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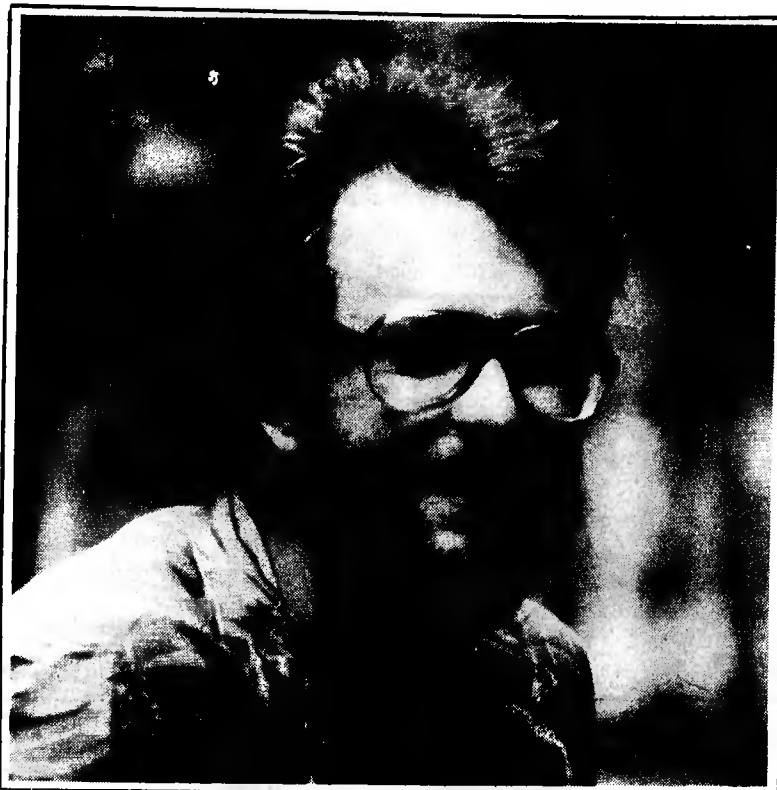
Phillips Named Executive Director of Pamlico-Tar River Foundation

Jonathan D. Phillips has been named the first full-time paid Executive Director of the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, Inc.

Phillips, who recently completed work toward a doctoral degree in geography at Rutgers University in New Jersey, assumed his duties with the non-profit Washington, N.C.-based group on Aug. 16, said Richard M. Leach, president of the PTRF.

Phillips said he hoped to continue present efforts to maintain good water quality in the Tar-Pamlico basin. "The PTRF has made great strides the past few years in serving as watchdogs for the river and in speaking on behalf of environmental quality and resource conservation," he said. "There's a lot of work to be done and a long way to go, but I think that with public support the foundation can help conserve our natural resources and make the Pamlico-Tar a clean source of water for homes, an efficient source of water for industry, and a pure and pleasant place for recreation."

A native of Roxboro, Phillips is neither new to Tidewater North Carolina nor to the PTRF. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1979, Phillips moved to Washington where he served as City Editor for the "Washington Daily News" until 1980. He then resumed his education at East Carolina



JONATHAN PHILLIPS

University, earning a master's degree in geography and planning in 1982 before enrolling at Rutgers to complete his doctorate.

While attending ECU Phillips was named to the PTRF's first board of directors in 1981. He also served as editor of "West Craven Highlights" in Vanceboro from 1980-81 and wrote a column for the newspaper while at Rutgers.

Phillips has published a number of scientific articles on issues important to Eastern North Carolina, including beach erosion rates, water salinity, water quality, artificial drainage of wetlands, and the

condition of certain aquatic species populations.

The PTRF is an environmental education group dedicated to preserving the integrity of the Tar-Pamlico river System. Governed by a nine-member board of directors, activities have included representing environmental interests in basin water quality issues, organizing outings and publishing a quarterly newsletter featuring reports on water quality issues.

Funding for the Executive Director post was provided by a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.



Water Front Property—was seen at Butler Ford Bridge as water crept closer to Mike Morton's home on Rural Road No. 1478. According to reports the water was up 15 feet, the highest since 1955 when it rose 19 feet.

Hurricane Diana Didn't Show

For the Vanceboro area, Hurricane Diana was mostly inconvenience and very little damage except for an occasional limb broken from trees in various yards around town. Diana didn't come as a Hurricane but did manage to visit as a storm.

Area residents were directed on Tuesday evening to go to West Craven High School for shelter if they did not feel comfortable or safe in their homes.

Preparations were hastily made in six of the county schools Tuesday afternoon to

house citizens who were living in mobile homes or if they did not feel safe in their homes. The hurricane was expected to hit the North Carolina Coast during the night. All the shelters were ready to receive families by 6:00 p.m. The West Craven High School shelter was organized by Ms. Melba Wheeler, manager, and Ms. Marlene Dail, assistant manager. They had a registered nurse, a communication coordinator, plus volunteers who registered families and set up the classrooms for over-

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Social Security For Young Workers

Many people equate Social Security with the elderly and retirement, but the program actually provides benefits for people of all ages. Retirement may seem a long way off in the eyes of young people, but monthly retirement checks are only one of a package of benefits available to anyone who works long enough in Social Security-covered employment.

Disability insurance, for

example, is an important feature of the Social Security program for young workers. It provides benefits to workers who are so severely disabled that there is reason to believe they will be unable to return to work for at least a year. In such cases, a worker can start receiving monthly payments after an initial 5-month waiting period. And the benefits are payable at any time before age 65.

These benefits will continue for as long as the person remains disabled. Moreover, a person who receives disability benefits for 24 months becomes eligible for Medicare, which can help meet the costs of health care.

If a married worker becomes disabled, monthly payments can also be made to the spouse and children. And if the person should die, survivors insurance

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Pat's Furniture all secure for the storm that didn't show