

Blue Bell to make Labor Survey

By Connie Bryan

Officials of Blue Bell, Inc., are considering Vanceboro as a possible location for a facility. On November 1 and 2, they will be conducting a Labor Survey to ascertain if there is a sufficient labor supply to support a sewing plant. This is the first step in the requirements toward getting a plant in Vanceboro.

Blue Bell Division Manager Max Clouse commented that in order for his company to consider Vanceboro that they had to

be assured of enough labor to meet their needs. He added that people should not wait until the business comes to apply, because if they do not get enough people, then they will not be able to come at all. If insufficient numbers of people respond to the survey, Mr. Clouse will not be able to sell his company on Vanceboro. He further explained Blue Bell will be looking at other factors as well. For example, available facilities to house a plant and community receptiveness toward the idea. One plus in Vance-

boro's favor is the speculative building, which is ready for any company to move into.

Mr. Clouse along with Earl Fidalgo, Division Personnel Manager, encourages everyone to fill out the application.

They commented that Blue Bell likes to staff their plants with local people; therefore, they urge people to bring the application (on page 12) to the Town Hall on November 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. They added that the company has a complete training program for all jobs.



LABOR SURVEY— Blue Bell executives, (l-r) John Anderson, Division Engineer, Earl Fidalgo, Division Personnel Manager, and Max Clouse, Division Manager, discuss plans to start a sewing plant in Vanceboro. Before Blue Bell will locate here they must be assured of a sufficient labor force. Officials estimate that this plant will create 200 new jobs for the area, but before this can happen the form on the back of this issue must be turned in at the Vanceboro Town Hall on November 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fund Drive for Rescue Squad

The Vanceboro Rescue Squad will be starting a door-to-door Fund Raising Drive this week. Members of the squad will be contacting area residents during the month of November to ask for their help. The Rescue Squad would like to raise \$15,000 this month to help meet their current expenses which include a \$9,000 loan for their squad. They are confident that with the support of all the people that they can reach their goal. To make your contribution or for information on how you can help, contact Kenneth Hill or Herman Lewis.

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Candidates profiled

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Vanceboro residents will be going to the polls on November 6 to elect their representatives for the Town Board of Aldermen. Seven candidates have filed for the five positions, including two newcomers to Vanceboro's political scene. The following is a brief sketch of the candidates and their qualifications.



Abe Cleve has served as an Alderman since 1973. He is currently serving as Street Commissioner, a trying job with the installation of the new sewage system. Mr. Cleve has worked for years with school athletics and is a charter member of the Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a member of Rotary. He has lived in Vanceboro all of his life and considers it to be "the best place in the world."



Kathleen Carawon is

running for election for the third time. She has served on the board since 1975 and is currently Chairperson of Beautification and Improvement of Vanceboro. She was instrumental in the campaign for Vanceboro to receive the Governor's Award. She compiled a scrapbook with over 200 pictures to show the Judging Committee Vanceboro's progress. That scrapbook is at the Town Hall and can be viewed by everyone. Mrs. Carawon is a retired school teacher, retiring in 1972 after 32 years of teaching. She still takes an active role in the education of children working as a volunteer in the school reading program. She is active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Bern, serving as a Sunday school teacher and president of the Women's Auxiliary.



Daphne Cleve is completing her first term as alderman. She serves as Recreation Chairwoman and has worked during the past two years to acquire the necessary funds for a town park. Her

hard work has paid off in the form of a \$2,000 grant from Weyerhaeuser. (See related story.) Commenting in a recent interview, she stated, "This is the most exciting time for Vanceboro in my twenty-five years as a resident." If relected, she hopes to continue to work to make Vanceboro even better. Mrs. Cleve is member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She works part time with the Craven County Council on the Status of Women and with Cleve's Florist in Vanceboro.



Howard Tyre is the other newcomer in the running. Before coming to Vanceboro five years, he years ago, Mr. Tyre worked in public service for years along with farming. He reports that he enjoys living in Vanceboro and wishes to serve its people. He stresses the importance of all of the people working together to make this a better town. Mr. Tyre attends the Vanceboro United Methodist Church, where he is a Sunday school teacher.



Dave Whitford is certainly not a new face around the Town Hall, having served as an Alderman for ten years between 1967-1977. Mr. Whitford, who was a building commissioner during part of his time in office, says that a person should be concerned with his town and take an active part in making it a good place to live. For this reason, he plans to remain active in town affairs.



Alton Whitley has a long list of qualifications for the office of Alderman. He has served on the board since 1965 with one term as mayor (1967-1969). He has taken a vital role in the growth of Vanceboro not only as the executive officer of the Vanceboro branch of the Wachovia Bank, but also as an active member of civic organizations and community projects. He has served two terms as president of Rotary and is a

member of the Scout Committee of the group. He held the important position of Fund-Raising Chairman for the Vanceboro Medical Center and serves on their board. He is a charter member of the Vanceboro Fire Department, trustee of the library, elder in the Vanceboro Christian Church, and others. "I'd like to express my appreciation to the citizens of Vanceboro for their support during the past years," states Mr. Whitley. "It is my sincere desire that I may continue to serve them."



Charles Ipock is on the newcomers to the political arena. He is employed by Morris Construction Co. and is a life long resident of the Vanceboro area. He as worked as a volunteer fireman since 1962, serving as Assistant Chief as well as in other capacities.



DOVER FIREMAN'S DAY-- Charlie Drake, left and Leslie Uzzell were named Little Mr. Fire King and Little Miss Fire Queen at the Dover Fireman's Day, Saturday, October 6. The Contest, which attracted a lot of interest from the spectators there, raised over \$800 for the Dover Fire Department. Everyone enjoyed a day of barbecue, fire truck rides, games, an auction, and a dance. See more photos and a story by Joey Whitley on Page 2! (Photo by Joey Whitley)