



BASE TRIPPER—Alvin Hoell of Old Brick Road wretches in pain after tripping and doing a complete flip over first base during a Vanceboro Softball League Game last week. He is tended to by Coach Lamur Morris and the 1981 Outstanding Rescue Squad member of the Year, Ester Gaskins of the Vanceboro Rescue Squad. As Alvin was being carried off on a stretcher to Craven County Hospital, the 1st base Umpire Larry Moser of New Bern turned to someone and said "That boy's got torn ligaments and I guarantee it." Well Ump—you made another bad call because the next day Alvin had nothing worse than a sore knee.

WCHS Sends Off 140

Diplomatic Event

It was a few minutes before sunset and a mild west wind blew gently as the 1982 Senior Class of West Craven County walked slowly, two-by-two, from the high school building, across the green lawn that was now serving as a parking lot, and into Eagle Stadium to receive the ultimate goal of grade school education - the High School Diploma.

A festive crowd of about 2,000 relatives and friends filled the east side bleachers and spilled over along the chain-linked fence bordering the sideline.

The dress of the spectators ranged from informal to gown and tuxedo.

As the seniors sat facing the stage placed mid-field with their backs to the crowd, they formed a square sea of navy blue and dangling yellow tassels.

During the awarding of diplomas one could instantly determine what seniors had stockpiled the most popularity as the crowd selectively roared louder for some than others.

The program began and ended on a musical note, thanks to the West Craven Concert Band and the West Craven Select Choir.

After the ceremony in the stadium, the activity moved to the darkened parking area as instant cameras and pocket cameras flashed like so many lightning bugs.

Some emotions ran high as tears of joy were wiped away or as young cousins or younger brothers and sisters jumped into the arms of graduating seniors.

Family gatherings at home or unscheduled parties surely followed after all had left WCHS for the last time.

Only time will tell how many of the 1982 Senior Class will find a future in West Craven County and how many can truly look back on the June 11, 1982 ceremony as a commencement exercise.



THE FUTURE IS EVERYTHING—The immediate question for Dean Taylor of Myrtle Beach & senior Carol Worley of Dover as they stood on the steps of WCHS last Friday evening before the 1982 Graduation Ceremony was where to meet afterwards. The long term question has been answered - yes - Carol will marry Dean, a draftsman, next week in Kinston.

6 Commissioner Candidates- What Craven Needs Most

Ed Armstrong - "Study and development of water and sewer facilities enabling residential and industrial growth. Above all, there must be recovery of investment and provision of jobs."

Ella Bengel - "Increased industrial development is priority because our residents need more good jobs created. The migration of young out of Craven County must be stopped."

Sidney French - "Utilities are needed outside incorporated towns and economic situation requires creating jobs. Young people cannot afford a \$3,000 sewage system for their homes or trailers."

Bill Pappas - "People with lots in the country need county-wide water. Salt treatment runs \$12-14 per month. Housewives would find work easier with clean soft water."

Dick Hubbard - "Better leadership, honest leadership, reduce wasteful spending. Spend what money we have wisely and put it where it would do the most people the most good."

Roger Forrest - "Outside industry has a bad opinion of our leaders and I can show better leadership. Inaction in past has cost taxpayers money and services on many issues."

Question of the Week:

How's the weather been to your crops so far?



Laura Kite of Vanceboro
"Been wonderful to my collards and flowers. All it needs is an occasional shower to keep the ground damp and things should stay just fine, real fine."



Irvin McGee of Vanceboro
"Lack of rain this week gave my wheat a chance to dry out, kept the moisture out so we can pick it and we're gettin' ready to plant beans."



Milton Moore and mare mule Burt
"Been real nice. Gotta fair corn crop, bean crop, don't have any tobacco. Season's been good. Gonna need rain when it comes tasslin' and shootin'."



Roger Forrest of Wilmar
"The weather is about two weeks ahead of itself. Tobacco is growin' real fast. Have a few spots that yellowed from standing water but not much."