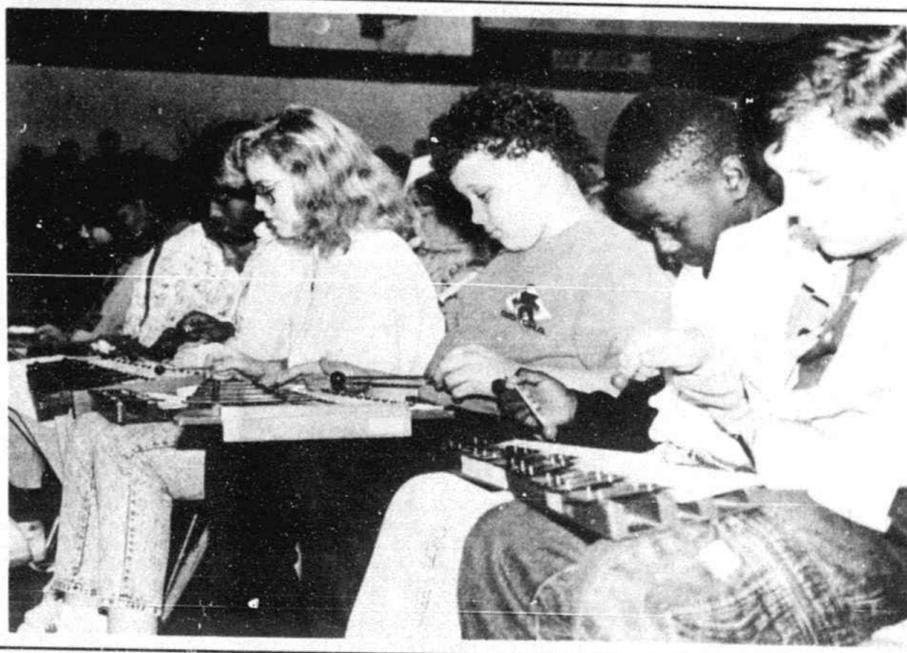




### Playing For The Symphony

Cheryl Skaggs (left) directs approximately 185 fourth through sixth grade students from Shallotte Middle and Waccamaw Elementary schools as they play "Old Dan Tucker" together for the first time last Wednesday during the N.C. Symphony's Youth Concert at Shallotte Middle School. Their performance won a rave review from the symphony's conductor, who said, "That's the best performance we've heard." Performing above (from the left) are Waccamaw Elementary students Tomeka Walker, Latressia Gore, Tiffany Marlowe, Sherida Marlowe, Shanieka Thomas, Demetria Thomas, Tiffany Lance, Ashli Smith, Daniel Little, and Shallotte Middle students Marcus Gause and Andy Lee McAllister. The performance involved students of James Furr, Donna McLamb, Atheda Lusk-Watson and Ms. Skaggs.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN USHER



### Charity Ball Is Postponed

The third annual Charity Ball is being postponed this spring due to the war in the Persian Gulf, Chairman Cindy Langston announced this week.

The ball will be rescheduled for a date later in the year as a special victory celebration, she said.

Sponsored by the Prescription for Excellence Foundation, the ball raises funds for charitable purposes, including the purchase of Pathways To Excellence personal development videotapes for the Brunswick County Schools and a scholarship for a Brunswick Community College student.

The ball was originally scheduled April 5 in the Shallotte National Guard Armory. However, because of the war, the armory may not be available on that date, said Mrs. Langston.

"It's not an insurmountable problem," she said, "but we wanted everyone to know we are working on it."

### Eighth Graders Tour Power Plant

Eighth grade students of Shallotte Middle School teachers Harvey Rash, Richard Snider and Torie Williamson this month toured the Carolina Power & Light Co. Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport.

At the Visitors Center, students first went on a "scavenger hunt" for basic facts about nuclear energy and learned about naturally occurring radiation and the uses and costs of electricity in the home.

The students also viewed a film on man's harnessing of energy to do work and saw a demonstration of how a generator and a turbine work.

Discussions touched on matter and energy, the differences in fission and fusion and the various types of radiation and their uses.

A visit to the plant's biological lab closed the tour, with students learning how biologists study and preserve animal life to maintain a balance in the environment. Students collected samples at the waterslide and then studied them in the lab under the microscope.



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ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT Milton Iossi (right) presents a \$500 check to Al Laughinghouse, vice president and fundraising chairman for the Brunswick Community College Foundation, for a student scholarship at BCC.

### CLUB BRIEFS

#### Rotarians Fund Scholarship

The Rotary Club of the South Brunswick Islands recently donated \$500 to fund a scholarship at Brunswick Community College (BCC).

The check was presented by Rotary President Milton Iossi on behalf of the club to past Rotary president Al G. Laughinghouse, who is vice president of the BCC Foundation.

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional men and women dedicated to humanitarian service at home and abroad, high ethical standards in all vocations and building international peace and good will.

The Rotary Club of the South Brunswick Islands meets for breakfast Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at Sandpiper Bay Golf and Country Club near Calabash. Visiting Rotarians are welcome.

#### Seniors To Meet

Town Creek Senior Citizens Club will hold a breakfast meeting Thursday, March 7, at 9 a.m. in Shoney's Restaurant, 4105 Oleander Dr., Wilmington.

The meeting is open to all senior citizens residing in Boiling Spring Lakes, Bolivia, Funston, Old Towne, Town Creek and Winnabow.

Club President Lena Beachum is encouraging all seniors in the community to attend.

#### VFW Slates Dinner

Calabash VFW Post No. 7288 and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold an awards dinner for members only at the post Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m., announced Mary Benes, publicity chairman.

Admission will be \$2 per person.

### Build Up Resistance To Nematodes

BY C. BRUCE WILLIAMS  
Extension Area  
Turf Specialist

Dear Plant Doctor: I have a centipede grass lawn. Last summer I noticed several large dead spots in my lawn. I tested the soil and found a serious nematode (sting and ring) problem.

Would you please advise how I can correct this problem. I certainly would appreciate it. Thanks.

Answer: Nematodes are one of nature's most interesting critters. They are microscopic roundworms that are practically everywhere. If all living organisms (plants and animals) just disappeared except for nematodes, an outline of nematodes would remain. Nematodes are ubiquitous in all of nature.

Dozens of soil inhabiting nematodes will be found in a single small soil sample. Most species of nematodes in the soil feed on dead or dying organic matter. Some nematodes are predators that feed on insects, protozoa or other nematodes.

A relatively small number of species parasitize grass plants. These parasitic plant nematodes have a specialized organ called a stylet that allows them to puncture living cells and feed on the contents.

Nematodes that feed on plant roots greatly destroy the ability of the plants to absorb water and nutrients. Sandy soils usually have a

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greater tendency to have high populations of plant parasitic nematodes than clay soils.

The sting nematode is extremely harmful to most grasses. High populations of sting nematodes can literally destroy large areas of turf in just a few weeks. Ring nematodes are not thought to be terribly damaging to most grasses, but can be disastrous to many woody plant species.

I know of no nematocide (a pesticide for nematode control) that is approved for residential lawn application.

In my opinion, the best defense for nematode control is to optimize growing conditions for turfgrass. Adequate water, correct fertilization and the proper mowing height will usually enable the grass to live through a bad nematode infestation.

You may want to consider another grass species. Most turfgrasses are susceptible to nematodes, with one exception. Bahiagrass (*Paspalum notatum*) is nearly resistant to

nematode attack due to the anatomical uniqueness of its root system.

However, bahiagrass is considered to produce a poor quality turf and the rapidly emerging seedheads are a nuisance in the growing season.

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Nematodes are also a major problem on most vegetable crops.

Now is the time of year to begin planning your summer garden and to take preventative measures against future nematode problems in your vegetable plantings.

Use plant varieties that are resistant to nematodes. In addition, a soil high in organic matter will usually have fewer nematode problems than an inorganic sandy soil. Poultry g-fal, fish scales and shrimp shells make a wonderful soil amendment when properly composted.

In addition, these organic amendments will inhibit the build-up of nematode populations.

A less odiferous commercial product called Clandesan is also available. This is a mixture of organic products and nitrogen that, when properly used, should reduce nematode populations in most garden soils.

(Send your gardening questions to The Plant Doctor, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.)



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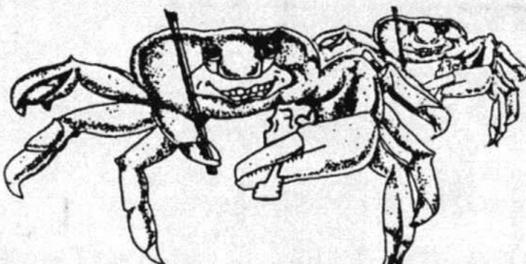
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