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Budget Adopted By Town

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Editor

The Vanceboro Board of Aldermen adopted the town's overall \$325,335 budget for 1987-88 and a tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 tax valuation at a called meeting June 11.

The budget for fiscal year 1987-88 appropriates \$190,494 for the general fund and \$134,841 for the water and sewer fund.

The largest source of revenue for the 1987-88 budget is \$70,000 which will come from ad valorem taxes. The next-largest revenue source will come from sales taxes, and will bring in about \$32,000 to the town. Other major sources of revenue are garbage fees, \$25,200; Powell Bill (street) funds, \$21,000 and franchise taxes, \$16,000.

The 1987-88 budget appropriates \$51,052 for the Administration Department, \$54,568 for the Sanitation Department, \$46,221 for the Street Department and \$25,295 for the Police Department. The library will receive \$9,620 and the budget earmarks \$3,738 for fire protection.

The 1987-88 budget lists \$72,000 income from sewer charges and \$46,000 in water charges. The town's budget earmarks \$76,799 to be spent for sewer costs and projects and \$58,042 to be spent for water costs and projects.

Other areas of income for the town and the amount of revenue they are expected to produce follow:

Library, \$8,614; intangible tax, \$4,000; beer and wine tax, \$4,000; interest, \$2,000; cable television, \$1,500; privilege licenses, \$1,000; ad valorem taxes from prior years, \$1,000; rent, \$900; gas tax refund, \$800; traffic signal refund, \$580; auto tags, \$500; officer fees, \$200 and interest and penalties on late taxes, \$200.

Other sources of income for the water and sewer funds and the

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Three Injured

Three people were injured Sunday when a car slammed into a tractor-trailer on U.S. 17 north of Vanceboro. Traffic on the road was affected for seven hours while rescue and fire personnel from Vanceboro freed the victims and wreckage was removed. Reed Sparks, 41, of Gloucester was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident by investigating trooper J.T. Hofmann of the Highway Patrol. Sparks was traveling north when he lost control of the truck when he tried to

avoid hitting a car in front of him. Sparks crossed the highway and struck a pole. The trailer swung out into the highway where it was struck by a car driven by Russell Gray of Chocowinity, said the Highway Patrol. Gray and his passenger, Maryland Deloatch of Grimesland, and Sparks were taken to Craven County Hospital. Sparks and Ms. Deloatch were treated at the hospital and released. Gray was admitted and is in stable condition, said a hospital spokesman.

161 Graduates From WCHS Earn Diplomas

Diplomas were presented to 161 graduates of West Craven High School's 17th graduating class last Thursday night in Eagle Stadium.

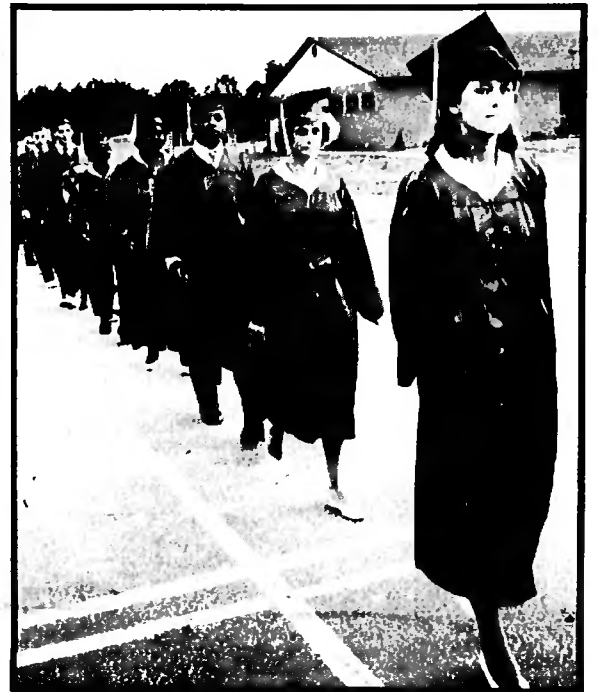
The commencement exercises for the 161 member of the Class of 1987 began with the senior professional, *Pomp and Circumstance*, by James Polyhar. The welcome to family and guests of the graduates was given by Senior Class President Michelle Kearney.

The invocation was delivered

by Joannette Best, president of the Student Government Association. Robert Jolly, principal of West Craven High School, recognized the guests. Clare Grundman's rendition of *Two Moods* was presented by the West Craven Concert Band.

Don Hughes, assistant principal at West Craven High School, introduced the speakers for the evening. The speakers were the valedictorian and salutatorian of

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Graduates march and wait for diplomas

Farm Life School Teacher Earns Educator Award

The New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education spotlights "Educators of the Month" for June, 1987. Mrs. Cynthia Belcher, an exceptional children teacher at Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School, Mrs. Lynn Cox, a second grade teacher at Roger Bell Elementary School, and Mrs. Nancy Wall, an exceptional children teacher from the Havelock Elementary Schools are the honorees.

Cynthia Belcher graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. Degree in education in the special education field. She specialized in education of

the mentally handicapped and is currently updating her certification in learning disabilities. She is currently serving as a resource teacher with students in grades one through five who are educable mentally handicapped or learning disabled. Mrs. Belcher works on an individualized program with each child she teaches. Each child's plan is communicated with the child's parents, other classroom teachers, and students. Her ability to adapt the curriculum to each child's needs, her belief in developing each child's self-worth to the fullest extent, and her strong drive to have each student achieve makes Mrs. Belcher an outstanding

teacher. Students in Mrs. Belcher's classroom know that they will be treated fairly and they know that she will share her time to help them learn anyway possible.

Mrs. Belcher is a member of NCAE and serves as chairperson of the school-based committee. She is married to Blake Belcher, attends the First Baptist Church and enjoys crafts and bird-watching.

Lynn Cox is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in early childhood education. She has done post graduate studies in the area of academically gifted education. She taught at West

Havelock Elementary before going to Roger Bell where she teaches second grade. Mrs. Cox believes that educators must be open-minded, flexible and adept at keeping lines of communication open with students, parents and teachers. Mrs. Cox challenges students in many ways in order that they might acquire the necessary skills for dealing with life. Some of the ways Cox challenges her students are through "hands-on" activities, guest speakers, and field trips. She also encourages the use of computers as learning tools. Her utmost goal in her everyday teaching is to help each individual child to develop a positive self-image.

"Only when children feel good about themselves will they be able to participate and appreciate the learning process and consider learning enjoyable," according to Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. Lynn Cox is a member of NEA-NCAE, the Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, and the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern. She is married to William Burton Cox and has one child.

Mrs. Nancy Wall is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College where she received a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. She received her M.S. Degree from East Carolina University in Elementary Education and has

North Carolina certification in Gifted Education. She presently is a resource teacher for academically gifted children from West Havelock Elementary, Havelock Elementary, Graham A. Barden Elementary, and Roger Bell Elementary. In Mrs. Wall's teaching she provides enrichment for students through small group and independent study units. She particularly likes to offer special interest projects and field trips outside the classroom setting and includes many community resources in her teaching. She feels that communication and understanding

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Getting Away From It All

When the hustle and bustle of a reunion gets too much, children have the uncanny ability to find a way to enjoy themselves. A nearby swing set offers a fine diversion from too many adults and watching eyes. Under the shade of an oak and with little adult supervision, these children get in some exercise and fun on a hot, sunny day. While

children were busy playing, adults were busy meeting old friends, enjoying tables loaded with home-cooked foods and comparing notes on children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Look for this scene to be repeated many times this summer as families hold reunions. (Mike Voss photo)

Ft. Barnwell School Involved

Twin Rivers Reading Council Told Reading Is Balancing Act

Members of the Twin Rivers Council of the International Reading Association were advised to keep growing as educators, and that growth comes by learning, by reading, by doing and by joining.

That advice came to the members at the recent meeting of the Twin Rivers Council from Dr. Molly J. Sloan, coordinator of personnel services at the Southeast Regional Education Center in Jacksonville. Ms. Sloan, guest speaker at the meeting, spoke on "Balancing Your Schwas and Your Songs." Ms. Sloan said that the schwas represent the mechanics of reading and the songs represent the enjoyment of reading.

She pointed out that reading is a constant balancing act of basic skills and enrichment. Ms. Sloan reminded the members that President Reagan has officially proclaimed this year as "Year of the Reader."

Ms. Sloan said the Basic Education Plan is an attempt to provide this balance to all the children of North Carolina. The Basic Education Plan requires schools to teach a specific curriculum, in effect offering the same course of study to all students across the state. The BEP

is designed to provide an equal opportunity for students regardless of the size of their school.

Ms. Sloan commended teachers for their positive attitudes toward teaching, which is evidenced in the increasing enrollment in the education field at colleges.

Martha Boyd, chairman of the Newspaper in Education Committee, announced that the North Carolina Newspaper in Education Foundation and the Twin Rivers Council were to have co-sponsored a Newspaper in Education workshop this week at the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education's administration building.

Joan Libert, chairman of the Celebrate Literacy Committee, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Craven County Literacy Council. The certificate commends the council's work in the promotion of reading. Accepting the award was Bill Swan, vice president of the council.

The publicity committee asked for volunteers interested in helping develop a logo for the Twin Rivers Council. The membership committee reported membership at 198 people.

During the Sharing Reading Time, several ideas were presented. Amy Salter showed how children could make their own "homemade TV", draw their own program and write or read their own script. Rebecca McLawhorn told about a Reading Fun Day to be held at Fort Barnwell School. Leslie Williford and Louie Sikes explained how seventh graders and kindergarten students were paired for a special reading-writing-caring relationship.

Ms. Sloan was presented a copy of the *Historic Guide to New Bern* and a READ license plate by the Twin Rivers Council.

President Bertha Grubb thanked the classes of Betty Blythe and Freda Thomas for the table decorations. The meeting concluded with the reading of a poem, *Read*, written by David Jackson, a fourth-grade student at Havelock Elementary School.

The International Reading Association is the major professional organization for classroom teachers, reading specialists, librarians, parents and others interested in the improvement of reading instruction and the development of the lifetime reading habit.