

# New FNP at Medical Center

by Connie Bryan

Sara Adcox is the new Family Nurse Practitioner at the Vanceboro Medical Center. She joins FNP George Roberts, which means the Medical Center now has two FNPs to better serve the Vanceboro community. FNP Adcox will have the same duties as Roberts has, which include seeing patients, diagnosing illnesses, giving EKG's, writing prescriptions, and over 90% of the medical care offered by a physician. In addition, both Roberts and Adcox will continue to work closely with the back up doctors, Dr. Philip Mahaney, Jr. Dr. Joseph Overby, Jr. and Dr. John Burnett, who will review the case each time a patient visits the hospital.

FNP Adcox is married and lives in New Bern with her husband, James. A native of Morehead City, Adcox attended Atlantic Christian College for 2 years, Wake Technical Institute for 2 years, and completed the FNP program at East Carolina University. Before coming to the Medical Center, she worked in the Intensive Care Unit at Rex Hospital in Raleigh and at Craven County Hospital. In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis.

FNP Adcox commented, "I am looking forward to working with the people of Vanceboro in providing good medical care."

FNP Roberts stated that Adcox comes highly

recommended by both the doctors that she has worked with and the ECU staff. She has excelled in every aspect and is one of the top students in the ECU program.



**New FNP - Sara Adcox is the new FNP at the Vanceboro Medical Center. She joined the staff on Monday, December 3.**



**MEDICAL CENTER SECRETARY — In addition to a new FNP, there is another new face at the Vanceboro Medical Center. Darlene Furr, of Vanceboro has taken over the duties of secretary at the center. Darlene was formerly employed at Hamilton Beach. She is a 1976 graduate of West Craven High School.**

# Operation Santa Claus

Ten days before the real Santa Claus guides his reindeer over the rooftops, volunteers of the Mental Health Association will deliver Santa's Christmas gifts from Craven County to the regional psychiatric hospital and retardation center.

"Operation Santa Claus' is our opportunity to bring Christmas to the residents of Cherry Hospital and Caswell Center who cannot be with families during the holidays," said project chairperson Jane Latham.

"To plug into 'Operation Santa Claus, purchase your gift before the deadline of December 15, and take it-unwrapped--to one of the following collection places: in New Bern--Centenary Methodist Church office, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Craven Evaluation and Training Center, Highway 70 West, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church office, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Garber United

Methodist Church office, 9 a.m.-12 noon; and Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church: in Vanceboro to the First Pentecostal Holiness; in Havelock, to the Parish House of St. Christopher Episcopal Church."

"Gifts of money can be made by check to 'Operation Santa Claus,' P. O. Box 906, New Bern. Cash makes it possible to purchase televisions, record players, and other large gifts which can be enjoyed by the entire ward."

For men, other suggestions are jackets, pants, shirts, underwear, socks, sweaters, wallets, toboggans, belts, and gloves.

Gift suggestions for women are slacks, tops, pantyhose, cosmetics, gloves, scarves, jewelry, purses, and underwear.

For more information about 'Operation Santa Claus,' or to have a volunteer pick up your gift, call Ms. Latham at 637-6244.



**Sen. Joseph Thomas**

# Thomas Speaks

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Craven County-(1)Military, mainly Cherry Point which has an annual payroll of over \$184 million; (2) Manufacturing, which adds about \$48 million in income; (3) Agriculture, which yields nearly \$38 million in income and (4) Tourism, which makes about \$12 million. He went on to say that it seems that military and agriculture income is pretty well fixed, therefore the only way to increase per capita income in Craven County is to in some way increase the income yielded from manufacturing and tourism.

Two areas which must be improved, according to Thomas, before these increases can come is education and transportation in Craven County. "In the public schools, money has been appropriated to decrease class size in grades 4-6 to thirty-two students per teacher," said Thomas. He added that the goal is twenty-six. Thomas further stated that the county must do all it can to strengthen the Community College Program and improve the training for handicapped citizens. He commented that the successful training for handicapped citizens for work in society such as the highly successful program being directed by George Dimick at Craven Evaluation and Training Center helps allow some citizens to earn an income who might otherwise be living on welfare.

A second area which must be improved before the per capita income in Craven County can be raised is transportation. "We must work to see that Craven County and eastern North Carolina as a whole receives its fair share of state highway funds," Thomas indicated. He further stated that he supports the four-laning of U.S. Highways 70 and 17.

All these improvements added to the creation of a Craven Industrial Park should help to bring industry to Craven County which would in turn help increase the payrolls so young people can stay in Craven County.

Following Sen. Thomas' remarks, officers for the

new year were installed. The new officers are Gilbert Whitford, Chief; John Everington, Assistant Chief; Billy Gaskins, Captain-Antiock Station; Buddy Whitford, Captain-Askins Station; McRay Whitford, Captain Caton Station; Johnny Toler, Lieutenant. Administrative officers include Leonard Gatlin, president; Donald Toler, Secretary; Sam Toler, treasurer; and Lester Toler, special treasurer.

Those in attendance feasted on a pig cooked by Gilbert Whitford for the meal.

# Wright wins third time

Earl Wright edged out three challengers in the tie-breaker for the third in as many weeks in the Football Contest being sponsored by the Highlights and area businesses. All four had 11-3 records but Wright was the only contestant that picked the correct winner in the tie-breaker. Ervin Whitehurst was awarded second place since he guessed closest to New Orleans' score. Stacey Patterson and John Parker of New Bern finished tied for third since both predicted the same score by New Orleans. Stacey Patterson also won the special Beat the Editor drawing.

By having his entry validated and choosing double the bonus points, Earl Wright exploded into the lead for the trip to Walt Disney World for two with 40 points with two weeks remaining in the contest.

Still in contention for the trip though is Larry Hayes with 28 and Jay Huff with 24. Eddie Jordan has an outside chance to win with 17. Jordan continues to lead in the cash winnings standings with \$52. Stacey Patterson moved into second with \$41.80 while Earl Wright moved into a tie for third place with Neal Russell with \$37.

The correct winners for this past weekend's games are as follows: Miami, Atlanta, N. Y. Jets, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Denver, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Dallas, St. Louis, Kansas City, Alabama, (tie-breaker) Oakland won and scored 42 points.

# Consumer Protection Topic of Speech

John R. B. Matthis, Special N. C. Deputy Attorney General for Consumer Affairs, was the guest speaker at last Thursday's meeting of the Vanceboro Rotary Club. Mr. Matthis spoke on "Consumer Protection in North Carolina."

Concerning the N. C. Consumer Protection Agency, Mr. Matthis explained that his agency is "in the business of protecting the consumers of North Carolina against fraud and misrepresentation. He added that the agency, which was first established while Robert Morgan was Attorney General, collected \$93,000 last month, \$500,000 in 1978 and \$1½ million in 1977 from businesses that had committed fraud or misrepresented their product. He reported that the agency handles more than 10,000 complaints per year.

Mr. Matthis has his B.C. degree and Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Wake Forrest University. He joined the U. S. Air Force as a legal officer, in 1952, serving in different capacities which included Chief of Military Justice for all air forces in Europe and Deputy Head of the Law Department at

the USAF Academy. In 1973 he retired from the Air Force and returned to North Carolina as a Special Projects Officer for then Attorney General Robert Morgan. He served as Director of the Environmental Protection Section from 1974-1976, when he accepted his present position. Mr. Matthis is married and lives with his wife, Ann, in Raleigh.

# Veterans should pre-register

by James Tooker

Special to the Highlights

NEW BERN-- According to Steve Forinsky, Veteran's Affairs Officer at Craven Community College, all veterans should pre-register for the Spring Quarter if they wish to continue receiving Veteran's Administration benefits. Forinsky explained that since school is not in session for much of December and the early part of January, no benefits would be paid unless the student is registered for the following quarter. If the students pre-register then their regular monthly check will continue.

# Back Pain

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