

Head Start

from other families not in this income scale, Principal Howard Bryant said.

Major purpose of the eight-week program is to develop self identity and social relationships, not to develop intellect, according to Mr. Bryant.

Room activities planned along the same purpose include finger dexterity, self expression, working together, modeling clay, playing together, etc.

Operation Head Start begins at 8:30 a.m. at West school. Snack Time features fruit juice, milk, toast and crackers. A complete balanced hot lunch is served at the noon hour.

Each class is composed of 15 students with one qualified teacher and a teacher's aid for each class.

Numerous adults have volunteered their services during the program, Mr. Bryant said.

Physical development is also stressed. The children have been given thorough physical examinations, including tuberculosis skin tests, and teeth check-ups. Their teeth have been cleaned and fluoride-treated.

Next week measles shots will be administered, Mr. Bryant said.

"Our Head Start program this year has been a rewarding experience," Mr. Bryant commented. "Already we can see the results," he added.

Kidnap Victim Is Hospitalized

A Cherryville farmer-produce dealer who told authorities he was kidnapped, robbed and beaten by two men and a woman was reported in good condition at a York County hospital Wednesday.

Webb Beam, 53, of Route 1, Cherryville, was found walking on a road near Clover, S. C., Tuesday afternoon after he was beaten and robbed about four miles south of Kings Mountain on the Dixon School Road.

Beam's wife, in an interview from Divine Saviour Hospital in York Tuesday night, said her husband told her his alleged abductors kept stepping on his throat and threatening to kill him.

The hospital said he had bruises on the neck and back of the head.

Beam and Hubert Camp, an 18-year-old Negro, were on their way to South Carolina to buy a truck-load of peaches when they stopped at Hord Spring near Dixon School to ask directions to get to Interstate 85.

Camp said that two men—one about 40 and the other in his 20's—and a woman about 50 were getting water at the spring when Beam approached to ask directions.

Camp said that the three started beating Beam and that he drove back to Cherryville before calling law authorities.

Camp called the Lincoln County sheriff's department. A spokesman for that department said that the three abductors asked Beam for money to buy liquor, picked a fight with him, put him in their car and drove off.

The three abductors were reportedly driving a white-over-blue 1954 Ford.

C. H. (Gus) Huffstetler of the Cleveland County sheriff's department went to Clover to help in the investigation.

Mrs. Alexander On Sterchi Staff Mrs. Betty M. Alexander, wife of Dwight Alexander, joined the staff of Sterchi's Furniture Monday as a sales clerk.

The Alexanders reside at 1160 Westover Drive.

Fast-Growing Fleet Of Two Wheelers Now On The Highways

RALEIGH — How do veteran officers who cut their law enforcement teeth on motorcycles feel about the fast-growing fleet of two-wheelers now on the highways?

Col. Charles Speed, Commander of the North Carolina Highway Patrol has explicit views on the problem. In his early days as a patrolman, Speed logged thousands of motorcycle miles on Tar Heel roads.

"I respect the right of anyone who meets North Carolina's legal requirements to operate a two-wheel vehicle upon the highways," says Speed. "But I'll tell you this — the motorcycle is potentially the most dangerous vehicle anyone can ride. And unless the motorcycle operator knows what he's doing when he gets on the road, his life expectancy takes a nosedive."

One of the major reasons that motorcycle accidents are becoming so prevalent, says Col. Speed, is the number of young cyclists who are inexperienced at operating the vehicle.

"I'm afraid that far too many young motorcycle operators regard the vehicle as a toy," Speed declared. "Believe me, anyone who treats it as a plaything will find it about as lethal as a loaded gun."

The veteran officer called upon the parents of young motorcycle owners to study carefully the death and injury rate in motorcycle accidents in North Carolina.

"The motorcyclist is almost three times as likely to be fatally injured in a smashup as the driver of a car," Speed observed. "And his chances of serious injury are far greater."

Use of an adequate crash helmet by all motorcycle operators is a safety "must," Speed said. "Most motorcycle injuries are to the head — horrible wounds which could have been lessened or prevented by the protection of a helmet."

The Patrol Commander also mentioned use of a "spill bar" on motorcycles as an important safety device. Such a bar, he said, would help prevent serious injury to the legs and pelvis in two-wheeler crashes.

"Most important of all," Speed added, "is know-how. Nobody has any business riding a motorcycle on the highways unless he has the skill to operate it properly."

"And far too many of today's crop of motorcyclists do not have the necessary skill," said Col. Speed.

The Patrol Commander knows first-hand about the dangers of motorcycling. A number of years ago, Speed was operating his Patrol motorcycle along a state highway when a car made a left turn directly in his path. Unable to avoid a collision,

Mix Lime With Soil

Mixing lime with soil should be easy but in practice it is a different matter, states County Extension Chairman H. R. Clapp.

To derive the most benefit from lime it must be mixed with the surface six to eight inches of soil. This is necessary because it moves very little from point of application and its beneficial effects are limited pretty much to where it is applied.

This very fact makes the satisfactory application of lime rather difficult.

Lime is most effective when intimately mixed with all the soil particles that make up the surface six to eight inches or "plow layer". Consequently, not only do we have to get the lime down in the soil, it has to be mixed with the soil as well.

The best way to apply lime will depend upon your equipment and available labor. One possibility and one that assures a good mix is to apply one half of the lime before plowing, disc it two times. Admittedly, this is the most expensive method, and possibly should not be used except where more than two tons of lime are needed and quick results are desired, such as would be the case near planting time.

A method that is frequently used for more moderate applications is to apply the lime before plowing and then disking the land two or three times to a depth of four to six inches.

Applying lime and getting good results is not easy. Mixing it to plow depth is most important. The agricultural lime that we use in North Carolina is limestone rock that has been ground to a fineness required by North Carolina law. Limestone rock, even though finely ground, does not dissolve readily in water, therefore, we have to place and mix it with the part of the soil that we want it to effect.

Another thing, have your soil tested first to check lime needs.

FROM PAGELAND Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hughes and family have purchased and occupied the former John B. Barber home in the Dixon community. The Hughes family moved here from Pageland, S. C., and have joined Antioch Baptist church. The Barbers, who expect to build a new home, are residing with Mrs. Conrad Hughes.

Antioch Sets Homecoming Day

Antioch Baptist church will observe Homecoming Day at special services Sunday.

Rev. Wayne Tuttle, pastor of the church, will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service. Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m.

Picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds at 1 p.m. followed by a song service at 2 p.m.

Rev. Tuttle said members, former members and visitors are invited to attend.

Building Permits Are Issued Friday

Three building permits were issued by the city clerk's office Friday.

Realtor J. Wilson Crawford was issued two permits; one to construct a 6-room brick residence at 106 Castlewood Drive at estimated cost of \$14,000. The second for construction of a one-story six-room residence at 610 Mioa road at estimated cost of \$11,000.

Ken Cook was issued a permit to build a one-story residence at the corner of Meadowbrook road and Oakland Street at estimated cost of \$14,000.

City To Buy Fogging Machine

Mayor John H. Moss said Wednesday the city expects to acquire a fogging machine within the next few days for mosquito control.

The mayor said the machine will spray malathion insecticide. The thermal fog machine produces a very fine spray which hangs low over the ground penetrating the area occupied by adult mosquitoes. The fogging will be done during the cool hours of the night or early morning.

Mayor Moss said the machine meets the approval of county health officials.

Dean Blackwell Wins Promotion

Dean Blackwell, formerly of Kings Mountain and now of Clover, S. C., has been promoted to assistant cashier of Southern Bank & Trust Company of Clover.

Blackwell joined Southern Bank & Trust as manager of the installment loan department last December when he was transferred from the home office. Prior to that time he had served six years with Peoples National Bank in Greenville, S. C.

He is secretary of the Clover Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Clover Lions club.

CLUB PICNIC

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will gather for a picnic August 18th at El Bethel Methodist church. R. S. Lennon is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

KIWANIS CLUB

Lex G. Barkley, manager of the Gastonia Social Security District office, will speak on "Medicare", at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6.

HOLY LAND TOUR

Rev. Glenn Copeland of Champagne, Illinois was guest speaker and showed slides of the Holy Land at Thursday's Rotary club meeting. Fenton Larson was program chairman. Present as visitors were Rev. Robert Mann, First Baptist church pastor; Ernest Hicks, vice-president of First-Citizens Bank, of Asheville; and T. R. Harris, Gordon Hamrick, and Buell Bailey, all of Shelby.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall announces.

METHODIST TOPIC

Rev. Howard Jordan will use the sermon topic, "Mountains That Cannot Be Moved" at Sunday morning worship services at Central Methodist church.

DIXON SERVICE

Commencement exercises for the Vacation Bible School, now in progress through Friday, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Dixon Presbyterian church.



By M. E. GARDNER N. C. State University Watercore is a growth disorder that appears as apples mature on the tree. In normal apples spaces between the tissues which surround the core are filled with air. When watercore develops these spaces are filled with water and mushiness results.

Watercore may become a serious problem in some commercial apple producing areas before the apples develop satisfactory harvest color. Growers may suffer little loss if apples are marketed soon after watercore develops. However, the disorder may cause considerable loss of quality in stored fruit.

A growth retardant, B-995, is being tested by Agriculture Research Service scientists, USDA, and also by research workers at the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station, Wenatchee. The use of this material appears to show promise as a means of preventing watercore and also the pre-harvest dropping of apples.

The material was sprayed on 20-year old Delicious and Winesap apple trees at rates of 1,000 to 2,000 parts per million. Sprays were applied early and late. The early application was made 14-20 days after bloom and the late application one month before harvest time.

The scientists found the early treatment to be more effective in reducing watercore and pre-harvest drop than the late treatment, and the lower rate slightly more effective in reducing watercore than the 2,000 ppm rate.

The scientists also found B-995 to be as effective in reducing pre-harvest drop as the best commercial sprays now available for this purpose. While B-995 slows fruit maturity, some commercial sprays speed up maturity, thus contributing to the development of watercore in the fruit.

The scientists point out that further testing will be necessary to determine the best time and rate of applying the material, the possible effect of the retardant on the trees and the effects on storing, and eating qualities of the apples.

This is a progress report, as B-995 has not been released for commercial use on fruit trees. It does appear to show promise, though, not only for the prevention of watercore and pre-harvest drop, but also for its dwarfing and increased flowering effect on apple, pear and sweet cherry trees.

Mrs. Spratt's Rites Conducted Funeral rites for Mrs. Cora Bridges Spratt, 85, widow of Ira Clinton Spratt, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Spratt died Friday at 8 p.m. at her home at 905 Katherine Avenue after illness of several years. She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Zack Bridges.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Grady Davison of Mooresboro, Mrs. Willard Irvin of Takoma Park, Md. and Mrs. W. J. Martin of Kings Mountain; two brothers, D. C. Bridges of Forest City and A. B. Bridges of Lattimore; and three sisters, Mrs. Beulah Greene of Shelby, Mrs. Oia Tesseneer of Columbus and Mrs. C. F. Ward of Henrietta. Also surviving are five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. James Wilder and interment was in Sandy Plains Baptist church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jake Hord, Gene Roberts, Marion Dixon, Bob Hullender, W. T. Weir and Jim Stoll.

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