



WILLIAM BRADLEY BABSON and Barbara Jean Harbaugh will be honored with a reception April 3 in Supply. They will be married March 27 in Ohio.

Harbaugh-Babson Vows To Be Spoken In Ohio

Barbara Jean Harbaugh of Brunswick, Ohio, and William Bradley Babson of Bolivia will be married in a 4 p.m. ceremony March 27 at Brunswick Reformed Church, Brunswick, Ohio.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Leonard and Anita Harbaugh of Brunswick and Anna and Obrad Gavriolov of Parma, Ohio. She is a nursing student currently employed with Interim Healthcare as a nursing assistant.

The prospective groom is the son

of William A. "Bunny" and Shirley Babson of Bolivia.

He is a service engineer with Xerox Corporation and a 1987 graduate of Cape Fear Community College with an associate of applied science degree in electronics engineering.

Bunny and Shirley Babson will host a reception for the couple on Saturday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Brunswick County Republican Party Headquarters in Supply. All friends and relatives are invited.

These Questions Are 'For The Birds'

Dear Plant Doctor: I have two questions about plants that involve birds indirectly. Could you please tell me what is affecting my holly bushes? I have enclosed leaves for you to see. There is something like powdery mildew and webs on the underside of the leaves. I would prefer to use something organic for the problem if possible because the birds get inside these bushes often and eat the berries.

The other question involves the identification of the small branch enclosed in the letter. The bush was destroyed when our septic tank was redone. It was a large shrub with trailing white clusters of small white flowers and purplish-black berries. Our resident mockingbird loved this plant and I would like to replace it.

Answer: The problem with your holly is the tea scale (*Fiorinia theae*). The tea scale is primarily a problem with camellias but will also attack and severely damage many species of holly (as you will testify). Getting rid of this pest will be difficult but not impossible. First, prune your holly. Open up the plant for maximum air circulation and light penetration. Second, soil test and fertilize plants as recommended. Third, apply a recommended insecticide.

The best time of year to treat tea

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scale is in the early spring just after all danger of frost is past. Use the label-recommended amount of Dursban 6.7 EC applied in two applications 10 days apart.

I do not know of a "nonpesticide" method that will control tea scale. Proper application of insecticide should cause no danger to birds. According to the National Wildlife Federation, the common house cat is a much greater threat to song bird populations than nearly any other factor. An estimated 19 million song birds are killed by "kitty" every year. Urban cat populations as high as 1,295 cats per square mile were identified in a Wisconsin study. Similar results were found in a study conducted in England.

Your resident mockingbird has good taste. Although the leaves were

crushed I believe the plant you enclosed is a native shrub called the Southern Wax Myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*). This is one of my favorite native ornamental plants. You should have no trouble locating a nice specimen at local nurseries.

Dear Plant Doctor: I live in the center of the "sandhills" of North Carolina (Aberdeen) and would like to grow some grass in my yard. I have very sandy soils and heavy shade in my yard. I tried tall fescue last year. It looked great all spring but died by midsummer.

Please tell me what to do to get grass to grow!

Answer: If you really want a fine lawn you have several options:

1. Remove trees and/or limbs to admit more sunlight. Install an irrigation system. Soil test and amend the soil according to test recommendations. Plant and maintain the warm season turf grass of your choice.

2. Leave the trees and/or limbs. Soil test and amend the soil according to test recommendations. Plant a suitable shade loving groundcover, such as English ivy, Asiatic Jasmine, etc.

3. Leave the trees and/or limbs. Soil test and amend the soil according to test recommendations. Install an irrigation system. Plant a shade

loving warm season grass such as "Raleigh" St. Augustine grass. Plan to treat for insects and disease problems, since a shade stressed lawn will require more pesticide application because of reduced sunlight and poor air circulation.

I am sending you a copy of *Carolina Lawns*. Please review it before making any drastic decisions. Give your local extension agent a call about the details. Good luck.

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

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Langston To Lead BCC Fund Drive

Dr. Lee Langston of Shallotte will serve as chairman of the 1993 community fund drive to raise money for the Brunswick Community College Foundation Fund for Academic Excellence.

Langston is vice president of the BCC Foundation.

Three teams will canvass the county during the two-week drive that begins April 8, with the goal of raising \$40,000. Any funds contributed beyond that level will added to the Fund for Academic Excellence endowment.

community College Foundation can contact any of the team leaders above or the college.

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