

HIGHLIGHTS

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Bright dies

Rep. Joseph Bright of Vanceboro died Tuesday morning in Craven County after a prolonged illness. Bright was serving his fourth term as a Representative to the General Assembly of North Carolina at the time of his death. His continued reelection by the people of this district is testimony to his popularity and effectiveness as a Representative in Raleigh. He worked many long, hard hours in service to his constituents.

Rep. Bright was a lifelong resident of Vanceboro. He was an Eagle Scout and a strong supporter of the scouting program. He was a member of the Vanceboro United Methodist Church and a graduate of Farm Life High School. He owned Bright Chevrolet in Bayboro.



Surviving are his wife, Rachel Alcox; his daughter Barbara and son, Cliff; and his mother Mrs. Pauline Foy. Funeral services will be held Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. at the Wilkerson's Funeral Home in Vanceboro with burial in the Bright Family Cemetery. Rev. Claude Wilson and Rev. Steve Hickle will conduct the services.

New Board Meets Housing Project Endorsed

by Connie Bryan

The newly elected Board of Alderman for Vanceboro along with Mayor Jimmie Morris were sworn in by Ernest Provost, Craven County Magistrate. The new board members, who are Kathleen Carawon, Abe Cleve, Alton Whitley, Daphne Cleve, and Howard Tyre, endorsed a plan for the construction of apartments on a lot on Dawson Lane on property owned by the Elks family located across from the speculative building. The plan was presented by Grant Tivett, who announced that his company was interested in building apartments in Vanceboro. The plans call for 5 one bedroom, 21 two bed room, and 8 three

bedroom apartments. Mayor Morris pointed out that the endorsement, which means that the town would supply water and sewage facilities, hinges on whether or not the property can be annexed by the town.

Mr. Tivett reported that if the annexation was approved, his company was prepared to start construction early next year and that it would be about 9 months before they would be ready for occupants. Mr. Tivett commented after the meeting that the apartments were planned for working families with the average rent to be \$100-\$125 with the occupant paying their own utilities.

In other business Mayor

Morris read a letter from Blue Bell informing the board of their decision to locate elsewhere along with other correspondence. He then assigned the duties of the Aldermen. Acting upon a request by Alderman Howard Tyre to not be made Mayor Pro-Tem until he had more experience, Mayor Morris appointed Alton Whitley to that position and Police Commissioner. Mr. Tyre would normally have been given that position, since he was the top vote getter; however, he was named Utilities Commissioner. The other assignments remained the same with Abe Cleve, Streets; Daphne Cleve, Beautification and Recreation, and Kathleen Carawon, Sanitation.



George Dimick

Board calls for full-time physician care

By Rick Cannon

VANCEBORO—At its regular meeting last Tuesday night, November 26, the Board of Directors of the Vanceboro Medical Center, Inc. voted to change to full-time physician care by January 1, 1980. The Board voted to classify the meeting as an executive session thereby barring the details from publication at this time. Full explanation of the board's decision will appear at a later date.

In summing up the Board's decision, Chairman George Dimick stated that with this move the Board acted by going on record in support of full-time physician care for the citizens of the Vanceboro area.

Little Swift Creek installs officers Thomas calls for more jobs in Craven County

by Rick Cannon

CATON --Sen. Joseph Thomas called for improvements in education and transportation as a means for raising the per capita income in Craven County. He made the remarks at the Annual Lillie Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas Supper held at the new Caton Fire Station last Saturday night.

George Dimick, master of ceremonies, welcomed many guests of honor. These included Sen. Thomas and his wife, Linda, John Willis, Chairman of the Craven County Board of commissioners, County Commissioner Gerald Anderson, and his wife, Marie; County Commissioner Grover Lancaster and his wife Peggy, Board of Education member Roger Forrest and his wife Frances. Former Fire Department member Bill Stilley and his wife, Maggie, and Carol Carawon wife of the late Herber Carawon, a longtime member of the department.

Mr. John Everington of the Antioch community presented a painting to the



NEW OFFICERS—County Commissioner John Willis congratulates the new line officers of Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Left to right John Willis, Gilbert Whitford, Chief; John Everington, Assistant Chief; Billy Gaskins, Buddy Whitford, McRay Whitford, Johnny Toler. (Photo by Rick Cannon)

Caton Fire Station on behalf of his sister, Mrs. Floyd Hartley. Accepting the painting for the Little Swift Creek Volunteer Fire Department was Chief Gilbert A. Whitford. John Willis, Chairman of the Craven County Board of Commissioners, congratulated the department for the fine work it is doing and encouraged the members to call on the Commissioners when ever help is needed.

In his remarks Sen. Thomas said that he is concerned with the growing numbers of young

people leaving Craven County because of no suitable jobs. He explained that between 1950 and 1975 over fourteen thousand people left Craven County for other areas where jobs could be found. He went on to explain that Craven County's per capita income is \$1100 below the North Carolina average and \$2200 below the national average. Thomas added that there are four broad sources of income in

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TENT FIRE — Scott Willis (left) and Travis Wetherington examine the damage to their tent which was the result of a prank. The two boys escaped unharmed, but the tent was severely damaged. (photo Rick Cannon.)

Fire damages Scout tent

by Rick Cannon

VANCEBORO — A fire, apparently caused by pranksters, severely damaged a tent during a campout by Boy Scout Troop 58 here this past weekend. Five Vanceboro youths were discovered shortly after the incident Saturday night. The five, all juveniles, admitted to committing the prank. Two Scouts were in the tent at the time but no injuries were reported. Also no charges had been made at press time.

According to Scout Master Richard Cannon, Scouts Scott Willis and Travis Wetherington both on their first campout, had gone to bed after watching

part of the basketball game on T.V. The fire started when one of the five juveniles lit one of the tent's support ropes. The rope burned in two and fell on the tent and continued to burn, sending flames up the back of the tent. Another Scout discovered the fire when he heard the two boys coughing. The Scouts quickly put out the fire. Someone recognized one of the five youths. The other four were later discovered.

Cannon indicated that the parents of the five juveniles had agreed to replace the tent. The five youths agreed to apologize in person to the Boy Scout Troop at its regular Monday night meeting.



George Nelson

Nelson elected chairman

by Rick Cannon

NEW BERN — George Nelson of New Bern was elected to serve as Chairman of the Craven County Board of Commissioners at their meeting Monday, December 3. Nelson replaces John Willis who served as chairman this past year. Gerald Anderson who has completed his first year as a County Commissioner was elected Vice-Chairman. Anderson is a resident of Bridgeton.