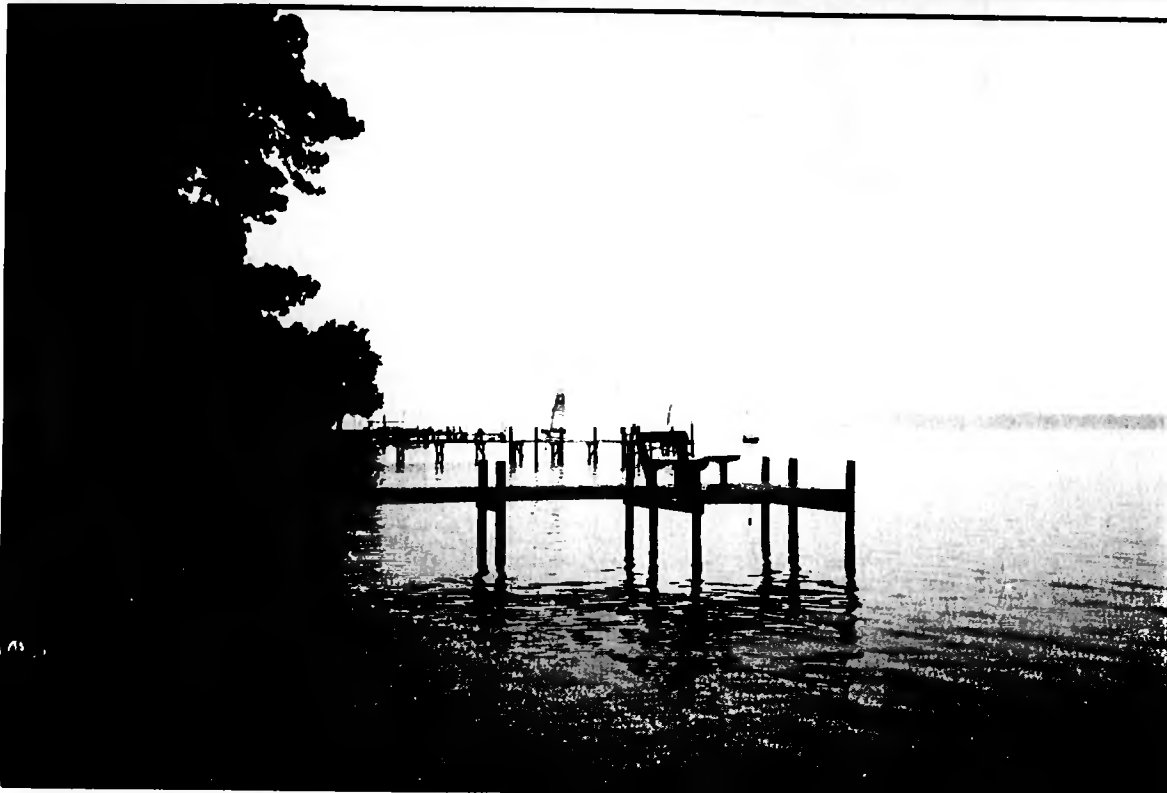




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Restful

On a hot summer day one of the best places to relax, cool off and enjoy the afternoon is on the waterfront. And if you have access to a pier, so much the better. A pier allows one to sit above the gently lap, lap, lap of the waves, or can serve as a platform for diving. And when

the sun sets and the moon rises, it is a perfect location for a little summertime romance. But remember to take along something to keep the mosquitoes occupied.

(Mike Voss photo)

New Facility Offers Area Child Care

By TERRI JAMIESON
Staff Writer

West Craven Child Care Center, a new full-day service center, will open Monday, Aug. 31.

The state-licensed day care center will accept children from age five weeks to five years old. The facility will also offer after-school care.

The child care facility will serve 29 children. The hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Lina Wallace, owner and operator, said if she could do anything she would like to make each child's day a happy day. She also stated that her goal for each and every child is "to give them the knowledge and the ability to always know how to find themselves."

"I feel I have something to offer the community," said Mrs. Wallace of her child care center located in the Spring Garden community. Mrs. Wallace has a background of 20 years in the Headstart (federal government)

program combined with 18 months of private day care work. She holds an associate's degree in early childhood education. Mrs. Wallace said her experience and education made her feel qualified for the child care profession.

There will be a program for toddlers and the 3- to 4-year-old age group, including stories and games. The center will operate on a schedule allowing for two meals and snacks daily. The center is approved by the state. It is licensed with three staff members at the present time. Time will be set aside for supervised outdoor play periods. The facility boasts a large, fenced-in grassy area in the rear.

Mrs. Wallace said the West Craven Child Care Center would like to provide parents with learning materials for better enrichment of their children and the lowest price in the area. She said the center is striving to serve

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Mississippi Culture May Steam This Way

By MICHAEL ADAMS
Special To

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People in Craven County and elsewhere in coastal North Carolina may soon get a taste of Mississippi River culture: a paddlewheel steamboat.

Shades of Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and Mark Twain, if you will. And let's not forget *Gone With The Wind*, New Orleans, St. Louis

or Memphis.

Officials from several coastal towns, including New Bern, Beaufort, Bath, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Morehead City, Washington and Beaufort, met Wednesday afternoon with a representative of a Louisiana steamboat company to discuss the possibility of putting one in the area.

David Kish, a vice-president of the Delta Queen Steamboat

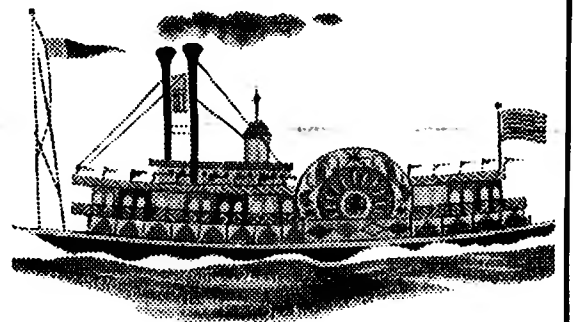
Co. of New Orleans, will tour the Pamlico and Albermarle sounds and nearby rivers in a helicopter before meeting with city officials in Washington and in Edenton, Washington city planner Lewis Taylor said.

Taylor said that representatives from New Bern, Beaufort, Bath, Belhaven, Washington and perhaps some other cities will meet with Kish in Washington.

He said the cities will make presentations about their tourist attractions, hotel accommodations and other factors that would make locating a boat in the area an attractive idea for the steamboat company. Taylor said that Kish would also be given navigational charts.

Frank "Bo" Lewis, executive director of the Greater

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Legislature Passes Bill For Roads

RALEIGH — The General Assembly has passed a bill which will clarify municipal spending limits in building and maintaining state primary and secondary roads.

The bill, according to Rep. Gerald Anderson of Craven County, will set a limit, based on population, on a municipality's participation in right-of-way acquisition for state roadways.

"In the past, small municipalities have felt that larger cities were 'buying' a higher position on the state Department of Transportation road building plan because these cities' ability to pay for rights-of-way for road projects," said Anderson recently.

The state could afford to build roads in larger towns because it did not have to expend much money in purchasing the rights-of-way. Smaller towns unable to purchase rights-of-way often had to wait longer for roads to be built in their areas because the state had to spend more money for rights-of-way in small towns.

"This bill will eliminate a lot of what many small towns felt was uneven treatment in road building projects," said Anderson.

Under the new law, cities with less than 10,000 population would be prohibited from participating in right-of-way and construction costs for any road project approved by the Board of Transportation. Cities with populations over 10,000 may take part in projects on a percentage basis, but will not be required to do so.

The new law says that even the largest cities (100,000-plus) may not provide more than 25 percent of the right-of-way costs. Cities with populations between 10,000

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Getting Up Steam

At the recent 100th meeting of the North Carolina Firemen's Association this 1898 steamer caught the eye of many of the 800 firemen who gathered in Greenville. The steamer belongs to the Washington Fire Department. The Craven County Firemen's Association hosted a hospital-

ity room at the meeting and firemen from Cove City, Dover and Fort Barnwell were observed enjoying the spread of food provided. The Craven County group was the only area firemen's association to host a hospitality room.

(Mike Voss photo)

Lost: 596 Pounds Since January, Do Not Return

By TERRI JAMIESON
Staff Writer

Losing 596½ pounds isn't an easy job. Unless you lose a cow or some other large animal.

But if you are a member of a local weight-loss group, losing almost 600 pounds may or may not have been easy.

Monday evenings a group of area men and women meet informally at Rae Bright's home for a morsel of encouragement and a time of sharing and exchanging new weight-loss recipes and ideas.

Since January of this year, the members of the group have lost a total of 596½ pounds. "What we are trying to stress is to change our eating habits," said Mrs. Bright, the group's leader.

Most of the people who attend these meetings are people who have lost weight on other weight-loss programs but who began to put the weight back on as soon as

the diet or program is over. Pardon the pun, but the informal program has been a huge success for some members of the group. Among several local success stories are a woman who lost over 60 pounds and a man who lost 51 pounds.

When asked about the group she said, "It's the informal group therapy." Mrs. Bright also stressed that a person must really want to lose weight to do it.

The group does not follow a diet plan but leaves it up to the individual member how best to control his or her diet and eating habits. If a member doesn't have a diet they particularly care for, Mrs. Bright will develop a diet for that person and share it with that person. The group places special emphasis that anyone considering a diet or weight-loss program should consult with a physician

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Vanceboro Woman Killed In 1-Car Wreck

Highway Patrol officials said Debbie Ree Dillon, 26, of Vanceboro died instantly last Thursday night when the car she was driving ran off the road and struck two trees.

Ms. Dillon was traveling down Maul Swamp Road east of Vanceboro, just off U.S. 17, at a high rate of speed when she lost control of her 1985 Chevrolet and it struck the trees, said Trooper Larry Johnson of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Dillon was killed on impact

when the accident happened about 8:30 p.m., said Johnson.

Ms. Dillon had to be cut from the wreckage by the Vanceboro Rescue Squad with the assistance of the Vanceboro Rescue Squad, said Johnson.

According to the trooper, Ms. Dillon's vehicle came to rest about 10 feet of the left side of the road. Johnson said the car's engine was thrown several feet from the car. He said it "was separated from the vehicle and was found several feet away from the vehicle."