

Aldermen Angry

Vanceboro Town Board gets tough on meter tampering

by Rick Cannon
Special to the Highlights

The Vanceboro Board of Aldermen lashed out at persons suspected of tampering with their water meters during its monthly meeting Monday night, August 2nd. After hearing that several meters appeared to have been tampered with, the board warned that in the future anyone whose water meter has been violated or tampered with will be prosecuted. Mayor Jimmie Morris emphasized that no exceptions will be made to this policy. "This situation is

disgusting," Morris indicated, "we have to put a stop to it." It is very easy to detect meter tampering. Each time a meter is read, the reader checks the plastic seal on the meter. A broken seal is a clear indication of a violation.

Old buildings

Old buildings on Main Street and College Avenue were again topics of discussion. During the past year, much progress has been made in either repairing or removing old, abandoned

buildings in Vanceboro. Two buildings that remain are the Taylor building on Main Street and the former Ada Lancaster residence on College Avenue. Alderman Alton Whitley volunteered to check on the status of the Taylor building. He indicated that it was his understanding that the owners of the building had decided to demolish the structure. Mayor Morris directed that a letter be sent to the heirs of Mrs. Ada Lancaster requiring them to improve or

remove the house on College Avenue within sixty days or the Town will recommend to the Craven County Fire Marshall that the house be demolished and the lot cleaned up.

Cable TV meeting slated

Tele-National Communications, Inc., a Pensacola, Florida based firm, has contacted the Town of Vanceboro about the prospects of installing cable-television here. The Board voted to meet with representatives of the corporation

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Business teacher leaves after 20 years

Stilley retires

Mrs. Maggie Gatlin Stilley will not return to her usual typing classes when the bell rings for the 1982-83 school year. She is retiring from public school teaching after four years in Pamlico County Schools, 15 years with Craven County Schools and one year with New Bern-Craven County Schools.

Mrs. Stilley graduated from Farm Life High School in the Class of 1949. She received her BS degree in Business Education from East Carolina University. While at ECU she was an active member of the Beta Kappa Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, an honorary business fraternity, serving as historian for one year.

She recalled one of her most remembered experiences was working on a committee with Dr. James L. White, Father of Future Business Leaders Association, to write the first handbook for the State FBLA.

Mrs. Stilley worked very hard to keep an active FBLA in the schools where she taught. When she

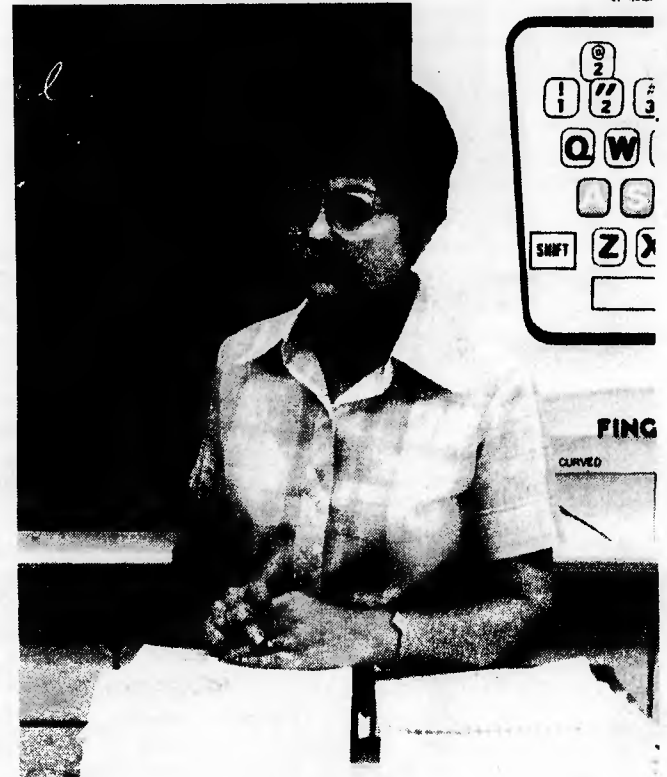
found no FBLA Chapter at Farm Life School in 1957, she got busy and organized the Chapter. This Chapter is still active at West Craven High School where she taught for the last eleven years.

She stated that she is thankful for the opportunity to meet so many young people and to have some influence on their life. She leaves her classroom with the feeling that the time spent there has been very worthwhile to her and the many students she has taught through the years.

Mrs. Stilley has set a good example for her fellow workers by being a member of many professional organizations such as Association of Classroom Teachers; Local, State, and National Education Association. In local club activity she was sponsor of the school's Bible Club.

Mrs. Stilley is married to Billy Stilley and they have two children, Todd and Beth.

The Stilleys live in Askin on Rt. 1, Box 214, Ernul, N. C. 28527.



Mrs. Maggie Gatlin Stilley

Question of the Week: What Do You Like Best About School?



Chad Braxton-Vanceboro
Will be in 1st grade at Farm Life Elementary this year. Best thing Chad likes to do is color and write.



Jesse Harris-Cove City-5th grade
Likes math better than anything. "I don't particularly like to attend school, but I have to because I want a good education," said Jesse



Cassie McCoy-Cove City-7th grade
"Glad I can get a good Christian Education." Cassie attends Bethel Christian Academy, Kinston.



Vera Dixon-Jasper Kindergarten
Likes coloring and recess. Likes playing with all the other children. Vera will be in the first grade this year.