

# Eagles Battle East Wake Friday In AAA Playoffs



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### Ex-Teacher Still Giving Her Lesson

You are as young as you feel. For Fannie Patterson of Vanceboro, she must feel she is in her teens at times. The 79-year-old woman stays busy, even after years of teaching and doing for others.

She was born Sept. 14, 1908 and grew up in a small wooden house on the block where Bill Cleve's produce store now stands. The oldest of 11 children, Mrs. Patterson said she was influenced by her brothers while growing up and could "keep up with any of them."

Until she married Howard Patterson, Mrs. Patterson lived in Vanceboro. After the marriage, Mrs. Patterson and her husband moved to Athens, Ga. Mrs. Patterson later returned to North Carolina and taught mostly second- and third-grade students until 1974.

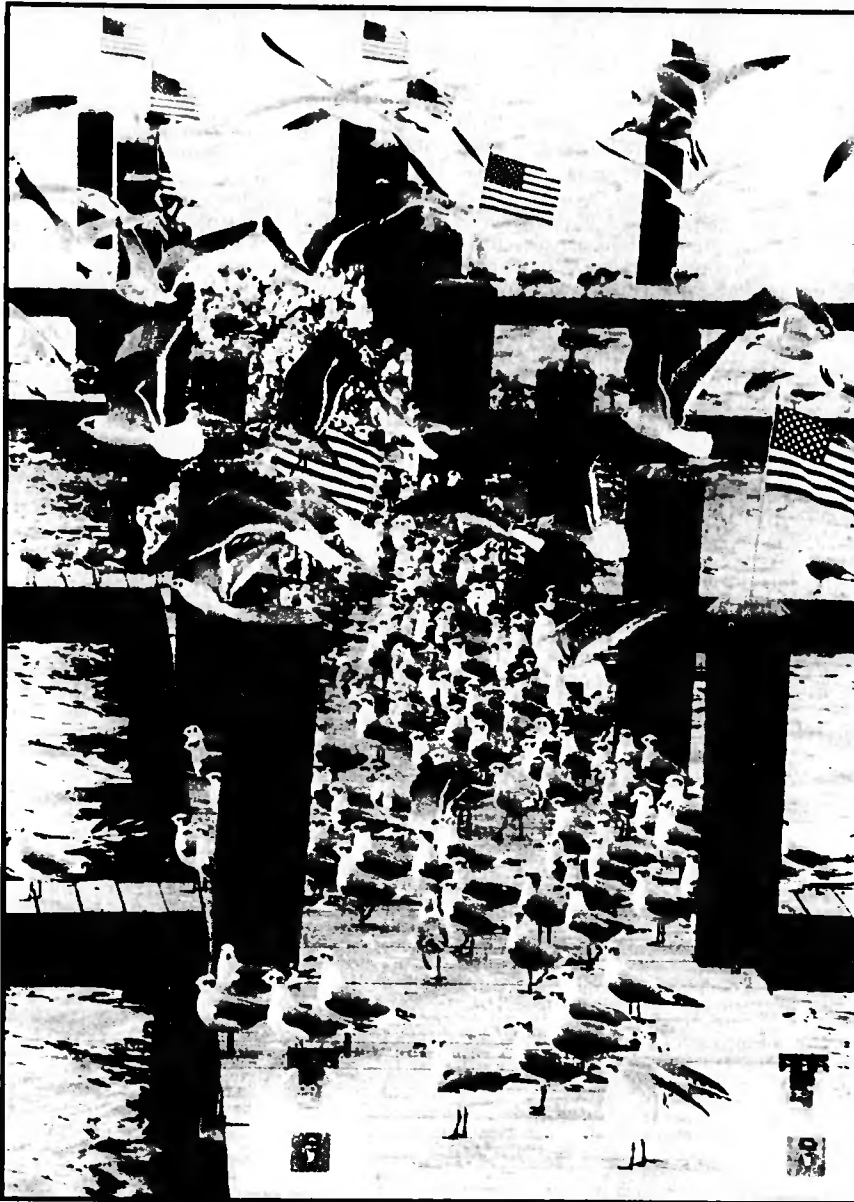
During her 37 years of teaching, Mrs. Patterson said she always enjoyed teaching children in the elementary grades. But she didn't stop there. Since 1971 Mrs. Patterson has worked as a volunteer in the New Bern-Craven County school system. She has worked with Barbara Forrest's and Irene Matthews' kindergarten classes.

When not toiling in the classroom, Mrs. Patterson enjoys toiling in the soil. Gardening is a favorite pastime, but for the last two years she has been unable to continue those activities.

Mrs. Patterson also teaches a Sunday School class at Vanceboro Episcopal Church, where she has been a member since 1948. Mrs. Patterson is making plans to attend a leadership conference in Unity, Missouri. Mrs. Patterson said she had high hopes of attending the centennial celebration.

Mrs. Patterson professes a love of children. She is a member of the Vanceboro 55's, the Betterment Club and the Vanceboro Homemakers Club. She has been active in civic affairs while residing in Vanceboro.

Some of the younger people in town could learn a lesson in feeling young from Mrs. Patterson.



Looking For Landing Space

Folks can say what they will about the crowded runway conditions at the Atlanta, Chicago or Dallas/Fort Worth airports. They don't hold a candle to the Haven's Wharf pier traffic. Finding a spot

large enough to set down on is quite a problem for these young laughing gulls. As soon as the deck is sufficiently soiled they'll move to the parkway. (Ric Carter photo)

### Mayor-Elect Says Change Is Needed

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

DOVER — Mayor-elect Margaret Creel thought it was time for a change in Dover town government. The voters last Tuesday must have agreed with her.

Mrs. Creel, who works in the office of World Wood Co. in Cove City, polled 115 votes to unseat incumbent Mayor P.G. Whitley who polled 79 votes. Hugh Wisener finished with 22 votes.

"I felt it was time for a change," said Mrs. Creel who said there was "so little new blood" in local government and that is why she entered the mayoral race. Mrs. Creel said about 90 percent of the people she talked to about town government felt as she did. "They told me they thought it was also time for a change," said Mrs. Creel.

However, Mrs. Creel is not the town's first woman mayor. She said Annie Wilson served as mayor "many years ago."

"I wasn't surprised at the voting. I did know I had a lot of strong support," she said of the election's outcome.

"I've had an interest in local politics for the last 20 years," she said and that interest along with her belief that it was time for a change led her to enter the mayoral race.

When did she think she had the election won? "I never was really sure of that. I felt I would a strong vote," she said. "It was exciting to me to anticipate the outcome."

Mrs. Creel said she felt she had a chance at winning the mayor's seat when she discovered "sup-

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### New Alderman Hopes To See Improvements

By TERRI JAMIESON  
Staff Writer

The Vanceboro Board of Aldermen will have a new face when it is sworn in next month. Roy Buck Jr., 52, will take the seat vacated by Howard Tyre who chose not to seek reelection.

Buck was elected by one vote, polling 102 votes to take the seat from R.S. Lancaster who received 101 votes.

"I haven't given it a lot of thought," said Buck when asked how he felt about winning a seat on the town board. Buck said he was talked into running for the board by his wife and friends. "I am very interested in the town and would like to be active in the community," he said. Buck said being on the board of aldermen

would give him a chance to learn.

Some improvements and changes Buck said he would like to see included draining the east side of town. Buck said that portion of town had a bad drainage problem. The alderman-elect said more work on streets needed to be done. Buck said the town put in the streets in 1958 and some have been resurfaced since, but that there are other streets that need some work.

Solving the traffic problem on Buck Lane also needs to be addressed, he said. Buck pointed out the traffic problem also creates difficulties for pedestrians. One solution may be a sidewalk, he said.

Buck said he is aware that

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### Playoff-Bound Eagles Face Rematch With 9-1 Warriors

By JIM GREEN  
Sports Writer

In 1986, an experienced West Craven football team defeated a young East Wake team 22-7 in the first round of the state Class AAA playoffs.

This season is an entirely different story. The Warriors, 9-1 and the second seed of the Triangle Conference, have the experience while the Eagles, 6-3-1 and No. 2 from the Coastal Conference, have the youth. The two teams will meet Friday in Vanceboro for the second straight year.

In other playoff games involv-

ing Coastal teams, No. 3 seed D.H. Conley plays at Tarboro, the champion of the Tar-Roanoke Conference; and top-seeded and unbeaten Havelock hosts Bertie. The Falcons are the No. 3 seed of the TRC.

West Craven coach Clay Jordan said he was disappointed with his team's lack of intensity against Havelock. Meanwhile, the Rams showed intensity on both sides of the ball, racking up more than 300 yards while holding the Eagles to just 95 offensive yards in the 19-0 victory. Jordan said he hoped the intensity

would be present this week against the Warriors.

"We can either come out against East Wake and do one of two things," Jordan said. "We can worry about last week's loss, or we can have some renewed enthusiasm and intensity. If we aren't mentally ready, East Wake could blow us out of Vanceboro."

The Warriors have 21 seniors on a team that lost just one game this season, a 21-18 defeat to Southern Durham, the Triangle's No. 1 seed. Jordan said the

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### Pardon Our Tardiness

Some subscribers to the West Craven Highlights may receive their papers late. Post offices were closed Wednesday in observance of Veterans Day and were unable to mail the newspapers as they normally do on Wednesdays. The West Craven Highlights regrets any delay subscribers may experience in obtaining their papers. We feel the observance of Veterans Day is worth the inconvenience of a possibly late paper this week. We also salute all veterans.

### Rescue Squad Receives New Ford Ambulance

By TERRI JAMIESON  
Staff Writer

If you see a new blue Ford ambulance sitting in near the fire station in Vanceboro, don't be mistaken and think it's just visiting. It doesn't belong to another rescue squad. It is the newest addition to the Vanceboro Rescue Squad.

The rescue squad had agreed it needed a new ambulance and decided blue was the color it wanted. The rescue squad saw the blue Ford, liked what it saw and they bought it. The rescue vehicle went into operation Nov. 5 after it was inspected and passed by Buddy Shaw of the state's

Emergency Medical Services agency. Ambulances and rescue vehicles must be certified before being put into operation.

The new vehicle has made about four runs and was on standby since being put into service.

The rescue squad last purchased a vehicle in 1984 to help keep the squad up to date. Rescue squad President Danny Barrow said that the older a vehicle is the more it costs to keep the vehicle maintained in good condition. Older vehicles also running a higher risk of failing to work properly.

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### State Championship Still Possible

## Havelock Batters Eagles 19-0; Squad Facing Playoff Season

Ledel George ran for one touchdown and passed for another, and Stephen Craig added two field goals to lead Havelock to a 19-0 blanking of West Craven in the Coastal Conference regular-season finale for both teams Friday night.

The win gives the Rams, 6-0 in the league and 10-0 overall, the Coastal championship and the No. 1 seed for the state Class AAA playoffs. West Craven, 4-2 and 6-3-1, finishes as the No. 2 seed.

In other games involving Coastal teams, Conley made the playoffs with a 23-8 victory over East Carteret, and North Lenoir won its first league game by beating West Carteret 28-8.

In Vanceboro, the Rams held West Craven to just 87 yards total offense, including just 31 on the ground.

Meanwhile, Havelock rushed for 275 yards, and quarterback George carried 17 times for 122 yards.

West Craven only crossed midfield four times in the contest. Its best scoring opportunity, a 34-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining in the first half, was blocked. The Eagles reached the Ram 27 after recovering a Havelock fumble in the second half, but Havelock held and West Craven had to punt.

Craig's first field goal came at the end of a 40-yard drive in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Rams drove 57 yards in eight plays, with George passing 31 yards to Paul Frazier for the score.

Havelock took the second-half kickoff and marched 63 yards in 12 plays. George carried eight times in the drive for 43 yards,

capping the drive with a 1-yard plunge.

The Rams' final points came at the end of a nine-play drive to start the fourth quarter. Havelock used short runs by Frazier, George, Daryl Jackson and Walter Goodwyn to move the ball to the Eagle 10. But West Craven held and the Rams had to settle for a 27-yard field goal from Craig with 6:37 left in the game.

Havelock lost three of its seven fumbles, but West Craven couldn't capitalize on the mistakes. One Ram fumble led to the Eagles only sustained drive before the half. Eagle quarterback Monte Brown completed a 29-yard pass to Derek Booker and West Craven moved to the Ram 17 before the field goal was blocked.

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Future Hope

Lee Becton, picking up yardage against the Washington junior varsity, and others on the West Craven junior varsity team posted an 8-2 record this season. Next year many of the same players and Becton will be counted on to help the varsity continue its tradition as one of the top teams in the Coastal Conference. Becton's running ability is

also sort of an Eagle tradition. The Eagles have boasted some of the better running backs in the conference in recent times. But remember that other junior varsity players are coming up to help other teams. The upcoming players could be the hope of a team or the flop of a team. (Jim Green photo)