



GIRL SCOUTS—Members of the local Girl Scout Troop ride in the Fort Barnwell Fireman's Day Parade last Saturday. (Photo by Rick Cannon)



Last year's Miss Fire Princess, Patricia Russell crowns Teri Daughety, Miss Match Stick and Lisa Davis, right, Miss Torch in the Annual Fort Barnwell Fireman's Day celebration. Earlier Patricia crowned Donna Cox as the new Miss Fire Princess. (Photo by Rick Cannon)



Donna Cox, Miss Fire Princess 1980. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

Swiss Bear attracts Large Crowd

By Rick Cannon

NEW BERN— In spite of chilling winds and threat of rain, large crowds came out to support the Swiss Bear Festival in New Bern last weekend. The Festival, according to organizer Kenneth Slade, was designed to cause people to be aware of the efforts to revitalize the historical district in New Bern. "We are trying to raise money to help finance Swiss Bear, Inc.," Slade indicated, "Whose purpose is to improve downtown New Bern's historical district and to stimulate business in the downtown area." Doug Davis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Swiss Bear, Inc., called the weekend a great success.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Antiques, Arts, and Crafts Show held in the Old Penney's Building on Middle Street. The Show featured many different items some from as far away as Goldsboro, Vanceboro was represented by Jerry and Jill Campbell. The couple displayed Macrame and Country Carving at the show. Another interesting



ARTS AND CRAFTS—Jill and Jerry Campbell of Vanceboro proudly display their macrame and country woodcarving at the First Annual Swiss Bear Festival in New Bern last weekend. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

exhibit was the Tinware and Colonial Christmas Decorations displayed by Ronald and Mary Catherine White of Kinston. The Show included everthing from Liquid Embroidery to furniture, to dishes, to metal "Fishermen" to

carving to leatherwork and embroidery.

According to Slade, another event of this type is planned for next year. "We will be having different events almost every weekend through Christmas," Slade commented.

Social Services Discussed

Jane Stephenson, Director of Craven County Social Services, was the guest speaker at last Thursday's meeting of the Vanceboro Rotary Club. Stephenson told the group that her agency was charged with ministering to the human needs of the county. This includes providing aid for children by placing them in a permanent home or through the foster parent program. She reported that there were about 150 children at present receiving foster parent care. There are approximately 100 foster parents in Craven County. They receive payment for room and board, clothing, the child's personal allowance, and medical expenses. They act as models for the

children, assist them in getting an education, and provide a loving home for the child.

Stephenson also discussed other work which, her agency is responsible for. They have a health screening program for children to catch problems early or to prevent them altogether. They encourage children to stay in school and work with parents to help keep their children there. They educate young mothers on how to care for their children and themselves. They offer protective services in the case of child, or adult abuse. According to Mrs. Stephenson these are just a few of the services offered by the Department of Social Services.



HALLOWEEN—Trick-or-Treaters had a safe time last Wednesday night according to Police Chief Melvin Hudgins. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

Halloween quiet in Vanceboro

by Rick Cannon

"We had a few egg throwing incidents, but other than that everything was quiet this Halloween in Vanceboro," commented Vanceboro Police Chief Melvin "Slim" Hudgins. He explained that he had invited some extra help for the night. "We were especially careful to check for speeding and reckless driving with all the children out," Hudgins explained. "He went on to say that he felt the children should be able to have fun. "If we start making too many ordinances, "

Hudgin said, "the children won't be able to do anything."

Hudgins made the comments after visiting the Haunted House which was sponsored by the Vanceboro United Methodist Youth Fellowship. When asked what he thought of the youths' activity, Hudgins replied, "I am very glad to see things like this in Vanceboro because it gives the children something positive to do and somewhere to go and have fun."

Civitan's get approval

"I strongly feel that West Craven High School must be sensitive to the needs of the community. Because of the strong support for the West Craven Junior Civitan Club, I recommend that we continue to allow the Junior Civitan to operate..." Robert Jolly, principal at West Craven made this statement at a meeting of the Craven County Board of Education on Wednesday, October 31. Following these comments the board voted to allow the club to continue at the school.

In other action, the board approved the plans for the new elementary school to be built in Vanceboro. The tentative plans call for the use of the gym, auditorium, and 3rd grade classroom building (old shop) to continue to be used. The old shop will be made into a

lunchroom with a kitchen. It will also be used as the art room and the guidance counselor's suite. The library will be converted into the office complex with classrooms built around the present structure. The only building to be torn down will be the main classroom structure, which is 65 years old.

Architect Bobby Stephens of New Bern, who drew up the plans, promised the board that once the school was completed, they would have "one of the finest school units anywhere." The plans must now be presented to the State Division of School Planning. Mr. Stephens reported that he hoped to have them approved by the next board meeting, which will be on Monday, December 3.

PAC Meets

The first Craven County Wide P. A. C. meeting for the ESEA Title I Reading Program was held at the Pugh Building October 30, at 9:30. The meeting was called to order by the President Mrs. Peggy Crain. Teachers, Aides, Parents and guests were introduced. Mrs. Beatrice Smith ESEA Title I Director briefly explained the program. She stressed the importance of the Parent Advisory Council and Parent Participation in the program. Mrs. Smith gave a Summary of the evaluation of the program for 1978-1979 and gave statical information on the program concerning

the Progress the students had experienced. Mrs. Smith also gave a Summary of Project Operation for 1979-80. Mrs. Mary Slaughter from the Health Department was introduced and explained the services that were available for the Title I children.

Officers were elected for a 2 year term. President Mrs. Mary White Vice President Mrs. Sara Buck, Secretary, Mrs. Alice Clark, Assistant Secretary Mrs. Ethel Hill. There will be four meetings a year. The next meeting will be held December 4, 1979 at 9:30 at the Pugh Building.

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