

CLUB BRIEFS

# Ladies Auxiliary Sets Installation Of New Officers

The Ladies Auxiliary to V.F.W. Post 7288 will install a new slate of officers Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the post in Calabash.

Katherine Bachmann is the incoming president, succeeding Florence Cook.

Other officers are as follows: Ellen Oellerich, senior vice president; Ann Flash, junior vice president; Dot Hoffman, treasurer; Kay Kielbasa, conductress; Margaret Keller, guard; Florence Cook, three-year trustee; Catherine Corrick, two-year trustee; Jean Fategoni, one-year trustee; Katherine Soenichson, secretary; Katherine Sommers, patriotic instructor; Joan McMahon, chaplain; and Mary Benes, public relations.

The club will hold its monthly covered dish dinner for members and friends May 11 at 6 p.m.

## DAR Workshop Set

Two county chapters will be represented at a District IX workshop

to be held May 13 by the North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Among those attending the session at Trinity Conference Center on Bogue Banks will be members of the William Gause Chapter in Shallotte and the Brunswick Town Chapter at Southport.

Chapter officers, committee chairmen and members will make plans for the coming year.

## Flowers Are Theme

"Say It With Flowers" is the theme of the North Myrtle Beach Christian Women's Club May 16 buffet luncheon at the Surf Club, 1701 Springland Lane, North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The luncheon is from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and costs \$8.

Featured on the program will be a sweater fashion show, music by local soloist Judy Glymph and a talk by Barbara Fain of Dunwoodie, Ga. She is a former model and the wife

of a U.S. Air Force colonel.

A free nursery will be provided at Lakeside Baptist Church.

Reservations and cancellations are required for the luncheon and nursery. In the South Brunswick Islands area, call Louise Blizard, 579-2562.

## Right To Life Meets

The Brunswick County Right to Life chapter meets Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at Shallotte Community Chapel on N.C. 130 east, Holden Beach Road.

A presentation will be given on new events, said Jean Barber, co-chairman.

More information is available from her at 579-6623.

## Roads Are Topic

A Whiteville historian, John McNeil, will be the guest speaker when the Brunswick County Historical Society meets Monday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

McNeil will discuss the origin of the road system, said Lottie Ludlum, secretary. The public is invited.

## Committee Elects Officers

The Holden Beach Beautification Committee has elected Margaret Vasco as its chairman for the coming year.

Other officers are as follows: Jane Steorts, vice chairman; Rachel Harmon, secretary-treasurer; Norma Swartz, typist; Elizabeth Tandy, publicity chairman; Fran Vogt, brochure chairman; Marian Breece, work and water committee chairman; Virginia Dovel, fence decorating committee chairman; Jane Steorts, Yard of the Month chairman; and Rose Smith, Donna McGee, Harriet Hart, Rachel Harmon, Adline Broadnax, Laurie Webb and Martha Padgett, zone captains.

The committee will celebrate its summer break at a May 16 luncheon at Lockwood Folly Golf Course clubhouse.

The committee's current project is landscaping of the fire substation property. The first stage of the



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## Long Bay Installs Officers

Long Bay Garden Club installed officers for the 1991-92 club year at the club's April meeting, as well as hearing a program on growing orchids by Robert Hassler, a local orchid grower. New officers are (from left) Betty Harrelson, first vice president; Kathleen Parker, secretary; Ann Laughinghouse, president; Birdie Frink, second vice president; and Virginia Winfree, treasurer.

three-stage effort has begun. The club has recognized Judy Bryan for seasonal designs on the

fence at the foot of the Holden Beach Bridge and the team erecting the displays. Also, the club recog-

nized Phyllis Noah for her help with art for the current fence display and the Yard of the Month sign.



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## Married 40 Years

Gary and Alfa Carr of Holden Beach celebrated their 40th anniversary with a pot-luck dinner for friends and neighbors given by their three children, Steve, Mike and Debbie, and their families. The Carrs were married in Santa Maria, Calif., on April 28, 1951.



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FOUR STUDENT 'SHADOWS' joined their Rotarian hosts for breakfast following a day on the job together. Left to right above are Suzy Moore King, Cleon Butler, James Payne, Heather Hughes, April Dowless, Allen Bellamy and Ben Robinson.

## 'Shadows' Get Close-Up Look At Jobs

Eight West Brunswick High School students recently "shadowed" a South Brunswick Islands Rotarian for a day, getting a first-hand look at a possible career field.

In this traditional program for Rotary International, students are paired with a business or professional person and spent the day working with them to see what work in that field is like. The purpose of the program, said President Milton Iossi, is to assist students in

making rational vocational choices and to provide an incentive to stay in school and to pursue career goals.

Students participating in the shadow day were Keith Wilson, April Dowless, Patrick Hughes, Heather Hughes, LeShawn McNeil, Ben Robinson, Greg Yeager, Damaris Bettinger and Cleon Butler. Four also accepted the club's invitation to attend its Friday morning breakfast meeting.

Their Rotarian hosts were John Fazekas, Allen Bellamy, William "Bud" Powell, Suzy Moore King, Tony Martin, Mazie Frink, Glenn Humber, James Payne and Al Laughinghouse.

Billy Privette, 4-H extension agent with the Brunswick County Extension Office, assisted Payne in organizing the program. He also helped Judy Harris, guidance counselor, in matching students and Rotarians for the day.

# Groundcover An Alternative To Grass

BY C. BRUCE WILLIAMS  
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**Dear Plant Doctor:** I have had it with grass. Please tell me what I can use instead of grass in my yard. I have a sandy soil with areas that range from full sun to fairly heavy shade. Help!



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**Answer:** Groundcovers, mulch, brick, concrete and asphalt (in that order). Seriously, groundcovers or mulch are probably your best bet.

There are hundreds of species of groundcover that can be used in the coastal plains of the Carolinas. Some of my favorites are English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Asiatic Jasmine (*Trachelospermum asiaticum*), Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*), Large Periwinkle (*Vinca major*) and Wintercreeper Euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*). Please note that there are dozens of different varieties of these plant species. For instance, English Ivy has hundreds, maybe even thousands, of different varieties available for the gardener. There are even varieties of English Ivy available that do not climb.

**Dear Plant Doctor:** I have spider lilies growing in my backyard and would like to divide them. When is the best time of year to divide spider lilies? What should I know that would help the survival of the transplanted plants?

**Answer:** The spider lily (*Lycoris squamigera*) is also known as the Magic Lily, Resurrection Lily, Hardy Amaryllis or Autumn Amaryllis. This usual flowering bulb plant produces foliage in the spring

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that dies back in the summer. Flowers magically appear in the late summer without the accompanying foliage.

According to my sources, the best time of the year to propagate *Lycoris* is immediately following foliage die-back in the summer. Bulb offsets or bulblets will take two to three years to produce a flowering plant.

Flowering bulbs are similar to other plants in their nutritional requirements. Bulbs will do better if adequate nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are provided at planting time. Phosphorus does not leach in the soil like other fertilizer nutrients, so it is important to provide adequate amounts to the root system. Two cups of 8-8-8 per 100 square feet of bulb bed, well incorporated into the soil, or the recommended amount of a commercial bulb fertilizer should provide your bulbs with the start they need.

**Dear Plant Doctor:** My wife and I would be grateful for any advice you might offer concerning our weeping fig trees. We have two and both are approximately 6 feet tall. The problem is they exude a sticky substance which covers the carpet and anything within the circumference of its branches. Is there a cure?

**P.S.** Any suggestions for getting this sticky substance off the floors? Carpet? Mexican tile? Upholstery?

**Answer:** The sticky substance your fig tree is exuding could be coming from several sources. The

weeping fig produces a sap that is white and very sticky. Pruning the tree could produce sufficient sap to cause a mess but would not be a perennial problem.

I suspect your fig tree has a mealybug or similar insect infestation. Many insects excrete a honeydew-like substance when feeding on plants. The solution to your sticky substance problem is to get rid of the mealybugs!

One of the best treatments for mealybugs is to take your weeping fig outdoors (during warm weather) and thoroughly wash the tree with an insecticidal soap. Repeat treatment every seven to 10 days until all mealybugs are gone.

As to removing the sticky substances on your floors, etc., I recommend you contact the county extension home economist.

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For dogwood lovers, a new version of the long out-of-print *Growing and Maintaining Healthy Dogwoods* is available through the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen. You can obtain a free copy by writing the NCAN, P.O. Box 400, Knightdale, N.C. 27545.

Also, the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville is growing. The Friends of the Garden, along with Friends of the Parks and Fayetteville Parks and Recreation, will sponsor a three-day *Spring Splash* at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden April 19-21. Outdoor activities are planned for all ages. Call the Garden office at 919-486-0221 for more information. I hope to see you there!

(Send your gardening questions to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.)



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## Wolfe Yard Selected

The Holden Beach Beautification Committee has chosen the yard of Lillian Wolfe (center) of 188 Greensboro St. as yard of the month for May. The Holly Springs resident is pictured with J.W. Calder, a friend who helped with the yard work, and beautification committee representative Phyllis Moah, who did the art work on the new yard of the month sign.

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