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Top 10

The dedication of the refurbished Vanceboro Community Center and the work done to it will surely make the list of Top 10 news stories for the Vanceboro area. The Top 10 news stories of 1988 will be recapped next week in the Highlights. The review of the top stories of the year is planned to be a tradition for the first edition in each new year. The top-rated stories allow readers to refresh their

memories on controversial issues, recall significant happenings or just remember specific news events in the area. Suggestions for the Top 10 can be made to the Highlights' office in Vanceboro by no later than Jan. 2. The above picture was taken at the recent dedication ceremonies for the community center. Let's hope 1989 will be a banner year for the area.

A Most Popular Gift: Tie One On, Gents

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

Men, do you ever get all knotted up deciding on a tie? Well, loosen up a bit. You don't have to worry about being tied to any particular type, fabric or color.

Unlike buttons, ties can be an expression of a statement or mood by the wearer. Buttons, on the other hand, are merely practical. Legend contends that buttons were invented when a king had pieces of rock or pottery attached to the sleeves of his soldiers' uniforms. Their purpose was to keep the uniforms clean by discouraging the soldiers from wiping their mouths on their sleeves.

The history of ties is longer. According to The Men's Tie Foundation of New York, men have been decorating their throats since Adam got a bit of apple stuck in his craw. However, the cravat as we know it dates back to the 17th Century during the reign of Louis XIV of France.

In fact, grabbing a man's tie was once considered the ultimate insult when "blood only can wash out the stain upon the wearer's honor."

Ties often reflect a insight into the wearer. They are considered the most expressive clothing a man can own. Ties can reflect a man's taste, his moods, his emotions, his affiliations. Ties allow a

King Louis employed a company of palace guards from the German province of Croatia, who wore dashing neck pieces similar to the modern bow tie. The idea caught on and the neck piece was called a cravat, eventually corrupted to cravat.

Ever since, men have been experimenting with materials and methods of wearing ties. King James once plunked down the equivalent of \$600 for three cravats. A manual from the 1820s describes 32 different ways to knot a cravat, each more complex than the other, said The Men's Tie Foundation.

Cove City Church Honors Seniors



Ties add flare to wardrobe

man to be noticed. Even women have taken to wearing them on occasion.

There are ties that tell the world what you do or what you

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Becton Earns Post-Season Honor

RALEIGH — West Craven's Lee Becton, left off the 3-A Coastal All-Conference Team, has been named to the News and Observer's All-East second team.

Becton, a sophomore running back, lead the Coastal Conference in rushing with 1,197 yards and was 28 yards shy of breaking the West Craven rushing record set in three seasons ago by N.C. State standout Jesse Campbell, ACC Rookie of the Year

this season. Other West Craven players receiving honorable-mention status were Monte Brown and Thomas McGee.

Other Coastal Conference performers making the first team were Havelock's Ledel George and Joe Montford of East Carteret. Second-team selections were Washington's Joe Randolph and Greg Smith. Receiving honorable mention from the conference were backs and receivers

Junior Farrow, D.H. Conley; Greg Frazier, East Carteret; Kenny Frazier, Havelock; Walt Gerard, Washington; Derrick Montayne, West Carteret; Lee Morris, East Carteret; Scott Seymour, D.H. Conley; Tim Smith, North Lenoir; Jeff Sutton, North Lenoir; linemen Mike Godette, Havelock; Jason Hamby, Russell Seaton, Havelock and kicker Andy Fassett, D.H.

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Second Banquet Held

Cove City Church Honors Seniors

COVE CITY — The Cove City community senior citizens, Bryant Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Food Committee, Bryant Chapel church musicians and others received plaques and awards at the second annual Fellowship Banquet held prior to Christmas.

Gerald K. Johnson, assistant

years."

The awards and plaques were presented to the recipients by Rev. J.C. Franks, pastor of Bryant Chapel, and Jacqueline Walston, co-chairmen of the banquet committee.

The banquet was presided over

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Winter Coat

The snowfall a week ago Friday put a white winter coat on many things, but none looked better in its "winter fur coat" than this tree. It was as if Mother Nature decided to decorate a few

"Christmas trees" of her own. The snow caused motorists a few problems, left students out of school and more than likely was used for a few cans of snow cream. (Terri Jamison photo)

Tg, Workers Give \$17,882 For The Poor

Texasgulf Chemicals Co. and its employees at Aurora brought Santa Claus early to the Salvation Army when Jack Moore, a Texasgulf executive, brought in a gift and presented it to the Salvation Army's local representatives.

The Texasgulf employees gave \$8,941 for the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer program for needy families. Texasgulf matched that sum for a total of \$17,882. Of that amount, \$5,000 came to Craven County and \$12,882 went to the Salvation Army in Washington.

Texasgulf has about 1,200 employees and, according to Moore, "We had over 80 percent participation in this annual effort. We had 40 team leaders on the various shifts who contacted each other and the giving was truly heart-

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