

Land Acquired For Unique School; Local Help Is Sought

American Travel Last Frontier, a non-profit organization, having acquired land and buildings in Vance County for a cooperative type of school, and farmers' market is now seeking land and/or equipment to expand the project in Warren County.

Farmers willing to donate land and used equipment in usable condition are asked to call Arthur L. Bailey, 438-4706, Henderson, between 6 and 8 p. m. The organization would also like to get the people of Warren County to help plant and harvest green vegetables to be sold to the Buying Clubs farmers markets.

In addition to acquiring land in Vance County for raising green vegetables, poultry and eggs for the Buying Market, the corporation also has acquired a country day camp site for working mothers, Bailey said. "These services," he said, "are being set up for people in the surrounding areas and our senior citizens and people in low-fixed incomes who want to improve their home." Bailey added that the corporation would have an on-the-job training program, and a karate instructor.

The American Travel Last Frontier is the brain child of Arthur L. Bailey, a former musician who has played all over the world and come back to his native Henderson to build a program he hopes will be one solution to poverty and hunger in Vance County and surrounding areas. It has been emerged with World Wide Enterprise to organize and set up buying club farmers markets in this region, Bailey said.

Bailey is president of the corporation. Other officers are George Merritt and May Black, vice presidents; Wayne "Gaile" Richardson, coordinator; and Willie H. O. P. Foster, Jr., karate instructor.

Bailey's return home and his efforts to help the poor people of Vance County was the subject of a feature story by John Cott, Morning Herald Staff Writer, last week, which elaborates on the program. It follows:

"After all my travels around the world, playing music to every nationality, I've concluded that America is still the last frontier," Arthur Bailey said Tuesday.

He said he decided to start a program that would include a cooperative farm, day care, vocational training and guidance for aimless youth. He calls it "American Travel, Last Frontier."

"When I used to play in Europe people would ask me about America. I'd try and tell them what the country meant. I guess from a distance America looked real good to me. That's when I decided to come home."

Bailey had been before the Vance County commissioners to brief the board on his plan, but he has asked for no money.

"I think before we ask for any public help on this we want to show we can do it on our own," said Bailey. "Any source of support would be nice, but first I think we have to show it

will work. And it will work.

Since returning to Henderson last year, Bailey and some associates have obtained two farms in the county to use for cooperative planting.

He said poor people in the county were welcome to plant gardens on the land. They "can take whatever they need for themselves. What's left over will be sold to markets that are part of the cooperative."

He said American Travel, Last Frontier is a non-profit organization and all revenues earned from the sale of food-stuffs will be plowed back into the program, helping to finance the other phases of the plan, such as day care and vocational training.

"We've already done a great deal on our own," said Bailey. He said farm machinery had been acquired to cultivate the land and seeds and fertilizer had been contracted for.

"We plan to start planting next week and we should be able to harvest some of what we grow in 60 to 80 days," he said.

Bailey said he also hopes to establish a credit union for the cooperative "so the people won't squander away any money they've earned in this project."

Bailey was asked if he didn't think his program clashed with similar social services provided by the state and county.

"Well, there are people who aren't being served by those agencies," he said, "and they

don't like to ask or they don't want to be turned down for something.

"There are a lot of women who want to work but don't trust anyone to keep their children. Usually a grandmother winds up with the kids which is not so good for the kids and not so good for the grandmother," he said.

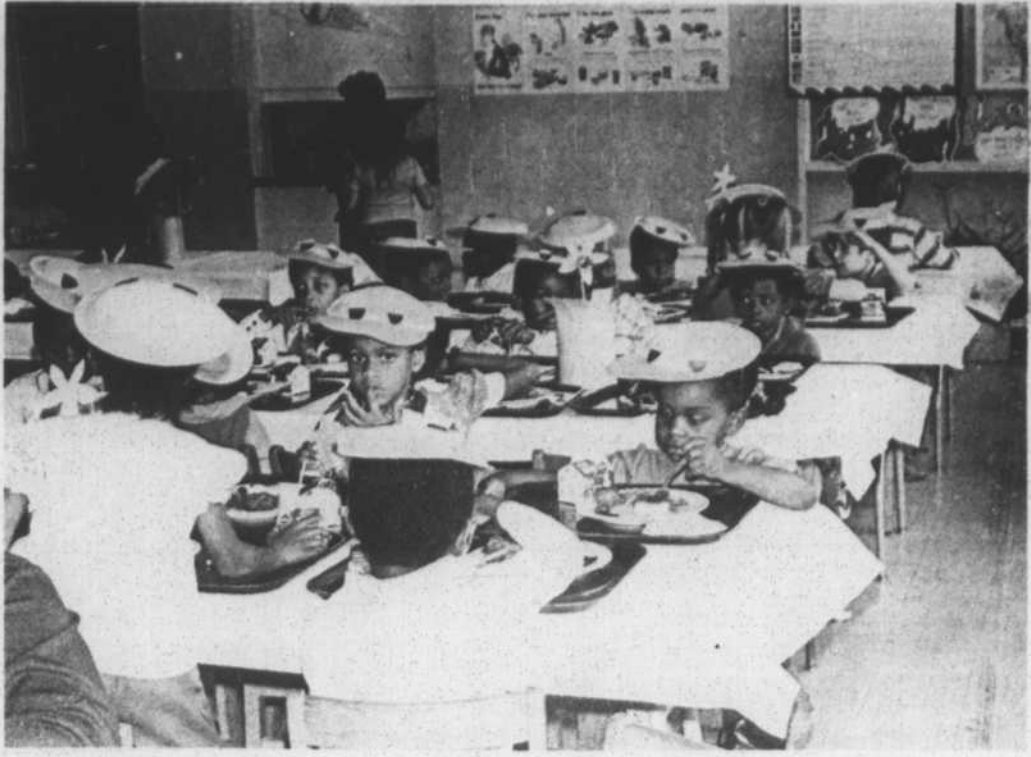
He said his project would also include programs for elderly persons whom he feels "should be able to travel and enjoy the remainder of their lives without having to be tied down with the grandbabies."

He said the root problem with poverty is "people think they are in a situation they can't do anything about. They feel like they are destined to be poor and helpless. We are showing them that they can do something about it."

He said his organization would provide the seed, fertilizer and machinery but the people who are allotted ground for planting must keep up with the cultivation and weeding.

He said "American Travel, Last Frontier" has been reluctant to ask for loans or grants to finance the project because "people want some sort of security for their money, which we can't provide at this point. It's a whole new venture here."

He said he felt that "God will watch over this program — because it is a good one. I feel like it will have positive impact."



Easter didn't go unnoticed at Northside Elementary School as these two photos indicate. Some of the kindergarten and first graders dressed up like ducks, bunny rabbits and many other story-time and playtime animals associated with the celebration of Easter. To go along with their theme, the lunchroom staff prepared the youngsters a delicious meal that featured, fittingly, vanilla-sugar coated bunny rabbit cookies. [Staff Photos]

Guys And Dolls Has Egg Hunt For Youths

The Mu Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc., in Warren County held its first annual picnic and Easter egg hunt for pixies and tweesies, the youngest family members in their social club on Monday at Soul City.

part of American society. Therefore, all activities are geared towards bringing everyone closer together. The Mu Chapter will sponsor many activities throughout the year for all age groups. President, Mrs. Delores Rose, cited the vast cultural and recreational void felt by the residents of Warren County as one of the main reasons she initiated the formulation of a local Guys and Dolls Chapter.

Coley Named REACT Head

Lucas Coley was re-elected president of the Warren County REACT at the monthly meeting held on April 6 at the Norlina Firehouse. Other officers either elected or re-elected were: John Ozlin, vice-president; Boyd Edwards, secretary; Donnie Pinnell, treasurer; Ronnie Moseley, radio officer; Wallace Powers, assistant radio officer; Kay Coley, chairman; and Dennie Paschall, public relations officer.

Gene Medlin, Eddie Clary, Lillian Edwards and Harold Clark were elected as members of the Board of Directors. It was noted that during the first quarter of the year, the team had monitored 2,136 hours and had answered 750 calls. Anyone wishing to learn more about Warren County REACT should contact Lucas Coley of Norlina.

Outsmart Burglars To Avoid Losses

Outsmarting burglars before they break into your home may save you from loss of property and help you rest a little easier at night and while away.

A burglar doesn't begin inside your house but must first find an easy point of entry or approach to your property, say extension specialists at North Carolina State University.

Low-cost, easily maintained home lighting serves as a crime deterrent both by suggesting that people are home and by revealing the presence of intruders. If other households follow your example, the neighborhood will become a warmly-lit walkway that discourages burglars.

Property landscaping can both serve as a deterrent to crime or as excellent cover for the burglar. Trees and shrubbery should not be planted so that accessible windows are obscured from view. Trellises and vines capable of supporting a burglar should be removed from the side of the house.

Barrier fences define property lines and can prevent criminals from surveying your property at close range but may also cause injury to curious children. Low thorn hedges planted next to a round-topped woven fence are the most effective combination.

All doors and sliding glass windows should be protected by an adequate system of locks. Dead bolt locks should be mounted on doors and sliding glass windows should be protected by a crossbar locking device.

Locks themselves are not a good security device unless

they are mounted on sturdy doors. Exterior doors should have a solid core and doors with glass panels should be eliminated or the panels replaced with laminated security glass.

Door mail slots should be placed in the door away from the door knob to prevent the burglar from reaching the knob and lock with his hand or an instrument.

Peepholes should be mounted in exterior doors to view strangers but should be as small as possible to prevent the burglar from forcing a screwdriver into its frames and pushing it back, enabling him to reach the knob or lock.

Be sure to change keys or rekey locks when moving into a new home. The former tenant may not have given all the keys to you and they may be a risk if he gave extra keys to friends.

If you have a burglar alarm system, use a window sticker to let the burglar know. Many times the burglar will not enter homes having alarms.

Repotting Plants Greet's Season

Repotting house plants is a task you can add to the list of things to do as winter ends and spring begins. These plants should be repotted each spring to keep them healthy and growing.

This is the suggestion of Henry J. Smith, extension landscape horticulturist at North Carolina State University.

Smith says he usually uses a slightly larger pot each time he repots a plant. "A two-inch increase in pot size usually will give best results, allowing room for the growing and spreading of roots," he said.

While practically any kind of container is acceptable, Smith prefers clay pots. "They seem to breathe better," he observed. "But there isn't

anything wrong with using plastic or ceramic containers," he added.

If you are using an old pot, scrub it thoroughly. Soak new porous clay pots for at least an hour to fill tiny air pockets in the walls with water.

The type of soil mixture to use will vary with the particular plant. But a good basic soil mix for many house plants is made of three parts garden loam and one part organic matter—leaf mold, compost or peat.

A good source of garden loam is the vegetable garden. "If you've got an area of soil that has produced good Irish potatoes in the past, I would use some of it for repotting these house plants," Smith said.

After removing the plant and

soil from the old pot, force the roots apart with your fingers so the root mass can be loosened and individual roots can come into contact with fresh soil.

It helps if you will place a piece of broken clay pot over the drainage hole in the new pot to make sure it doesn't become clogged.

Fill the pot to a point at which the soil and plant will be just below the rim of the pot when the soil is pressed and gently packed.

As you add soil, pack firmly with the fingertips, leaving no large air spaces around the roots. The surface of the soil should be about an eighth to a third of an inch below the rim of the pot that is 2 1/4 to 4 inches in diameter. Make it 1/2 to 1 inch below that of a pot 5 to 8 inches in diameter.



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Stolen Automobile Is Recovered Here

An automobile reported stolen in Vance County last May was recovered last Thursday in deep woods, about a mile from a rural road, in the area of Axtell and Soul City.

Inspector Roger Davis of the Theft Division of the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles and Deputy Sheriff Danny Bartholomew found the stripped car. Davis reported that the car had been stripped of parts and equipment and abandoned apparently several months ago.

Vance County Sheriff's department records revealed that the car was reported stolen by Ballard E. Jordan of Rt. 1, Norlina, on May 28, 1976. Jordan reported that the 1974 model Plymouth auto he was operating had been stolen from Bullockville Park at Kerr Lake. Jordan's sister, Margaret Jordan Petteway, owned the vehicle.

The car was identified as the missing Jordan auto. Investigation is continuing.



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