



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE - Misty spends much of her time riding on a bicycle. Of course she just lies around while Nona Langston does the pedaling. Once in a while, as with all bike riders, they do take a tangle, but they just get right

back up and go at it again. Misty says it is easier to keep up with your bike-riding-owner this way. . . Beats the heck out of running along beside the bike. Nona and Misty live near Warsaw.

Migrant Program Enrolls 80 Students In Third Summer Season At North Duplin School

By Emily Killeter

Reading, math and personal hygiene are the basic subjects taught in classes at the North Duplin Migrant Program for ages 3 to 12 years, said Owen Martin, coordinator of the Faison-based migrant program. The program is in its third summer season at the North Duplin Elementary School.

About 80 students are enrolled this summer with the North Duplin Migrant Program for the six-week school session. School began June 16 and ended Tuesday. Martin said the students were tested when they entered the program and re-tested for improvement at the conclusion of the school session. Also, Martin added, each student was screened for dental and health needs at the beginning of the migrant summer school program.

"Generally our tests show the students have made some growth in the subjects we offer," North Duplin Migrant Program Coordinator Owen Martin said. "We basically try to re-enforce what the children already know, especially reading and math." All the students with few exceptions in the youngest children at the migrant program speak both Spanish and English. And, Martin said, most attend public schools in their home states of Texas and Florida. The students are picked up by the North Duplin Migrant Program; most of the children are from the Whitfield Camp in Wayne County and the Ellis Camp near Faison. The Whitfield Camp is located in southern Wayne, near Mount Olive. According to Martin, no programs like the North Duplin summer school for migrants are offered in Wayne County.

"In order to get the school age children involved in the program, we had to provide care for the younger ones," Martin said. "By only offering a program for school

ages, we found not many could attend because they were needed at home to stay and care for their younger brothers and sisters while the parents worked in the fields. And, when children reach the age of 14 or 15 years they go to the fields with their parents. The North Duplin Migrant Program is set up to begin about the time the migrants first arrive in the area in mid-June and end as they begin to leave the last of July. The migrants come to the area to pick produce and a few have already begun to leave." The North Duplin Migrant Program is staffed by three teachers and three teacher-aides along with office personnel. One of the three teachers speaks Spanish, and Martin said, she works with the youngest students.

"Not only does the program assist migrant parents, but we are able to look after the children's health needs," Martin said. "The parents are not able to give their children the proper health care." Along with reading and math, the migrant children are taught basic personal hygiene. Martin pointed out the most common health problems among the migrant children are lice and impetigo. Dental and health needs of the migrant students are taken care of at Goshen Medical Center in Faison.

The migrant children have a high tolerance for pain," Elinor Ezzell, family counselor at Goshen Medical Center said. "We try to teach the migrant children cleanliness but when you have to carry the water for a bath and wash in a tin tub, it is hard to want to take a bath." Impetigo and lice are both cause-related to unclean environments.

Along with assistance from Goshen Medical Center, the North Duplin Migrant Pro-

gram has received support through donations of clothes, individual hygiene kits and instruction in the arts from organizations like the Duplin County Arts Council, the Mount Olive Jayettes, Gamma Gamma Sorority, church groups, local private

citizens and the summer gospel ministry of Tom and Debbie McCloud in Magnolia, sponsored by the Magnolia United Methodist Church. The migrant program is coordinated by the Duplin County Board of Education.

Reducing Pecan Pest

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Remember last year when your pecans fell of the tree too early, or when you opened the surviving ones only to find destroyed kernels? Both of these problems are caused by the same pest, the pecan weevil, which is the major insect pest of pecans in North Carolina. By following a few simple practices, insect damage can be greatly reduced.

Frequently gather, remove and destroy the early weevil-infested nuts as soon as they fall. For small trees, place a sheet under the limbs, jar the tree and collect the weevils in the sheet. Also spray the foliage, trunk and ground with Sevin and Malathion. For large trees, weekly sprays of Sevin on the ground and trunk will reduce weevil damage. The time to

start spraying is now. Another insect pest of pecans is the twig girdler. This insect lays its eggs in the twigs that are about the size of a lead pencil. It gnaws round and round from the bark inward. The twig eventually falls to the ground. To control this insect, gather all twigs in the fall and destroy them.

The third insect of major importance in North Carolina is the stink bug. This insect feeds on developing nuts and causes black pits and kernel spots of pecan nuts. To control, keep the grass mowed and avoid planting cowpeas, okra, beans or tomatoes nearby. These are good places for stink bugs to build up.

For more information, contact Phil Denlinger at the Duplin County Agricultural Extension office. The phone number is 296-1996.

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