



PAUL MORTON performs jazz and classical music on a variety of trumpets. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS**

**Man Of Many Trumpets To Play Flowers On Display**

Trumpeter Paul Morton will perform Tuesday, March 31, in the second in a series of spring concerts offered at Brunswick Community College north of Supply.

No admission will be charged for the 7:30 p.m. concert in the Teaching Auditorium of the ALS Building.

Morton, who began his trumpet studies at the age of 11, performs a wide variety of jazz and classical music on many different trumpets. He has soloed in a variety of settings and has appeared with diverse groups such as the North Carolina Symphony and the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus Band.

He is the visiting artist at Wilson Technical Community College. A native of Hendersonville, he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the North Carolina School of the Arts. Morton also earned an artist diploma from the Hartt School of Music, Hartford, Conn.

He is currently auditioning for graduate school, with plans to pursue his doctorate in music.

The BCC concert series is sponsored by the college in cooperation with the Brunswick County Arts Council.

**At The Movies**

A comedy, *Dutch*, is the featured film at Adult Movie Night Monday, March 30, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Long Beach Recreation Center.

Director Kellie Beeson said popcorn and soda will be provided. Space is limited.

Florals depicted in various media are featured throughout March at Franklin Square Gallery in downtown Southport.

The artwork was entered in a show sponsored by the Associated Artists of Southport.

Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the gallery, which is located behind Franklin Square Park on E. West Street.

**Exhibits At BCC**

Works by several members of the Oak Island Art Guild are on exhibit in the lobby of Brunswick Community College's ALS building.

They are Jean Fairley, Nell Moretz and Delores Zimmerman of Southport; Evon Phillips of Leland; Irene Clapp, Joan Wilson, Raymond Del Pezzo, Elizabeth Zachary, Phyllis Riley and Helen Hartman of Long Beach.

Guild members also exhibit their work at Franklin Square Gallery, the Southport library, the Oak Island Senior Citizens Craft Shop, the Long Beach Recreation Center and other galleries and public locations.

Art Guild painting classes are held weekly throughout the year. Other projects include monthly workshops at the Long Beach Recreation Center and the 1991 Oak Island Arts Festival. The group's newest project is a scholarship for a deserving art student.

**Apply Lawn Fertilizers With Extreme Care**

According to a survey of the turf grass industry in 1986, North Carolina has more than 1.2 million acres of home lawns.

Statewide, home lawns constitute the single greatest area of managed turf grass. In comparison, the total acreage of managed turf grass on all North Carolina golf courses is estimated to be less than 8,000 acres.

Misapplication of fertilizers or pesticides on home lawns has the greatest potential of adversely affecting the environment.

A healthy, properly maintained lawn is an environmental asset that provides oxygen to breathe, reduces soil erosion and provides a beautiful groundcover for the landscape.

Every gardener can help protect the environment by using sound, research-proven management techniques.

Follow these basic guidelines for an environmentally sound lawn:

1. Don't bag grass clippings. If you do bag clippings, compost them and reuse them in your garden.

2. Apply pesticides only when an insect or disease problem has been diagnosed and then apply only the pesticide needed by strictly following label instructions.

3. Use herbicides only if you have a weed problem. A spudding tool—a forked metal spoon—can be used to manually remove many weeds without chemical herbicides. Apply herbicides only when other alternatives have failed and then follow label instructions.

4. Soil test! Apply only the fertilizer your lawn requires. Excessive or improper fertilizer application wastes money and contributes to environmental problems.

Warm season grasses such as bermuda, centipede, St. Augustine, zoysia, carpet and bahia are best fertilized when a vigorous root system has established. For the coastal plains of the Carolinas, this means lawn fertilization is best from April 15 until June. (May is the optimum month to fertilize most warm season grasses.)

Early fertilization may waste fer-

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tizer because the grass plant may not have a developed root system to take up the nutrients.

The proper application of fertilizer or granular pesticides is critical for good turf grass management and the environment. Before you fertilize your lawn this year, take time to calibrate your fertilizer spreader.

**Calibrating A Spreader**

There are a series of simple steps to take in calibrating a drop- or rotary-type spreader.

1. Place a 10- by 25-foot sheet of plastic on a level surface.

2. Partially fill the spreader with the fertilizer material you will use. Set the spreader controls to the recommended setting or to a setting you have used before.

3. With the spreader on the plastic, push the spreader in a straight line at the same speed you normally apply the fertilizer to your lawn.

4. Measure the width and length, in feet, of the swath of fertilizer spread on the plastic.

5. Collect and weigh, in pounds, the amount of fertilizer dropped on the plastic.

6. Calculate the amount of fertilizer that would be applied to 1,000 square feet.

7. Repeat the process three times and take the average weight of the fertilizer material collected.

For example, say you follow the above instructions and get the following information: Spreader setting, 5; width of spread, two feet; length of spread, 25 feet; weight of fertilizer collected, 0.5 pounds (average of three passes).

Let X equal the amount of fertilizer applied to 1,000 square feet. Determine X by this equation:

$$X = 0.5 \text{ lbs. (fertilizer collected)} \times 1000 \div 2 \text{ feet} \times 25 \text{ feet (area of swath)}$$

In this example, X equals 10 pounds of fertilizer per 1,000 square feet.

This tells you that your spreader is applying 10 pounds of material per 1,000 square feet. If your spreader is applying too much fertilizer or not enough, then adjust the setting on the spreader and repeat steps 1 through 7.

Crucial to the success of applying the correct amount of fertilizer is knowing the exact square footage of your lawn area. This can be easily calculated by measuring your lawn and recording the information.

Once you know the area of your lawn and the amount of fertilizer your spreader is putting down, then you are ready to fertilize your lawn. Fertilizer streaks can be avoided by careful placement of the fertilizer material or by applying one-half the recommended rate of fertilizer one direction and the other half in a perpendicular direction.

After you have gone through all this, record the amount of fertilizer applied and the setting you used on your spreader for future reference. Good luck.

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**CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS**

**Community Mourning Its Loss**

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

The Cedar Grove Community mourns the death of Jessie Crawford, the son of Viola Crawford, a chronically ill and shut-in member of the community.

Jessie was the father of many children and had many grandchildren as well.

He was best known in the community for his pleasant disposition and his work as a fisherman. He also provided transportation to the voting polls for those who needed it.

He was loved by those who knew

him and he will be missed by many.

**Columnist's Away**

This column is being written in Baltimore, Md.

I'm with my mother, who is a patient at Baltimore County General Hospital after recently suffering heart failure. She had celebrated her 82nd birthday on Feb. 12 with her daughters, Ada Bostick and Mildred Staton of Baltimore, Helen Smith of Trenton, N.J., and her son, William Turner of Alexandria, Va.

Your prayers are solicited on her behalf.

**Tune In**

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