

HIGHLIGHTS

Roberk moves to Vanceboro

by Rick Cannon

The Roberk Company, a division of Parker Hannifin, has moved into their new facility in Vanceboro company officials reported recently. Dan Migliore, manager of the plant, explained that at this time approximately one hundred people are employed at the plant. He added that eventually the number of employees will probably reach one hundred twenty-

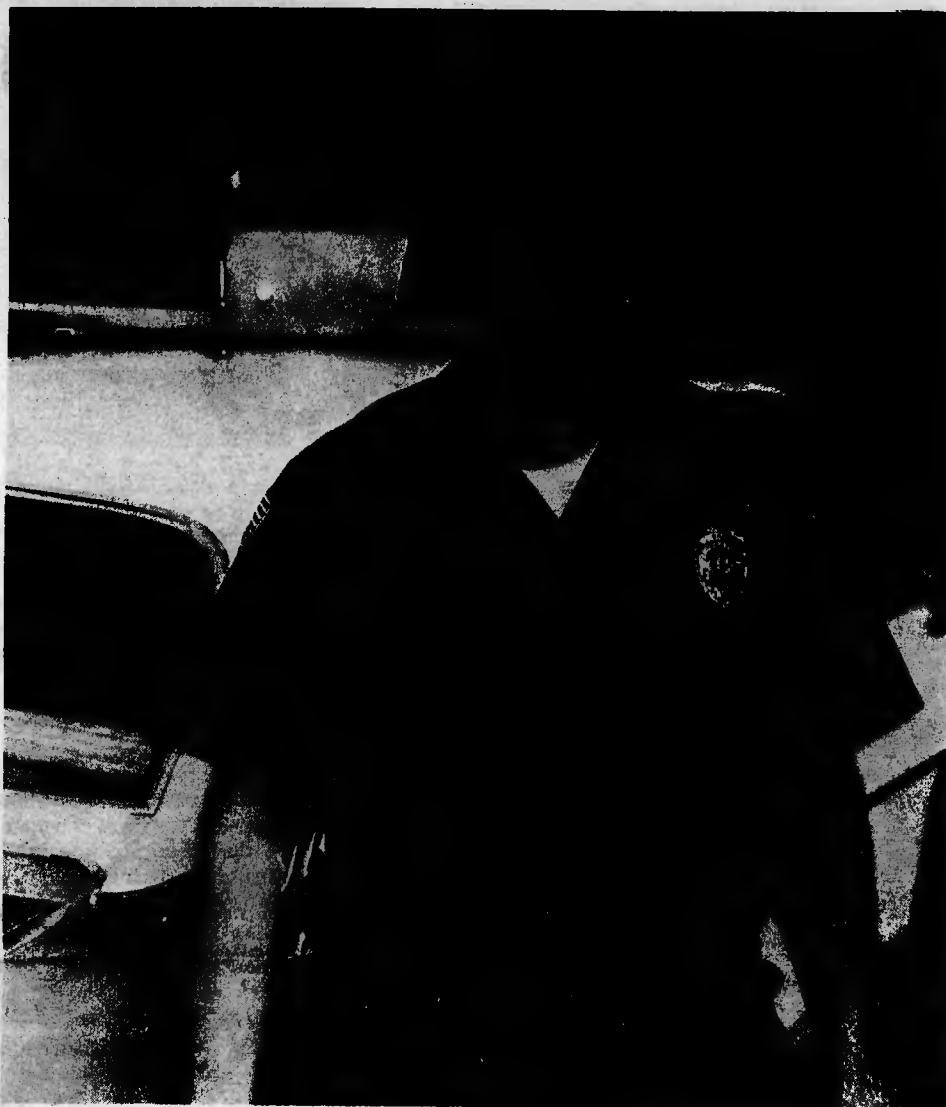
five. Migliore said that hopefully the company may add another product. Most of the employees are from the Vanceboro area. "We are very glad to be here in our Vanceboro facility," Migliore commented, "we are gradually increasing our production each day." He explained that the move from New Bern was accomplished in only two days. "The move required a lot of organization and planning plus much cooperation from the

employees and others," Migliore indicated, "in spite of the immense job of moving, we moved and back in operation in only two days."

Migliore explained that the plant will hold an open house probably sometime in July. "We still have some work to do and some equipment to install before we can have our open house," he explained, "We are just glad to be here."



QUIET - On the outside, the Roberk Company plant seems very quiet. However, on the inside there was a beehive of activity Tuesday. Plant Manager Dan Migliore commented that he and his staff are excited to be in Vanceboro. He added that he is looking forward to having an open house possible sometime in July.



Bill Aldridge

Aldridge named new police chief

by Rick Cannon

VANCEBORO - Bill Aldridge, has been named the new Chief of Police here Vanceboro Police Commissioner Alton Whitley announced recently. Aldridge, formerly with the Craven County Sheriff's Department, was

selected last Tuesday night.

Aldridge had previously served on the police departments in Kinston and Grifton and with the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Whitley commented that he feels the people of Vanceboro will be very pleased with the town's

new chief. Whitley also explained that Aldridge will be moving to Vanceboro. "One of our requirements of a new chief was that he live in Vanceboro," Whitley said. "I explained to him that the job of police chief in Vanceboro is often one in which one is on call twenty-four hours a day."

Vanceboro Eastern Star has reunion

It was a very special night, last Wednesday night, May 21, when the Vanceboro Chapter Order Eastern Star #231 held its regular meeting in the beautiful new chapter room, located on Farm Life Ave. The meeting opened in ritualistic form by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Emma Lee Sutton assisted by the Worthy Patron, Melvin Adams. The routine business was transacted. Members of many years past come to this very important event, which was a re-union for many. The night was planned to honor the charter members, the twenty-five year members

and the Past Matrons and Past Patrons, after the business session, the chapter was closed in regular form. A program entitled "Memories" followed and was presented by Mary M. Witherington and Etheleene Butler. They began with a prayer by Mrs. Lela Barrow. Miss Lela was a charter member and the first Chaplain when the chapter was instituted in October 1944. Burney Lee Witherington, a twenty five year member and a past patron, gave a very informative talk on the work of the Order. He stressed that the Eastern Star was based on the values, virtues and

teachings of our Bible. He gave several beautiful illustration. Every one was delighted when Mrs. Fannie Buffkin, a charter member, and the first Organist played a selection. She told the group that the march she played was the first one she ever played back in 1944 in the old chapter hall. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her music and several were heard to say she still kept her touch on the keyboard. Next, all joined in singing "The More We Get Together, the Happier we'll be". Mrs. Witherington read a poem to the group and then introduced the charter members,

twenty-five year members and the past matrons and past patrons and presented each one with a booklet. Mrs. Neva Laughinghouse and Web Butler sang a duet, entitled "Memories", for the conclusion of the program, for it had indeed been a night filled with memories. The present officers felt very honored to welcome nine of the Charter Officers for this special night. Mrs. Edna McLawhorn was the first Worthy Matron when the chapter begun in 1944 and was delighted to have eight of her Charter Members Officers recognized with her. They were: Mrs. Sara

Jones, J. L. Ashley, Mrs. Lela Barrow, Mrs. Neva Laughinghouse, Mrs. Fannie Buffkin, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskins, Miss Helen McLawhorn, and Mrs. Ruby Jordan Miller.

After the program all were invited into the dining hall. The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of summer flowers and a gaily decorated cake

which read "Welcome Past Matrons and Past Patrons" cake squares, nuts, crackers, Hor D'oeuvre tray with dip, party mints, chicken salad, sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, and fruit punch, were served.

During the refreshment hour, all enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship and reminiscence.

by Ethelene Butler

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