

JAMES D. BELLAMY (left) of Shallotte received the 1993 Woodmen of the World Conservation citation for longtime wildlife conservation efforts on his farm. Field Representative Jimmy Marshall presented the award on behalf of the Shallotte lodge.

Shallotte Woodmen Honor Five

for their community service by the Shallotte Woodmen of the World Lodge at its December meeting.

James D. Bellamy of Shallotte was presented the Conservation citation for longtime efforts to conserve wildlife on his farm.

The Mr. Woodmen and the Woman of Woodcraft awards went to lodge members Douglas Queen and Dorothy Suggs respectively for their work in fraternal programs and

Clyde Yarborough received the Good Neighbor citation for his dedicated work in the community and in nursing homes, while lodge Trustee Michael Russ received the Honor

Five area residents were honored Plaque for his many hours of work involved in the purchase and renovation of the new Shallotte WOW Lodge building on Commerce Street in Shallotte. The lodge building is expected to be ready for occupancy

> Along with awards presentations and a Christmas social, the lodge also reported its activities for the year. These included providing more than \$3,000 in matching funds for community assistance, civic organizations and needy families; donating 15 flags to civic organizations and churches; providing American Patriot Handbooks to schools; holding eight nursing home parties; and having 60 local Ranger Youth Members attend summer camp.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Schutte To Compete For N.C. Homecoming Queen

Sally Jo Schutte, West Brunswick High School homecoming queen, has been selected finalist for North Carolina's 14th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held March 12-13 in Raleigh.

The winner will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense-paid trip to compete with queens from other states for America's Home-

coming Queen in July in California. The national winner will receive a cash scholarship plus a trip to Europe.

First Runner-Up

Whitney Dean McKeithan, 10month-old daughter

Dean and Tracy McKeithan of Ash, was first runner-up in the oastal Azalea Princess Pageant Jan. 23 in Wilmington.



the sportswear, MCKEITHAN most photogenic and pretties dress categories.

She is the granddaughter of Robert (Ronnie) and Shelia Cheers of Shallotte, Diane Cheers of Ash, and W.D. (Stub) and Jean McKeithan of Ash. She is the sister of William McKeithan of Ash.

Baby Pageant Winner

Kendrick Morgan of Supply was selected first

runner-up in the Little Mr. Baby boro.



up to age 2 Kendrick the son of Dar-

MORGAN rilyn Morgan and Lonnie Mithell Jr. and the grandson of Mary Alice Morgan and the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Mitchell

He received two trophies and a certificate for entering.

Wood On Dean's List

Rebecca Lynn Wood of Fairway Drive, Shallotte, has been named to the dean's list at Wofford College.

Wood is a junior at Wofford. To be named to the dean's list, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and have earned better than a 3.0 av-

Wofford is in Spartanburg, S.C. and has an enrollment of about

NCSU Dean's List

Several local students were named to the dean's list at N.C. State University for the fall semes-

They are Christopher Sotho Byrd and Frederick Allen Hewett, both of Shallotte: Dawn Ginger Jacobs of Leland; Erika Leigh Farr of Sunset Beach: William Forrest Jackson. William Edward Bringe and Jennifer

Colleen Leigh, all of Ocean Isle Beach; John David Nichols of Southport; and Amy Lois Caison, Elisa Deann Herndon and Raymond

Chancey Howard, all of Supply. To make the dean's list, students must earn an academic average of 3.25 or higher if they are carrying 15 or more hours of course work, or a 3.5 grade-point average if they are carrying 12 to 14 hours.

Completes Navy Basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Matthew A. Turner recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, III.

He is the son of Lawrence D. and Pamela J. Turner of North Shore Drive, Southport.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational

Studies include seamanship, close -order drill, naval history and first

Deploys To Gulf

Navy Lt. Eric H. Pittenger recently department on a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, the lead ship in its bat-

Crewmembers made a port visit to Singapore before arriving in the Gulf. They also stopped in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Pittenger is one of more than 5,000 crewmembers aboard the 75,000-ton ship carrying more than 80 combat aircraft.

A 1977 graduate of Bowie (Md.) Senior High School, Pttenger joined the Navy in June 1982. He is a 1982 graduate of St Mary's College of

Honored At SMS

Shallotte Middle School has announced its list of students and employees of the month for December.

Grade 6: Stars, Kendrick Frink and Lee Ann Stevens; Planets, Reggie Burney and Tiffany Hill.

Grade 7: Pelicans, Eiford Clemmons and Amanda Wilson; Whales, James Johnson and Tekea Stanley.

- ■Grade 8: Starfish, Joe Bell and Amanda Fulford; Sand Dollars, Billy Noble and Crystal Bellamy.
- ■Exceptional Children: Pirates,
- Shamus Bland and Kaylan Hankins. ■Art: David Barnhill and Camille
- Wilmoth. ■Pre-Voc Tech: Patti Lewis. French/Band: Ken Bradley and
- Jennifer Quaintance. Chorus/Handbells: Kyle Lambert, Ashley Hardy.
- ■P.E.: Jimmy Gore and Marsha
- Grade 4: Timothy Watson and Kaleena Green.
- Teacher, Grade 8, Harvey Rash. Custodian: Mr. Fullwood.
- ■Cafeteria: Mae Simmons. Office, Gwen Buckley.
- ■Bus Drivers: Jean Martin and Mac Simmons.

Installing, Managing The 'Perfect Lawn'

In last week's column I outlined some of the "secrets" of selecting and fertilizing grass for the perfect lawn. A lawn of hybrid bermudagrass or zoysiagrass installed and managed properly will produce, without argument, the perfect lawn. Improperly installed and managed, these grasses will perform no better than other lawn grasses.

The true hybrid bermudagrasses (like Tifway, Tilway II, Tifton 419, Tifton 328, or others) are sterile and cannot be propagated by seed. The same is true for the finer-textured zoysiagrasses (like Emerald, Meyer, Cashmire, and El-Toro).

Seed of hybrid bermudagrass and the zovsiagrass can often be located in seed stores, but these hybrid seeded types have not demonstrated the same high-quality characteristics of the older sterile hybrids in university cultivar evaluations.

Three methods are commonly used to install these sterile hybrid lawn grasses: sprigs, plugs or sod. In all cases, soil should be tested and amended according to the soil test recommendations. In addition, soil preparation should include the eradication of all perennial weeds and the use of an appropriate pre-emergent herbicide (except in the case of sod-

Propagation of bermudagrass or zoysiagrass by sprigs involves digging up sod, removing the soil from the sod, and then mechanically breaking apart the sod into individual stems and roots. These pieces of stem and roots are then transported to the planting site, spread out on prepared ground, and forced into the soil with a special disk or coulter. The sprigs are kept continually moist for at least three weeks before sprigs root and become established. Golf courses commonly use sprigging to establish fairways, tees, and greens. Sprigging is rarely used to establish home lawns.

Plugs also can be utilized to establish these grasses. Plugs (two- to three-inch diameter) of a desirable cultivar can be obtained from garden centers, mail order houses, sod

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farms or other sources. Most plugs are placed on one-foot centers (i.e. one plug per square foot) for rapid coverage. Plugging often fails because many individuals do not prop-

erly prepare the site or the soil. Sod is the surest method to getting a "perfect" lawn fast. On the slow-to-establish zoysiagrasses, I highly recommend sod be the primary method of establishment. Sodding hybrid bermudagrass or zoysiagrass also eliminates many of the problems associated with plugging or sprigging (like weed infestations).

Regardless of whether you choose sod, sprig, or plug, a critical step in establishing a perfect lawn is to make sure the soil surface is absolutely even. This will require that the soil be smoothed with a waterfilled roller before and after the installation of the grass. An uneven surface is nearly impossible to correct after the fact without major disruption to the entire yard. In addition, an uneven surface creates numerous mowing difficulties.

A properly managed, correctly mowed, and well-irrigated lawn will normally have fewer weed, insect, or disease problems, but there will be some problems. A "perfect" lawn will require special attention during certain times of the year. Brown patch, mole crickets, ground pearls, and other pests can devastate a "perfect" lawn very quickly even if you are doing everything just right. If a problem is noticed, identify the cause or the pest.

■NEVER apply a pesticide without first identifying the pest.

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out due cause. I have seen numerous "perfect" lawns ruined by indiscriminate or inappropriate pesticide use. ■ALWAYS follow all label precautions, directions, and warnings during the pesticide application.

Several publications can be useful in identifying turfgrass diseases and pests. One of the best is "Turfgrass Pest Management Manual - A Guide to Major Turfgrass Pests and Turfgrasses, AG-348" by North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (copies are available for approximately \$5 through most NC Cooperative Extension Service offices). "Insect Management in Turf, AG 447" "Carolina Lawns", and 'A Complete Guide to Mole Cricket Management in North Carolina, ENT 101" would also be very useful in pest identification and control

(these publications are free).

Over 1.7 million acres of home lawns exist in North Carolina, more than any other agricultural crop. Lawns serve as a wonderful surface for play, provide a natural filter for surface and ground water, provide oxygen to breath, and help to trap many airborne pollutants but creating an aesthetically "perfect" lawn may not always be practical.

For any of the above publications or additional information on establishing and maintaining a "healthy" lawn, send a SASE to the Plant Doctor, PO Box 109, Bolivia, NC 28422 or contact your local NC Cooperative Extension Service

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FRIDAY, FEB. 4 AT 7 P.M.

Congressman Watt To Speak To Black Leadership Caucus At Their 11th Annual Banquet

The 7th Congressional District cil, mayor of Charlotte and U.S. Black Leadership Caucus will hold its 11th annual banquet Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Brunswick County Government Complex in Bolivia.

Guest speaker will be Congressman Melvin Watt of the 12th Congressional District. Seventh District Congressman Charlie Rose will introduce the speaker, announced by Joe Butler, caucus chairman.

Watt, a Mecklenburg County native, serves on the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee and Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He is also a member of the Democratic House Caucus Steering and Policy Committee.

He served in the N.C. Senate during the 1985-86 term, and was campaign manager of Harvey Gantt during Gantt's campaigns for city counSenate.

In 1986, he announced that he would not seek elective office again until his children completed high school. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 12th District with 72 percent of the vote, and on Jan. 5, 1993, became one of two black members of Congress from North Carolina, the first elected in this century.

Coastline Squad Makes 90 Calls Coastline Volunteer Rescue

Squad responded to 90 calls during December, reported squad spokesman Sharon Martin. The volunteers transported nine

patients, made 23 mutual aid calls and logged 2,593 miles.





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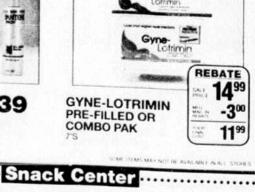
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