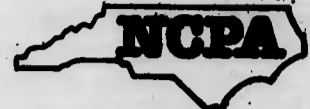


West Craven Wins 3-A District

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West Craven Students Attend YLA

Michael Hodges, Stacy Lee, Clay McOmber, and Doug Lee of Vanceboro were among approximately 250 high school students who participated in the Youth Legislative Assembly held March 11-13 in Raleigh.

Michael, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hodges; Stacy and Doug, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Lee, and Clay, son of Mr. & Mrs. John McOmber are students at West Craven High School.

Each year high school and junior high school students are given an opportunity to participate in a legislative assembly to prepare bills that affect youth. If a bill is passed, it will be presented to state leaders. The students get a good lesson in parliamentary procedure and learn what procedure is followed in getting a bill passed.

During the three-day event, the

students met to discuss a number of issues including youth rights, health and nutrition, substance abuse, education, and juvenile justice. They drew up bills and voted them, and a final report of their actions will be presented to state leaders.

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten spoke to the students at the opening session Friday, March 11. State Senator Wilma Woolard of Garner spoke during the Saturday night banquet.

The Youth Legislative Assembly was sponsored by the Raleigh Youth Council and by the State Youth Council, a component of the North Carolina Department of Administration's Youth Involvement Office.

Mr. Richard Cannon and his wife, Janis, were chaperons for the three day event.



L-R, Michael Hodges, Clay McOmber, Stacy Lee, and Doug Lee



Attorney General Rufus Edmisten addresses the youth at the opening banquet of Youth Legislative Assembly in Raleigh.



Ron Bellamy (44) tries for two, but is caught from behind by a Farmville Jaugar, in last week's win in District 3-A finals.

West Craven Wins District II 3-A Crown

The Eagles of West Craven won the District II 3-A Tournament by defeating Farmville Central by the score of 56-44 last week at D. H. Conley High School.

West Craven is now one of the eight best 3-A teams in the state. They will represent District II in the regionals being held in Wilson tomorrow night. The Eagles face Graham at 7:00 p.m.

The Eagles started the game off slow and at the end of the first quarter, found themselves trailing by the score of 15-11.

When the second quarter began, Ronnie Bellamy and Linwood Harris went to work. The duo contributed 13 of the 17 points scored by West Craven. The Eagles went to the lockerroom leading by eight.

In the third quarter, the Eagles out-scored the Jaguars, 13-19. Slam dunks by Norman Becton and Harris sparked the lead up to 12.

The final quarter featured a slow pace by the Eagles. They only scored two field goals, the rest of the points scored at the free-throw line.

The Eagles went to the line 18 times and converted 11 to keep the Jaguars at a distance to seal the victory.

Bellamy ended up with a game high 26 points and Harris contributed 15.

"We proved ourselves by winning these last three games," said Eagle coach Lorenzo Jones. "The whole team played with a lot of enthusiasm."

West Craven (56)

R. Bellamy 24
L. Harris 15
C. Blount 9
N. Becton 4
A. Wesley 2
T. King 2

Farmville Central (44)

G. Hobgood 13
T. Petteway 12
R. Gorham 11
A. Edwards 6
T. Hargrove 2

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