

# The Foothills View

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## The Homebody

**From Wildlife Federation**  
What is the most dangerous animal roaming Cleveland County? Is it the black bear with its raking claws? Or the rattlesnake with its lightning strike?

Neither. Black bears are very shy, and while a rattlesnake bite is serious, these serpents prefer to avoid people, and bites are a rarity.

The most dangerous animal is smaller than a thumbtack and can probably be found in your own backyard. It is the American dogtick, and it carries Rocky Mountain spotted fever. North Carolina usually leads the nation in the number of cases.

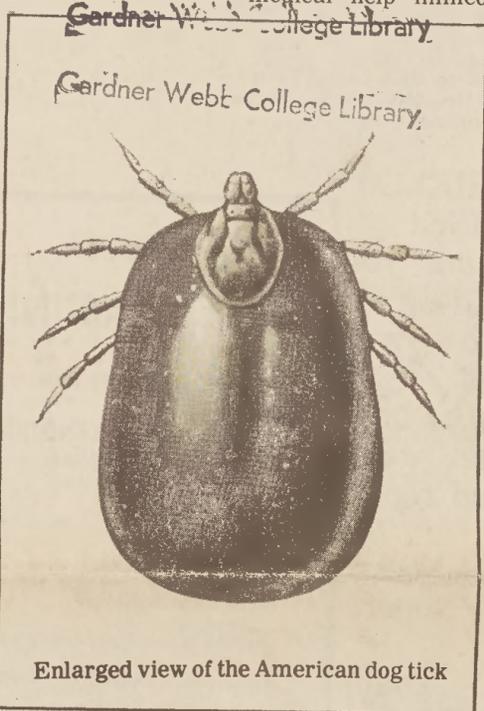
There were 301 reported cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in North Carolina in 1981, and seven of the cases resulted in deaths. Young children are most susceptible to the disease because of the amount of time they spend outdoors in the summer when ticks are most common.

The fever, however, is most dangerous to people over 40. If the disease is not treated, the fatality rate is about 17 percent and many survivors die years later from complications caused by damages to internal organs. Even when treated, the mortality rate is still about five percent.

"Most cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever occur in the Piedmont," said Dr. Charles Apperson, a medical entomologist (a specialist in insects) with the N.C. State University

Agricultural Extension Service. "The American dog tick carries the disease which can only be contacted through the bite of an infected tick. About five percent of the dog-tick population carries spotted fever."

Symptoms of the disease



Enlarged view of the American dog tick

appear within two to 14 days of the bite. They include headaches, fever, chills and aches and pains. Also, a rash often breaks out about the wrists and ankles.

"Prevention is the best cure for Rocky Mountain spotted fever," said Dr. Apperson. "Fortunately, a tick has to be attached to a human for at least six

hours to transmit the disease. Always remove ticks immediately and note the time of day that the bite occurred. If any of the symptoms appear within 14 days of the bite — including headaches, fever, rashes, or aches and pains — seek medical help immediately.

family pets from bringing ticks inside, the biologist said.

"Anyone who spends a lot of time outdoors should check for ticks regularly," said Apperson. "If you check your body two or three times a day, a tick won't have time to transmit the disease. Check your entire body, but pay special attention to your arms, legs, groin, and hair.

"If you find a tick, simply grasp it firmly and pull it out. If the mouthparts break off in the wound, remove them with a sterilized needle. The mouthparts alone can't transmit the disease, but can cause an infection. Also it's important to use tweezers or a paper towel to hold the tick because an engorged tick can transmit the disease through minute breaks in the skin.

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"There is no effective vaccine for Rocky Mountain spotted fever," said Apperson, "and the vaccine used in the past has been taken off the market."

The Lone Star tick and the black-legged tick — which are also common in North Carolina — don't carry the disease.

## Come Home All Hughes

"It's the first reunion ever of the descendants of William and Nancy" said Mrs. Jack Hughes, who with her husband is organizing the Hughes family reunion to be held this Sunday at 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Boiling Springs First Baptist Church.

William Hughes was born about 1755 and his wife, Nancy Bowers Hughes, about five years

later. Both are buried in this area.

There are many Hughes above ground. The telephone directory lists four Hughes for Boiling Springs, 15 for Shelby, and 23 for Kings Mountain.

Following a family lunch at 1 p.m., there will be a Hughes meeting at 2 p.m. All those who wish to attend the lunch are asked to bring a picnic basket, drinks, and utensils.

## Hart Funeral Held Last Week

For the 15 years that she worked as a secretary, Eunice Brooks Hart kept a running joke with her boss, G. T. McSwain.

"She was valedictorian of her class in high school and a year ahead of me," McSwain said. "But she always introduced herself in front of me as one year younger."

Mrs. Hart retired from the G. T. McSwain store in Boiling Springs about three years ago. Saturday funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for Mrs. Hart, 60, who died June 2 at

Crawley Memorial Hospital.

"Eunice was a very smart woman," McSwain recalled. "Life wasn't easy for her, and she always worked very hard."

She was married to the late Joseph Thomas Hart. Her parents were the late Arthur Clarence and Matilda Stacey Brooks.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Janet C. Hart of Boiling Springs and Mrs. Laurel Benton of Shelby; and two sisters, Mrs. Muriel Edwards of Union Bridge, Md., and Mrs. Bernice Selby.

## Area News

The proposed budget for the town of Boiling Springs is available for public inspection in the town hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

There will be a public hearing on June 29, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. on the budget at the town hall. Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments, said town clerk Magretta McKee.

## At The Crossroads

Scholarships, honors, and special recognition were the order of the day at Crest Senior High School's senior awards Friday, May 28.

Lisa Clary, first vice president of the student union presided with Greg McFarland, senior vice president, leading in prayer. She also introduced the Rev. Jack Yarbrough, pastor of Aldersgate Methodist Church of Shelby, who presented a devotion. The advanced chorus of the school, under the direction of Kenneth Brooks with accompanist Lisa McEntyre, sang two selections, both by Don Besig: "Flying Free" and "The World Is Yours."

Individuals representing the donors of the special scholarships and awards assisted in the presentation of the honors. The following recognitions were made:

Dover Foundation: Lisa Piercy and Pam Harris,

scholarship of \$3500 for Gardner-Webb College, and Chris Turner, \$1000 scholarship for UNC-Charlotte; Lutz Yelton Foundation Scholarship: Amy Harris, \$500; the W. Robert Porter Foundation Scholarship — renewable for four years — \$1000, Lisa Clary.

Also several memorial gifts were presented: the A. B. Blanton, Sr., agricultural scholarship of \$200 to Mark Doty; the Robert L. Hunt, Sr., of \$100 for N.C. State University to Charles Logan; the Clyde Cash Award of \$50 for Cleveland Technical College to Jackie Glover; the Pete Sentell Plaque for outstanding work in mechanics to Mark Whisnant; and the Joel Williams scholarship of \$500 to Sam Hamrick.

Clubs and fraternities also presented scholarships: American Business Women, \$600 to Amy

Harris; Audacion Club, \$500 to Pauline Finney; Boiling Springs Lions Club, \$200 each to Patti Whitaker and Sam Hamrick; Boiling Springs Rotary Club, \$250 to Brenda Blackburn; Latimore Junior Women's Club, plaque and \$100 each for academic achievement to Tonda Edwards and Melanie Hester; the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, \$500, to Julian Hargrove.

The No. 3 Ruritan Club, \$200, Amanda White; the Shelby Junior Women's Club, alternate scholarship of \$50 to Amy Harris; the Shelby Negro Women's Club, \$300, Laura Borders; Today's Ebonite Woman's Club, \$300, Kyle Norris; SWATTO, \$300, Charles Logan.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of Gastonia, \$800, Beverly Kilgore; the Church of God Christian Fellowship district scholarship, \$125, Dexter Davis; the DAR Good Citizen

Award by Flint Hills Chapter DAR to Amy Harris.

Some scholarships were given for specific vocational interest. The Cleveland Unit of NCAE, teaching, \$200, to Crystal Jordan; Crawley Memorial Hospital, nursing, \$100 each, Lisa Webb and Carla Norris; Brooks and Vernie Piercy, agriculture, \$250, Angie Roberts; and Martha Mason creative writing medal, Kiersten Kirk.

Several students have already received notification of special scholarships presented by various colleges. These were as follows: Wingate, Lisa McEntyre; Brevard Honors, Miriam Graham

Bell; Appalachian State University, special music talent, Pam Bowen; Gardner-Webb College, music, Esther Perrin; trustee scholarship, Amy Harris; and president's scholarship, Lisa Piercy; Peace College, special merit, Laura Williams.

Three at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte: Chris Turner; Melanie Hester; and Tonda Edwards.

Shelby Optimist Club Outstanding Youth

Leaders, Sam Hamrick and Debra McDaniel; Shleby Exchange Club Youth of the Month, Piercy; National Merit finalist in the achievement program for Negro students, Charles Logan; National Merit commendation student, Eric Blankenship; Cleveland County Junior Miss Pageant, Laura Williams, second runner-up and youth fitness finalist; Lisa McEntyre, talent; district nominee in Elks National Foundation Leadership program, Melanie Hester; district nominee in Alpha Kappa Honor Society, Tonda Edwards.

