

Charlie Perry and his pile-driving crew were pile-driving on Monday, removing the last of the old Yaupon Beach fishing pier. Construction of a replacement facility is expected to start soon.

'Blueprint for Success' Bridge results keeps youths on course

The factors that influence children and their ability to pursue productive, successful lives will be explored in a series of programs which are the brainchild of retired chief District Court judge Gilbert Burnett of Wilmington.

Each 30-minute episode of "Blueprint for Success", which will be broadcast on WECT-TV6, will identify parenting skills and societal influences that can lead children away from lives of crime and destructive behavior and toward lives that are successful and personally fulfilling.

During each program Burnett will examine personal stories and case histories that challenge common assumptions about what drives children toward or away from delinquency. Through interviews with children, their parents, educators, law enforcement officials and physicians, "Blueprint for Success" will explore how children reflect their environment.

In commenting on his motivation to produce the program, Burnett reflected on his years in juvenile court where patterns began to emerge among juvenile offenders. He began looking for key factors that led some youths toward crime and others away from it.

"Most crimes in this country are committed by people between the ages of 14 and 24. By redirecting juvenile offenders, we can virtually eliminate hundreds of crimes," he said.

The show will be aired at 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning January 3.

Lincoln Christmas

The Lincoln Primary School PTA will host a Christmas program for students and parents beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15.

"The Little Bell That Could Not Ring" will be presented by the second grade students of Beth Graves and Cheryl Hawkins in the school cafeteria. The program will be directed by Shirley Zambrowski, music teacher.

Literacy council volunteers

The Brunswick County Literacy Council trained five new tutors at a workshop held last month.

Rich Dixon of Shallotte trained the volunteers to help adults improve basic reading skills using the phonics-based, one-on-one Laubach method. Newly certified tutors will be working with students in a variety of settings.

Gloria Hickey of Calabash is joining volunteers working at Union Primary. Pat Loftus of Ocean Isle Beach is tutoring a high school student at West Brunswick High School. Katherine Howard of Supply will be working with the children at Hope Harbor Home, as well as tutoring an adult student from the JOBS program. Dee Caudle of Supply and Meredith Franklin of Ocean Isle Beach are also tutoring adult students.

Another tutor workshop will be held after the holidays.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or to refer a student, persons should contact the Brunswick County Literacy Council at 754-READ (754-7323).

Pesticides part of everyday life

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I was recently giving a seminar and was asked to define the term "pesticide" to a group of environmentally concerned gardeners. I stumbled, mumbled and hawed.

This is why. A pesticide can be defined as any agent that is used to destroy plant, animal or microbial life detrimental to man. However, in the "real world" a pesticide is any substance that is issued an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration number. Thousands upon thousands of products have an EPA registration number and are technically classified as pesticides.

Look under your kitchen sink or wherever you keep your cleansers, disinfectants and other household chemicals. If they are labeled as disinfectants then the product probably has an EPA registration number and is thus considered a pesticide.

In my own house I found numerous products with EPA registrations (like Comet Cleanser (EPA Reg. No. 3573-51). Places where these pesticide products are often found include such exotic locations as under the kitchen sink, in the pantry, under the bathroom sink, behind the toilet, on a bookcase in the garage and in my garden shed.

Most homes contain dozens of EPA-registered pesticides in addition to those kept for garden or yard use. Check your own cabinets and I think you will be surprised to see the number of products with an EPA registration number.

Pesticides are used in all aspects of our modern civilization, from bacterial disinfectants to killing cockroaches. The quantities of pesticides used for lawn and garden pale in comparison to household dis-

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infectants, deodorizers and other common cleansers washed down the sink or flushed down the toilet every day.

The environment suffers when any pesticide is used carelessly or in a manner inconsistent with "label" use. As a matter of fact, it is a violation of federal law to use any pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

Before using any pesticide product, follow these guidelines.

- Be an informed consumer; read and follow label directions.
- Wear protective clothing as specified on the label.
- Read and heed the Environmental Hazards Statement.
- Store products according to label instructions.

• Read and heed the precautionary statements. This will tell you the toxicity of the pesticide. A product labeled "Danger" is highly toxic, "Warning" is moderately toxic and "Caution" is slightly toxic or non-toxic.

• Read the statement of practical treatment in case of accidental exposure or poisoning.

• Dispose of the pesticide container according to label instructions.

• Post the N. C. Poison Control Center telephone (1-800-672-1697) number near your telephone.



The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service has mounds of information on pesticide use, safety, environmental fate and other aspects. If you have additional questions about pesticide use, disposal or safety, contact your county Cooperative Extension Service.

Several years ago, the North Carolina Coastal Federation and WRAL-TV5 published a superb booklet titled "Sound Advice" that is easy to read, informative and contains excellent advice on some of the ways (from gardening to boating) we all can contribute to a healthy environment. You may be able to get a copy by contacting the N. C. Coastal Federation, 3223-4 Highway 58, Hadnot Creek Farm, Swansboro, NC 28584.

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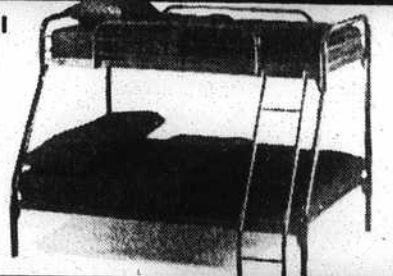
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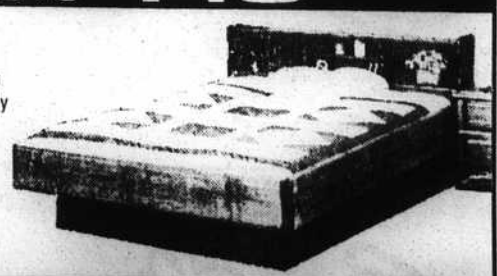
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