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Pull Over, Please!

Fire and rescue workers report a constant problem of people failing to yield the road to emergency vehicles. Connie Bryan speaks out on this issue in an editorial on Page 2.



The Steelers, Vanceboro's youngest football team, open their season this weekend. See team photo on page 5!

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Town Board meets

Skateboard Ordinance planned

By Rick Cannon

VANCEBORO — With two members missing at the regular meeting of the Vanceboro Board of Alderman, Monday night September 10, the board discussed the writing of an ordinance prohibiting the riding of skateboards on the streets and sidewalks in Vanceboro. The ordinance would cover all streets and sidewalks in Vanceboro and could involve confiscation of a person's skateboard of violations. The ordinance would not affect private parking lots or driveways. Vanceboro Chief of Police Melvin Hudgins explained that he could arrest violators in private parking lots only with the cooperation of the owner or manager of the property. He also warned that

children riding bicycles at night with no lights created a dangerous situation. Hudgins recommend an ordinance concerning this also.

Mayor Jimmie Morris reported that water service to the Elmer Leary property on Buck Lane had been cut off for the second time. Morris explained that Leary's water had been cut off originally because he failed to comply with Vanceboro's Zoning Ordinances which prohibit putting two mobile homes on property the size of Leary's lot on Buck Lane. Water service was restored when Leary's attorney appealed the town's action. The town gave Leary ten days to comply with ordinance. Morris reported that Leary's water had been cut off a second time when he failed to comply.



The Leary trailers on Buck Lane.

Morris also told the board that Leary had reported to the Town of Vanceboro to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and to the Civil Liberties Union accusing the Town of discrimination according to race. Morris reported that H.U.D. had investigated the matter and dropped all charges. A determination by the C.L.U. had not been made at the present time.

Morris also reported that he had applied to the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in search of funds to construct a library building in Vanceboro. The application is being considered by the foundation at this time. Any funds obtained from the foundation will be matched by

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Editors win big

Arrington wins in tie

Football Contest in 3rd week

Billy Arrington won first place in the second week of the sixteen week Football Contest being sponsored by the Highlights and area businesses. Billy narrowly edged out Brian Hudson who captured second place with an identical 11-3 record. Both had picked Philadelphia to win in the tie-breaker, however Arrington was declared the winner since his guess of Philadelphia's score was closest. Eddie Jordan survived a six-way tie for third with a 10-4 record by guessing the closest to guessing the winner, Atlanta and Atlanta's score. He missed by only three points predicting Atlanta would score 17.

The Highlights' staff scored a tremendous coup in that no entries beat their predictions. The editors correctly picked eleven of the fourteen winners and survived the tie-breaker by picking Atlanta to win.

The winning teams in this week's contest were Buffalo, Cleveland, Dallas, **See Football Contest, Page 5**



MAILBOX — The Highlights has installed a mailbox for our readers convenience. If we are not open, drop in your news item, subscriptions, entry blanks for the football contest, or just a note saying that you stopped by and if we should contact you. Be sure to raise the red flag. And Thanks For Stopping By!

Parade Plans Being Made

Plans are being made for the Vanceboro Rural Volunteer Fireman's Day Parade to be held on October 6. As this marks the 20th year of operation for the Volunteer Firemen they invite everyone to help make this a very outstanding parade.

This year high school bands and drill teams from 11 area high schools have been invited to march in the parade. This will be a competition parade for the bands with the winning band taking home a purse of \$100.00.

There will also be competition for the best float entered in the parade. The winner of the float category will win \$50.00. All entries in the parade should meet on the

morning of the 6th on Farm Life Avenue by 9:00 a.m. for the line up. Please plan to be in town by 9:00 a.m. so the parade can begin promptly at 10:00. We are expecting a larger group of entries for the parade this year so it will take a little longer to line up.

Anyone who wishes to enter floats, cars, Boy Scout, Girl Scout or other marching enteries is asked to contact Perry Morris 244-1515 by September 26th. It is not necessary for those entering horses or bicycles to call. There will be ample space provided for these. Please participate and help us make this the best Fireman's Day Parade ever!

Tobacco farmers to receive help

First District Congressman Walter B. Jones, Chairman, subcommittee on tobacco, U. S. House of Representatives, today expressed grave concern over the plight of tobacco farmers who have suffered economic losses as a result of contaminated fertilizer. Jones said, "I have investigated all Farm Programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and also the Farmers Home Adminis-

tration, and find that one program exists which could provide some financial relief for farmers who have been caught in this situation. The Economic Emergency Program authorized under the Emergency Agriculture Credit Adjustment Act of 1978 can provide some financial relief. In the event the farmer's normal line of credit is insufficient to accommodate his financial needs, he may apply to the county

office of The Farmers Home Administration servicing his immediate area for financial assistance under the Economic Emergency Program. Real estate loans will be made at an interest rate of 9 percent, and equipment loans at a rate of 9½ percent. Anticipated insurance payments from the Insurance Company adjusting claims for Smith Douglass Fertilizer Company will be attached to insure repayment. A

Lien will be attached on anticipated premiums. Adequate Loan Funds are available through the Farmers Home Administration Financial Channels to make these emergency loans to farmers who qualify." There will be a White House Conference on small business to be held in January 1980. Any small businessman interested in the North Carolina forum to be held in Greensboro, September 24-28, should

New shop opens

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Phillips have been busy during the past few months getting their new business ready to open. The big day came at last on Monday when the Phillips' Marine Service and Electric Supply Co. opened its doors. Phillips, located beside the Stop-N-Fetchit, will feature small boat and electrical repair service, as well as a complete stock of electrical equipment. Whether you are building that dream home or adding on to your present home, Phillips' can meet all of your electrical supply needs.

In addition, Mr. Phillips, who has been working on boats at Hatteras Yachts for the past ten years, specializes in marine engine repair, fiberglass painting, or other marine services.

Phillips' will eventual stock major and small appliances, once all their stock comes in. Mr. Phillips will also be offering a small appliance repair service. They will be open from 8-5:30 Monday-Saturday. They are in the process of getting a phone. After hours you may call 244-0869 or 244-0523.