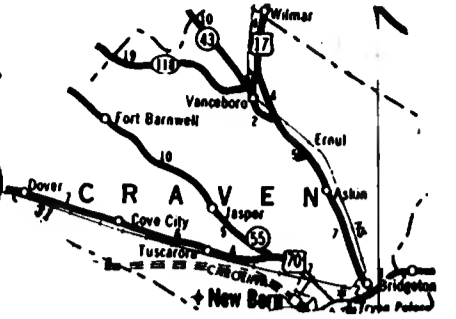




HIGHLIGHTS



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Sewer

New Sewer Rates Take Effect By RICK CANNON

Some Vanceboro residents were startled to notice an apparent increase in their water and sewer bill this month. The increase, which became effective with the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, is an effort to get \$52,000 in sewer system grant money the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is holding up, Mayor Jimmie Morris said. As reported in the January 8, 1981 issue of the Highlights, the EPA-financed water treatment plant operated at a \$10,000 deficit for its first year. Mayor Morris added that

the system has suffered the same deficit during the second year. To get the remainder of the EPA funds, the town must operate the plant at a break-even rate or better. Morris explained that it is urgent for the town to get the \$52,000 EPA is still holding because part of the money is currently owed to contractors.

Morris explained that the rate schedule would have to be reviewed each year to make sure the system is operating in the black. "Some towns raise taxes to take care of

increases in costs such as this," Morris said, "the board felt it would be better to raise user fees to take care of the increases." He went on to say that while sewer fees would cause users' monthly bills to be higher, water rates will stay the same, \$4.00 for the first 3,000 gallons used.

For the first 1,000 gallons, the water rate is \$4.00 and the sewer rate is \$6.20 for a total bill of \$10.20. The water rate stays the same until 3,000 gallons are used when \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons is added. On the sewer side, the

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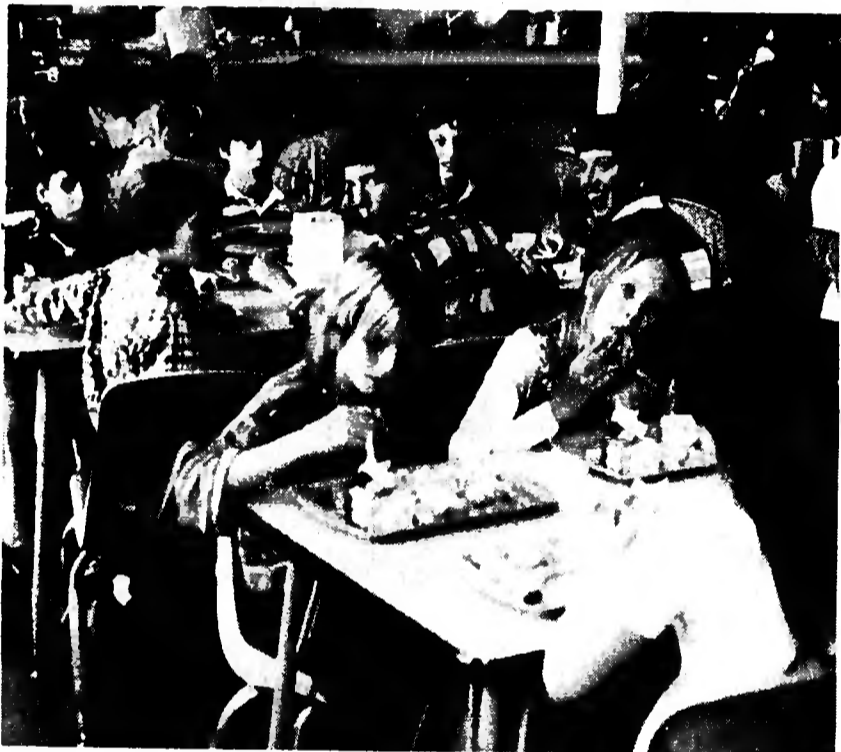
San. Sewer	144,700.
Water	143,300.
Contract	14,000.
Street Meter	5.00
Sewer	6.86
Garbage Fee	3.00
Water Bill	13.86
Property	
Total	

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe
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VANCEBORO, N.C. 27884

cost increases by \$1.65 per 1,000 gallons from \$6.20, the rate for the first 1,000 gallons.

Morris added that the rates may have to be adjusted to pay for future increases in costs.



School

A few changes await Students

By CHRISSIE CHANEY

Students in the New Bern-Craven County School System will begin classes for the 1981-82 school year during the last week of August.

Students in grades 1 through 12 will begin classes on August 28th. This will be a full day of school and lunch will be served.

Kindergarten students whose last names begin with the letters A - L will attend their first day of classes on August 28th. Students with last names beginning with letters M - Z will go for their first day on August 31st. All kindergarten student's second day will be September 1st. In other words, those students who attend on the 28th will not attend on the 31st.

Parents of kindergarten aged students need to preregister their children at the

Vanceboro Elementary School as soon as possible. In order to register, the child's birth certificate and shot records need to be presented.

Teachers, Aides and Staff are to report for duty at the individual schools on August 17th.

Grades Change Schools

The recent merge of the New Bern and Craven County schools has led to several changes in the operations of the system; among those are the movement of some of the grades to new schools from the ones which they were in previously. To make more room at the Farm Life School in Vanceboro the 6th grade students will be moved to the West (Continued on page 8)



Find the Familiar Faces

Several area residents were among those ladies who attended the Free Will Baptist Women's Auxilliary Conference during the week of August 3rd through August 8th at the Cragmont Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C. The Women spent their time at Cragmont attending various meetings pertaining to the Women's Auxilliary and to the Church.

Arlinda Wilson Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Wilson of Rt. 2, Vanceboro and her husband, Rev. John Williams, are year-round residents of the Cragmont facility. Rev. Williams serves as the resident pastor there.

Area ladies who attended are: Mrs. Ola Smith, Mrs. Sarah Frances Gaskins, and Mrs. Pat Wilson, all from the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church; Ms. Velma Morris, Mrs. Irene Morris, Mrs. Julia Fillingame, Mrs. Rosa Wilson and Mrs. Carrie Lee McVickers, all of the Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; and Mrs. Queenie Laughinghouse from the Reunion Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Receive a Free Gift

The first ten people to bring a clipping of the picture at the left with all of the area ladies named above correctly circled will be presented with a free gift. There are nine area residents who attended. To win you must circle all of the faces and be able to identify each of the nine ladies.