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The Fog Comes...

...but not always on little cat feet. Contrary to Sandberg's poetic accounting, sometimes the fog rolls in on tiger paws. Along a Down East river and her hills and banks, winter mornings can become clouded in moist mystery as nature's sharp lines and images fade in

the smoky white cover. While motorists bemoan it for a lack of visibility, perhaps it is that same quality that makes the fog a most attractive phenomenon — it is nature's way of slowing us down and giving us an appreciation for our surroundings. (Ric Carter photo)

Rivers Not Always Like They Are Now

Analysis

Although we live with the area rivers every day and may think we know it well, the truth is many of us don't really know much at all about its geologic origins, about the life it has led in its ancient existence.

It was discussed here last week that due to the Greenhouse Effect and sea-level rise, low-lying areas all along the length of the Down East rivers may be underwater within another century.

While that certainly is a frightening prospect, geologists tell us that the ocean has come up this way before, and that it has even been up as far as Raleigh in the distant past. Natural warmings and coolings of the Earth have sent the sea back and forth across Coastal Plain many times during the Earth's history, and of course the Pamlico has been affected in the process.

To go back to the essential beginning, it is estimated that the drainage path that is the Neuse River is at least 3 million years old. Throughout that time the river's source has been in the Piedmont area of the state, and there have always been hundreds of creeks and streams

within the watershed feeding the river as it wound toward the sea.

But that doesn't mean the river has always looked like it does now. In fact, if we skip forward to only about 18,000 years ago, we'd see that the river was very different from today.

At that time the Earth was coming out of its last great ice age, which had been going on for several thousand years. During ice ages huge amounts of water become locked in glaciers and polar icecaps, and so sea level falls dramatically.

About 18,000 years ago, then, sea level was as much as 400 feet lower than it is now. That means that not only were the Pamlico and Albemarle sounds dry land, but that there was dry land almost all the way out to the edge of the Continental Shelf, which extends 20 to 50 miles past the Outer Banks.

The Neuse was just a thin river then, similar to ones we can see in North Carolina's Piedmont today. The forests all around were

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Movie-Making Taking Chance In Eastern N.C.

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

Two months ago the question was whether a film-development company could make a go in eastern North Carolina. According to the three men behind the idea, the answer is a resounding "yes."

After Thanksgiving, Washington's William M. "Bill" Zachman and two Hungarian-born Israelis — Janos Edelenyi and Paul Salamon — formed a film-development company and began looking for investors.

The men found eastern North Carolina, once the boyhood home of famed filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille, a fertile ground for what investors needed to get the company on its feet. Zachman said the company needed \$150,000 before it could begin thinking about producing films and television shows. With more than a half-million dollars and 90 percent of the investors coming from central part of eastern North Carolina, the trio feels secure in its movie ventures.

Zachman is serving as executive producer of "The Rebels," the company's planned first film. After discussions with Zachman, the two Israelis decided to form a partnership because they were

impressed with Zachman's "exceptional understanding and business wisdom" of film production.

Work on "The Rebels" is scheduled to begin later this year. The company is expected to begin contract negotiations with English-born actor Michael York and Lindsay Wagner for the lead roles. York is "excited" about the project, Edelenyi said.

Edelenyi and Salamon left their native Hungary for "political complications" and artistic reasons in 1978. They moved to Israel and became Israeli citizens. Before pulling up their roots and moving to Israel, they had "become a substantial embarrassment to the Hungarian government" for not following the Communist Party line.

Salamon's standing in Hungary is akin to Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's standing in the Soviet Union, Zachman said. For that reason, and Edelenyi's standing in films and television, the two were received as "returning heroes" when they approached the Hungarian government about participating in their dream, Zachman said.

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Lady Eagles Hold On To No. 1 Spot

By MO KROCHMAL
Sports Editor

West Craven's girls had the answer every time Washington asked: "who's No. 1."

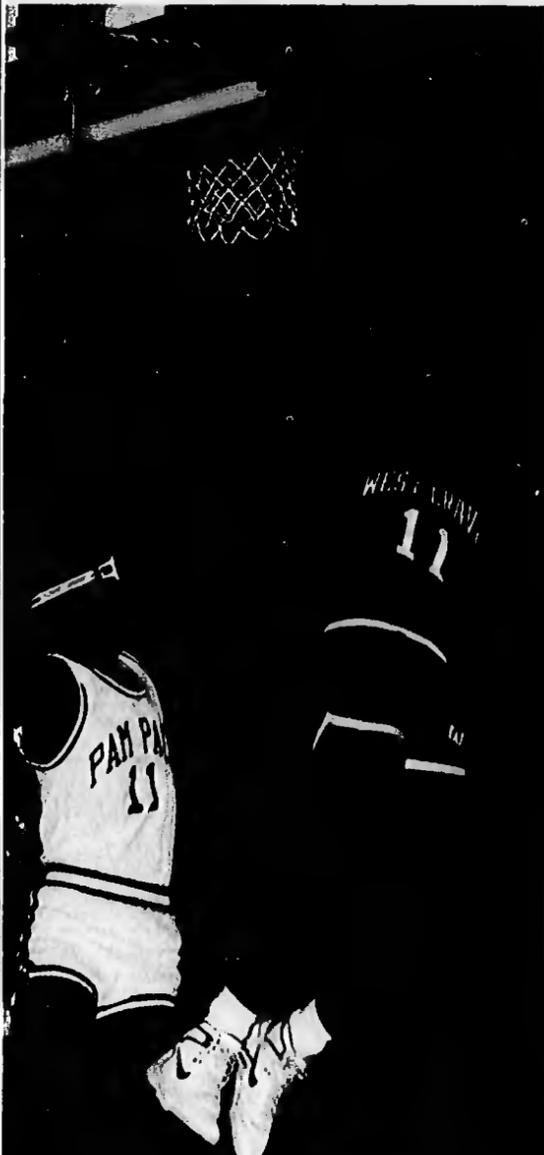
In a Class 3-A Coastal Conference confrontation in the Washington High School gymnasium Friday night, the Lady Eagles, ranked No. 1 in the East, emerged in sole possession of first place in the conference standings by holding off a

game challenge by the No. 8-ranked Lady Pam Pack, 44-41.

The Washington boys answered West Craven's challenge with a 59-48 triumph while the Pack junior varsity emerged with a 71-63 win.

West Craven girls' coach Liz Cox said her Lady Eagles' win "wasn't pretty." She credited her team's ability to hold on to

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Eagles' Becton shoots over Pack's Smith

Rep. Perdue Introduces Bill On Veto

Suggests Changes In Terms For Governor, Legislators

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

Rep. Beverly Perdue of Craven County introduced a bill last week that would eliminate gubernatorial succession, but change the term for the governor from four to six years.

Mrs. Perdue, who represents Craven, Pamlico and Lenoir counties (Third District), included in her bill a provision to change the terms in the General Assembly from two to four years.

"I feel that the terribly high cost of campaigning for federal and state office forces us to look at several changes in our present electoral process so that we can continue to attract people from all walks of life to public service.

Also, part of my bill will be a section to give the governor veto power with a provision that it can be overridden by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house," said Mrs. Perdue.

Mrs. Perdue said she Republican members of the General Assembly are seeking to obtain

"line item" veto for governor. This type of veto would allow a governor to veto selected individual items in any piece of legislation. "When the governor has a 'line item' veto, the experience in other states has been that he often holds hostage a provision in any bill of importance to an individual member or area of the state in order to force cooperation on some other issue. I do not feel that this kind of power politics would be good for North Carolina. My veto proposal uses the federal method, which I feel history has demonstrated to be a sound part of the checks and balances that are the foundation of our democracy," said Mrs. Perdue.

"I feel that the governor should be given veto power, however, I feel that to maintain a democratic balance of power between our state's executive and legislature, that succession and longer terms for the governor and the General

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Money, Travel Lure NWA Lady Wrestler

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

Misty Blue went to work last Thursday night and made short work of her task — pinning her opponent in a professional wrestling match.

The pin against Linda Dallas added another win to Misty Blue's undefeated record as the reigning National Wrestling Alliance's women's world champion. She leaves no doubt as to who the "good guy" is when she enters the ring clad in red, white and blue and covered with a gold-sequined cape and wearing the championship belt.

Linda Dallas, dressed in black and accompanied by a henchman, another female wrestler, found herself facing a hostile

crowd in Washington High School's gym.

Why would a woman want to be a professional wrestler?

Money and travel, said Ms. Blue, 28, a native of upstate New York. A former high school basketball player and track performer, Blue decided to enter boxing. But there were few opponents "and it was not worth my while."

Women's wrestling was already an established event and she traded in her left hooks and jabs for arm locks and even some hair pulling.

She credits her undefeated standing after five years in the squared circle to 1 1/2 years of

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Press Club Selects Futrell As President

CHAPEL HILL — The publisher of the West Craven Highlights, A.B. "Brownie" Futrell Jr., was elected president of the North Carolina Associated Press Club Thursday.

Futrell was elected to succeed Jay Banks, publisher of the Asheville Citizen-Times. Other new officers are First Vice President John Ashcraft of Monroe, Second Vice President Ted Hall of Shelby. The secretary-treasurer is Ambrose B. Dudley, chief of the North Carolina bureau of the Associated Press.

The club comprises the Associated Press members in North

Carolina and oversees the operations of the news cooperative.

The election was at the news service's annual meeting, held in conjunction with the North Carolina Press Institute which is under way at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University.

The speaker at the meeting was Burl Osborne, president and editor of the Dallas Morning News.

Futrell is a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Press Association. He is a former president of the Associ-

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Restaurant Manager Shot, Man Charged

A Vanceboro man faces an assault charge after he was kicked out of a restaurant, returned and allegedly shot the restaurant manager, said a spokesman with the Craven County Sheriff's Department.

William James Dawson, 38, of Rt. 2, Box 778, Vanceboro, was charged in the handgun shooting of John B. Jones, 62, of Rt. 3, Box 51, Vanceboro, said the sheriff's department. The shooting occurred about 2:45 p.m. at Frank's Snack Bar on U.S. 17 by-pass, said Lt. J.C. Woolard of the sheriff's department.

Dawson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, said Woolard. He was jailed Saturday under a

\$25,000 bond and made his first court appearance on the charge Monday.

Jones was admitted to Craven Regional Medical Center after the shooting and was listed in critical condition on Monday, said a hospital spokesman. He was admitted to the intensive care unit with a gunshot wound to the head, said the spokesman.

Woolard said Dawson has been told to stay out of the restaurant the week prior to the shooting. The incident was reported to authorities by a customer and friend of Jones' who was in the snack bar at the time of the shooting, said Woolard.

No motive was given for the shooting and the investigation is continuing, said Woolard.