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## Jobless Figures Decline

Craven, Jones Join The Trend

Craven and Jones counties both enjoyed drops in their unemployment rates in March, according to the state Employment Security Commission. Lenoir County's unemployment rate was unchanged.

The commission said the increased employment in the area reflects a statewide trend that saw the number of jobless decrease in 70 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Jones County experienced the largest drop in the Neuse River area. The number of jobless dropped from 220 out of a work force of 3,990 in February to 190 out of a work force of 3,970 in March, meaning the rate of unemployment dropped from 5.5 percent to 4.8 percent.

In Craven County, the unemployment rate dropped from 4.3 percent in February to 4.2 percent in March. The number jobless was estimated at 1,290 people of a total work force of 30,750.

Lenoir County's unemployment remained at 5.3 percent in March, the same as reported in February. The jobless figure dropped to 1,520 out of a work force of 28,690.

Hyde County remained one of four counties in the state — Graham, Swain and Tyrrell counties being the others — with unemployment rates over 10 percent.

Graham County had the highest unemployment rate in the state in March at 19.9 percent. Randolph County, with a 2.2 percent jobless rate, had the highest percentage of its work force employed in March.



## Nest Egg No Longer

This brown pelican chick nests with one of its parents. Brown pelicans can be found in the area and as far north as Maryland's Assateague State Park. The pelicans are a fairly common sight along the lower reaches of the Neuse and Trent

rivers and around the Pamlico Sound. Pelicans are often thought of as great fishermen, scooping up fish with their "bagged" lower beaks. (Keith Harvey photo)

## Employers, Employees Recognized

Banquet Rewards Participants In Marketing Education Program

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

NEW BERN — Several area employers and some of their employees took the night off last Wednesday to attend the annual Employer-Employee Banquet.

One of the employers, Tom Pike of Chic-Fil-A at Twin Rivers mall, presented one of his employees, Misty Von Ipock, a \$1,000 scholarship at the banquet. The banquet was the twelfth sponsored by the Marketing Education Department and Distributive Education Clubs of America chapter at West Craven High School.

Over 130 people attended the banquet which honors employers and employees in the marketing education program at the high school.

Marketing education students received over 30,000 hours of on the job training and earned over \$100,000 this school year.

Miss Ipock, DECA president, welcomed the employers and student-employees. She recognized the DECA chapter's officers as "the spark of DECA." In her opening remarks she told the audience, "You've got to think high to rise high." She said a positive attitude was needed to be successful. "A man who wins is the man who thinks he can,"

she said.

Other officers introduced were Shelly Rollins, vice president; Kimberly Norman, secretary; Tiffany Winslow, treasurer; Leigh Ann Shackelford, parliamentarian, historian and reporter; Gwen Daugherty, photographer and Leigh Gillikin, Miss DECA.

Lena Martin lead the recitation of the DECA Creed and Miss Rollins welcomed the employers. Each of the On The Job Training students introduced their employers and guests.

Marketing Education Coordinator Richard Cannon Jr. awarded certificates of appreciation to people who did volunteer work in the classroom. Receiving the certificates were Linda Ipock, Miss Ipock's mother; Terry Beaman, Thomas Moore, the West Craven High School guidance department, Robin Bennett, Susan Scott, Catherine Rivenbark and Dottie Burt.

Cannon said that the guidance department sent him one of the best academically-gifted group of students in his tenure in education. He has been teaching for over 20 years. He said the students "not only have to work but have kept their grades up and

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## WCHS Instructor Receives Honor

The New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education spotlights "Educators of the Month" for April, 1988. Margaret Pritchett, special education teacher at West Craven High School; Susan Glover, first grade teacher at Brinson Memorial Elementary School; and Amy Salter, third grade teacher at Roger Bell Elementary School are the honorees.

Margaret Pritchett graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. in Special Education. She has taught at West Craven High School for the past ten years and presently serves as the chairperson for the Exceptional Children's Department and the School Base Committee. Pritchett's primary goal as a teacher is to help students who have a history of failure to see themselves as persons of worth and encourage them to become contributing members of society. Her expectations of her students are high and their opportunities for success are great. She emphasizes communication skills

through personal journals. According to Pritchett, "All students require acceptance, affection, and patience, but students with special needs require an abundance of these qualities." The rapport and closeness established in Pritchett's classroom does not stop at year end. Relationships extend even beyond graduation.

Pritchett is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority for Educators, NEA, NCAE, and the Twin Rivers Council of the International Reading Association. She is married to Daniel Pritchett and they have one son, Zachary. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern and enjoys singing, needlework and cooking.

Susan Glover is a graduate of East Carolina University with a B.S. in Early Childhood, a M.A. in Elementary Education, and has completed some requirements in the sixth year program in supervision and administration. She has taught first grade at Brinson for thirteen years and is presently chairperson of the

School Base Committee. Glover believes the key to maintaining a well-run classroom is organization. "Being well prepared, maintaining a sense of humor, and focusing on classroom control at all times is necessary," according to Glover. She is a firm believer that each child has his/her own special talents and strengths and must be ready socially and emotionally before any real learning can take place. She believes that a teacher must provide an atmosphere conducive to learning and at the same time, must teach the right objective at the appropriate stage of development.

Glover has been very active on the school level with committees and has served as grade chairperson several times. She has helped give workshops for teacher assistants and has also served as a presenter for teacher in-service training. She is a member of the Twin Rivers Council of the International Reading Association. Susan is married to Bill Glover and they have one son, Will. Her interests include reading, yard work, tennis, and playing basketball.



Margaret Pritchett

Amy Salter

Susan Glover

Amy Salter attended Craven Community College and received her degree in Early Childhood Education with an English Literature minor from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Mrs. Salter strives to show the relationship of classroom activities to real life ex-

periences in her day to day teachings. She is presently teaching a unit on space and each child has assumed the role of an aerospace engineer, using his/her knowledge to design and create a spacecraft out of paper mache. She is a strong supporter of "hands-on" experiences and

encourages students to view education as an adventure. Mrs. Salter's students feel loved, respected and supported due to her dedication to them and to the profession of teaching.

Salter is a member of NCAE,

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## Tg Permit Concept Praised

A proposed discharge permit for Texasgulf Chemicals Co. met with a mixture of praise and criticism at a public hearing Monday night.

About 300 people attended the hearing held by the state Division of Environmental Management at Beaufort County Community College, where 23 people — some representing various state and local organizations or businesses — commented on the proposed permit.

Most speakers praised the central concept of the new permit, a water recycling process creating a drastic reduction in the amount of phosphates and fluoride discharged into the Pamlico River by the company's Aurora operation. But most suggested modifications to the system.

Some speakers, among them commercial fisherman, said the river was dying and the proposed permit would not do enough to save it.

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## Employer-Employee Banquet

NEW BERN — West Craven High School Marketing Education Coordinator Richard Cannon Jr. is assisted by two marketing education students in handing out awards at the 12th annual Employer-Employee Banquet held last week at the Western Steer steakhouse in New Bern. The banquet is sponsored by the marketing education program and the school chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). The

banquet honored employers and employees for their achievements during the school year. DECA President Misty Von Ipock was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by her employer, Chic-Fil-A of Twin Rivers Mall. Students worked over 30,000 hours and earned over \$100,000 this school year, said Cannon. For a pictorial look at the banquet, turn to page 4.

(Mike Voss photo)

## Community Center Facelift Continues Through Volunteers

By TERRI JAMIESON  
Staff Writer

Vanceboro residents are taking note of the changes continuing at the Vanceboro Community Center and about 15 volunteers are the force behind the efforts to renovate the center.

An influx of money from a legislative discretionary fund came about at the end of the 1987 session of the Legislature. The center has been topped with a new roof, given a facelift of paneling on the inside, been insulated and new tiles put in.

Arlene Coward, president of the Vanceboro Community Center Organization, said, "Everything is going quite well." She listed several improvements that had been made to the building — such as casing windows and the installation of a new front door. "It's beginning to look real good," she said.

Mrs. Coward said she hoped a new kitchen could be added and that the old kitchen would be

used for storage. She noted that the restrooms can now accommodate wheelchairs.

Other future plans include painting the exterior of the building. The painting began at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Installation of storm windows is also planned. A privacy fence has been added and Roger Forrest will landscape the grounds.

"The merchants have been especially good to us. Most of them have done something to help. There is on who I really must mention. . . Mr. Gus Kite. He's done everything in his power he could do to help us," said Mrs. Coward.

As far as the volunteers go, said Mrs. Coward, their work has been "real good." She said that Mr. Moore and Mr. Bryan, chairman of the center's board of trustees, "have been excellent volunteers." Bryan said, "If we can get enough help we plan to be

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