

Medical Center Has All The Latest



THE DOCTOR IS IN—Left to right, Donna Kite Stilley of Spruilltown is a lab technician. Dr. Rodney Hornbake is a Generalist, Nanette McKeel is a receptionist/secretarial transcriptionist.

It was the beauty of East Carolina that attracted the brains of Dr. Rodney Hornbake.

After four years of college at Purdue and seven years of medical schooling at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Hornbake and his wife could have settled down anywhere in the country where a doctor was needed but the Hornbakes had been on vacation up and down the Carolina coast a number of times—Outer Banks, Emerald Isles, etc.—and they decided to make this area their home.

Second choice was a small town in the mountains of Virginia just north of Winston-Salem. He grew up in Beaver, Pa., population 6,000.

For the last four years Dr. Hornbake has been one of several doctors practicing at the Eastern Carolina Internal Medicine Center also known as the Vanceboro Medical Center.

The Center was built in the early 1970's with money raised by the community and public or foundation money during a time when there was a shortage of physicians in East Carolina.

But now this area is head and shoulders with the rest of the country when it comes to medical care thanks to Rodney and his seven partners who rotate between the Center here and two others in Pollocksville and Havelock.

Soon the Vanceboro Medical Center will be adding x-ray facilities and they can already do electrocardiograms, they have a full time lab technician who does blood analysis, they can do pulmonary function tests to follow people with chronic lung diseases, and they have a minor trauma center with an ambulance port for people needing

their lacerations sewed up, heart attack victims, etc.

There are four examining rooms, a waiting room area, and an office.

Dr. Hornbake explained the situation as follows: "Our main office in Pollocksville takes patients from all over East Carolina and our office in Havelock is just like the office here in Vanceboro.

"Between the three offices there are eight physicians and among the eight of us at any one time there are probably 50 or more of our patients in Craven County Hospital and with that many patients in the hospital it is necessary that one of the doctors be on call for the hospital at all times and the eight of us take turns.

"This is why the same doctor is not in Vanceboro every day and why all eight doctors live in New Bern so they can be near the hospital when it is their turn to be on call.

"I spend about two days a week in Vanceboro, two days in Havelock, and a day on call at Craven County Hospital while Dr. Pocock spends three days here, one at Havelock, and one at the hospital."

Dr. Hornbake and his seven partners can be described as primary care doctors taking the role of the one-time general practitioner who did everything until the late 1800's when doctors began to specialize.

Dr. Hornbake and his partners all specialize in internal medicine which is concerned with the care of internal diseases in adult patients.

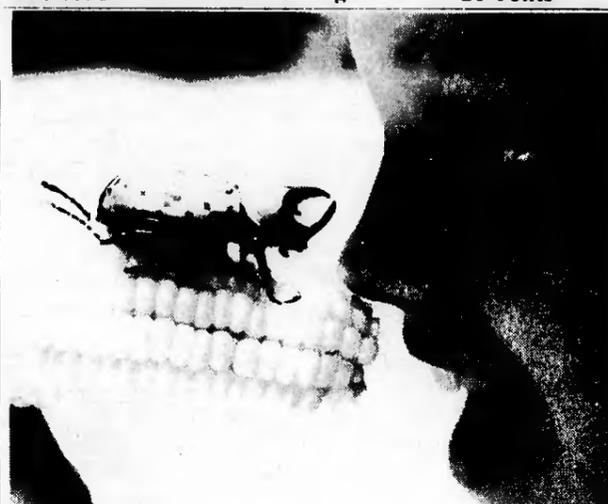
Of the eight doctors four are generalists and four are sub-specialists with Dr. Hornbake being a generalist.

The four sub-specialists are in the area of cardiology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, and infectious diseases.

Except for a few specialized areas there is almost total overlap in the abilities of the eight doctors and they are usually the first doctor a patient comes in to see and most of the time they are able to handle the problem unless the patient is referred to another doctor, for example a broken bone would be sent to an orthopedic surgeon who does nothing but take care of bones and joints.

Asked if this area shows a higher rate of disease in special cases, Dr. Hornbake said the southeast U. S. has a much higher rate of kidney stones which on theory may be due to an absence of soil elements here that inhibit stone formation in other areas of the country.

He also said North Carolina has a higher rate of tuberculosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and sarcoidosis which is a chronic disease affecting mainly the lungs among the black population.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE COB KIND—There's no tellin' what a boy of 11 is going to get his nose into during summer vacation. In this case it was boy wonder Dale Gaskins of Vanceboro in a staredown duel against a rhinoceros beetle in the backyard of Granddaddy Ralph Hill.

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(All Democrats)

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Dist. 1 Seat 1	Votes		
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E.J. Bengel	1931	D.D. Holton, Sr.	773
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D. Hubbard	470	N.C. Rice	387
H.L. Jones	576	Dist. 3	
S.R. French	5165	J.T. Brazelton	1379
R.L. Thomas	2399	L.E. Pridgen, Jr.	3818
		J.B. Willis	2647
		Dist. 4	
		R.F. Webb	4514
		W.J. Wynne, Jr.	2939



BIG WINNER—Flora Fortner of Cowpens Landing got the 19" color t.v. in the Wachovia Bank door prize drawing following their grand opening. (see page 10)

Question of the Week: What changes would you like at the Vanceboro Library after it relocates?



Shirley Bryan of Vanceboro

"I'd like to see daily newspapers like the Wall Street Journal, the News and Observer, magazines like U.S. News and World Report, Time. I'd like to purchase a cup of coffee to drink while I'm reading."



Sybil Whitford of Vanceboro

"I would like extra carrels, better books and more books, daily newspapers like the News and Observer and the New Bern paper, a few popular magazines like Good Housekeeping and Family Health."



Alan Jordan of Vanceboro

"How about a few good magazines like Hot Rod and Car Craft and maybe a flying magazine or two. Also a video cassette recorder with a collection of current movies on video cassette tape."



Ruth Witherington of Vanceboro

"I think they need some learning magazines like National Geographic and Smithsonian so more people use the library rather than watch t.v. Also short educational movies and classical recordings."