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CIVITAN CANDY BOX donations have benefitted Supply Elementary School, says Principal Carolyn Williams (left), pictured with Stephanie Woodard (center), teacher, and candy box volunteer Ginnie Nugent.

## Civitan Candy Boxes Benefit Kids

The pocket change Brunswick Countians leave in Civitan Club candy boxes helps mentally retarded and physically handicapped people worldwide and enabled the local South Brunswick Isles Civitan Club to donate playground equipment to multi-handicapped class at Supply Elementary School, says spokesman Bob Johnson.

Teacher Stephanie Woodard wrote the club, "Since these children are so severely disabled, there are few forms of recreation and fun for them in the public schools. The in-

roduction of the 'specially made swing set' and the 'round about' produced squeals of delight from our students and, of course, much excitement from the teachers."

Principal Carolyn Williams wrote, "Our teachers feel that the students will benefit greatly from the equipment you furnished. Selfless acts such as yours epitomize a communi-

ty effort and spirit that is unbeatable."

The local Civitans are encouraging restaurant owners to allow candy boxes to be placed in their establishments; all the money collected from them goes to charity. The boxes are placed and serviced by volunteer Civitan members and not by paid solicitors, Johnson said.

## South Class Eyes 15-Year Reunion

South Brunswick High School's Class of 1978 is planning its 15-year reunion.

A committee is trying to compile names and addresses of all classmates and will hold a meeting in early September to begin planning.

Anyone knowing names and addresses of classmates in or outside of the area or with suggestions for the reunion are asked to contact one of these classmates: Regina (Webb) Schronce, 845-2923; Pam (Galloway) Ferguson, 457-5238; or Kelley (Cockrell) Sellers, 457-4647.

## Colonial Dames To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Mrs. Marvin Musselwhite of Shallotte will be among past presidents to be honored when the Samuel Swann Chapter, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, celebrates its 10th anniversary at a luncheon meeting Sept. 11 in Wilmington.

Miss Laura Boice of Rocky Mount, state first vice president, will be the featured speaker. The meeting begins at noon at Roy's Riverboat Landing.

Special guest will be Mrs. George Earl Thompson of Emerald Isle, who was the organizing president in 1983. Other past presidents will also be honored.

The chapter history will be read, according to Mrs. Harry White of Shallotte, current president. The chapter has members along the Carolina coast from Charleston to Marshallberg, she added.

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## Residents Receive Radios

Autumn Care of Shallotte recently received 15 portable radios for residents' use from Shallotte Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 160, a matching funds community assistance project. Shown above (front, from left) are Janice Caison, Edith Morton and Juanita Roberts; and back, Melissa Cluchey, activities coordinator; Jimmy Marshall, Woodman field representative; Sandy Fulford, rehabilitation aide; and Larry Heustess, Woodman field representative.

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## Tips Boost Chances Of Pollination

**Dear Plant Doctor:** I am having trouble with a lack of pollination affecting the yield of some vegetables. Snapbeans, tomatoes and okra do fine. However, cantaloupe and cukes have very poor fruit set and my zucchini fails to set any fruit at all.

There seems to be plenty of solitary bees and small wasps on the blossoms. However, honey bees are scarce since I know of no hives within a mile or so. Could lack of honey bee pollination be the problem?

I might add that fruit set on my dwarf peach trees was excellent.

**Answer:** Plant pollination schemes are quite complex. In general, snapbeans, tomatoes and okra are predominantly self-pollinated (do not require flower-to-flower pollen transfer for fruit set) while cucumbers, cantaloupes and zucchini are primarily cross-pollinated (require pollen transfer between plants, flowers or varieties for fruit set). Many cultivars of peach are self-fruit (i.e., self-pollinated).

Yes, lack of pollination by honey bees or other pollinators could cause problems.

Try several of the following suggestions before buying into a bee hive.

■ Use honey bee friendly pesticides for insect control.

■ Never spray insecticides during the early morning when bees are harvesting pollen. Spray insecticides late in the evening to minimize honey bee kills.

■ Plant several different varieties of each species to ensure adequate pollen is available for cross pollinated crops.

■ Check with your local N.C. Cooperative Extension Office for specific pollination requirements of fruit and vegetable crops.

**Dear Plant Doctor:** I am tired of fertilizing and mowing grass. I want to hire a lawn care service. Can you recommend anyone? What advice can you give me about getting a reputable individual?

### THE PLANT DOCTOR

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**Answer:** No. I cannot recommend any one lawn care company. However, I can give you a number of questions to ask to help you determine if the service is qualified and knowledgeable about the lawn care business.

1. Is the company/individual licensed? Anyone applying pesticides to property for pay must have a North Carolina Commercial Pesticide License. A pesticide is legally defined as any product with a EPA registration number. Make sure your lawn care company or individual is properly licensed. If in doubt, you can call the local N.C. Cooperative Extension Office for additional information.

2. Does the company have a good track record?

Request references, check with the Better Business Bureau or local consumer protection offices. Check with the N.C. Department of Agriculture (Pesticide Division) for a history of pesticide violations.

3. What are the companies'/indi-

viduals' professional affiliations?

The Turfgrass Council of North Carolina, Professional Lawn Care Association of America (PLCAA), N.C. Landscape Contractor Association, and N.C. Association of Nurserymen are just a few of the many professional organizations that strive for professional competence and high ethical standards.

4. Does the company/individual offer you a variety of pest management strategies or just one plan?

Request that all pest control and management options be fully discussed before agreeing to one particular plan.

5. Will the company/individual tell you what pesticides it applies to your lawn and why, and what health and environmental risks may be presented by their use?

You have a right to this information. If asked, the company/individual should readily supply it.

6. Does the company/individual keep up with new cultural practices and educational information provided through the company or the Cooperative Extension Service?

I have found that the best lawn care companies pride themselves on being well informed. They are usually active in professional associations and Extension educational programs to maintain their competitiveness and to stay on the cutting edge of technology.

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