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Jobless Rate In Area Sees Little Change

The unemployment rate increased slightly in Craven County and decreased some in Pamlico County from May to June, according to the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

Jones County had a 4.3 unemployment rate in June, up 1 percent from May's 3.3 unemployment rate.

The Craven County increase joined a statewide trend in which the jobless rate increased in 90 of the 100 counties.

The commission's monthly statistics put Craven County's jobless rate at 4.9 percent and Pamlico's at 3.2 percent.

In May, the rates had been 4.3 percent in Craven and 4.5 percent in Hyde.

Craven County's rate was based on a total labor force of 31,680. The Employment Security Commission calculated that 30,120 — or 95.1 percent — of those people held jobs. It said 1,560 were jobless.

In Pamlico, the commission estimated the work force at 4,680 and said 4,530 people had jobs and 150 did not.

Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.9 percent from 4.2 percent. Ten counties had rates higher than 10 percent, with Graham's 17.1 percent the highest. The lowest rate was 2.4 percent in Polk County.

Figures show Jones had 4,430 people in the labor force, with 4,240 working and 190 without jobs.

Vance Club Gets Honor For Crusade

The Craven County Extension Homemakers presented the Vance club, the Vanceboro chapter of the Extension organization, a plaque for its work in the Cancer Crusade at the quarterly meeting held July 21 in New Bern.

The educational program was a tour of the Sun-Journal, arranged by Sonia Miller, chairman of the public relations committee of the Havelock club.

The group had a Dutch-treat luncheon at Clancy O'Hara's Restaurant and conducted its business session.

Plans made for upcoming events included a bake and craft sale, a trip to Morehead City to visit the N.C. State University seafood lab and outlet shopping and a crafts workshop that will be open to the public.

Attending from Vanceboro were Doris Bryan and Fannie Patterson of the Vance club.

For more information about these events or Extension Homemaker clubs, call Susan Noble at 633-1478.

Rescue Squad Raising Funds For Equipment

The Vanceboro Rescue Squad would like to thank its supporters for their faithful support over the years.

Your generosity provides the funds to give you the service and protection you deserve.

The rescue squad is engaged in the fund-raising project to provide equipment for the rescue squad so it can better serve your community. A special fund-raising project will be going on for the next few weeks.

Men will be calling on every home in the rescue district asking for your participation. Each family that helps out with a \$10 donation will receive an 8x10 family portrait, compliments of the rescue squad auxiliary for your support. The portraits will be made of the participating families Aug. 8, 9, 22 and 23 by Rainbow Productions.

Your cooperation in this project is needed and will be greatly appreciated. This fund raiser is sponsored by the Vanceboro Rescue Squad and its auxiliary.



Don't Let Go

Don't let go. That's the secret to painting flagpoles, says painter Jack Wilson. Wilson and Floyd Potter, both of Mountain City, Tenn., are traversing the state painting flagpoles at National Guard facilities. Along the way they try to find

other flagpoles to paint. Wilson was found painting this flagpole earlier this week. In the left photo Potter, both of Mountain City, Tenn., are traversing the state painting flagpoles at National Guard facilities. Along the way they try to find (Mike Voss photo)

Three Waste-Disposal Ideas Proposed In Interim Report

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

NEWPORT — A mid-term report of a solid waste study, the largest of its kind in the country, offers three possible answers to waste problems for an eight-county area in eastern North Carolina.

Faced with tightening regulations on landfills, higher operation costs and short lives left on landfills, the counties are looking for solutions to garbage problems.

The scenarios suggested by the study are:
—Building a single waste-to-energy plant producing electricity.

—Building two electric generating facilities.
—Or building one or more facilities to generate steam with some co-generation (producing both steam and electricity).

Other ideas could also be developed before the study is completed, said Richard Stahr, a representative of the firm doing the study, Malcolm Pirnie Co. of Newport News, Va.

The eight counties and the Marine bases at Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune are splitting costs on the study. Sandy Robinson of Malcolm Pirnie Co. said the study is the largest of its kind ever undertaken in the country.

Officials from the eight counties, two Marine bases and regional planning bodies met in Newport last Thursday to hear a status report on the study. The study is expected to be completed in September. Funding for the study is coming from the counties through grants from the regional planning bodies, the Marine Corps and from the state's Division of Coastal Management.

Vanceboro's Glenn Forrest, a planner for the Neuse River Council of Governments, attended. He has been involved in the study since its inception.

Also attending the meeting was Brig. Gen. James M. Mead, commanding officer at the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point. Mead has supported the study and obtained money to help pay for it. He was presented several awards at the meeting for his efforts.

The report estimates that by the year 2012 the area will produce almost 1,000 tons of waste a day, much of it from the Marine bases. Cherry Point produces about 25 tons of waste a day and Camp Lejeune about 90. Officials say all figures in the study are conservative estimates.

According to the report, Beaufort County supplies 11.33 percent of the garbage in the study area. Onslow County supplies 33 percent and Craven County supplies 21 percent.

The mid-term report says one central waste-to-energy facility in the New Bern area could burn

the 750 tons of waste presently generated by the eight counties and two bases, producing 13 megawatts of electricity.

The scenario calls for the power to be sold to any of the following: Carolina Power & Light Co., North Carolina Power, eight electric membership corporations (including Tideland) and possibly to members of Electricities. Electricities members buy power from investor-owned power firms and sell it to customers.

Transportation would be the biggest problem with such a plan, said Stahr.

Another scenario has two facilities being built — one between Washington and Williamston and the other near Havelock. Stahr said this would neutralize transportation problems. Because the study area stretches from the Virginia-North Carolina line to Onslow County, two sites seem more practical, said Stahr.

If the electric generating plants were built, the power companies would be required by federal law to buy the power. Stahr said negotiations would have to be done and that the power companies would probably pay anywhere from 2.8 cents per kilowatt hour to 4.7 cents.

Stahr said the final scenario — producing and selling steam — was attractive to the Marine bases and to National Spinning Co. in Washington. He said the study did not identify Texasgulf's Lee Creek operation as a steam user but would include it in further planning.

The steam scenario calls for two or three steam-producing plants. National Spinning is included in both. In one version the other plant would be at Camp Lejeune. In the second version a third plant would be at Cherry Point.

Stahr said the steam plants were attractive because "there are four very strong, viable markets." He said they were National Spinning, Weyerhaeuser and the two Marine bases. Stahr said their steam needs would justify a plant being built.

Weyerhaeuser's New Bern plant has been identified as a potential market for steam, but the company has not supplied data for the study. Stahr said "there is some question whether they are a viable steam market."

National Spinning, said Stahr, "figures very prominently in the steam picture."

Stahr said from a demand viewpoint the electric-generating plants would always have customers. "They're always there. Plus, they are a lot more flexible from a siting perspective."

"The economics of selling steam are universally (See WASTE, Page 6)

Incumbents, Newcomers Seek Offices

Many Wait Until Last Minute To File For Posts In 2 Towns

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

Municipal elections are just around the corner and candidates for office are running true to form so far — most have waited until almost the last day to file.

The election is set for Nov. 3. There is no primary.

Most of the candidates for town council seats and mayorships waited until this week to file, said election officials. It's a matter of "waiting to see what the competition will be," said one official.

In Vanceboro, six candidates are seeking the five seats on the town board. Mayor Jimmy Morris had no opposition as of Wednesday morning in his reelection bid. Town Clerk Carolyn Ippock said that even though the filing period ends at noon Friday, she did not expect any others to file.

Incumbent aldermen Shirley Bryan, Richard Bowers, David Fillingame and A.F. Whitley are seeking new two-year terms as aldermen. Howard Tyre is not seeking a return to the council.

Bobby Thorn and R.S. Lancaster are newcomers seeking a seat on the board of aldermen.

The aldermen's and mayor's terms are two years, said Mrs. Ippock.

In Cove City three incumbents have filed, two incumbents had not filed by Wednesday morning,

a newcomer had filed and a former alderman is seeking to return to the town board, said Nina White, chairman of the Cove City Municipal Board of Elections.

Mayor L.D. Davis is seeking reelection to the post and did not have any opposition as of Wednesday morning, said Mrs. White.

Incumbents Eugene Massey, W.A. Avery and Q.R. Russell have filed. Former alderman Charlton Mitchell, defeated in the last municipal election, seeks to return to the board. Incumbents J.C. Ward and Wayne King had not filed by Wednesday morning. Mrs. White said she expected King and Ward to file by the Friday deadline.

Newcomer Ben Grady is seeking a seat on the five-member board. The terms for alderman and mayor are two years, said Mrs. White.

"They'll file by Friday I'm sure," said Mrs. White of the two incumbents not filed.

Mrs. White said most of those who filed did so just in the last few days. She agreed that it is traditional for candidates to file "just about at the last minute."

"I went to the town meeting the other night to remind them. Some of them wait to the last minute to see who else will file," said Mrs. White.

Editor's note: Next week candidates for Dover and Bridgeton offices will listed in a similar article.

Feel Out Of Sorts? Try A Little Catnip, Coltsfoot Or Boneset

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

The next time you are feeling under the weather, try looking in your spice rack. There just might be something there to make you feel better — something like rosemary, thyme, rose hips, parsley and peppermint.

If by chance you don't have those items lying around or don't have any coltsfoot, lemon grass or catnip, you might want to consider making a trip on Streets Ferry Road south of Vanceboro to see N.J. Hopkins.

For 17 years Hopkins has been promoting the use of herbs and spices to improve health. The Seventh Day Adventist minister operates a buying service for those seeking good health through herbs.

Hopkins first became exposed to herbs and their medicinal qualities 17 years ago in Florida. He became acquainted with a herbist and decided to try the man's advice. Hopkins' wife, Evelyn, suffered from epilepsy and doctors seemed unable to do much.

"I started working on her with

herbs for epilepsy. It worked. Now she's doing nicely," said Hopkins.

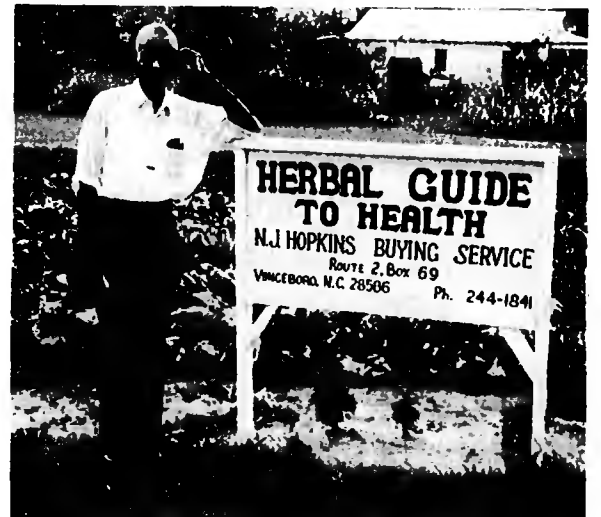
Even though doctors did little for his wife, he and she both still see doctors. Hopkins said he is not competing against doctors and suggests that people use them. Only when doctors are baffled or can't produce results does Hopkins suggest that herbs be considered. He makes no promises about the herbs. He said their are no magic qualities.

Herbs are the "natural drugstore" that many have forgotten about, Hopkins said. He said that many herbs were used in the past to treat various maladies.

He also suggests that because hurried people are eating more "fast food and junk food" they might be losing some of the chemicals and elements they need. Hopkins said herbs could help provide elements missing from today's diets.

And don't confuse Hopkins' services with those of a root doctor or voodoo healer. He said there is no comparison.

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Hopkins runs business out of home