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## Reckless driving at the fair

Lee Jones seems no more upset about this collision than the kids in the car who just rammed him from behind. The controlled mayhem of bumper cars is only one of the distractions at the county

fair. There are rides and exhibits. There are games of chance and games of skill. You can see prize-winning farm animals. You may even enjoy watching folks enjoy the fair. This is fair season, so enjoy yourself.

## Under his wing, hundreds learned pride in job from mechanic

By GEORGE JETER

**CHERRY POINT** — From the darkened decks of an aircraft carrier cruising half a world away to the nearby sun baked tarmac where Marine Harrier jump jets await their next patrol, a little bit of William J. Deruise is protecting the United States of America today.

Not that Deruise is a famous war hero. In fact, now he lives in very peaceful retirement in New Bern with his wife, Hazel, just up the road from the huge, sprawling Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station located here.

What Deruise did for four decades before he retired last year was to teach people a trade. He taught them how to fix aircraft. Military aircraft that is, planes with names

such as Phantom, Sabre, and C-130. Helicopters called the SeaCobra and Huey. Even a few flying machines, like the Harrier and the Bronco, that are kind of hard to describe, even after seeing them.

"I was never one to hold anything back," Deruise, 64, says, "I taught by showing through example, demanding that whatever my students did, they did it right." Mechanics and technicians trained by Deruise can be found throughout the entire world.

He became a civilian aircraft mechanic at this air station shortly after World War II ended. Base officers soon realized that the rapid pace in post-war technological advancements meant record numbers of new mechanics were needed to handle a

new generation of flying fighting machines. They turned to Deruise for help.

Deruise led his apprentices through the Korean and Vietnam wars, fixing combat scarred planes and helicopters brought to Cherry Point. "These were aircraft that had some repairs done to them on the carrier or at their airfield, and we would take them and go back and fix them to each particular craft's prescribed standard," he says.

"You always had to understand that this was not an eight hour a day job," he explains. "Even now aerospace technology is still in its infancy. The people I taught are going to be the forerunners of the new technology."

That vision kept Deruise at his

teacher's post long after the chances for promotions and offices with big desks and neatly stacked paperwork came his way. Even now when he visits the base, Deruise remains a widely recognized figure with his black mustache and a dark complexion which hints at the New Orleans native's French ancestry.

Training officials at the Naval Air Depot, where Deruise worked in the air station, estimate that he personally taught several hundred apprentice mechanics. Apprentices are men and women who undertake the multi-year task of mastering a trade, in this case military aircraft repair, to the smallest detail. No one can begin to guess how many thousands of enlisted and civilian technicians, specialists, and other person-

## \$94,000 comes to Craven for farm program

*Expanded program is lauded by environmentalists, farmers*

Craven County will receive \$93,908 as part of the state's expansion of the cost-sharing program the state began five years ago.

In a move heralded by farmers and environmentalists, the 1989 General Assembly expanded the program it began to help farmers protect public waters from nonpoint source agricultural pollution or agricultural runoff.

The Craven Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications for the program through Oct. 13. Persons wanting to sign up or who need more information are asked to contact the district office at 637-2547. The office is located in the Agricultural Complex Building in the Industrial Park west of New Bern.

Started in 1984 as a \$2.3 million pilot project in portions of 16 counties, the pollution control program was expanded this year to include all of the state's 100 counties. The Legislature invested an additional \$3 million over the next two years so that every county could have access

to the program. That brings to \$36 million the total money invested by the General Assembly into pollution control cost sharing for farmers.

The Legislature established the program as part of the Nutrient Sensitive Watershed Program designed to help protect the Falls and Jordan reservoirs and the Chowan River. It was expanded in 1986 to include an additional 17 coastal counties not considered nutrient sensitive but in which agricultural pollution threatened coastal waters.

In 1987, the General Assembly again expanded the cost share program to affect 56 counties, bringing another 23 counties into the program.

The 1990 allocations made by the Legislature included money for the remaining 44 counties and were officially approved this week by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Approximately \$7.6 million will go directly to the counties for

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## Craven jobless rate increases in August

By Mike Voss  
Editor

Craven, Jones and Lenoir counties' unemployment rates increased from July to August, while the unemployment rate in Pamlico County remained the same from July to August, according to figures released by the N.C. Employment Security Office.

Craven County's unemployment rate increased from 3.7 percent in July to 3.8 percent in August. The labor force in August totaled 33,810 workers and there were 1,270 of the labor pool without jobs. In July, the work force totaled 34,360 and 1,260 were unemployed.

The unemployment rate in Au-

gust 1988 was 3 percent and 1,010 of the 33,310-man labor force were without jobs.

Jones County's unemployment rate rose from 3.1 percent in July to 3.2 percent in August. The August work force was estimated at 4,440 and 140 were without jobs. The July labor pool totaled 4,450 with 140 unable to find work.

The unemployment rate in August 1988 was 3.3 percent and 150 workers out of the 4,500 work force were unemployed.

Lenoir County saw its unemployment rate rise from 3.5 percent in July to 3.9 percent in August. The labor pool in August numbered

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## Bryan grabs Flying Eagle with sure hands, fast feet

When West Craven's football team goes to the air, more often than not the receiver of choice is Kip Bryan. More often than not, Bryan snags the pass for a big slice of yardage or a touchdown.

In last week's game against North Lenoir, the receiver hauled in several passes, including a 32-yard scoring strike. For his efforts in the 45-14 win over the Hawks, Bryan is this week's recipient of the Flying Eagle Award.

Bryan caught four passes for 68 yards in the North Lenoir game. But on defense, he is adept at knocking away passes in his role as a defensive back.

Before the North Lenoir game, Bryan had caught seven passes for 147 yards, or an average of 21 yards per catch. Two of those receptions were for touchdowns.

Bryan is part of the reason the Eagles lead the Coastal Conference in passing. The Eagles also lead the conference in rushing.

Joining Bryan as a receiving threat is Adrian Cameron, giving the Eagles a one, two punch with receivers.

For his prowess at grabbing aerials and picking up huge chunks of ground, the West Craven Highlights is pleased to select Bryan as this week's Flying Eagle honoree.

## Volunteers describe hurricane recovery

By Mike Voss  
Editor

Hurricane Hugo left its wounds and scars, both physical and emotional — behind as it stormed through the Carolinas about 10 days ago. But there were people from the Pamlico area that helped heal those wounds and lessen the scarring.

Municipal electrical workers from eastern North Carolina towns said they wanted to do more for those they were helping and a Salvation Army officer found human kindness sprang out of human despair.

The dark circles under the eyes of Lt. Roy Harris are symbolic of the li-

teral and figurative darkness that Charleston, S.C., was plunged into when Hurricane Hugo stormed ashore 10 days ago.

Harris, of the Washington Salvation Army corps, recently returned from Charleston where he spent a week helping with recovery efforts. A phone call any day can summon him back for another week of duty, said Harris in an interview yesterday.

"This is the worst in my experience," said Harris of his exposure to other disasters. "It (Hugo's destruction) was much worse than I expected," said Harris. He described the area where the brunt of Hugo's

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## Rescue squad open house set for Oct. 7

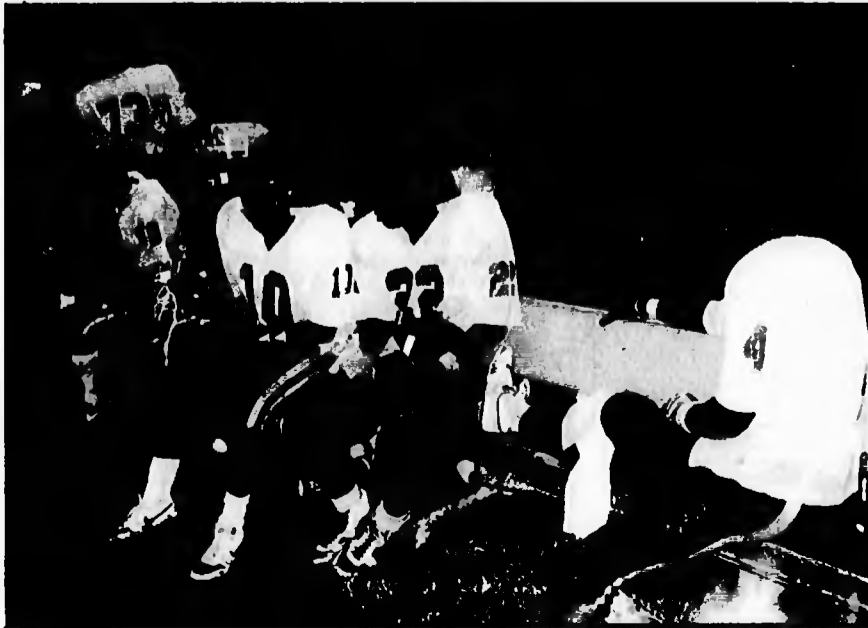
As part of the Oct. 7 Fireman's Day in Vanceboro, the Vanceboro Rescue Squad Auxiliary will host an open house and miscellaneous shower Oct. 7 for the new rescue squad building located behind the Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department.

The open house and shower will be held between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Rescue squad officials said the public is encouraged to come by and inspect the new building. They said a good way to say thank you to the rescue squad members is to make the building more liveable by donating gifts of linen, cleaning supplies, kitchen equipment and paper products.

The auxiliary will also sell hot dogs and drinks during Fireman's Day.

Auxiliary members ask the public to patronize the events to help defray expenses of operating the rescue squad.



Mike Voss photo

Cameron (10), Becton (22) and Bryan (4) take it easy in final quarter of 45-14 win over North Lenoir.

## Eagles soar by Hawks; Becton scores four TDs

By Mike Voss  
Editor

LA GRANGE — West Craven's Lee Becton rushed for four touchdowns and 150 yards as the Eagles rolled to a 45-14 conference win over North Lenoir last night.

Becton, the Eagles' junior tailback scored on a pair of 1-yard runs, a 2-yard dash and a 6-yard scamper as West Craven improved to 5-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference. And while the offense moved at will, the Eagle defense gave up only one first down in the first half, and that on the last play of the half.

Coach Clay Jordan's charges limited the Hawks to just 42 yards total offense in the first half.

The bad news for the Eagles is that lineman Jeff Powers may be lost for the season due to a knee injury.

Eagle quarterback completed four of 15 pass attempts for 68 yards, including a scoring 32-yard scoring strike to Kip Bryan, on the receiving end of Holzworth's four completions. Holzworth missed sev-

eral receivers by mere inches on several sideline patterns.

West Craven took the opening kickoff and marched 78 yards in 10 plays to draw first blood with 7:59 left in the first period as Becton scored from six yards out. At the end of the half, the Eagles held a commanding 35-0 lead.

Becton added two scoring runs with a pair of 1-yard dives. Holzworth scampered in from a yard out with 1:00 left in the first quarter to give West Craven a 14-0 lead.

Leading 28-0, Holzworth hit Bryan on a first-and-10 play with the 32-yard scoring aerial with 1:32 left in the half.

North Lenoir came out in the second half and scored on its first two possessions. On a fourth-and-five situation, the Hawks' Tim Smith scored from six yards out. Becton fumbled on the first play after the ensuing kickoff, giving the Hawks the ball at the West Craven 37. Quarterback Steve Stround hit back Tony Outlaw on a fourth-and-eight

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