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It's Here!

That's right. High school football season is here. And that means the West Craven High School Marching Eagles will be performing at all home football games this fall. The band got its first performance of the season out of the way last Friday during halftime of the West Craven-North Pitt gridiron contest. While the football team wound

up with an 8-8 tie, the band handled plenty of scores — scores of music. Let's hope the band has some long pants for when the cold weather arrives. If not, the band could be caught short. Pun intended,

(Ric Carter photo)

Area Schools Open Doors, Classes Start

By **TERRI JAMIESON**
Staff Writer

If your morning was louder than usual Monday, then you probably realized that school has started once again. Whether you heard shouts of joy or moans and groans of displeasure depended on how the students felt on their way to another school year.

Monday marked the beginning of another school year in Craven, Pamlico and Jones County. The first day at school was quite an event for some children, especially those beginning school for the first time. Some children were escorted to class by both parents. Most were taken to their classrooms in the most traditional way, by their mothers. Yet some braved it alone.

From kindergarten tykes to seniors in high school, students walked, bicycled, rode the bus, carpooled or drove to their schools. The first football game of the season had already been played and gave students something to talk about (As if beginning school didn't). It was a day

of learning new schedules, teachers and who had lunch with whom.

The West Craven Highlights interviewed several local children to find out their opinions on the opening of school. Here are some of the replies received:

Question: How do you feel about going to school today?

Answer: "I'm scared; it's a different grade," said Laura Faulkner, a nine-year-old.

Question: What's the worst part of going back to school?

Answer: "Getting up at 6 in the morning. I feel like summer has just begun," Laura Faulkner.

Question: What do you like best about school?

Answer: "I think lunch is the best part of school because I like to eat and I have lots of good things to eat," said Geri Page Faulkner, a five-year-old clutching her lunchbox.

Answer: "Playing," said Gloria Faulkner, an eight-year-old.

Same question.

Answer: "Going to gym class," said

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Belhaven Child Hits Big Time

By **MIKE VOSS**
Editor

KINSTON — Twenty-five years ago this week Eva Boyd was on top of the music world. Not bad for a 17-year-old from Belhaven.

The *Loco-Motion* had completed its week as the top song in the nation, and Little Eva was headed down the track to stardom and two other Top 40 songs.

What had started as a favor for songwriters Carole King and Gerry Goffin had become, as the song says, a "chug-a-chug-a motion like a railroad train" for Eva Boyd.

That was 25 years ago. "I hear it and I remember it," Miss Boyd

says. But now she lives in another world.

And if her world has changed, so has the music of America. Eva Boyd is content with what she has become. She cares little for what has happened to music.

In her day, she said, the songs "told how happy we were ... It makes you feel happy ... It gives you a good feeling."

She considers much of today's music suggestive, rude and immoral.

"There's one or two songs every now and then that are nice," she says, but for most of it, "I don't want my children listening to that stuff."

When she was a teen-aged singer, she said, "My mother felt then the same way I do about to-

day's music." She said her mother felt that she was "wasting her God-given talents."

"I guess it's what goes around comes around," said Miss Boyd.

It thrills her to hear her songs on the radio. "I say 'Wow! That's me singing.'"

But the rock-'n'-roll singing days are over. Miss Boyd says she is just a mother raising children and working. She has been working at Hanzie's Grill in Kinston about two years.

"I can't go back there and be Little Eva," she says.

Yes, she is enjoying a resurgence of attention thanks to recent publicity in *People* magazine and elsewhere. "It's like the gap never was there. It's been a long time since 1971," she says.

"That's an amazing thing to have been so famous," she says of her career which started in 1962 and ended in 1971.

A few days ago, during the anniversary of her No. 1 hit, she received a bouquet from admirers at a radio station. People drop by to see her at work and fan mail is increasing.

The only singing she does these days, when she doesn't burst out singing at the grill, is connected with her church. There are plans to record gospel music in the future, she says.

Would she like to go back and do it all again?

"No."

She concedes that she has felt

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Just People



Gus Kite in his store

Kite Goes To The Birds When His Day Is Over

By **TERRI JAMIESON**
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"Mr. Gus" is a family man. That's apparent on walking into his store, Kite's Supermarket, and seeing him holding one of his grandchildren.

The grandchildren run and play while waiting at the store for their babysitter. Pictures of them are proudly displayed on a wall near the meat area and up on a rack in front of the store near the cash registers.

Kite and his wife of 36 years, Patricia, his "right-hand man,"

operate the family business in Vanceboro. They have been in business for 30 years.

A native of Vanceboro, Kite was born in his parent's home on Kite Town Road.

Kite has a special feeling for older adults. His store offers a delivery service that caters to the older adults and to people not able to take care of themselves. He attempts to show his concern for these people through special services.

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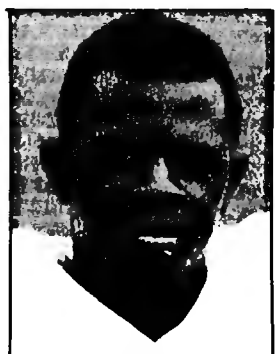
Booker Named First Flying Eagle Of 1987

They say a tie is like kissing your sister. But the West Craven Eagles will take their 8-8 tie with North Pitt, thanks to running back Derek Booker.

Booker scored from two yards out in the second quarter to give the Eagles the 8-8 tie. North Pitt scored first in the opening quarter. Booker, a 5-foot-7, 150-pound senior, scored with five minutes left in the first half.

For his performance Booker has been selected this week's Flying Eagle Award. Each week the West Craven Highlights will select a member of the football team as its Flying Eagle Award. Players will be judged on their contribution to the game and all-around performance.

Booker scored 10 touch-



Derek Booker

downs last season and intercepted six passes while going both ways for Coach Clay Jordan. Booker gained over 1,200 yards last year. He was named to the *Washington Daily News* All-Area Team last

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