

Vanceboro—Farm Life Elementary School Dedication— October 31, 1982, 2:00 p.m.

On Sunday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m., the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education will dedicate the new Vanceboro-Farm Life Elementary School. The program will be as follows:

Welcome—

Mr. Roger Forrest, Chairman
New Bern-Craven County Board of Education

Invocation—

Rev. Claude Wilson
Vanceboro United Methodist Church

Guests Recognition—

Mrs. Alice Underhill, Vice Chairman
New Bern-Craven County Board of Education

Music—

Vanceboro-Farm Life Students

Presentation of School—

Mr. Robert H. Stephens, Architect
Stephens and Cardelli

Acceptance of School—

Mr. Richard Bowers, Principal
Mr. Jimmie L. Morris, Mayor
Vanceboro

Introduction of Speaker—

Senator Joseph E. Thomas
North Carolina Senator, Second District

Speaker—

Commissioner James A. Graham
North Carolina Department of Agriculture

Resolutions of Special Tribute—

Dr. Ben D. Quinn, Superintendent
New Bern-Craven County Schools

Acceptance—

Mrs. Edward P. Blair
and
Mr. William E. Blair,
Family of Mr. Edward P. Blair
Former Principal of Farm Life School



Northeast

View

Front of

School



Mr. Hiram J. Mayo, Former Superintendent
Craven County Schools

New Bern-Craven County Schools

Music—

West Craven High School Chorus

Dedicatory Prayer—

Rev. L.E. Garriss, Evangelist

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will follow the ceremony.

Remarks—

Dr. Ben D. Quinn, Superintendent

Speaker Commissioner James A. Graham

Jim Graham was born on a farm in Rowan County, North Carolina, in the community of Cleveland where he attended high school. He earned his B.S. Degree at North Carolina State University in agriculture and was elected permanent president of the class of '42.

Commissioner Graham is married to the former Helen Ida Kirk. They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. T. Reed (Alice) Underhill of New Bern, North Carolina, and Mrs. Berry (Connie) Brooks of Columbia, Tennessee. They have four grandchildren.

Graham operates a farm in Rowan County where he maintains a cow-calf beef operation. His entire life has been devoted to the industry of agriculture in North Carolina.

Agricultural Leadership

Commissioner Graham began his career as an agriculture teacher in Iredell County and later served as superintendent of Upper Mountain Research Farm, manager of Winston-Salem Fair, first full-time secretary of the North Carolina

Hereford Breeders Association, and manager of the Farmers' Market in Raleigh. He served as president of the National Association of Market Managers and the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Graham was elected Commissioner of Agriculture in 1964 and re-elected in 1968, 1972 and 1976. Under his leadership the department has been reorganized according to programs administered by the various divisions. He has always been in the forefront of efforts to help the producer and the consumer alike. His determination has been that the many faceted programs of the department would serve the people of North Carolina in the best possible way.

By legislation Commissioner Graham is the chairman of the North Carolina Board of agriculture. He serves on numerous boards and committees relating to the duties of commissioner and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is a member of the Council of State, the top decision-making body in the executive branch of state government. He is a life-long Democrat.



Commissioner James A. (Jim) Graham