



# HIGHLIGHTS

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FFA officer John Dixon (right) received a warm handshake from state vice president Hugh Soloman, 1985 graduate of Williamston H.S. is attending Martin Community College on a transfer program from North Carolina State University.

## FFA V.P. Speaks to West Craven Group

Hugh Soloman, North Carolina FFA Vice President, spoke with the West Craven FFA members on the great opportunity available to them through participation in the Future Farmers of America Organization. He cited one of the advantages as being able to travel and meet so many members.

After being elected at the state Convention in Raleigh last June he then traveled to South Carolina, Georgia and Washington, D.C. to attend the State Presidents Conference. While in Washington, Hugh, had the opportunity to meet and speak with President Ronald Reagan. His travels this year include the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, 3 N.C. District leadership conferences and 50 chapter and banquet speaking engagements.

Hugh told the West Craven members that his term as state officer will enable him to improve communication skills while learning more about the different areas, of our state. According to him, this will be great preparation for a possible national office next year and a future career as a vocational agriculture teacher. Hugh said, "that if I could give one piece of advice to a freshmen it would be, to join incoming FFA, no other organization can prepare you better for life than the FFA."

Vanceboro area for the past six years. When asked why Vanceboro, she replied "I married a marine from Texas, B.F. McGowan."

You can find a book about her life in the Vanceboro Library titled "Mary Jo" by Lee White McGowan and learn more about her exciting life. She says she doesn't tell all but you should find it interesting reading.

and lyricists.

Ms. Lea McGowan of Rt. 2 Lot 2 (West Craven Heights), Vanceboro, has a country love song featured on the album titled "FOREVER". It is performed by Cathy Cox.

Her album has been sent to WAZZ, WNOS, and WSFL, Record Bar and Hawks Radio and TV in New Bern. It may also be obtained directly from Rainbow Records.

Ms. McGowan has had other works published. Her first work was published in "American Poetry Anthology." She at present has four songs submitted for publication, one to Nashville, Tenn. and three to a publishing firm in Wisconsin. She has also written a novel, "Voice Of Destiny," a love story about the Civil War just waiting to be published. She likes to be known as a lyricist as well as a novelist and has been writing about three years.

Ms. McGowan was born about seven miles from Whiteville, N.C. She moved away, worked in the Pentagon as a clerk-typist. She is retired now and has been living in the



Vanceboro Rescue Squad 15 Members

Left to right, First Row: Annette Mills, Esther Gaskins, Oral Morris, Nannette McKeel, Debbie Tripp, Rose Morris. Second Row: Tina Chapman, Joyce Toler, Debra Banks, Jean Smith, Jerry Smith, Stanley Kite, Danny Barrow. Third Row: Robbie Mill, Scott Feller, Terry Kite, Frank Brown, Calvin Ellis, Greg Howard, Allen Lewis. Not Pictured: Jane Aldridge, Marietta Fulcher, Allen Gaskins, Kenneth Hill, William Jewell, Dianne Kite, Sallie Taylor Patsy Townsend, Jonny Midgette, Keith Morris, Terry Morris, Willie Morris, Barbara Powers, Lindsey Smith, Earline Spear, David Wayne.

## September 21-27 Proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week

The week of September 21-27 has been proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week by Governor Martin. In making the proclamation Governor Martin stated "All North Carolinians can be proud of our emergency medical system which provides life-saving treatment and care 24 hours a day. This is made possible by the dedicated team effort of Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Emergency Department Physicians and Nurses who received specialized training to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies."

In observance of this, the Vanceboro Rescue Squad will have teams located at various points throughout the week taking blood pressure readings, and answering questions about the local squad. We encourage each of you to visit the teams and let them know that you support their efforts.

The Vanceboro Rescue Squad was formed and chartered in September 1977, by a group of citizens that saw a real need for quick and professional emergency medical care for our community. Through the effort of this group and many others that have since followed, and through the support of our community we now have a very well trained and dedicated emergency response organization that responds to approximately 360 emergency calls a year.

To become a Emergency Medical Technician is not an easy road, you must complete a course of over 100 hours in classroom and hand on training. At the end of the course you must pass a state examination, and then you are certified through the state program. In order to retain your certification you must continue to participate in classroom work and you are tested every two years by the state. The Vanceboro Rescue Squad requires each

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Ms. Lea McGowan

## Local Talent Featured on Album

Rainbow Records of Hollywood, Ca., recently announced the release of an album HOLLYWOOD GOLD, featuring 16 of the latest songs written by some of today's most promising composers