

HIGHLIGHTS

New doctors sign lease

by Connie Bryan

A lease agreement has been reached between the Vanceboro Medical Center Executive Board and the doctors of the East Carolina Internal Medicine, P.A. of Pollocksville, according to Chairman George Dimick. The board was acting on a motion by William Haddock to secure such an agreement that was unanimously approved by the Center's Board of Directors at their meeting on February 18. The lease,

which was signed last week, provides for the Jones County doctors to assume control over the finances, staffing, and other operations of the center on a full-time basis by July 1, 1980.

Commenting this week, Dimick revealed that the doctors at the Family Practice Center in New Bern, who have provided back-up services, since the origin of the center, had been informed of the new

lease agreement. He stated that Dr. Phillip Mahaney, with the New Bern firm, had promised to contact him in 2 weeks with the group's decision on whether or not to continue to provide that service until July 1 date. Dimick pointed out that although the New Bern doctors are under no legal obligation to serve as the support physicians during the interim period, he was hopeful that they would elect to do so.



BANK HAS NEW EMPLOYEE - Kay Stocks of Vanceboro is the new Personal Banker's Secre-

tary at the Wachovia Bank in Vanceboro. She will be working as secretary for Marie Whitford and filling in when a teller is out.

Kay, a 1974 graduate of West Craven, attended Craven Community College in Accounting. She is married to Eddie Stocks and has a 4 year old son, Toby. Before coming to Wachovia, she was a proofreader for the Sun-Journal.

Brenda Ipock, who is also a Personal Banker's Secretary, will be working with Alton Whitley.

Barbecue dinner

The Vanceboro Rescue Squad will be sponsoring a barbecued pork and chicken dinner on March 1, from 11 a.m. until, at the Vanceboro Fire House. Plates will be \$2.50. Donations of \$1.00 will be taken and a drawing made for a beautiful handmade quilt. Cakes and other goodies will also be on sale. Tickets are available from any Rescue Squad member. Everyone is urged to support this very worthy cause.

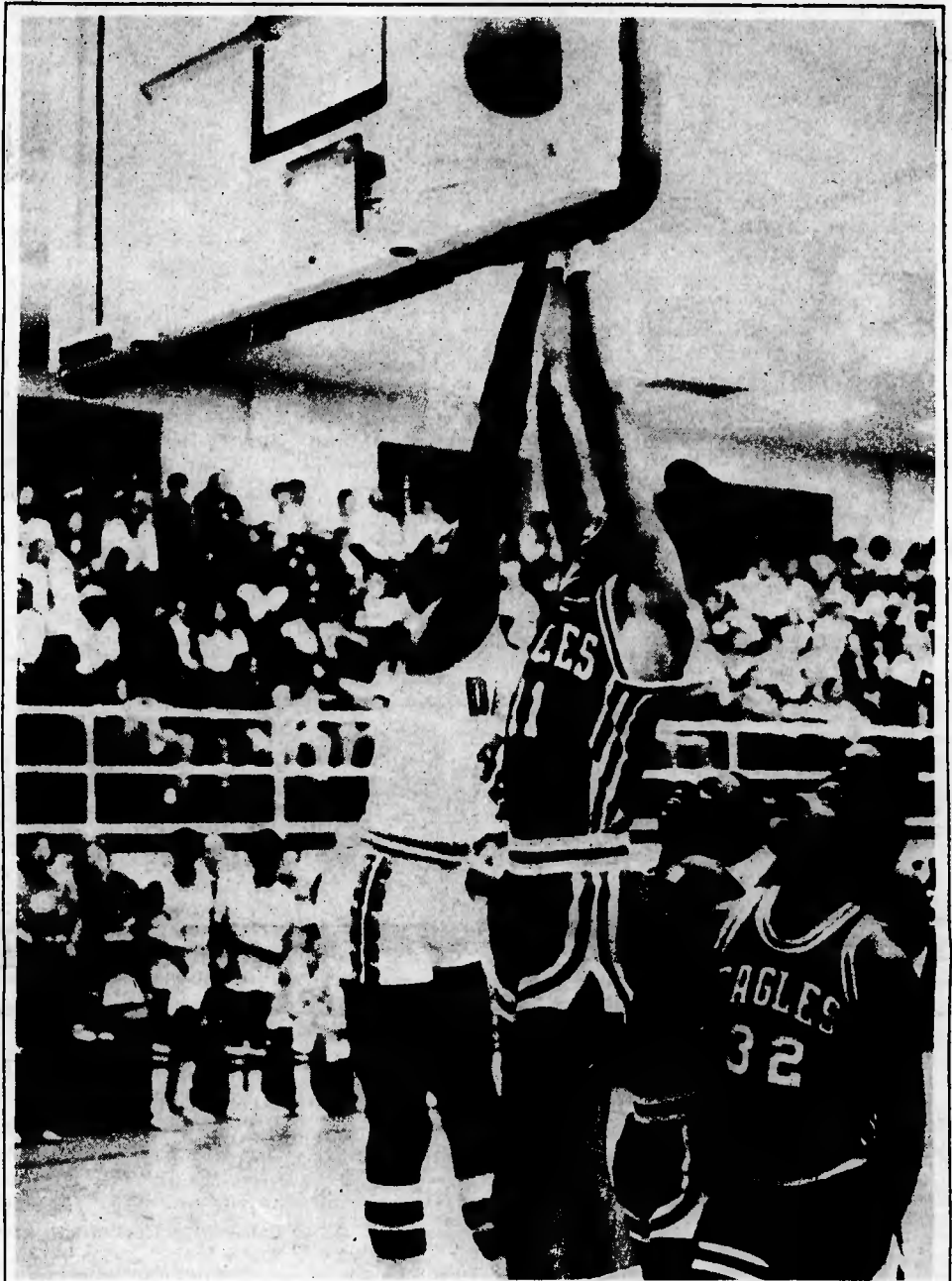


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West Craven High's Eagles outdistanced South Lenoir for the third time this year to win the District II 3-A Championship Monday night in Kenansville. The championship is the first in the school's history. The Eagles advance to the State 3-A Quarterfinals to be held at Durham High School beginning next Wednesday evening. For more details, see Rick Cannon's story on Page 5.

Eagles win!

West Craven (18-1) meets Hendersonville (25-0) on Thursday night, March 6 at 8:30 p.m.

Fire threatens

by Rick Cannon

Fire fighters from the Vanceboro Fire Department responded to a brush fire just off N.C. 43 near Smith's Grocery about three miles from Vanceboro last Thursday. The 2:30 p.m. blaze which threatened the home of

Don Morris, was quickly brought under control.

Chief Ed Nobles explained that the fire apparently started from an open trash container near the open field beside the Morris home. Nobles went on to say that if the wind had been blowing in the

opposite direction, the fire would have been in the woods before help could have arrived. Nobles cautioned homeowners and farmers in the area to keep an especially close watch on their fires when burning off fields in preparation for spring plowing.



1980 SWEETHEART COURT - The West Craven Junior High School Sweetheart Court was named at the school dance last Friday night. The

lucky girls are (left to right) Angie Pugh, Juanita Campbell, Angie Forrest, Sweetheart, Elevia McCoy and Vernida Coward.

Photo courtesy of Dave Ratcliffe

Lancaster honored

Grover Lancaster, a county commissioner and farmer from Craven County, was recently presented a certificate of appreciation by the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency of Greenville, N. C.

Mr. Lancaster was involved in the development stages of the health systems agency, having been a member of the original convener group and personnel, bylaws and charter committees. During all four years of his

association with the agency, he served in a leadership capacity.

Said Roy Selby, Executive Director of the ECHSA, "Mr. Lancaster is one of those people whose influence, and dedication to the ideal of local involvement and control has guided this agency from its initial development through full designation by HEW. He has contributed several years of splendid public service, and I am proud to have been associated with him."



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