

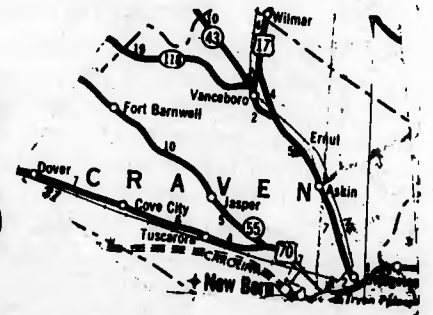
# Happy Easter

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# HIGHLIGHTS



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## Vanceboro Town Board Rejects Rezoning Request

In a long and orderly meeting Monday night, the Vanceboro Town Aldermen followed the voice of the people by rejecting a request to rezone the Elks' property to a Mobile Home Park. The request was presented by property owner, Gray Lancaster.

Several citizens were spokesmen for the citizens in rejecting the request. Property owner, Gray Lancaster introduced the engineer for his project, and he explained the plans for the park. Mr. Royce Jordan was next to make a presentation. Mr. Jordan



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presented the board with a petition of 129 citizens who were opposed to the locating of a Mobile Home Park in the town limits of Vanceboro.

The strongest opposition seemed to be that the density of population in such a small area would cause undue strain on the facilities of this small community.

After Mayor Jimmy Morris had given all who wished to speak an opportunity to do so, Alton Whitley made the motion that the request be denied.

The motion was seconded by Richard Bowers. The vote on the motion was called and it passed unanimously.

Other items of business were handled by the board, reading of minutes, approving payment of expenses, handling of minor complaints, and equipment problems.

The meeting ended as the board retired to the Mayor's office in executive session to handle a personnel problem.

## Morrow Promoted

NEW BERN—Thomas A. Morrow has been promoted to the new position of division public affairs manager by Carolina Telephone effective April 1, 1982, it was announced by T.P. Williamson, vice president-administration.

The division public affairs manager will direct and coordinate interdepartmental involvement in public affairs activities in all districts throughout the New Bern Division according to G. T. Pate, director of corporate communications. The New Bern Division includes district offices in New Bern, Greenville, Jacksonville, Kinston, Morehead City, Washington and Williamston. Reporting directly to the director of corporate communications, the division public affairs manager will be the primary company spokesman to the public and the media in each division.

Morrow is a native of Washington, N.C. and a graduate of Washington High School and the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. He began his career with Carolina Telephone in 1968 and has held positions of increasing responsibility in a number of locations throughout eastern North Carolina. He is married to the former Evelyn Ferguson of Rocky Mount and they have two sons. The Morrow's reside in New Bern and attend Garber United Methodist Church. He is active in civic affairs including the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, United Way and the UNC Alumni Association.



Left to right: Wendy Adams, Joan Taylor, Tina Bryan.

## Attend Conference

Five members of the West Craven High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended the 28th Annual State Leadership Conference in Asheville, N.C. from April 1-4. The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Taylor, Jr. of Vanceboro. Members attended general business sessions where state and district officers were elected, and competed in various events.

Winners from West Craven include: Tina Bryan, 2nd place in Office Procedures, Wendy Adams, 2nd place in Public Speaking, and Joan Taylor, 1st place in Miss FBLA and Burlington Industries Scholarship Winner. First place winners at the State level advance to national competition to be held in Indianapolis in July. Other competitors from West Craven were Margaret Barnhill, Extemporaneous Speaking and Michelle Register, Business Communications. The West Craven Chapter was awarded a Gold Seal Award of Merit for outstanding achievement during the year.

## The Ball Bounces On

The ball was passed off Monday afternoon by the Craven County Commissioners when they made it very clear to the New Bern-Craven County Teacher Delegation that the County Commissioners do not at the present time tell the Board of Education which line items to delete when money is not available to meet their budget.

Several teachers, citizens, and businessmen spoke to the Commissioners expressing their concern for the failure of the teachers to receive a supplement in the 1981-82 Board of Education budget. It was noted that teachers were promised they would not lose in the merger of the two school systems (New Bern City and Craven County Schools), but they have lost according to spokesmen. Commissioners were asked to do anything they could to reinstate the supplement of New Bern-Craven County teachers.

It was explained by the Commissioners that on May 3 they would receive the Board of Education budget. At that time, the Commissioners have to study the budget in detail and either approve it or send it back to the Board of Education for reduction or deletion of items. This was stated as being the way the teacher supplement was deleted in the 1981-82 budget.

The teachers were out in a large number. The courtroom was completely filled.