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## Vanceboro Softball League

The season came to a close last Saturday night as League President John Garris presented season and tournament trophies. Kite's finished the season first in the league and the Senator's finished first in the tournament playoffs.

The final team standing was 1-Kite's, 2-Ron's, 3 C & E, 4-Cougars, 5-Senators, 6-Garris I, 7-Garris II, 8-B & B, 9-Stop & Fetch It and 10-Pugh.

Chris Elks received a trophy for Kite's Supermarket team which placed first in the league for the season.

Ron Beaman received a second place trophy for Ron's Angels team in regular season and a third place trophy for tournament play.

Shady Willis received the third place season's trophy for C & E Logging team.

Jim Madures received first place tournament trophy for his team. His team, the Senators, were undefeated during last weekend's Vanceboro Softball League Tournament.

Lorenzo Jones was voted most valuable player for the Senator's by his teammates.

## Schools Open August 26th

New Bern - Craven County Schools will open Friday, August 26th, at 8:00 a.m. - Dr. Ben Quinn is Superintendent.

New courses are being offered in several of the area schools, and several courses have been removed due to low enrollment in those courses. Computer Science, Construction and Drama are courses that will be on student schedules this year.

Richard Bowers, principal of Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary will have 510 students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade with a teaching staff of 23 teachers and 13 aides.

Robert Jolly, West Craven High School principal will have 925 students in grades 9 through 12. He will have four new teachers and a teaching staff of 45. Courses added or enhanced for 1983-84 school year are Drama, Computer Science, and Construction.

William Rivenbark, principal of West Craven Middle School, will have approximately 905 students enrolled in grades 6 through 8. He will have 3 new teachers and a total teaching staff of 49. Mr. Rivenbark says they are looking forward to teaching N.C. History to eighth graders this year. It has been several years since N.C. History has been one of the studies. Also, Parent Information Night will be held Tuesday night, Sept. 6th at 7:30 p.m.

## New Bern-Craven County Teachers Meet



Teachers of the New Bern-Craven County School system gathered outside the New Bern High School greeting fellow teachers before the opening session of the annual teacher's meeting.

Mr. Jimmy Smith, chairman of the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education opened the annual teacher's meeting with words of praise and appreciation to the teachers for a job done in a very professional way.

Dr. Ben Quinn, Superintendent of New Bern-Craven County Schools, followed Mr. Smith with an introduction of his staff, Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, Ms. Bertha Grubb, Ms. Nancy Carrol, and Mr. Bob Wilson. He praised them for making his job much easier and assured the teaching staff they would be available to assist in any way possible to make the school year 1983-84 a successful year.

Dr. Quinn introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Dudley Flood, Associate State Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Flood held his audience spellbound for the next forty minutes. He told the teachers he had never had a student that couldn't make a "C". "If the student could find his/her way to my room I could teach enough for them to make a "C". "Get enthusiasm", was Dr. Flood's secret to success in the classroom. Get so excited about teaching that those students can't rest until they have what you are teaching." Or Flood said, "a teacher must get a commitment from the students".

Another point that Dr. Flood made to his audience was that a teacher might be teaching to their satisfaction and not to the satisfaction of the students. The big question seems to be "are the students learning." Teachers were reminded in his closing

New Bern High School principal, Tommy Phelps, will begin the school year with an enrollment of 1250 students in grades 10 through 12. He will have 10 new teachers and a total teaching staff of 73. Mr. Phelps states that his theme for the year is "Excellence in instruction". Calculus, Data Processing II, Industrial Arts, and Photography are new courses and Drama will be taught this year as a return from previous years.

Gerald Eubanks, H.J. McDonald Middle School principal, will start this year with 1260 students enrolled and 9 new teachers for a total teaching staff of 78.

Terry Hicks, principal at J.T. Barber will have approximately 420 students enrolled in the 9th grade. Mr. Hicks has added 3 new teachers to his staff for a total teaching staff of 25.

Government Economics will be offered this school year and a scholar program implemented according to



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statements that students may have some answers that teachers don't have the questions. He told them "never give up!"

New Bern-Craven County NCEA President, Ruby Humphrey, was presented to the group to give a report of the NEA Convention. She recognized the building representatives and urged each teacher to see their building representative to get information for joining the teacher organization.

Ms. Sue Forrest, President of New Bern-Craven County Chamber of Commerce, was introduced. She explained the Chamber wanted to show recognition to the outstanding educators in the system of establishing a monthly award for outstanding work in the field of education. Selection will be made by school system and the Chamber.

In Dr. Quinn's closing remarks, he touched on the 5% "free" period, which \$26,000 has been allotted but no guide lines for administering the program; he stated teachers are now on same annual leave status as other state employees, this means more days leave for older teachers and fewer days for new teachers; capital improvements will be enhanced by the 1/2 cent sales tax, 40% of this tax is designated to go to education for capital improvements, an amount estimated to be \$400,000 to \$500,000; he expressed that the insurance plan now in effect seems to be a good one and finally he stated that all teachers would receive \$150 supplement at the end of the school year.

the state guideline.

Rachel Woodard, Bridgeton Elementary Principal, will have approximately 435 students, Kindergarten through fifth grade and a staff of 51 including teachers, aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and custodians.

Jasper Elementary School Principal Mrs. Beatrice Smith, will have approximately 360 students in grades Kindergarten through fifth. Teachers number 18 and there are 9 aides. Mrs. Smith states emphasis will be placed on improving the language arts skills and maintaining the school's strong math position as shown them by achievement tests.

Mrs. Nan Gilbert, principal of Fort Barnwell Elementary will enroll approximately 350 students Kindergarten through 5. A total teaching staff of 16 teachers and 9 aides have been assigned to the school. Mrs. Gilbert says they are all proud of the new gym floor and the new paint.