Bowie (reprinted from Shopper) area service (EAS) linking their communities.

Under the proposed EAS system no numbers would change but all calls within the area would become local rather than

long distance. This would mean a substantial reduction in phone bills for many businesses and for the Craven County government, which spends more than \$3,600 each year on local calls that are now billed at long distance rates.

Because the basic phone rates are now based on the average number of local calls, the basic monthly

rates would increase to a maximum of \$7.80 for New Bern, \$8 for Vanceboro, and \$7.85 for Havelock. Those new rates would represent a monthly increase of \$1.15 for New Bern subscribers, \$3.30 for Vanceboro, and \$2.10 for Havelock. However, any subscriber who now makes more than two or three calls each month within the

designated area and is being billed for long distance would see a net reduction in his phone bill. In addition, important facilities such as the hospital and the sheriff's department could be easily reached by simple local calls.

The idea originated with the Agribusiness Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and has won the approval of area

businesses and civic groups. Carolina Telephone will be conducting the poll at the request of the state utilities commission. Ballots will be mailed to every subscriber, and they must be returned within 15 days thereafter in order to be valid.

For more information on EAS, you can call Gary Bleu at 638-1193.