



Crowds are expected back again for this year's festival

Strawberries Set To Rule 1988 Festival

Fun, Frivolity Comes To Town For Annual Celebration May 21

By MIKE VOSS

Editor

What has fine food, a precision parade, melodious music and strawberries fixed any way you can imagine?

That's right. It will soon be time again for the annual Strawberry Festival-Rescue Day in Vanceboro. It's the one day a year where strawberries are king, lovely women serve as queens and all-day fun is the court jester.

The Strawberry Festival, although a community event, is put on by the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club. The festival this year will be May 21. The Junior Woman's Club met recently at the home of Cindy Mills to discuss plans for the festival and the Strawberry Run, also sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. The festival features barbecued dinners served by the Van-

ceboro Rescue Squad, carnival rides, musical entertainment during the day, gospel singing, arts and crafts fair and booths selling strawberry ice cream, strawberry shortcake and chocolate-covered strawberries.

The Strawberry Run is a 5K race. The course has been certified by The Athletic Congress.

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Nelle Hayes Draws Interest In Reading

By TERRI JAMIESON
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This is the third year Nelle Hayes has served as artist for the state's Summer Reading Committee. The committee, appointed by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' Division of Libraries, meets in May of each year to discuss and select a theme for the next year's summer reading program.

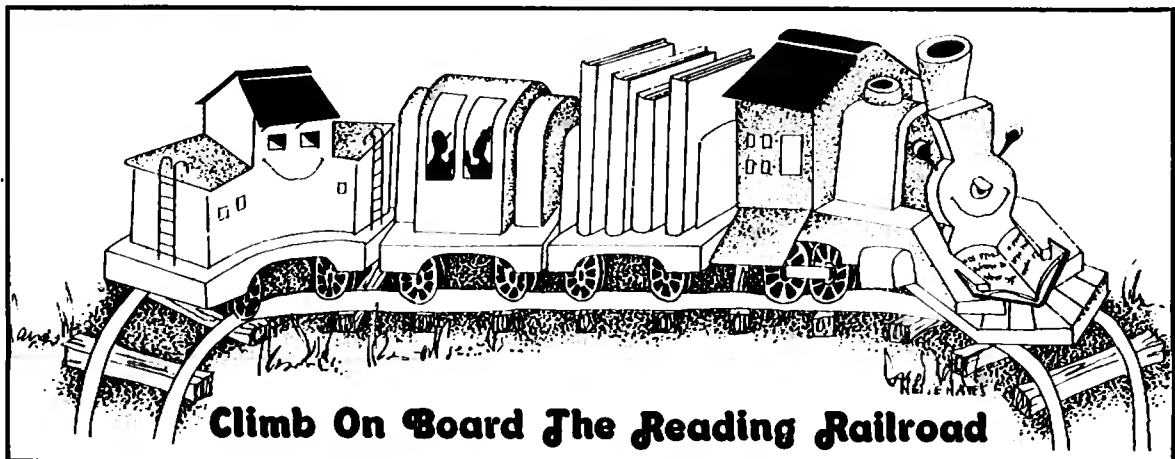
Ms. Hayes designs and then illustrates the program materials that are to be used in the summer reading program. They are presented and final work is done in September and October meet-

ings of the committee.

Posters, bookmarks, reading records, clip art, buttons, certificates, stickers and black-and-white designs used to produce thermal silk screens are the types of material Ms. Hayes designs.

In 1988 the theme for the summer reading program was "We The People," relating to the refurbishing of the Statue of Liberty and the celebration of the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution. Last year's theme was "Soar Into Reading." Soar is an acronym for Summer Of Adventurous Reading.

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Climb On Board The Reading Railroad

Sample of artwork for reading program by Mrs. Hayes



Pine Wood Derby Winner

Brandon Garris was the first-place winner in Pack 58's recent Pine Wood Derby. Brandon is the son of Brandtly and Barbara Garris of Rt. 2, Vanceboro. Competitors in the Pine Wood Derby make their cars out of blocks of pine wood and have to meet specific guidelines before their cars qualify.

Havelock Turns 3 Hits Into Win Over Eagles

HAVELOCK — Right-hander David Seaton scattered six hits and the Rams made the most of three hits to defeat West Craven 6-1 in a Coastal Conference baseball game Saturday night.

Seaton went the distance in picking up his third victory without a loss. In addition to 10 strikeouts and four walks, he allowed five singles and a double in notching a complete game.

West Craven outhit Havelock 6-3, but the Rams used a single and a two-run homer by Shane Kensey (his first of the season) to grab a 4-0 lead in the third inning. Kensey also had an RBI single. Brian Kelly had one RBI on an infield groundout.

Eagle left-hander John Dizon,

who had an earned-run average of 0.70 going into the game, was uncharacteristically wild, unleashing two wild pitches (one resulted in a run) and hitting a batter. Three of the six Havelock runs were unearned as the Rams were helped by four West Craven errors.

David McDonald and Steve Daub shared the two other Havelock hits as the Rams improved to 2-1 in the Coastal Conference and 8-4 overall.

Dizon and Jonathan Taylor each had two hits for West Craven, who fell to 1-2 in the league and 6-4 overall.

The Eagles scored their only run in the top of the seventh.

West Craven 6-1
Havelock 1-2

Texasgulf Explaining Changes

Officials of Texasgulf Chemicals Co. are traveling the state in an attempt to inform the public about planned changes in the way the company affects the environment.

J. Randolph "Rann" Carpenter, vice president in charge of government affairs and public relations, said the company wants to show changes that will come as a result of a new draft permit for discharge into the Pamlico River.

Carpenter, Operations Vice President Thomas Regan, Operations Manager Guy Whitaker and Environmental Affairs Manager William Schimming met with representatives of the Daily News Thursday as the first step in the effort.

The discharge permit, administered by the state Division of Environmental Management, governs the way the company disposes of the enormous amounts of water that it pumps from the ground.

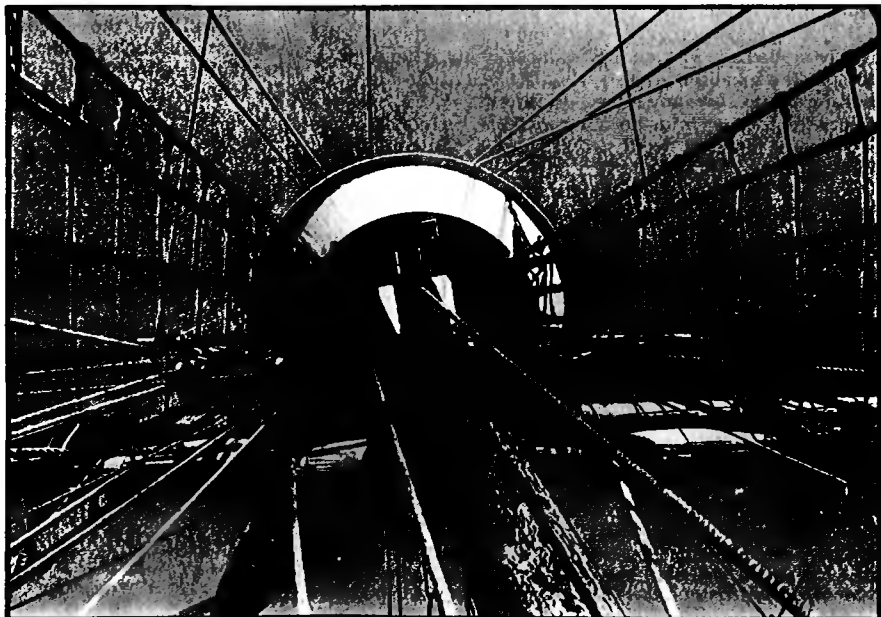
Regan noted that the proposed permit resulted from collaboration between state officials and company representatives. He said data the company had collected on water quality over the last 20 years and information on how the company functions were used as bases for designing the permit.

If approved, Regan said of the permit, "it will require us to do our business with respect to water in a way that we have never done it before."

Currently, Texasgulf dumps 25 to 60 million gallons of water from its mining process in the Pamlico River each day. Most of this water, which does not contain any impurities or nutrients added by Texasgulf, would continue to be dumped, Regan said.

He said that the change would come in the way the company handled water used to slurry ore and to cool machinery. This water, which is now discharged in

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Something To Crow About

Maybe the crow's nest is not the best place to be on a sailing ship, but it sure can give its occupant a bird's-eye view of the area. This crow's nest, seen from the deck below it, has a little bit of history

behind it. To find out more about the history of this ship and the history that caused it to be built, turn to page 6 and enjoy a living history lesson. (Mike Voss photo)

17-Week Program In Schools

Students Are Given A DARE To Overcome Drug Pressures

By TERRI JAMIESON
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Fifth- and sixth-grade students throughout Craven County are being exposed to a 17-week anti-drug program called DARE. The program, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is aimed at educating students about the dangers of drug use.

The students are being instructed by Deputy Terry Register of the Craven County Sheriff's Department. The program was officially unveiled Monday night in New Bern.

Register himself has been instructed through extensive train-

ing and has been qualified to implement the DARE program in Craven County. The program provides information about drugs and alcohol, teaches and reinforces decision-making skills, builds self esteem and offers ways to resist negative peer pressure. It also suggests alternatives to drug use.

Each student receives a workbook and at the end of the year there is a graduation party. Register comes to Farm Life Elementary School in Vanceboro each Tuesday.

The DARE program was started in 1983 as a pilot program

in Los Angeles. The purpose of DARE is to help students realize that they are at risk to drugs everyday and to teach them methods of coping with the risk. An important part of the program is the fact that it not only emphasizes the negative parts of drugs, but it also focuses on the positive side of life, say program officials.

Only a trained, uniform officer is allowed to teach the program. The officers interact with the students and strive to maintain a high profile at the school

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