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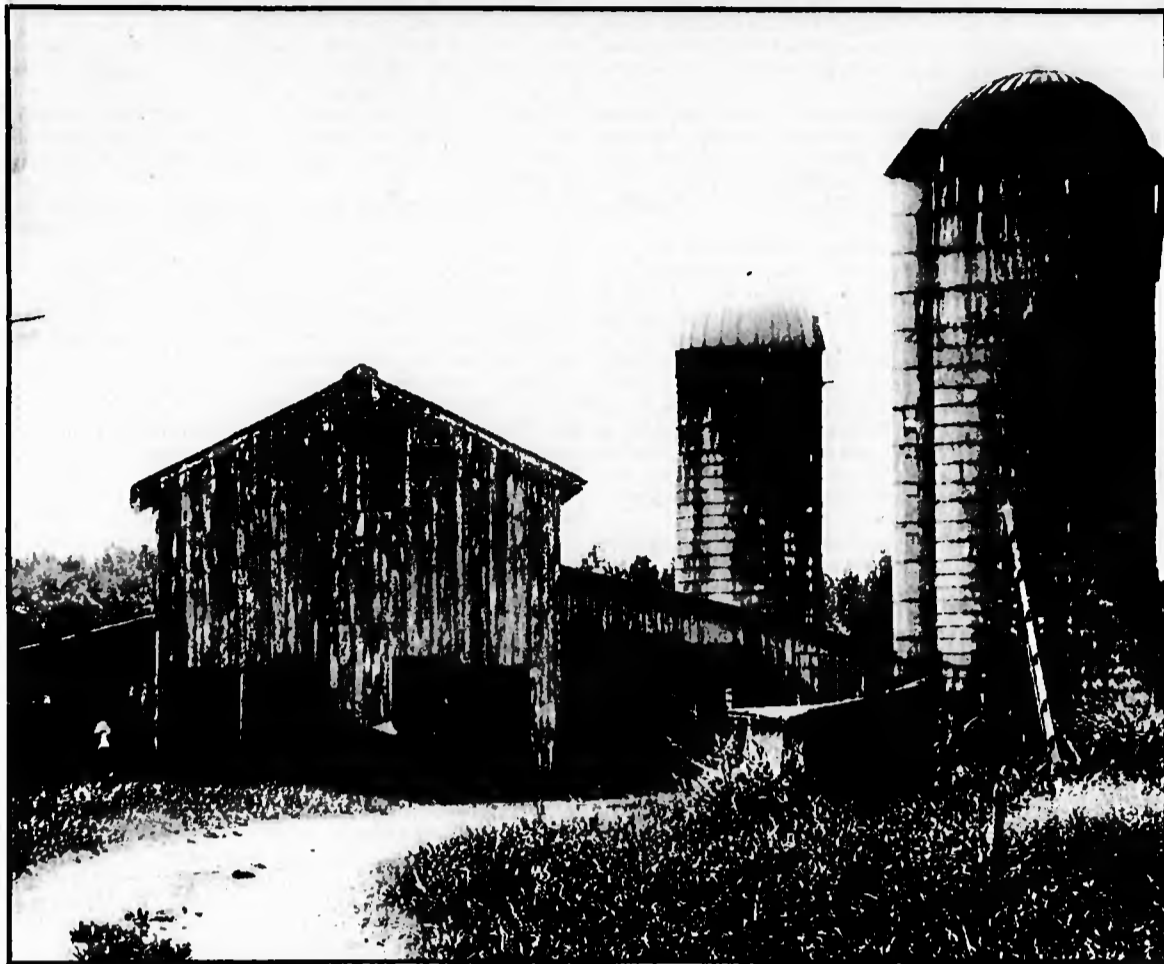
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Farms like this one accounted for 34 percent of gross state product in 1987.

## Rep. Perdue hopes to find seat in Senate

Rep. Beverly M. Perdue has announced her candidacy for the Third District Senate Seat. Currently serving in her second term, Rep. Perdue's House district includes Craven, Pamlico and Lenoir counties. The state Senate's Third District includes Craven, Pamlico and Carteret counties.

"It is with a tremendous amount of encouragement from friends and supporters that I have decided to run for the state senate," said Perdue. "This will be an opportunity to do more for the people of the third district, and I welcome the prospect of representing the people of Carteret County as well as continuing to represent Craven and Pamlico residents."

State Sen. Bill Barker, who currently represents the 3rd Senate District, recently announced that he would not seek another term.

Rep. Perdue has served on the Appropriations Committee, the Human Resources Committee and the Judiciary Committee during the most recent session of the General Assembly. As a member of the State House, Rep. Perdue has focused on economic development, education, transportation, tourism and health care issues.

"These are issues that affect every citizen of North Carolina," said Perdue. "Improving our public education system, providing for our el-



Rep. Beverly Perdue

derly citizens, attacking the growing drug problem and related family concerns, will continue to be priority items for me. We need better roads, especially here in the East, and that is why I strongly supported the highway plan during the last session. These roads will help keep our business climate strong. Environmental concerns, our air and water

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## Farming still large part of state economy

North Carolina's economic diversification in the last two decades has not diminished the importance of some of its oldest industries. The agriculture, life sciences, food, fiber and forestry sectors still amount for one-third of the state's total income.

A study by North Carolina State University economist Dr. Michael L. Walden shows the state's agribusiness or soil-based industries accounted for 34 percent, or almost \$36 billion of the \$105 billion gross state product in 1987, the last year for which complete figures are available.

Results of the Walden study, the first of its kind at NCSU were presented in Raleigh last week at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council.

Walden, professor of economics

and business in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said the study was conducted to determine the value-added economic size of the agriculture, life sciences and food sector combined with the textile and forestry components.

The value-added approach, Walden said, measures the value of a farm's production, processing and services. It avoids multiple counting of inputs and it does not attribute to North Carolina the value of inputs produced outside the state.

The economic size of the agriculture, life sciences and food sector at the farm level in 1987 was \$4.9 billion. Manufacturers added a \$12.1 billion value; wholesalers added \$1.9 billion and retailers added \$2 billion for a value-added size of \$20.9 billion. This was 19.9 percent of the gross state product and the

largest single component in the study. The fiber or textile sector's value was \$9.3 billion and forestry's contribution was \$5.65 billion.

A second approach in measuring the economic size of an industry, Walden said, is employment. The soil-based industries in the NCSU study represented about 31 percent of total state employment.

Walden said that comparisons with previous years show the relative size of the agriculture, life sciences and food sector declined from 1963 to 1972 but has rebounded since 1972.

The manufacturing level has grown relative to the other levels since 1972.

The value-added size of textiles in the state has declined from 1963 to 1972. The trend for forestry was downward from 1977 to 1982 follow-

ing 25 years of growth, but this industry "has held its own" since 1982, Walden said.

One of the conclusions of the study is that North Carolina workers are becoming more productive and firms are getting a greater value for their labor dollar.

"Since 1972, the relative value-added size of the three sectors declined only four percent," Walden said. "While the employment share declined 15 percentage points. This difference indicates improvements in productivity of the sectors."

"I believe there is some good news here for the North Carolina economy," Walden said. "By accounting for about a third of the total economic output, these traditional industries are still very important to the state. And they have been remarkably stable over a long period of time."

## West Craven defense shines on way to Flying Eagle Award

Let's hand it to the defense. And teams playing against West Craven's Eagles this football season have been doing just that — making a mistake and handing the football to the Eagle defense. And let's hand this week's Flying Eagle Award to the defenders of West Craven.

For example, Tony Bryan blocked two punts last week to set up two West Craven touchdowns in the Eagles' 44-6 romp over the Pamlico Hurricanes. The Eagles also held the Hurricanes to 21 yards on the ground on 38 carries.

Lee Becton, who shines as the Eagle tailback, took advantage of a miscue on the first possession by the Hurricanes. Becton

scooped up a fumble and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown — just 34 seconds into the contest.

The Eagle defense allowed the Hurricanes just two first downs and 34 total yards on offense.

The defensive effort propelled the Eagles to their fourth win against no losses. West Craven head coach Clay Jordan said his defense was challenged to protect the line of scrimmage. "They responded well," said Jordan.

Congratulations to the Eagle defense for an outstanding effort. The Flying Eagle Award is presented announced each week by the Highlights to recognize outstanding achievements on the gridiron.



Ric Carter photo

A young boy walking through the grasses the ORW status is intended to protect.

## State gives protective status to sound, other coastal waters

RALEIGH — Part of the Pamlico Sound near where the Neuse River empties into it, two Hyde County bays and most of the Alligator River between Tyrrell and Dare counties were designated "outstanding resource waters" by the state Environmental Management Commission last Thursday.

Under the ORW classification, new or expanded marinas now are banned in the protected areas of the areas as are new or expanded wastewater treatment plants that discharge into any of the protected waters.

In Southeastern Pamlico Sound, new or expanded marinas will be allowed only in the upland basin areas of Hyde and Carteret counties adjacent to those waters. Some restrictions are placed on industrial

discharges. Southeastern Pamlico Sound was nominated, together with Core Sound and Back Sound, because it supports the state's entire bay scallop population, a major portion of the hard clam fishery and thousands of acres of seagrass beds that are food sources for finfish, crabs, shrimp and shellfish.

Gov. Jim Martin backed creation of seven ORW areas on the North Carolina coast, including the three Down East waterways.

The ORW classification is intended for those "special and unique waters with excellent water quality that are also of exceptional state."

No additional restrictions will be placed on marinas in the Alligator River. The ORW classification was

amended to allow some types of development in some areas along the designated waters.

Swan Quarter and Juniper bays were proposed as ORWs because they lie within the Swan Quarter National Wildlife Refuge and are nurseries for shrimp, crabs, oysters and fish.

The Alligator River was proposed because it is a major spawning area for migratory fish such as herring, is a nursery for other fish and is adjacent to the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge.

The commission also was expected to approved last week the "nutrient-sensitive" designation for the Pamlico-Tar River basin.

The commission can designate

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## Weyerhaeuser plants rolling along making paper products

By Betty Gray  
Special to the  
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You are holding one of the most useful products ever invented — paper.

It touches our daily lives in so many ways that we scarcely notice the tremendous volume and variety of paper products around us.

At Weyerhaeuser Co. plants in the state, the art of papermaking — first developed by the Chinese around 100 A.D. — is practiced on a grand scale.

The Weyerhaeuser Co. has several of the largest pulp and paper mill complexes in the world, with a total capacity of more than 2,200 tons per day at its Plymouth plant, according to Paul J. Schmitt, mill manager.

Weyerhaeuser Co., a huge corporation based on the West Coast, first entered the field of papermaking through production of an intermediate product, pulp, in 1931. The

company began manufacturing its first paper product in 1949.

Recently, the mill invited local newspaper reporters on a tour of the plant and its papermaking process.

In 1988, the mill manufactured 299,000 tons of fine paper, 124,000 tons of fluff pulp used in sanitary products such as diapers, 218,000 tons of linerboard and 146,000 tons of corrugated material, the of which stuff cardboard boxes are made.

On its five paper machines, the company manufactures paper for offset printing, envelopes, return mail cards, computer forms and copier paper.

The raw material for paper — logs, wood chips, sawdust and recyclable paper — arrives at the mill by truck. Logs are cut into shorter lengths, debarked, chipped and stored in outdoor storage piles, along with incoming wood chips.

It takes a lot of wood to feed a paper mill.

About 236 log trucks and 77 chip vans arrive at the plant each day. By

the end of a working day, mill employees will process about 3,200 tons a green wood.

A conveyor system is used to bring various grades of wood chips to the pulp mill area.

The chips are then mixed with chemicals and cooked in a "digester" to break the wood down into usable, separate fibers or pulp. The pulp then is mashed, strained and washed further to break down even more fibers.

The plant also uses recyclable paper. Bales of this paper are sent directly to a recycling plant to be converted back into pulp.

If the pulp is to be used for making white, or fine, paper or white fluff pulp, it is put through a bleaching process that removes the normal brown color of pulp.

In recent months, the mill has been criticized for producing dioxins as a byproduct of its bleaching process. "Dioxin" is a general term that

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## Eagles improve to 4-0; defense shines

Lee Becton rushed for 128 yards on 14 carries and Tony Bryan blocked two punts to set up two touchdowns as West Craven bashed Class 2-A Pamlico 44-6.

In other games involving teams in the Class 3-A Coastal Conference, Havelock blanked Class 2-A East Carteret 21-0; Class 2-A Warsaw James Kenan defeated North Lenoir 47-0; West Carteret stormed past Class 1-A Lejeune 40-6 and No. 1 ranked 2-A power Wallace-Rose Hill punted Pender County 63-0.

West Craven head coach Clay Jordan said the Eagles' defensive

line was challenged to protect the line of scrimmage in this week's game with Pamlico.

They did, holding the Hurricanes to 38 carries and 21 yards rushing. "They responded well," said Jordan.

West Craven's offense produced 228 yards on 37 rushing attempts and added another 71 yards on seven completions in romping to victory.

Quarterback Kevin Holzworth completed two scoring passes — of 1 and 25 yards — and ran one in while Adrian Cameron notched a 10-yard run. Chris Stillely kicked a 26-yard field goal and three extra points as

the Eagles emerged undefeated in four games.

Pamlico bounced to 1-3.

SCORING SUMMARY  
WEST CRAVEN — Becton 22 return of fumble recovery (Shelley kick), 1st.  
WEST CRAVEN — Becton 11 run (Shelley kick), 1st.  
WEST CRAVEN — Shelley 28 FG, 2nd.  
WEST CRAVEN — Holzworth 1 run (kick failed), 2nd.  
WEST CRAVEN — Cameron 25 pass from Holzworth (Shelley kick), 2nd.  
PAMLICO — Craig Maczette 44 return of fumble recovery (kick failed), 3rd.  
WEST CRAVEN — Cameron 10 run (kick failed), 3rd.  
WEST CRAVEN — Coward 1 pass from Holzworth (Shelley kick) 4th.  
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