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Getting Ready

West Craven baseball coach Tim Hardison, right, and an student work on getting the baseball field in shape before practice Tuesday. Monday began the practice season for the hardballers. West Craven boasts one of the best high school fields in eastern North Carolina. Hardison put those who turned out to win a spot on the team

through some drills in an effort to find who had speed, a good throwing arm and fielding techniques. The Eagles open their season March 15 against Greene Central and play New Bern in a scrimmage game March 8.

Board Fails To Establish Water Rates

Cost To Customers Remains Up In Air

By MIKE VOSS

Editor NEW BERN — Water rates for those signed up on the North-west Craven Water System are still undetermined and water has yet to flow in the system that has seen problems mount over the last six months.

The Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District Advisory Board failed to decide on a water rate Tuesday night. A motion to establish a \$10 user fee and \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons of water was de-

The measure would have set costs for 5,000 gallons at \$15.50.
Bill Pappas, acting as chairman, and Keith Register voted for the measure. Ray Matthews,

Ronnie Knight and Clem Daugherty voted against the proposal. Register and Pappas said they voted for the measure to keep the rate at what those who have signed up were prom-

Voters approved a \$4.2 million bond Aug. 13, 1985. A pamplet used to promote the bond re-ferendum and it said the rate per month (including a flat fee and charge for 3,000 gallons) would be about \$15. About 45 percent of the

\$6,986,600 project is being paid

for by the federal government and users of the system will re-pay the money over a 40-year period. The FmHA provided \$3,107,600 that does not have to be repayed. The FmHA loan of \$3,879,060 will be repaid through the water and sewer charges.

No other rate schedule was offered and the board will have to meet again to decide what rate it will recommend to the Craven County commissioners. The commissioners will decide the rate, the board can only advise the commissioners. Commissioners Sidney French

and Rogert Forrest attended the

meeting.
The board heard comments from Cassius Williams, assistant regional director with the Far-mers Home Administration about the district's proposed budget. Williams said several line items in the budget seem inflated to him and based on other systems certain items appeared to be over budgeted.

Williams' suggestions would trim \$57,273 from the proposed 1988-89 budget of \$501,329.

The proposed budget would increase user rates about \$2.14 per month above what custom-

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Vikings Rally For 56-48 Win, Duo Combines For 30 Points

Sports Writer
A combined 30-point effort by
West Craven's Willie Manley and Keith Roundtree wasn't enough to stop D.H. Conley's Vikings and Conley maintained its game-and-a-half lead while Havelock moved into a tie for second place as both teams posted wins in Coastal Conference boys' action Tuesday night.

The Viking boys rallied from a seven-point deficit in the third quarter to defeat West Craven 56-48, while Ledel George scored 27 points to lead Havelock to a 63-51 victory over West Carteret.

At Vanceboro, Willie Manley

lent defense, but the Eagles lost their offense in the fourth quar-ter as the Vikings rallied to win. Manley and Roundtree both signed with Craven Community

College last week.

West Craven led 42-35 entering the final quarter, but poor shooting and rebounding in addition to turnovers led to the Eagles' downfall. Conley scored 10 of its 21 points off of offensive rebounds and made 15 of its 20 free throws, while the Eagles were 3-

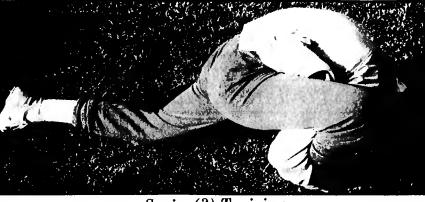
of-4 from the charity stripe.
Phil Medlin led the Vikings with 14 points while Bronswell Patrick and Sherwood Wilder chipped in 10 points apiece. Wilder had two 3-pointers while Pat-

rick added one Havelock, at 6-3 and tied with North Lenoir for second in the conference standings (the Hawks also won), will face Washington in a pivotal game for

both teams here Friday. In Coastal girls' games Tues-day, Havelock bested West Carteret 47-35 and West Craven eased past D.H. Conley 52-37.

George, who has been starting at point guard for the Rams to take some of the scoring pressure off of Borden, did most of the scoring against the Patriots. Borden, who has been sick, scored

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Spring(?) Training

A West Craven baseball hopeful stretches during the second day of baseball practice Tuesday.
About 30 boys are hoping to make either the varsity of junior varsity squads. Coach Tim Hardison had the boys stretch and warm up before taking a

close look at what talent came out this year. Hardison said he discovered a few nice surprises during the practice session. The Eagles open play March 15 against Greene Central.

(Mike Voss photo)

Program Seeks Homes For Disturbed Children

By TERRI JAMIESON

Staff Writer
"If we can get twenty-five homes then there are twenty-five children that can be placed ... the need is there. Some of these children haven't been identified yet," said social worker Debbie Moseley.

Ms. Moseley is developing a program that is designed to help children (on a one-to-one basis) Learn to function in a normal Moseley is working with are diagnosed as emotionally dis-turbed. Some of these children

benefit more from the independence of a one-on-one environment as opposed to a group environment and do not regire extensive treatment, such as place-ment into a residential group home or hospitalization.

The program that Ms. Moseley developed serves Craven, Carteret, Jones and Pamlico counties. The program has been dub-bed the Therapeutic Home Program. The program is similar to Ms.Moseley said that she is in

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Manley, Roundtree To CCC

Panthers Sign Pair From West Craven

By MIKE VOSS

Editor Once again Craven Community College has gone to a reliable source to shore up next year's basketball squad. Last week the Panthers signed West Craven's 6-6 center Keith Roundtree and guard Willie Manley.

signed with the Panthers' assistant coach Dave Bauer after the loss to Pamlico last Tuesday. Panther head coach Si Seymour ranter nead coach 3 Seymour, said he was excited about landing the duo. "We feel they fit right in with our program. We're graduating three people in their positions and feel they can fill a void for us," said Seymour.

The Panthers are losing several

guards as well as leading scorer Roy Lee Sutton, also a West Craven product.

In an interview will Roundtree Tuesday, the Eagle big man said he would prefer to play forward at Craven. He should be able to get his wish as the Panthers' have no true post man in their flex offense. The flex offense is more of a three-forward offense.

Roundtree said he thought he could contribute defensively right away next season. Seymour feels that Roundtree will "help us the most on defense" and Sutton's 25-point scoring average will be picked up by several

players.
The Panthers are counting on Manley to step in a fill the void left hy guards Robert Trinn and

Kelvin Paige. Both are excellent outside shooters and Seymour is looking to Manley to provide out-

side shooting next year. West Craven basketball coach Lorenzo Jones said he left the decision of who to sign with to Roundtree and Manley. Jones said he talks with his players abbut does nothing more than re-view the advantages and dis-

advantages of the schools.

"No doubt," said Jones when asked if he thought the junior college route was the way to go for players weak academically. Jones, who has seen several of

his players move on to quality college programs, said the reason West Craven has produced several top players is that he has a well of "good kids" to draw from. The Eagles have produced such players as last year's Class AAA Player of the Year Gary Blount who is at nationally-ranked Chowan at nationally-ranked Chowan College, Sutton at Craven, Ron-nie Bellamy who played at Cho-wan and now plays at UNC Charlotte, Lenwood Harris who played at Craven and now plays

at Winthrop and Marvin Dawson who played at Craven. "I think we've got a lot of peo-ple's attention," said Jones about

the West Craven program.
Roundtree said he expected
getting used to more physical
play to be the biggest adjustment
for him in college ball. Manley

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-Strawberry Festival-**Board Meets Tonight At Library**

The Strawberry Festival Board will meet at 7:30 tonight at the Vanceboro Library.

Representatives from churches and civic organizations

are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in

the planning of the annual community event. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Sandra

McCandless at 244-0550. Woman's Club Sponsoring Races

The Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club will host the Strawberry Festival Road Race at 8 a.m. May 21. The race will be certified by The Athletic Congress (TAC), according to race officials.

The event features a 10-kilometer, 5-kilometer and 1mile race. For more information, contact Terri Jamieson at 244-0101 or Delane Armstrong at 746-3781.