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## On the fly

It takes a lot of patience to fish with a fly rod. Fly-fishermen make more movements than your basic cane-pole fishermen because they must keep the fly on the end of the line moving to attract fish.

While this fisherman puts a lot of snap into his throwing action, he would probably prefer a lunker attack the fly and get hooked. And fly-fishing means wading. Standing in hip-deep water, cooling off and waiting for a bite — hopefully a fish bite and not a mosquito bite.

## Becton Rumps For 225 Yards

# Eagles Cage Panthers In Opener

From staff reports

VANCEBORO — Lee Becton started his second season of varsity football like he started his varsity career — rushing for more than 200 yards in the season opener.

Last Friday night, Becton rushed for 225 yards on 16 carries but the results were sweeter this year as the Class 3-A West Craven Eagles triumphed 27-7 over Class 2-A non-conference opponent North Pitt.

Last year, Becton made his varsity debut by running for 234 yards in a 49-28 loss to North Pitt.

This year, however, West Craven

had more weapons than Becton's running — most fatal, the passing combination of John Holzworth to Craig Coward.

The game started slowly for the Eagles with North Pitt taking control in the first quarter as Panther running back Marcus Purvis scored from four yards out. Dante Short kicked the extra point.

But the Eagle defense made sure it was the only time the Panther's would dent the end zone in the first half.

Two fumbles in the first half helped seal the fate of the Panthers.

During the second quarter, the

Eagles finally caught the wind and soared for the remainder of the game. On the first play after a North Pitt fumble, Becton scampered 19 yards for his first touchdown two minutes into the second quarter and Kip Bryan added the PAT to knot the score at 7-7. Holzworth got the Eagles on the scoreboard again by hitting Coward with a 13-yard scoring pass at the 4:10 mark of the second period.

Then a miscue by the Panthers handed the Eagles another touchdown.

Tony Bryan scooped up the Panthers' fumble on the first play of

the ensuing kickoff following Coward's touchdown grab and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown, putting the Eagles in the lead for good at 21-7 after Holzworth hit Coward for the two-point conversion.

In the final period, with 11:47 left in the game, Becton squirted free, running 82 yards to paydirt for a 27-7 lead. The PAT kick failed.

A 24-yard pass from Randy House to Quentin Moore with no time on the clock finished the scoring for North Pitt. The Panthers were stopped on their two-point conver-

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## Report Says Threat Minimal

About 93 percent of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system has been unaffected by pollution or loss of habitat, according to the principal author of a report on the system.

But scientists don't know enough about some estuarine areas to be sure what is happening to them, Dr. B.J. Copeland told a meeting of the Pamlico Citizens Advisory Committee last week.

Many of the report's findings will be made on the basis of "best professional guess," Copeland said.

Some members of the committee

took issue with a report based on "best guess."

"... we need to be very careful about what we say if it isn't based on facts," said committee member Ernest W. Larkin III of Greenville. "If you are not sure of your data, then you shouldn't say that 93 percent of the estuary is unaffected."

"I question whether the study will convince people to take action if it's based on... guesses," said William F. Jackson, committee member.

"The document is far, far from perfect," Copeland admitted.

He met with the group at Beau-

fort County Community College to discuss a 600-page first draft of the report on the two estuaries.

Written by a 40-member committee, it includes information on four study areas — critical habitat, water quality, fisheries and the effect of people on the system.

It will be the basis of a management plan to be written under the auspices of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study. The plan is to be ready by November 1992.

The reason scientists don't know

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## Flying Eagle Goes To Becton

By Mike Voss  
Editor

Lee Becton might want to take his offensive line out for pizza.

The Eagle running back rushed for 225 yards on 16 carries Friday night enroute to two touchdowns in a 27-13 win over North Pitt's Panthers. And with that much yardage picked up on the ground, somebody has to be opening the way for the junior running back.

For his efforts on the field, Becton is this week's recipient of the Flying Eagle Award. The award, carried over from previous football seasons, is given by the West Craven Highlights to the player it thinks played a key role in the Eagles' last football game.

Becton, last year's rushing leader in the Coastal Conference, ground out just under 1,200 yards as a sophomore. He's started off this year where he left off last year. Becton is quick to

point out much of his success is because of the blocking his offensive linemen perform.

Junior quarterback Kevin Holzworth and receiver Craig Coward were also considered for the award, along with linemen Eddie McKeel and Terrence White. But there are plenty of awards left to give and the Eagles have plenty of players who can pick up the remaining awards.

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Martin inspects tobacco at warehouse

## Area Jobless Rates Decline During July

By Mike Voss  
Editor

Unemployment rates in Craven, Jones and Lenoir counties fell from June to July, according to the Employment Security Commission in Raleigh. Pamlico County's unemployment rate remained the same at 3 percent.

Craven, Lenoir, Jones and Pamlico counties were among the 86 of the state's 100 counties with unemployment rates at or below 5 percent.

Craven County's unemployment rate fell from 3.8 percent in June to 3.7 percent in July. The unemployment rate for July 1988 was 3.1 percent.

The work force in July totaled 34,320 people with 1,260 unable to find jobs. The June labor pool was 34,180 and 1,290 were without employment. The work force in July 1988 totaled 33,590 and 1,040 were jobless.

Jones County's unemployment rate dropped from 4.4 percent in June to 3.2 percent in July. The jobless rate in July 1988 was 2.9 percent.

The work force in Jones during July reached 4,440 workers and 140

could not find jobs. In June, 190 people were without work out of a labor pool of 4,320. The labor force in July 1988 totaled 4,460 and 130 were unemployed.

Lenoir County's unemployment rate declined from 4.1 percent in June to 3.5 percent in July. The unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in July 1988.

Lenoir County's labor pool in July reached 29,830 workers and 1,050 could not find work. The June work force totaled 29,300 workers and

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Jobless Figures		
July	County	June
3.7%	Craven	3.8%
3.2%	Jones	4.4%
3.5%	Lenoir	4.1%
3.0%	Pamlico	3.0%
3.4%	State	3.7%



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## Dancing with a rugged partner

This stump grinder makes a rough dance partner for Thomas Czuhai. He was running the machine one morning in last week for

Stuart Dudley Landscaping and Tree Service. Cleaning up behind the tree removal are Delton Woolford, background left, and Stuart Dudley, Jr. Thomas may not be able to hold a cup of coffee until after lunch because of the dance's residual jiggle.