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Rotarian Jimmy Morris, Mayor of Vanceboro, presents General Mead and his wife a Vanceboro Rotary Banner and a history of Vanceboro while Rotary President Charles Eatmon looks on.

Brigadier General and Mrs. James M. Mead Visit Vanceboro Rotary Club

Brigadier General James M. Mead USMC, Commander Marine Corps Bases, Eastern Area/Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina and his wife the former Patricia Covington of Belmont N.C. were guests of honor at the Vanceboro Rotary Club's semi-annual observance of "Ladies Night" Thursday evening, March 13.

General Mead outlined in an informative and most interesting talk to a large gathering of Vanceboro Rotarians, Rotary Anns, State and Craven County elected officials and other community leaders from Western Craven County, the mission and high state of combat readiness of the Marine Corps and the structure and mission of the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, with its economic and social impact on Craven County and Eastern North Carolina.

Our speaker, a seasoned combat veteran with 29 years of distinguished military service in the United States Marine Corps served two combat tours in Vietnam and twice served with the peach Keeping Forces in Lebanon.

As the commanding officer of the 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit (MAV) during the period of August to October 1982, General Mead led his unit into Lebanon as Commander United States Force ashore, the U.S. Contingent of the Multi-National Force, which was ordered into Lebanon to assist the Lebanese Government as a peacekeeping force. Later, in early 1983 the General was assigned as commanding officer of the 22nd MAV which returned to Lebanon as Landing Force Sixth Fleet. While in this assignment, he was selected, in February 1983 for promotion to Brigadier General. His personal decorations and awards include the Silver Star Medal Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" plus fifteen other combat and service medals.

General and Mrs. Mead have four children, 1st Lt. Matthew J. Mead, USMCR, 1st Lt. Michael D. Mead, USMCR, Mrs. Melanie Mead Regan and Mitzi I. Mead.

Giving as an example of the exceptionally high quality of the present day Marines, which contribute much to the Marine Corps high state of combat readiness, General Mead pointed out that 98% of all enlisted marines were high school graduates and the other 2% were men and women with extra ordinary talents who did not graduate from high school on schedule due to unusual circumstances. With this caliber of marine recruits he said we are starting out with young people who are already successful - they are high school graduates. They are generally family oriented

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Jarwarn Cox

Bus Driver Of The Month

The Bus Driver Club of West Craven High School selects an outstanding driver at each school meeting. The drivers selected Jarwarn Cox, a mature and responsible driver.

This driver has done an outstanding job of two years. She has a positive attitude and gets along well with her fellow drivers, maintains good order on the bus and abides by the rules, policies, and regulations of the system. Along with these guidelines, she maintains proper care of the bus, and has a good safety record.

Jarwarn is active in her community and school. She belongs to the Bus Drivers Club and DECA club. She is active in the athletic program at West Craven. She has played basketball for several years and has received the honors of All Conference Player, Most Outstanding, and Most Valuable Player for her efforts.

Jarwarn is an excellent selection, and the bus drivers club would like to congratulate her for the job she has done.



L to R John L. Barrett, Roberk Division, Personnel Director, North Carolina Operations, Ron Lovett, Roberk Division, Plant Manager, Standing: Cleo Hennon, Dell Ipock, Gerald McGowen, Stanley Kite, Dean Morris and Dixie Lee Jarman.

Roberk Presents Checks

Cleo Hennon, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Dean Morris, Vanceboro Rescue Squad, Stanley Kite, Vanceboro Fire Department, Gerald McGowen Director Craven Evaluation and Training Center, Dell Ipock Chairman, Craven Community College Foundation, Dixie Lee Jarman Executive Director, Craven Community College Foundation, received cash gifts at an informal gathering at the Roberk Plant in Vanceboro, Monday morning, March 17, to be used by the Craven County Public Non-Profit Organizations they represented.

After the presentation Mr. Ron Lovett, plant manager, stated that the construction for the new addition should begin the second week in April and at that time Roberk plans an official ground breaking ceremony with Vanceboro and Craven County officials, members of the County Industrial Commission, area business and community leaders, citizens from throughout Craven County and Roberk/Parker Hannifin officials being invited to attend. Media from Eastern N.C. will be encouraged to attend also as Mr. Lovett said, "this is a big event. We plan to keep growing in this area, we are planning on being here tomorrow and twenty five years from now."

Strawberry Festival News

Plans are underway for this year's Strawberry Festival-Rescue Day Saturday, May 10. The festival planning committee has already begun plans to make this year's festival our best ever. Connie Bryan is in charge of the local groups section. There is a form in this week's Highlights, which can be filled out and mailed to her. She encourages all groups in the Vanceboro area to participate in the day's event. She stated, "This is an excellent opportunity for

everyone to come together and celebrate the things that make our town so special. Local groups can raise some extra funds, while they also help the Rescue Squad.

Again this year, the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club will be sponsoring an individual Crafts Fair. Persons interested in this should also contact Connie Bryan or use this same form and indicate that they are not a local group. There is a \$10.00 pre-registration fee for all booths.