

# It's All In A Name

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Jeff Greenberg's remarks a while back in this very paper about how Rand-McNally's atlas spelled Caton with a "y" got me to thinking about Caton and a few old friends there.

But also, everytime I think about Caton the sound of the word makes me think about this guy I know who has the same last name, except he uses a "y" and also has a "K" instead of a "C".

But whereas Caton is a Craven County community with lots of pine trees, Kayton is a cattle farmer in Virginia who drinks Old Milwaukee over ice (Yech!) and throws things at the tee vee when the Washington Redskins are losing.

And while it is obvious to all concerned that Caton is not named for Brian Kayton, the aforementioned farmer, it might not be a bad idea to name a town for Kayton.

It was Kayton, after all, who made me listen to my first Jerry Jeff Walker album, and any man who likes Jerry Jeff Walker and the Washington Redskins surely deserves a town named after him.

### Great speaker

After all, they did as much for Zebulon Baird Vance, and all he was, was a Governor of North Carolina and war hero.

He must have been one heck of a speechmaker, too. In 1876 he made a campaign speech while running for his second term in Raleigh in a town called Swift Creek.

It must have been one hand-clapper, foot-stomper of a speech, because the folks in Swift Creek in 1877 renamed their town and had it incorporated as Vanceboro, even though Zeb eventually also got a county and a mountain named after him.

### Too many Coves

Nothing against 'ol Zeb, rest his soul, but since he already has a county and a mountain named after him, which is more than Brian Kayton has, I kind of like the name Swift Creek better than Vanceboro.

Of course, even Vanceboro is better than Dugantown, which is what the place was called from 1750 to 1845 or so.

But admittedly, naming a town after a creek can cause problems.

Take Cove City, which used to be Cove Creek, for the creek that winds from Great Dover Swamp to the Neuse River. Somewhere along the line they dropped "Creek" and added "City," presumably because there are at least eight other Cove Creeks in North Carolina.

That's not even to mention a Cove Creek Community, Cove Creek Ridge, Cove Creek Gap, Cove Creek Township, and Cove Branch, all in the N. C. mountains.

Calling our Cove Creek community Cove City saves us Tar Heels considerable confusion.

And perhaps naming Vanceboro after an allegedly swift creek that barely even moves in the summertime is not that great of an idea after all.

### Indian Wars

Sometimes you wonder if maybe the mapmakers and community founders should have gotten together.

I mean, here in Western Craven County you have a town named for a fort which was built for fighting Indians and which was named for John Barnwell, who came up to the Neuse from South Carolina to help fight the Indians.

Just a deer-rifle shot away, through the pine and cypress is another community called Tuscarora, named for those self-same Indians.

Other local communities have been named for stranger things.

Dover got its name because a guy named Frances Stringer had a plantation there at the turn of the century (turn of the 19th century, that is) called Dover. Historians, those who care, anyway, think Frances named it for the city of Dover in England, the one with the white cliffs and all.

Calico got its name because Henry Venters' store in the crossroads just over the Craven-Pitt County line supposedly sold more Calico cloth than any other store in Pitt County.

If I ever name a town, I'm just enough of a wise guy to saddle it with a weird name like Floorboards or Brain Damage Corners.

Either that or name it after Brian Kayton.

## Town of Vanceboro-Budget

In a called meeting on June 28, 1982, the Vanceboro Town Aldermen approved the below 1982-83 Budget for the Town of Vanceboro.

### Budget Town of Vanceboro 1982-1983

<b>I. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES: 30,498</b>	
A. Salaries	10,100
B. Office Supplies	700
C. Advertising	200
D. Telephone	900
E. Lights	9,500
F. Repairs	250
G. Legal	500
H. Audit	2,200
I. Miscellaneous	5,648
J. Gas	500
<b>II. POLICE DEPARTMENT: 19,872</b>	
A. Salaries & Expenses	12,500
B. Clothing Allowance	300
C. Supplies	1,000
D. Repairs	1,500
E. Equipment	400
F. Phone	822
G. Gas	3,000
H. Radio Maint.	350
<b>III. GARBAGE COLLECTIONS: 33,460</b>	
A. Salaries	26,460
B. Truck Expenses	3,000
C. Gas	4,000
<b>IV. NON-DEPARTMENTAL: 13,270</b>	
A. Social Security Tax Exp.	5,670
B. Insurance & Bonds	6,500
C. Dues & Subscriptions	500
D. Rent	600
<b>V. STREET FUND (POWELL BILL): 12,701</b>	
A. Equipment	600
B. Labor	4,620
C. Street Improvements	6,481
D. Gas	1,000
<b>VI. REVENUE SHARING: 10,269</b>	
A. Capital Assets	10,269
<b>VII. UTILITY DEPARTMENT: 86,341</b>	
A. Water Department:	
1. Salaries	6,615
2. Electricity	3,782
3. Salt & Bleach	4,000
4. Parts & Supplies	5,000
5. Office Supplies	1,000
6. License	64
7. Principal FHA	4,000
8. Interest FHA	8,000
9. Deposit Refunds	250
B. Sewer Department:	
1. Salaries	7,828
2. Electricity	14,225
3. Parts & Supplies	5,000
4. Principal FHA	5,000
5. Interest FHA	17,975
6. Telephone	2,512
7. Lab Contract	1,090
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES: 206,411</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>	
<b>I. LOCAL TAXES: 52,575</b>	
A. 1981 Taxes	50,000
B. Prior Years Taxes	1,000
C. Privilege License	875
D. Auto Tags	700
<b>II. REVENUE FROM STATE &amp; FEDERAL: 51,869</b>	
A. Powell Fund	12,500
B. Franchise Tax	7,500
C. Intangible Tax	2,000
D. Beer & Wine	3,000
E. Revenue Sharing	10,269
F. Sales & Use	16,000
G. Traffic Signals Refund	600
<b>III. OTHER REVENUES: 101,967</b>	
A. Court Cost	500
B. ABC	250
C. Sales Tax Refund	650
D. Gas Tax Refund	600
E. Water Revenue	30,400
F. Sewer Revenue	50,000
G. Garbage Fees	18,667
H. Rent	900
<b>TOTAL REVENUES: 206,411</b>	



**THOSE WERE THE DAYS**—1962 Farm Life School Graduate Betty Lou Smith Swaringen reminisces with husband Leon during the recent reunion. Betty's former teacher and the evening's guest speaker Jake Hinton said, "I don't remember anything bad about this class (long pause) that I want to repeat. Former teacher Mrs. Hill was described as a teacher who taught the 9th grade girls not to kiss when they already knew how in the 6th. Anne Hill, now living in Grimesland, said, "I was so excited to see former classmates who's faces I had not looked into for 20 whole years."

## 20th Year Class Reunion

The 20th year class reunion for Farm Life High School Class of 1962 was held July 2, 1982 at 7:00 p. m. at the Ramada Inn, New Bern.

The Welcome was given by Anne Hill Williams, then class members sang the school song.

Invocation was by Betty Whitford Respass and the guest speaker was Mr. Jake Hinton.

Recognition of guests by Sondra Ipock Riggs included Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hinton, Mrs. Clayton Wright, Mrs. Geneva Pittman, Mrs. Nell Hill, Mrs. Dorothy Buck, Mrs. Vivian Taylor, Mrs. James Ipock (Grademother), and Mrs. Maggie Hartley (Grademother).

A memorial for Clayton Wright, Jr., Walley Pittman, and Mr. E. P. Blair was done by Judith Ipock Chance.

Introduction of class members and husbands was done by each class member.

Recognition of Committee Members by Anne H. Williams were: Judy Dudley McLawhorn, Nancy Russell Broadway, Judith Ipock Chance, Frances Fillingame Mahoney, Betty Whitford Respass, Betty Nobles Cleve, Diane Hartley Martin, Anne Hill Williams, and Sondra Ipock Riggs.

Diane Hartley Martin and Betty Nobles Cleve presented gifts to the farthest traveled -Joye Burton Nelson from Spring, Texas; longest married -Hilda Nobles Buckner; oldest grandchild-Diane Hartley Martin; first letter received-Janice Anderson Riggs; and last letter received-Kenneth Wiggins

## This Here 'N' That There

By Jeff Greenberg

Writing this column at the very last moment each week can be a pain in the neck if there is lots of space to fill but that's no problem this week - is it?!

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