

Firemen's Day Comes To Vanceboro This Saturday



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Jobless Numbers Decrease

Aug. Figures Down In Craven, Jones

The rate of unemployment in Craven and Jones counties dropped in August, according to the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

The commission estimated the rate in Craven County at 4.5 percent, down from 5 percent the month before. It said Jones County's rate was 3.5 percent in August, compared to 4.2 percent in July.

In Craven County, the employment service estimated that 1,450 people were out of work during August and 30,880 were working in a work force of 32,330.

The work force in Jones County was estimated at 4,620, with 4,460 holding jobs and 160 jobless.

The statewide unemployment rate was estimated at 4.2 percent in August, down half a percentage point from July.

The commission said only one county, Graham, showed a rate higher than 10 percent during August. Graham's rate was 13.6 percent, down from July's 15 percent unemployment rate.

Currituck and Dare counties had the lowest jobless figures in August. Dare had a 1.2 percent rate and Currituck had a 1.4 percent rate. The two counties also

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In A Hole

This worker seems unsure of what to do next. Maybe he is making sure he is cutting the right line with his hand-held saw. The line to the left is a telephone cable and the line to the right is a water line. Hopefully the worker didn't get a "wrong

number" and cut the telephone line. He is supposed to be working on water lines in western Craven County. Then again, if he cuts the water line at the wrong time he will still end up "all wet." (Mike Voss photo)

Prescriptions, Other Drugs Need Safety

Pharmacist Warns About Possible Complications

By **TERRI JAMIESON**
Staff Writer

Part of a series

Last week the benefits and dangers of prescription and over-the-counter drugs were discussed, along with recommendations on how to stock a medicine chest. This week information about how pharmacists keep an eye on prescriptions is discussed.

Vanceboro pharmacist Mike Morton said that local drugstores offer hundreds of over-the-counter drugs and it is important to be aware of all the facts about drugs people may be taking. The pharmacist said people should not get prescriptions filled until all their questions about the prescription are answered. The best place to get information about prescriptions is from the doctor prescribing it, said Morton, and then a pharmacist.

It is important people know what medication they are taking, especially if they are allergic to certain medicine or ingredients in medicine, said Morton. Pharmacists are a reliable source for advice when making the

appropriate selection for drugs, said Morton. The pharmacist said people can't always listen to family or friends because they may have taken a medication for a certain ailment but that doesn't mean it is right for anyone else.

Always visit or call the pharmacist who fills the prescription for any advice about the drug, said Morton.

The pharmacist stressed that most pharmacists try to take care of their own customers. The pharmacist who fills a customer's prescription knows what other prescriptions that customer has had in the past or currently is taking, said Morton. He said pharmacists can best answer questions customers have about their medicine.

Morton said about 25 to 30 percent of his time is spent evaluating customers, deciding if they need to see a physician or if an over-the-counter medicine could be recommended. "The pharmacist also works in other ways. He works as an interpreter to see if prescription medicines are being

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Poverty In North Carolina: Hunger And Social Justice

Editor's Note: Over the next few weeks this newspaper will continue a series of articles titled Poverty In North Carolina. The West Craven Highlights hopes this series will be informative and useful to its subscribers. This installment is titled "Hunger And Social Justice."

By **ROBERT MASON**

A speaker extolling a churches-sponsored food bank said that by easing desperation, it would reward contributors and workers with joy. He remarked that governmental welfare agencies, while clearly necessary, were "about the coldest places in the world."

I am not persuaded that welfare offices are unfeeling. Surely police stations and cour-

rooms are equally so. If those comparisons are not suitable, I gladly will substitute a tax window, a licensing bureau or a registration desk. One petitioning the bureaucracy for a fees adjustment, a drainage ditch or rescue from marauding dogs should not expect an outpouring of pleasantries.

For public servants, elected and employed, are bound by statutes, regulations and objectivity. Fun and games should be no more expected of the welfare director, social worker and food-stamps clerk than of the sheriff, tax administrator and sanitation inspector. I imagine, meanwhile, that persons applying for assistance favor practiced efficiency and a quiet departure over demonstrative giving and ritualistic receiving.

The poor, says the Book of John, "always ye

have with you." In this region and state it is not necessary to consult the Scriptures for that assurance. To poke into any period of the past and to look about us will do. The earliest settlers in this back country subsisted poorly. Scrambling farmers and their rivals, plantation slaves, endured inadequate shelter and mean fare, no matter what apologists for the latter may argue. During the Civil War over slavery, "There is no question that thousands, indeed tens of thousands, of North Carolinians went hungry," notes Paul D. Escott in a new book about the mighty and the meek in this state during the latter half of the 19th Century. Food riots erupted, with women often leading them; "robbery became social banditry;" schools withered as counties, the state and the Confedera-

cy "made unprecedented efforts to extend government aid to the poor." An internal war erupted within the intersectional strife and recrimination lasted for two generations.

George Tindall devotes a thick chapter of "Emergence of the New South" to health disasters oozing from poverty during the opening quarter of this century. A Rockefeller agency, the Sanitary Commission on the Eradication of the Hookworm Disease, between 1909 and 1914 contributed to the treatment of 694,494 cases in 11 Southern states. Malaria stood second to hookworms as "probably the most serious obstacle to the development of a civilization in the region where they prevail," re-

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Becton Goes Both Ways To Earn Flying Eagle

West Craven's offense exploded in last week's win over West Carteret, but it was the defensive play of one Eagle that has earned him this week's Flying Eagle Award.



Anthony Becton

Anthony Becton had nine tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery from his linebacker's position last Friday as the Eagles posted a Coastal Conference victory. Becton also added a pair of touchdowns and rushed for 85 yards against West Carteret's Patriots.

Becton is the second linebacker to win the Flying Eagle Award. Jonathan Taylor was the other linebacker to win the Flying Eagle Award.

The Eagles are 3-1-1 and will play North Lenoir tomorrow night in another Coastal Conference battle.

Coach Clay Jordan is suffering from a bout with the flu and was unable to comment on Becton's play.

The Eagles had been suffering on offense, but that suffering ended Friday night as the Eagles posted 17 first-quarter points and

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Firemen's Day Makes Annual Autumn Visit

It is time to get out your leisure clothes and head once again to Vanceboro Fire Department's annual Firemen's Day celebration this Saturday.

But wait, don't forget to make sure to take a lawn chair or pull up your vehicle on the side of the road so you can get the best view in town of the annual Firemen's Day parade. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Parade entries will line up at 9 a.m. at the front of the Royster Pamlico Mill

site. The parade will begin there and wind its way down Main Street and end near the fire department headquarters.

If your club or group is interested in participating in the parade, contact Stanley Kite at the fire department for more information.

In addition to the parade there will be other activities available. Some of these include a craft

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Fall Colors

Most North Carolinians tend to think of the mountains when talking about colorful autumns in the state. But at Tryon Palace in New Bern and elsewhere in the city, there will be plenty of color thanks to chrysanthemums and the Chrysanthemum Festival Oct. 16 through 18. The chrysanthemum-filled gardens of Tryon Palace are free to the public during the festival. The Elizabeth II, a reproduction of a 16th century sailing vessel, will be in New Bern. Giant hot-air balloons will fill Bicentennial Park with colors of their own at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16 and 17.

Reporter, Ad Manager Join Newspaper's Staff

Terri Jamieson of Vanceboro has joined the staff of the West Craven Highlights as a reporter, announced Mike Voss, editor of the newspaper.

Voss also announced that Karen Taylor has taken over advertising duties for the publication. Mrs. Taylor lives in Chowinuity and she heads the classified advertising section of the *Washington Daily News*.

Mrs. Jamieson's duties will be to cover news, develop feature stories and some photography in the near future, said Voss.

"I am very happy to have Terri join the staff. I think that because she is from Vanceboro she gives us a better feel for what is hap-

pening in the area. Although she has worked for the newspaper before, her role this time will be much different and expanded," said Voss.

Mrs. Jamieson, who also works part-time as a nurse, will be given assignments, but also will be free to develop stories on her own, said Voss. Anyone with any news or other story ideas are asked to contact the West Craven Highlights' office in Vanceboro or Mrs. Jamieson at 244-0101.

Mrs. Jamieson said she wanted to help improve local news coverage and help develop other interesting stories for the news-

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New Upholstery Shop Opens In Vanceboro

We've got you covered Vanceboro.

That could be the slogan for a new business that opened its doors recently in town. Vanceboro Upholstery and Canvas is located on Streets Ferry Road near the bridge.

Bill and Betty Dunn, along with Linda McLawhorn, operate the business.

Mrs. Dunn said that the shop does complete upholstery and canvas work. This includes working on tractor canopies to church pews to boats and trucks. She added that the store has a very large selection of fabrics such as vinyl and veneer which can be used for cars, trucks and recliners.

The new establishment will order the fabric selected by customers. Currently the fabric selection for furniture is limited, but in the near future the firm expects to expand the selections.

Dunn is currently associated with the military and plans to retire next spring. He was trained in upholstery while in the military. He has 10 years experience and managed an upholstery shop on a military base in Hawaii.

Mrs. Dunn encourages customers to stop by and talk about their upholstery and canvas needs. "We're hometown people and will work with them in any way we can," she said. She said

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