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BRUNSWICK HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS attending a recent luncheon in their honor included (front, from left) Rose Lechene, Bill Geller and Harriet Olson; second row, Ann Batten, Carole Galovich, Alberta McCranie and Marketing Director Daphne Yarbrough; third row, Alice Dariano, Mary Herbst and Mary Elliott; fourth row, Ruth Tudela, Myrtle Hanke and Mitzi Bernatzky; and back row, Eleanor Dawalt, Lois Grajfer, Catherine Norman, Dorothy Hoffman and Lorraine Drouin. Not pictured are Marie Barry, Beverly Hill, Ina King, Jeanne Shields and George Rowe.

Hospital Volunteers Honored

Twenty-two volunteers with The Brunswick Hospital Auxiliary were recognized for 4,200 hours of service this past year at a May 28 luncheon at Jones/Byrd Clubhouse at Sea Trail Plantation, Sunset Beach.

Volunteers are involved in assisting the hospital in a variety of ways, said Daphne Yarbrough, marketing director, and in community projects as well.

"The auxiliary has experienced tremendous growth over the past year. The number of individuals volunteering their services has increased by 77 percent since May of 1991," said Ms. Yarbrough, adding that additional volunteers are welcome.

The Auxiliary operates the hospital gift shop, from stocking to sales, using profits to fund other projects. This year, for instance, they donated a microwave to the Adolescent Psychiatric Unit and color televisions for the labor and delivery rooms. Members also knitted and cro-

cheted caps and booties for the hospital's newborn babies for the holidays.

Volunteers perform numerous jobs in departments throughout the hospital, ranging from clerical work to food preparation, working in the surgical services, radiology, laboratory, materials management, nursing services, labor and delivery unit, dietary services, medical records, engineering, preadmissions and marketing and staffing the lobby information desk.

Auxiliaries also donated the book of honor for Lower Cape Fear Hospice's Love Light project and launched a drive to collect aluminum soda can tabs at the hospital. Proceeds from the tabs are used to assist underprivileged families with room and board at the Ronald McDonald house.

The volunteers are also in the process of establishing a scholarship to Brunswick Community College to help hospital employees further their education in nursing.

Grass Will Grow In Sandy Soil

Dear Plant Doctor: I have a new yard and the ground is very sandy. In February I put out 10 pounds of centipede grass, 15 pounds of bermuda grass and 80 pounds of rye grass. Last week I applied 80 pounds of 10-10-10 and 200 pounds of limestone. My lot measures 100 feet by 157 feet.

I am not there all the time to look after the new seeding, however, I did expect to see some grass.

What do you recommend to grow in this sandy soil?

Answer: You have spent several hundred dollars on grass seed and fertilizer but have nothing to show for your trouble. The first step is to take soil samples and send them to the N.C. Department of Agriculture Soil Testing Labs.

Soil test boxes can be obtained at any N.C. Cooperative Extension office. For good grass establishment, soil should be amended according to the soil test recommendations. In addition, I suspect centipede grass and bermuda grass seedlings were killed by late winter frosts. Optimum planting time for warm season grasses extends from March through July.

Next, calculate the total area you plan to plant in turf grass. In your case, you have 15,700 square feet of area in your lot, assuming the entire lot is to be planted in grass.

Research has indicated that 0.25 pounds to 0.50 pounds of centipede grass seed per 1,000 square feet will give good coverage. That means that 4 pounds to 8 pounds of centipede grass seed would be plenty to seed your yard.

Recommended seeding rates of

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tion, one to two bales of wheat straw per 1,000 square feet will help conserve moisture and help prevent soil-seed erosion in sandy soils.

The grass species most tolerant of very sandy soils is bahia grass. This grass is very drought tolerant and resistant to most pests and diseases. Bahia grass should be seeded in home lawns at the rate of 5 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet. Be warned that bahia grass produces a tenacious forked seed head that is difficult to mow.

I am sending you a copy of the new and revised North Carolina State University Extension Service manual AG 69, *Carolina Lawns*. This is one of the best and most copied home lawn maintenance guides in the country. This publication can be obtained from your county Cooperative Extension Service office.

Good luck with your lawn. Send your gardening questions and comments to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422. Please include a SASE if requesting publications or a reply.

common bermuda grass are 1 pound to 2 pounds of hulled seed per 1,000 square feet. However, please note that mixing warm season grasses is generally not a good idea for home lawn establishment.

The only way to get good coverage when seeding is to mix seed with sterile builders sand. Apply half of the sand-seed mixture in one direction and the other half while moving at right angles to the first pass.

The application of 10 pounds of a 5-10-10 starter fertilizer per 1,000 square feet at seeding time will often help grass establishment. In addi-



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Friday, June 5

Cameron David Moser, Pat Strauss, Lee Letino, Mrs. Minnie White, Robert C. Lawing III, Doug Roycroft, Annette Bennett, George F. Wilson Sr., Peggy Stanley; Terry and Cindy Reed, Roy and Myrtle Lee Trest, Greg and Chaunda Norris.

Saturday, June 6

Lucile Mack, Wendy Milazzo, Jewel Hodge, Wayne Roach, Lyla Esler, Wendy Ward, Del Evans, Jeanette Galloway, Wanda H. Hewett, Kenny Smigiel, Martha Pope, Jessica Winfree; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winfree, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hostetter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pigott, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Foehrkolb.

Sunday, June 7

Pat Weaver, Greg Young, Ashley Batton, Elizabeth Kinlaw, Chalmers Champion, Tony Clayton, Leander Mosley Jr., Connie Boyte, Gene Bellamy; Steve and Tara Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Small, Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. David Carmichael.

Monday, June 8

Jonathan Williamson, Kyle Ward, Bernie DeFont, Kelly Hughes,

Carlton Sligh, Jim Hughes, Audrey Owens, Faye Galloway, Heather Hardwick; Craig and Anne Snow, Jerry and Nelda Carter.

Tuesday, June 9

Chalmers Champion, Kauai Johnston, Margaret Parrish, Thom Arnold, Margaret Hewett, Cecelia Smith, Collina Somerset, Meg Small, Edward Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Couvillon, Mr. and Mrs.

Wednesday, June 10

Pete Bradley, Cameron Kinlaw, Mark Dwayne Holden, R. D. White III, Betty Causey, Erica Sellers, Jonathan Furr, Mary Clemmons, Hayley Galloway, Peggy Owens; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hewett, Floyd and Gladys Hewett.

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