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MISSING CHILDREN TASK FORCE TO MEET IN WILMINGTON

The Governor's Task Force on Missing Children will meet August 24 at Morton Hall, UNC-W in Wilmington. There will be a public hearing from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a task force work session from 2-5 p.m.

In addition, Heman R. Clark, secretary of the department and chair of the task force, and other members of the task force, will be available at noon for a press briefing on the work of the task force. The press briefing will be held at Morton Hall, too.

If there are any further questions; please call (919) 733-5027.

EXTENSION SCENE



North Carolina

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A few days ago Rick Gregory with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture stopped by to discuss fire ants and their continuing spread in Robeson County. While those individuals down in the southeastern part of Robeson have long been tolerating fire ants, the folks around Maxton and above St. Pauls are just beginning to have the dreaded opportunity to deal with these problem ants. For those individuals who are unfamiliar with fire ants, these ants are much larger than the normal black ant that is usually a problem in homes, and the fire ant is sometimes mistaken for the common pith ant that are native to this area.

The major difference between other ants and the fire ant is that fire ants congregate in extremely large numbers in mounds that sometimes can reach 18 inches in height above the soil surface. Also, their temperament is such that when their mound is disturbed, they respond in large numbers and are quite vicious and fully prepared to bite the offending subject. Since I am originally from the southern part of Columbus County, I have often had to tolerate fire ants as I have visited my family. And regrettably, I have several tiny scars on my hands that are the telltale results of fire ant bites.

Since fire ants are quite capable of administering extremely uncomfortable bites, it is usually the desire of anyone who encounters them to make every attempt to eradicate them from the general area. However, once established, they are quite difficult to eradicate, and perhaps the best method of approach is to attempt to control them.

In a systematic fire ant control program, one should first make positive identification of active fire ant mounds and be sure the ants are actually fire ants. Second, only use an insecticide recommended for fire ant control. Insecticides that are presently labeled for fire ant

control in North Carolina include: Diazinon, at one ounce per one gallon of water; Dursban, also at one ounce per one gallon of water; and Amdro, at five tablespoons per mound. Thirdly, for liquid insecticides use a sprinkle spout watering can using one ounce of insecticide (Diazinon or Dursban) per one gallon of water as recommended, and for the granular or bait-type insecticides, spread the material over the mound and up to two feet away from the ground. Fourth, do not disturb the mound before treatment. Simply prepare the insecticide at the recommended rate and approach the mound quietly, then apply the insecticide as suggested, and check the mound frequently for ant activity. Fifth, apply the insecticide at the optimum temperature. Fire ants prefer temperature near 72 degrees F with a range from 60 degrees to 80 degrees and are best controlled in that temperature range. Sixth, make sure that fire ant mounds are marked so they can be avoided by children until the ants are exterminated.

While it is important to always follow label directions when applying any insecticides, for best results when applying liquid insecticides to fire ant mounds, sufficient amounts of water should be used to thoroughly wet the mound that is being treated.

Based on our experience over the past few years, retreating of the mounds may be necessary a few weeks following the first application of the recommended chemicals, since none of the materials have shown outstanding effectiveness when used for fire ant control. However, when used consistently and properly, they do a relatively good job. But, when dealing with fire ants, it is important to remember that there are no miracle solutions that are available for their eradication or control.

For further information on fire ants and their control, a timely call to the County Extension Office at 738-8111 is advised.

Baltimore Indian Center Pow Wow begins

The Baltimore American Indian Center will hold its Tenth Annual Pow-Wow (festival) on August 24, 25 and 26, 1984. This year's event will be held in Fells Point (Broadway and Lancaster) and will consist of various foods, dances, and contests.

Navajo Tacos, fish, buffalo stew, fry bread, corn soup, corn pudding, and pemican are just a few of the delicious foods that will be available at the Pow-Wow. Tribes that will be represented include: Sioux, Lumbee, Coharie, Piscataway, Haliwa-Saponi, Apache, Commanche, Hopi, Cherokee, Oneida, Delaware, Tuscarora, Blackfeet, Nanticoke and Naragansett.

Dances that the public will be able to observe are: buffalo, snake, hoop, war dance, fancy, and shawl, to name a few.

Co-masters of ceremonies are Ralph Hammonds and Carl Harding. Drumming and singing will be provided by the Shadow Water Drummers of Hollister, N.C.

Other entertainment will include men and women's fancy dance contest, old style contest, drum contest. Also, there will be craft demonstrations. Literature concerning American Indians will be available.

Pow-Wow schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 24--6-9 p.m.
Saturday, August 25--11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 26--1-8 p.m.
for further information, call 675-3535.

West Robeson Juniors can order rings

Juniors attending West Robeson Senior High School will be able to place their class ring orders on August 27 or 28 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the school. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Lewis Moore (the Balfour representative) to be at the school on these dates. Any junior who places an order on these dates will receive a \$10 discount off the normal ring price. A \$30 deposit is required at the time orders are placed.

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