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Town Board hears explanation of grant application.

Vanceboro Town Board OK's Grant Application

After a full explanation of the grant application for construction of an industrial condominium, the town meeting was open for questions from the Vanceboro citizens attending the hearing. Most of the concern was that undesirable tenants might become owners of the facility. The people were reassured that zoning laws and a first refusal clause in the title would control the tenant of the facility. The construction of the industrial facility would not cost the town any money, but the town would be able to sell the facility to up to four tenants, giving each tenant 5,000 square feet of space. The returns from the sale could be used by the town to develop another facility.

The total of the grant application amounts to \$425,000.

Other business before the board was the approval of payment of current bills in the amount of \$6,554.46.

Carolina Benchmark Corp, an engineering company, told the town board they would receive from the state a planning grant of \$7,000. This grant will be used to study the community and make recommendations for improvements that can be made under grant

money. The goal will be to define area of impact, housing needs, and other needs of the community. The original request was for \$11,152.

Citizens objected to local policeman patrolling the bypass around Vanceboro. The police commissioner, Alton Whitley, said he had discussed the matter with the officer and it would be taken care of.

Street repairs, street lights and parking was under discussion. The mayor assured the citizens everything possible is being done to continue improvement of all our facilities.

The question of what to do about a local residence that is in need of repair was discussed. The home is located on Main Street and seems to be a danger to the public since part of the porch support has been knocked out by a recent auto collision. The mayor stated he was working with the family to correct the situation.

Another public meeting concerning the application for funds to erect an industrial condominium will be held at 8:00 in the town hall on Thursday, September 20.

Vanceboro Rural Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Vanceboro Rural Volunteer Fire Department has progressed a long way since answering its first fire call on October 31, 1959 to extinguish a burning vehicle. It has grown from a department of 60 members and one pumper, to 75 members, three pumpers, two tankers, an equipment van, and a brush truck.

The members of the department would like to thank each person that has helped over the last 25 years to make it a success. Many of our citizens have given unselfishly of their

time, efforts, and money to build a solid department. Many of our citizens have been members of the department over the years and this reflects on the positive attitude of our community.

Without the support of our community we certainly could not do the things necessary to maintain a high level of training. One example of the support is the addition of a sub-station in the Epworth community to help serve our district better. Each year we have called upon our citizens

to support our efforts on Fireman's Day, and each year they have given us their support. To each of you we say thanks, thanks for the equipment your money will buy, thanks for helping to make our jobs a little safer, thanks for helping us put out fires a bit more efficiently, and thanks for letting us know you're behind us. Fighting fires isn't something we can do by ourselves. We will always need your help. Thanks for your support.

Local Man Makes Rockin' Horse

A Vanceboro man has started making rocking horses during his spare time. One of his hobbies has been carpenter work and this enterprise of making Rockin' Horses came about when he decided he needed something he could do at home in his spare time. Most any evening you can see Robert Ipock of College Street in Vanceboro shaping a new Rockin' Horse.

Robert figures he spends about a week cutting, sanding, gluing, and nailing a Rockin' Horse together and getting it ready to place on the market.

At the present time he has been taking orders and filling them on a first order, first delivered basis.

This has truly given him a part-time job and keeps him busy in his spare time.



Photo by R. L. Cannon, Jr.

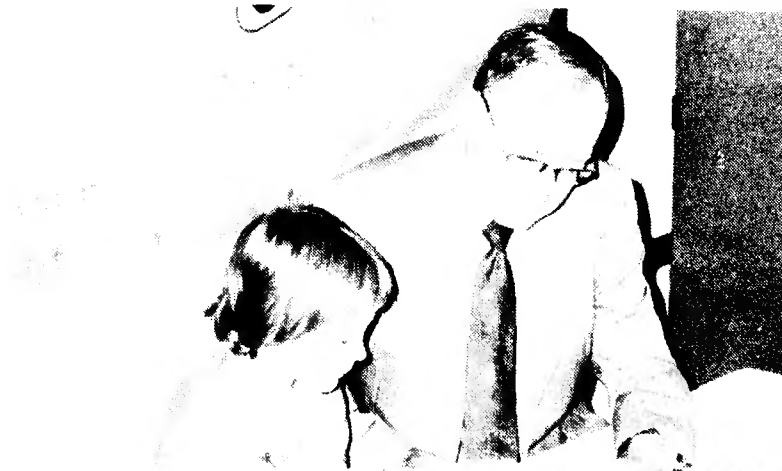
Patricia Wilson enjoys ride on Rockin' Horse

School Volunteers Wanted

The teachers and students of Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School need your help as a school volunteer during the 1984-85 school year. The H.U.G. "Help Us Grow" Volunteer Program utilizes volunteers to enrich and expand the regular curriculum offered in our school.

Regular volunteers give one hour a week in the area of their choice. This may be reading, math, art, science, or in other areas of the curriculum. Volunteers are also needed in

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Howard Tyre, member of Vanceboro Rotary Club which is an adopt-a-school agent in the Volunteer program at VFLES.