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Jobless figures are steady

Graham was the only county in the state with an unemployment rate in double digits in September — its 10.5 percent more than twice the national average and three times the state average.

Dare County was at the far end of the spectrum with only 1.1 percent, according to figures released today by the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

Down East counties remained below the middle of the state scale.

Unemployment rose slightly in Craven and Jones counties and fell slightly in Lenoir and Pamlico counties in September. It increased slightly in Pitt County.

But all five counties remained under five percent. Analysts with the Employment Security Commis-

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Jobless Rates For September

Craven	3.9%
Jones	3.8%
Pamlico	2.7%
Lenoir	3.7%
Pitt	3.3%



Photo courtesy Tryon Palace Restoration Complex

Looking a lot like Christmas

Tryon Palace hostesses Annie B. Gibbs (left) and Beverly Guernier add a finishing touch to the traditional grand garland on the mahogany staircase, Great Stairs Hall, at historic Tryon Palace. This year's Christmas celebration at Tryon Palace is Dec. 6-21.

Fishermen raising no overall objection to salt-water licenses

Local fishermen raised no overall objections last Thursday to a state plan for saltwater fishing licenses, although many disagreed with some of its details.

"We need to regulate now," John Foster, a commercial fisherman, told representatives of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries at a meeting here. "If we don't do something to protect our resource, we're going to lose it."

Foster was one of about 160 people attending the public meeting in the Beaufort County Courthouse.

"This is your resource. You're the user," Gordon W. Meekins of Engel-

hard, chairman of the marine fisheries management commission, told the group. "Is there anything in this package that can be used to help you?"

"I personally don't believe we have an unlimited resource," he said. "Some of the counties in the east are going to double their population."

"Can the resource stand that pressure," he said. "Do we want to lose our tradition?"

Last Thursday's meeting in Washington was one of 12 throughout the state last week.

Reaction to the proposal at other

meetings has been mixed, with opposition coming from commercial fishermen in the east and support for the program coming from recreational fishermen inland, according to William T. Hogarth, marine fisheries director.

In Washington, however, most commercial fishermen were in favor of some aspects of the proposal while recreational and sports fishermen were against sections of the proposal.

During the meeting, Etles Henries Sr., commercial fisherman from the Aurora area, stood and read a list of fees charged for fishing

licenses in South Carolina.

"This program is in place and is working in our sister state," he said. "Some may not like this fee or that fee, but the overall program will work if we will enact it."

His remarks drew applause.

The North Carolina licensing package includes several alternatives for saltwater fishing licenses. Unlike freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing does not now require a license.

To enact such a license, the division would need the approval of the General Assembly.

If approved, anyone over the age

of 16 who takes any fishery product from the state's marine waters for non-commercial purposes would need a license. The cost for state residents would range from \$5 for a one-day license to \$16 for a yearly license. Non-residents would pay from \$10 to \$30.

Clark Rodman, recreational and sportfisherman, said he agreed with the proposal to license out-of-state fishermen. "Out of states should not be able to use our resources without paying for it."

"As for in-state fishermen, I'm more than willing to pay this small fee," he said.

Other recreational fishermen, however, did not agree.

"I own a boat and I pay \$5,000 a year to fish in upkeep and equipment costs," said Tom Little, recreational fisherman. "As far as having to spend more money to buy a license, I totally disagree."

Johnny Foster, commercial fisherman, said, "I'm in total agreement with the recreational license. If you're going to hunt, pay for it. If you're going to fish, pay for it."

Under another proposal, anyone who wished to sell any fishery pro-

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Climate for boaters attractive to retirees

By Mike Voss
Editor

Snowbird.
An appropriate name for a sailing vessel heading south for the winter. In sailing slang, snowbirds are sailors who leave the northern climates and head for the warmer southern harbors during the winter.

Tigress.
Another appropriate name for a sailboat, especially one that plans on prowling around the Bahamas and Mediterranean for two years before returning to the waters of eastern North Carolina to hunt down races to sail in.

The two boats have called the area their temporary homes over the last few days. One sailed from Green Bay, Wis., and the other factory-fresh from Ohio with her two-man crew from Detroit. One sailed an inland waterway and the other took a trip down the Atlantic coast.

Both dropped anchor in area wa-

ters — one crew looking for a possible place to retire and the other crew getting ready for two years at sea. The latter crew already has a lot at an area subdivision that caters to boaters and plans to build a house ther after returning in two years.

"We really like the area," said Don and Jane Ruth of Green Bay. The couple was found yesterday putting away bicycles used in getting around. Don, who retired from the paper industry, and Jane, a former teacher, are taking a second look at the area for potential home sites. They visited the area by car about 1½ years ago and think the area offers what they are seeking.

"It's a good spot to leave from," said Don about future sailing trips.

"And to be from," interjected Jane.

The couple left the Green Bay area Aug. 16, sailed through three of the Great Lakes — Michigan, Huron and Erie — and through the Erie

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Niederbuehls at helm of 40-foot Tigress.

APES annual meeting set for Edenton Nov. 4

The second annual public meeting of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study will be held Saturday at the American Legion building in Edenton.

Keynote speaker for the day-long event will be Charlie Gaddy, anchorman and senior editor for WRAL television station in Raleigh.

A native of North Carolina, Gaddy earned a bachelor of arts degree from Guilford College in Greensboro. He has received numerous broadcasting awards including two United Press International honors for radio documentaries and the Best Documentary Award in 1984 from the Radio Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas.

Gaddy will speak to the group on protecting North Carolina's rivers and sounds.

The day-long event will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and the opening of several research exhibits.

Field trips are planned from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to 10 sites showing examples of research sponsored by the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine

Study, or APES.

Transportation for the field trips and lunch will be provided to the first 200 people to register.

The meeting is planned by the N.C. Coastal Federation through a public participation grant from the study. Funds are provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state.

APES is part of the federal government's National Estuarine Program, an effort to identify problems in coastal waters and develop management strategies to address those problems, according to spokesman Joan Giordano.

The goal of the study, which concludes in 1992, is publication of a Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan that will serve as a guide to protecting the environmental integrity of the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds.

Registration for the meeting is free of charge.

For more information, contact the Coastal Federation at 383-8185 or Ms. Giordano at 946-6481.



Mike Voss photo

West Craven's Paul Anderson, center, gets up after being tackled as Patriots' D.A. Bailou, 50, watches.

Becton, turnovers key Eagles past Patriots to stay undefeated

By Mike Voss
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MOREHEAD CITY — West Craven's Lee Becton rushed for 187 yards and scored three touchdowns while the Eagles' secondary picked apart the West Carteret passing game with six interceptions in a 41-14 Class 3-A Coastal Conference win.

The win sets up a fight next week with D.H. Conley for the conference crown. Both West Craven and Conley are undefeated in the league. West Craven is 9-0 overall and ranked fifth in the state among 3-A schools. Conley is unbeaten in the league and is 7-2 overall.

Last night, Becton gave the Eagles their first three touchdowns and a 21-0 lead on a 3-yard run, a 70-yard interception return and a 79-yard run.

West Craven drew first blood when Becton went in from three yards out, two plays after the Ea-

gles' opened the game on a 54-yard pass from quarterback Kevin Holzworth to Kip Bryan.

Bryan finished the game with four receptions for 108 yards including a 34-yard touchdown catch. He also picked off three passes.

West Craven head coach Clay Jordan said the Eagles were flat in the first half.

"I thought we would be flat," he said, noting the game had no bearing on the playoff race, with West Craven having clinched one of the two spots.

But that didn't stop him from using his halftime remarks to awaken the Eagles, who exploded for 27 points in the second half and bottled up the Patriot offense, allowing only 154 yards and only 39 yards rushing.

Jordan said the Patriots' turnovers and the Eagles' ability to score after the Patriot miscues was the key to the game. He said the Patriots were able to "take Becton out of

the game" in the first half.

However, the Eagles — and Becton — responded in the second half as the junior running back scampered 79 yards on the third play in the second half to give the Eagles a 21-0 lead once Chris Stilley tackled on the point-after-touchdown kick.

Patriot coach Ed Hiatt said his team self-destructed in the second half. He characterized his team's miscues as a "comedy of errors."

The Patriots were able to confuse the Eagles in the first half and limit them to 14 points because of a "different defensive look," he said.

Hiatt said good field position provided by special team play was negated by the turnovers.

West Carteret scored on two big plays, a 61-yard pass to Mike Homan to Lassater and an 87-yard kickoff return by John Cross.

The Patriots were without the services of fullback Tim Williams

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