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## Jobless Figures Down, Up

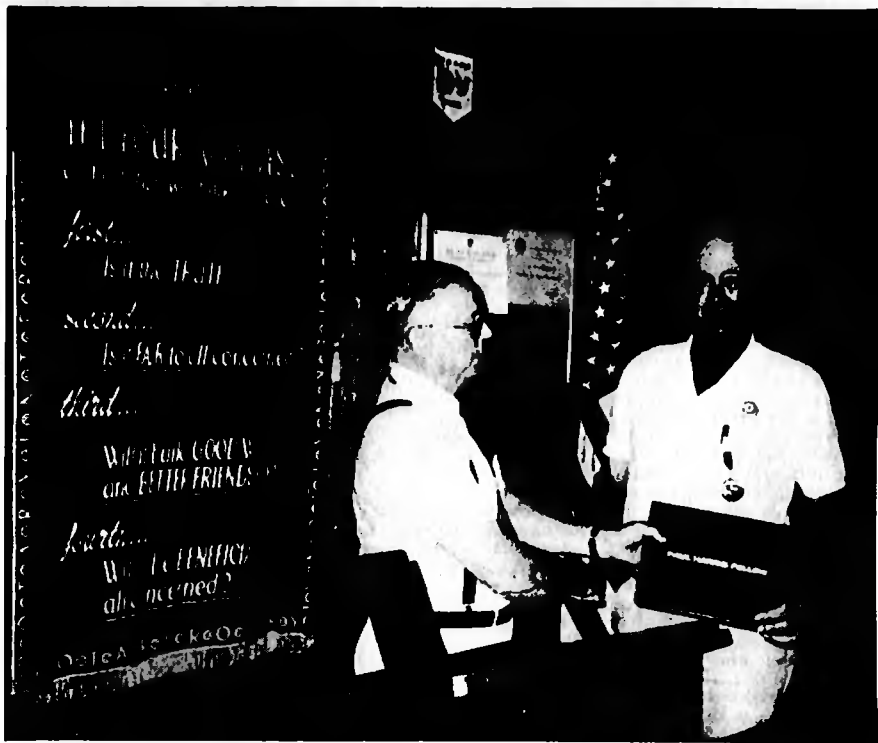
Fewer people in Craven and Pamlico counties were out of work in June than in May, bucking a statewide trend that saw unemployment increase in 55 of 100 counties.

Craven County's jobless rate dropped from 3.7 percent in May to 3.5 percent in June, according to statistics released by the N.C. Employment Security Commission. There were 32,640 in the county's labor force in June, with 1,130 out of work. In May, the figures had been 32,260 and 1,180, respectively.

Pamlico County's unemployment dipped slightly from 2.9 percent in May to 2.7 percent in June. Based on an estimated work force of 4,830 in June, there were 130 people out of work, compared to a labor force of 4,780 from which 140 were jobless in May.

In Jones County, unemployment rose slightly, from 3.6 per-

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Dail, right, receives award from Cannon

## Dail Named Harris Fellow By Rotarians

### First In Vanceboro Club To Win Top Rotary Honor

By **MIKE VOSS**  
Editor

After years of serving his community, the tables were turned last Thursday night in Vanceboro as the Vanceboro Rotary Club honored Tommy Dail.

The Rotarians presented Dail with the Paul Harris Fellow Award, the highest award given by Rotary International. The award is the first ever for a member of the Vanceboro Rotary Club. Dail was honored for raising \$1,000 toward one of Rotary's humanitarian projects. The Paul Harris Fellow Award consists of a certificate and medal.

The award was presented by Richard Cannon, president of the Vanceboro Rotary Club. The award is given to any Rotarian who raises \$1,000 for humanitarian projects of Rotary International.

Dail's contribution was made to Rotary's Polio Plus project, a project to eradicate polio throughout the world in three years. The project first called for polio to be eradicated in five years, but the time limit was changed to three years.

Contributions to the project (See **DAIL**, Page 5)

## Sen. Barker Helps Provide \$1 Million For County

### Money Earmarked For Capital Projects

By **MIKE VOSS**  
Editor

Sen. Bill Barker, who represents Craven, Carteret and Pamlico counties in the North Carolina Senate has secured over \$1 million for Craven County. The money is earmarked for capital projects.

The largest portion of the \$1,020,000 that will be coming to Craven County is \$750,000 for Craven Community College. The money will be used for the student activity center.

Tryon Palace will receive \$100,000 to complete the restoration of the Disowsay House. The Air Museum in Havelock will receive \$100,000 for planning. Neuse River Development Authority, Inc. will receive \$30,000 to promote aquaculture and small commercial fishing ven-

tures. The Craven County Board of Commissioners will receive \$40,000 to "improve the quality of life, promote public safety and economic development of Craven County," said Barker.

The \$100,000 for the air museum will be used for architectural planning. The money will be part of a total project cost of \$8 million to construct a United States Marine Corps Air Museum on N.C. 101. The Marines have donated the land for the site. The proposed museum is expected to be comparable to the Navy Air Museum in Pensacola, Fla., and the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. It will be staffed and operated by the Marine Corps once com-

pleted. "Now that the short session is over, I'm happy to report to you some things that were accomplished for our district. The short session was primarily called upon to deal with budget amendments. In the long session we adopted a two-year budget, but after one year of the budget there are usually excess funds available for capital projects," said Barker.

"In the area of substantive law my main concern during the short session was to strengthen the Office of Administrative Hearings. This office provides administrative law judges to hear cases where state departments and agencies have denied per-

mits or cited citizens for alleged violations of some department's or agency's rule of regulation. Prior to the administrative law judges position being created, these contested cases were heard by the same agency that had either denied the permit or cited the citizen. Most people, myself included, feel like it is not fair for the agency that is involved in the contested case to also be the judge that tries the case. During the short session we increased the number of agencies that come under this Office of Administrative Hearings and hopefully we can continue this process in the future so that everyone can have a fair hearing in a contested matter," said Barker.

Barker could not be reached earlier this week to comment on the appropriations. A spokesman for Barker said he was out of town and was expected to return today.

Other capital projects Barker helped secure money for include the following:

- \$150,000 in additional funding for the visitors' center at the Cedar Island ferry terminal.
- \$100,000 for an artificial reef program.
- \$150,000 for an oyster clutch program.
- \$290,000 to complete the Watercraft Center at the Maritime Museum in Beaufort.
- \$7 million in additional funding for building new ferries

- and ferry facilities.
- \$50,000 for research into re-seeding bay scallops.
- \$20,000 for wastewater disposal research.
- \$5,000 for capital improvements of Old Towne for the Beaufort Historical Society.
- \$16,000 to the Carteret Firemen's Association for the purchase of an air compressor.
- \$2,000 to the Merrimon South River Fire Department to assist in buying a new fire truck.
- \$75,000 for the Beaufort Harbor dredging project.
- \$100,000 for the Morehead City dredging project.
- \$20,000 for the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners for public safety, economic development and improving the quality of life.

## Jury Awards Man \$800,000; Texasgulf Is Found Negligent

**RALEIGH**—A Craven County man injured while working at the Texasgulf Inc. plant in Aurora was awarded \$800,000 by a Craven County jury after finding Texasgulf Inc. negligent in a 1983 accident that left the man unable to work.

James W. Anderson Sr. said he felt "great" after the jury announced its decision. He was in the courtroom when the judgement was returned last Friday. Anderson said he was not sure if he was happier for himself or for his lawyers.

The jury's award was the latest development in the four-year legal fight between Anderson and Texasgulf concerning the company's responsibility in the accident. Anderson said the accident took away his ability to make a living in his profession.

T. Carlton Younger, vice president of law for Texasgulf, said the company was "obviously not pleased with the verdict."

Anderson, 57, who lives outside New Bern, was working for East Coast Machine and Ironworks Inc. of Bridgeton when

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## Don't Let Insects Take A Bite Out Of Summer

By **TERRI JAMIESON**  
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Along with the heat of summer, most people also notice the increase of insect bites and stings.

The most common nuisance in eastern North Carolina is the mosquito. Folklore has it that the spit from a thoroughly-chewed plug of tobacco or vinegar will ease the pain and itching of an insect bite.

Most first aid officials or manuals suggest applying a wet dressing, ice or holding the bite area under running water. Home remedies such as a paste made of baking soda and water or diluted household ammonia may be applied to the bite or sting and surrounding areas.

Lotions that contain alcohol, such as calamine lotion and rubbing alcohol, ease and relieve itching. Scratching may make a bite or sting infected and health officials advise against scratching.

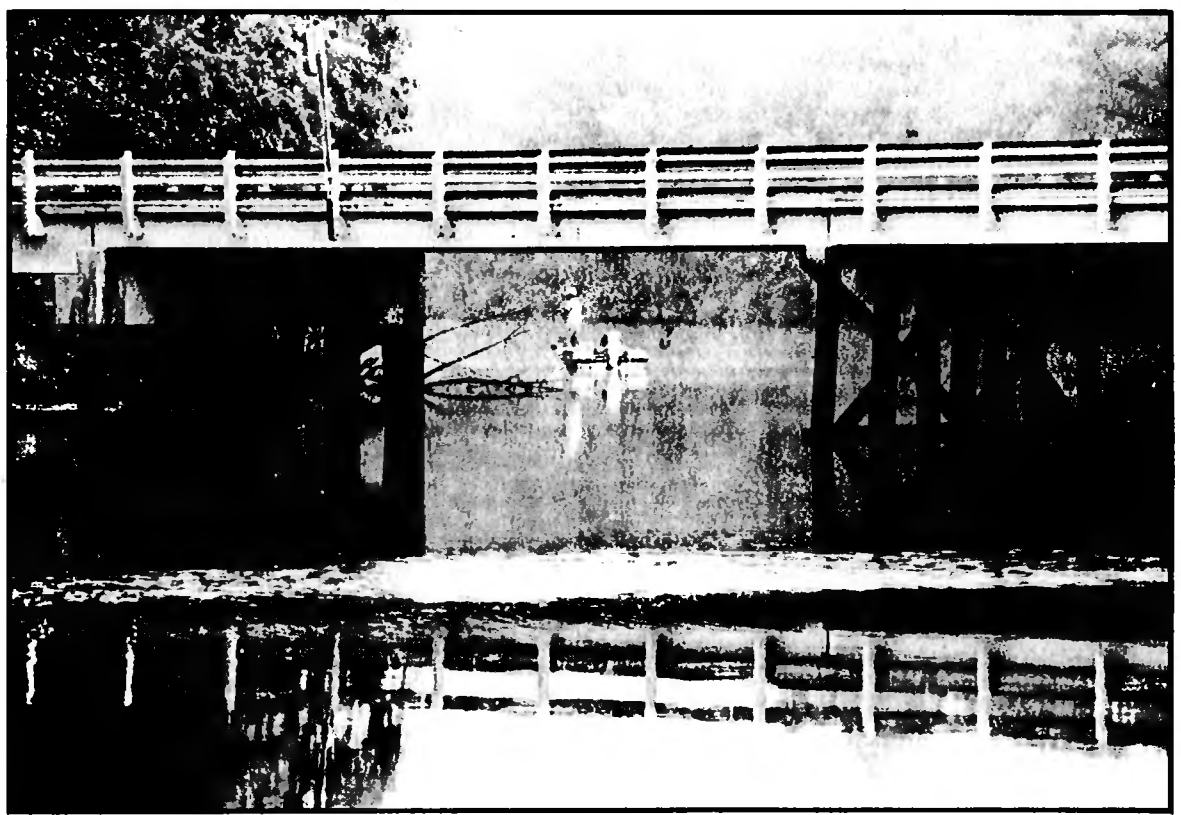
If a nest or swarm of insects are stirred up and a person is stung several times, a tepid bath with a box of baking soda diluted in the

bath water may be helpful.

It is important that any stinger be removed from the sting site. The stinger, usually a small black object, will look like a small thorn. A stinger will continue to inject poison into a body even after the insect is gone. Remove the stinger by gently scraping with a fingernail or pair of tweezers.

There are some people who are sensitive or allergic to some insect venom and a bite or sting may cause a fatal allergic reaction. Such people should seek immediate medical attention and or emergency desensitization steps. Emergency measures should be taken as soon as possible once a victim is stung. It is advisable to carry an emergency first-aid kit containing a drug for prompt injection.

Bee stings can be prevented sometimes by simply wearing shoes. Bees, often stepped on by barefoot people, are attracted to dark, sweaty clothes, hair oils and perfumes. If attacked by a bee, don't slap, jerk or run. Move slowly, unless a swarm is after you.



Just Relaxing On A Quiet Creek

We've had so many fishing tournaments lately and we've worried so about the catches of commercial fishermen that it's easy to forget how relaxing fishing can be. This fellow is in a perfect position to be

away from it all. A quiet morning on Tranter's Creek with no phone to ring and no one to be civil to.

(Ric Carter photo)

## Voters Decide On Sewer Bond Nov. 22

### \$800,000 Sought For Improvements

**BRIDGETON**—Voters here will be asked to decide the fate of an \$800,000 sewer bond issue in a referendum two days before Thanksgiving. Voters will go to the polls Nov. 22 to vote on the proposal.

If approved by voters, the money will be used along with a Farmers Home Administration grant in the amount of \$542,100 to build a centralized sewer system for the town. Fees collected from users will be used to pay off the bond over 40 years. The interest rate on the bond will be 6 1/2 per-

cent or less.

The minimum residential charge for the first 3,000 gallons will be \$16, according to a proposed rate schedule. Commercial users will be charged \$28.50 for the same volume. The information is being distributed by the town in a brochure. The charges will increase by \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons for 4,000 additional gallons. Other rate gradations are listed for customers who use be-

tween 7,000 and 10,000 gallons, 10,000 and 15,000 gallons and over 15,000 gallons.

If voters approve the project, it could be on line by next summer, said consultant Vernon Harris.

A preliminary design has been completed for the project, but the final design will not be finished until after the Nov. 22 referendum.

The proposed wastewater treatment plant will include "fail-safe" equipment to protect

the Neuse River from raw discharges during emergency conditions. About 20,000 feet of 8-inch gravity sewer lines and five pumping stations will make up the system.

Users of the system will be charged a \$25 tap-on fee per connection, if they apply for service before the system is built. Those who wait until after the system is built and is operational past their homes will pay a \$250 fee. Users will be required to pay a deposit of \$25. The deposit will be refundable.