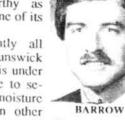
## Dry Weather Stuns Landscape

BY WILLIAM BARROW JR. Agricultural Extension Agent

Hopefully by this time this column goes to press it will not quite as newsworthy as at the time of its

writing. Presently all of Brunswick County is under moderate to severe moisture stress. In other



words, we are dealing with a shortterm drought. Hot, humid conditions and actively growing plants have depleted the available supply of moisture in the soil. Plants of all types are showing signs of stress. Corn and tomato leaves are rolling, vine crops are wilting, and increased incidence of blossom end rot is showing up on tomatoes, peppers, squash and watermelons along with various wilt diseases.

In the landscape, unirrigated lawns are turning brown. Most of these lawn grasses have decreased their metabolic activity and are going into a semi-dormant state. Landscape plants have ceased growing in many cases. Obviously, it will help if irrigation can be provided. Soak the soil to a depth of four inches to six inches once or twice a week. This is approximately one inch of water, which will help encourage a deeper root system. Shallow, more frequent watering sessions will help if maintained, but can devastate a

Thirty-six school cafeteria work-

ers from Brunswick County attend-

ed the 1990 North Carolina School

Food Service Association (NCSF-

SA) annual conference June 20-22

Participants enhanced their skills

and knowledge by attending a vari-

ety of workshop sessions on topics

including "Recycling in the Cafeter-

ia," "Food Preparation for Quality"

bership, scholarship, leadership and

outstanding school meal displays

School cafeterias with all em-

ployees belonging to their local

school food service chapter were

recognized at the conference. Local

schools honored were South Bruns-

wick Middle, Union Primary, Le-

land Middle, West Brunswick High

and the Child Nutrition central of-

at South Brunswick Middle School,

won third place in the seasonal dec-

orations category of the Culinary

Doris Creech, cafeteria manager

Awards were presented for mem-

and "Eating Right, Eating Light."

and cafeteria decorations.

in High Point.

fice staff.

School Cafeteria Workers

Attend Annual Conference

vegetables.

District II director.

Carolyn Smith.

## GARDENING TIPS

lawn if interrupted by a vacation schedule or broken pump.

Small areas of shrubs and trees can be best served by a small popup sprinkler, drip irrigation or a soaker hose. These can be disguised by mulch to avoid an unsightliness. Check these regularly. Wetting to a depth of six inches to eight inches is preferred on shrubs and small trees.

If irrigation cannot be provided on a regular basis, that is, at least once a week, then avoid it all together. Nature has a way of sustaining itself during these times. Most grasses and shrubs survive if left

In the days to come, expect continued signs of moisture stress. Dogwoods in particular will show stress through marginal leaf burn. This condition will cause the outer leaf margins to brown up. Severe cases will cause one-third to onehalf of the leave to turn brown. Generally this will not hurt the tree. It is nature's way of equalizing the amount of roots and leaves, making sure it can sustain itself.

One final word-mulch. This will conserve moisture and lower the soil temperature for active roots. Apply three to four inches of pine straw, bark or similar materials around the shrubs and small trees. Once soil temperature reaches 110 degrees Fahrenheit, most root activ-

Arts Show. She entered a "Vegeta-

ble Train Express" made from fresh

Mary Lou White, supervisor of

Brunswick County School Food

Service, relinquished her NCSFSA

duties June 22 after serving three

years on the executive board as

food service employees attending

the conference were Sherryl John-

son, Bernette Davis, Billy Cheers,

James McNeill, Margie Williams,

Lunetta Wortham, Kathy Creech,

Diana Babson, Geraldine Milliken,

Florence Hewett, Molly White,

June Robinson, Gracie Gore, Arvel-

la Marlow, Mary Alice Hankins and

Rivenbark, Aretha Freeman, Mag-

gie Jackson, Ann Lee, Linda Stev-

enson, Gwen Davis, Connie Bryant,

Wilhelmenia Everett, Malinda Rob-

inson, Annie Jenkins, Corine Hew-

ett, Evelyn Hayes, Mazella Benton,

Becky Norris, Marilyn Maultsby,

Chyre Poe and Ella Clemmons.

Also JoAnn Vaught, Louise

Other Brunswick County School



### Barretts' Yard Selected

The yard of Horace and Gloria Barrett at 1149 Ocean Blvd. West has been chosen as July's Yard of the Month by the Holden Beach Beautification Committee. The Barretts are pictured above at right and beautification committee zone captain Martha Padgett, at left.

## 7 Students Earned All A's At West

Seven West Brunswick High achievement that earned them speing the last six weeks grading period of the 1989-90 school year, an

#### Shalloite Changes Insurance Firms

Shallotte Aldermen voted last week to switch insurance compa- B's qualified as green card holders, nies and go with Coastal Insurance of Shallotte for liability and workman's compensation insurance and coverage on automobiles, equipment, property and buildings.

Aldermen voted unanimously to switch from Brunswick Insurance to Coastal Insurance at an emergency meeting last Friday. Paul Wayne Reeves was the only board member

The emergency meeting was called because the town board had to decide on insurance firms before the start of the fiscal year, which began July 1.

Brunswick Insurance, which still handles health insurance for Shallotte, and Coastal Insurance were the only firms with proposals for the town last week. Aldermen met in executive session for more than an hour last week and talked individually with representatives from each company before voting.

Alderman Sarah Tripp made the motion to go with Coastai Insurance, based on the "cost element."

Mayor Jerry Jones said the insurance coverage should cost the town about \$24,000 for the year. He said the sum represents a "substantial savings" over the offer made by Brunswick Insurance.

School students earned all A's dur- cial status and benefits as "gold card" holders

They were Emily Gore, ninth grade; Christopher Byrd, Frederick A. Hewett, Jennifer H. Russ and C.A. Vanwinkle, 11th grade; and Jeremy Garcia and Becky Nicole King, 12th grade.

Students who earned all A's and

A-B HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade: Dorothy Blackburn, Amy Caison, Mary M. Grantham, Perty Grissett, Sean Marcus Hughes, Janelle Alice Inman, Susan Kimberly Kirby, Timothy James Palmer, Kristina Poulos, Jay H. Robinson and Scott Deidre.

Tenth Grade: Kimberly Anne Baxley, Caroline Carlisle, Pamela

Heather Hughes, William R. Leggett, Nancy Lynn McGee, Terrence M. Nawara, Regina R. Perritt, Jessica R. Robinson and Beverly Stevenson.

Eleventh Grade: Harold Chris Bland, Marc Stephen Cameron, William D. Carte, Sherrie Lenea Clarke, Timothy D. Clemmons, Jennifer P. Culpepper, Harold Allen Graham, Elisa D. Herndon, Germaine Hewett, Christy L. Smith, Karen Faye Stanaland, Delana Stout, Tonia E. Trest and Holland Ward.

Twelfth Grade: Jania Makeise Batler, Dianna Robin Caison, Ivy Irene Gates, Jason E. Hayes, Stephen M. Lancaster, Lauren M. Sellars, Tonya Michelle Smith, Sam Gus Stathos and Tanya Lyman

### South Brunswick Middle Names Teams For 1990-91 School Year

South Brunswick Middle School social studies and science, plus two has completed team assignments for teachers of support or special classthe 1990-91 school year, according to Principal Bob Rhyne.

He said team names have changed and staff members have moved to other assignments within the

During the next school year each grade will have two teams with a coastal theme. Each has been assigned four teachers of core subjects-communication skills, math,

es such as band, physical education and foreign language.

Sixth-grade teams are the Seahawks and Gators, seventh-grade teams the Dolphins and Sharks and eighth-grade teams the Flamingos and Orcas.

Information on students' team assignments is available from the school, at Boiling Spring Lakes.

#### **Nominations Open** For Coastal Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 1990 Eure-Gardner Award presented by the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission.

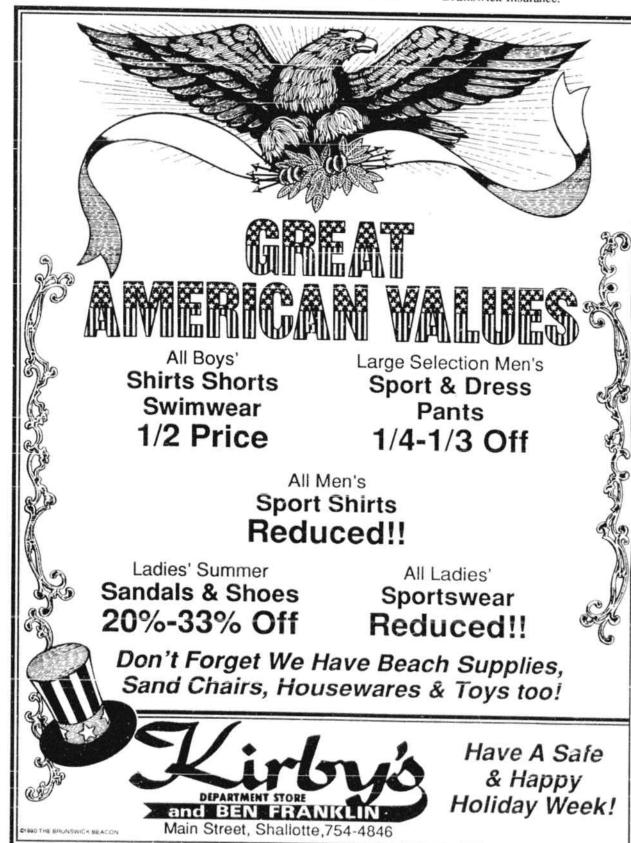
The annual award honors an outstanding contribution to North Carolina's coastal management program. Nominees may be individuals, local governments, civic groups, environmental organizations, businesses or any other persons or groups involved with coastal resource use and protection.

The award, which has been presented since 1984, is named in memory of T.D. Eure, the first chairman of the CRC, and William Gardner, the long-time chairman of the CRC Advisory Council.

Nominations must be received by July 17. The award will be presented at the CRC's annual award celebration Sept. 27.

For more information, call the N.C. Division of Coastal Management at 733-2293.

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