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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.

Becton Romps For 225 Yards Eagles Cage Panthers In Opener

quito bite.

From staff reports

VANCEBORO - Lee Becton started his second season of varsity football like he he started his varsity

Tootball like he 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. conference opponent North Pitt. Last year, Becton made his var-

sity debut by running for 234 yards in a 49-28 loss to North Pitt. This year, however, West Craver

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 con-trol in the first quarter as Panther running back Marcus Purvis scored form four under the Date Short

form 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 holf half.

Two fumbles in the first half touchdown. helped seal the fate of the Panthers. During the second quarter, the

Eagles finally caught the wind and the ensuing kickoff following Cow-soared for the remainder of the ard's touchdown grab and returned game. On the first play after a North it 21 yards for a touchdown, putting Pitt fumble, Becton scampered 19 the Eagles in the lead for good at yards for his first touchdown two 21.7 after Holsworth hit Coward for minutes into the second quarter and Kip Bryan added the PAT to knot

he would probably prefer a lunker attack the fly and get hooked.

And fly-fishing means wading. Standing in hip-deep water, cool-

ing off and waiting for a bite --- hopefully a fish bite and not a mos-

North Pitt The Panthers were stopped on their two-point conver-

in the game, Becton squirted free, running 82 yards to paydirt for a 27-7 lead. The PAT kick failed.

By Betty Gray

Special to the

West Craven Highlights

olina, should increase the crop's de-mand from foreign markets, Gov.

Jim Martin said at a tobacco auction here Monday. Martin visited tobacco markets in six eastern cities, including Smith-field, Wilson, Goldsboro, Kinston, Rocky Mount and Greenville.

Martin said the tobacco being sold in eastern North Carolina looks

good despite the heavy rains and cool temperatures earlier in the year. Farmers throughout the area

are taking a lighter crop to marketa because of the cold, wet weather, but prices are still high, he said.

"The bidding is the most produc-tive I've ever seen it," Martin said. At Cannon's Warehouse here, At Cannon's warehouse here, à iring the eastern market's third week, Martin discussed the plan for keeping the quality of North. Car-olina tobacco high.

Farmers should let their tobacco

ipen in the fields and stay away rom unauthorized chemicels, he

said. The farmers should also train

their field workers to handle the to-

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Martin Behind

Premium Ripe

so it will look better to buyers, he GREENVILLE — Premium Ripe, a program for improving the quality of tobacco in eastern North Car-

said. "Premium Ripe will build up con-fidence in the state's tobacco crop among foreign buyers," Martin said. He plans to promote North Car-olina industries, such as tobacco and furniture, with officials during an upcoming trip to Japan, South Korea and Taiwan in October.

Not only will he promote the to-bacco crop, the governor said, but he also will promote the state's tobacco products.

"We want them to open their markets to American made cigaret-tes," Martin said. "We want them to let our brands be sold on their market."

Martin said tobacco's future Martin said tobacco's tuture looked grim in 1985 when stabliza-tion payments were about 25 cents. But tobacco companies agreed to buy the excess tobacco crop after meetings with representatives of the tobacco industry, farmers and government officials. This led to a educed stablization payment, he said.

That plus the Premium Ripe program should continue to make the crop desirable for buyers and profitable for growers, Martin said.

Martin inspects tobacco at warehouse

Report Says Threat Minimal

About 93 percent of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine sys-tem has been unaffected by pollu-tion 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 Commit-Many of the report's findings will

be made on the basis of "best profes-sional guess," Copeland said. Some members of the committee

took issue with a report based on best guess." . . . we need to be very careful ab

out what we say if it isn't based on facts," said committee member Er-nest 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

Tquestion 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 commit-tee, it includes information on four

study areas — critical habitat, wa-ter quality, fisheries and the effect of people on the system. It will be the basis of a manage-

ment plan to be written under the auspices of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study. The plan is to be

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

For his efforts on the field, Becton is this week's recipient of the Flying Eagle Award. The award, carried over from previous foot-ball 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 aut inst worder 1.200

lying Eagle Goes To Becton

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 offen-

because of the blocking his offen-sive linemen perform. Junior quarterback Kevin Holzworth and receiver Craig Coward were also considered for the award close with lineweight the award, along with linemen Eddie McKeel and Terrence White. But their are plenty of awards left to give and the Eagles have plenty of players who can pick up the remaining awards.



By Mike Voss

could not find jobs. In June, 190 peo-

The score at 7-7. Holzworth got the Eagles on the scoreboard again by hitting Coward with a 13-yard scor-ing pass at the 4:10 mark of the sec-ond period. Then a miscue by the Panthers handed the Eagles another Tony Bryan scooped up the Panthers' fumble on the first play of

A 24-yard pass from Randy House to Quentin Moore with no time on the clock finished the scoring for

Editor

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

Craven, Lenoir, Jones and Pam-lico 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 unemployent 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 job-less rate in July 1988 was 2.9 percent.

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

pool of 4,320. The labor force in July 1988 totaled4,4600 and 130 were

unemployed. Longir 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%	Pamilco	3.0%
3.4%	State	3.7%

Dancing with a rugged partner

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

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