

SEVENTEEN-YEAR LOCUSTS TO INFEST NORTHWEST N. C.

The song of 17-year locusts will drone through wooded areas in North-western North Carolina this summer. Grubs which have been living under the ground since 1918 will crawl up onto trees this year to shed their skins and emerge as winged insects.

The locusts will appear in wood lots by the million; the males, filling the air with their steady droning. However, the insects do very little damage, says Z. P. Metcalf, head of the entomology department at State College.

Occasionally they do injure young fruit trees which have been set out in new ground by laying eggs in the twigs. This can be prevented by covering the trees with mosquito netting or tobacco cloth. Dr. Metcalf points out.

The locust infestation this year will occur in Alleghany, Swain, Wilkes and Yadon counties, the mountains of West Virginia and Southwestern Virginia, he adds.

Since the department of entomology is dependent upon local observers in the affected areas for information regarding the locusts, Dr. Metcalf has requested that interested persons send him information about the insects.

Specimens of the locusts will also be appreciated, he stated. Specimens of the locusts will also be appreciated, he stated. Specimens may be mailed in pasteboard boxes to the Entomology Department, State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Locusts will be found most numerous in rich woodlands which have not been cut or burned over recently, he said, but will also occur in other places. They should not be confused with grasshoppers or July flies.

FOREST GROVE NEWS

We are glad to state that our young people's prayer meeting is still progressing nicely. Last Sunday night an outstanding program was given on the subject, "Christian Missions," and we had a number of newcomers. Next Sunday night another interesting program will be rendered from the subject of "Citizenship." An invitation is extended to the public.

Forest Grove Sunday School will have the six-day Sunday School revival, as outlined by Mr. S. C. Eggers, with Prof. O. E. O'Neal of Bethel High School, as teacher or leader.

This revival will begin next Sunday night, May 26th, and continue throughout the week. The church has also set aside Tuesday for cleaning up the Storie Cemetery and making preparation for Decoration Day.

Rev. E. J. Farthing met his regular appointments Saturday and Sunday, and had excellent congregations.

Mrs. G. D. Matheson has returned home from near Greensboro, where she taught during the past school term. Mrs. Matheson brought with her a small nephew, who is a sufferer from asthma.

Visitors in the community for the week-end were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, and son Vaughn, of Boone; Mr. S. C. Eggers and family of Boone; Mr. Clay Evers and family, Mr. Blair Isaacs and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blackburn of Mountain City; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Norris and son, Edward, of Mabel; Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs of Mabel; Mrs. J. M. Eller or Reese, Messrs. Barmie Oliver and Dell Thomas of Mabel; Mr. Vinas Moody and family of Cove Creek.

The tobacco growers of this community are very much encouraged with their plants and they are making preparation for the setting of the crop.

Mr. Noah Isaacs has enlarged his farm by purchasing an additional 20-acre adjoining tract.

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SPECIAL SERVICES AT ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Special services will be held at the Advent Christian Church Friday and Saturday of this week. The Advent Christian Assembly will hold a special meeting at the church during this time. Rev. J. Fremont Whitman of Charleston, W. Va., president of the Assembly, will speak at 7:30 Friday night. Saturday morning the Assembly will visit Blue Ridge, out from Blowing Rock, where they have purchased property for a camp meeting site. The group will return to Boone in the afternoon. During the afternoon there will be a meeting of the Assembly Saturday night. Rev. J. W. Gardner of Clifton Forge, Va., will speak at the church. The public is invited to attend the services.

TEXANS VISIT IN COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie W. Greene of San Antonio, Texas, arrived in the county last week and will spend the next three months visiting at the home of Mr. Greene's father, Mr. W. G. Greene, at Laxon. The visitors were honor guests Saturday at a bountiful supper spread at the home of the parents, and there were about twenty friends invited. String music by renowned entertainers followed the supper and a good time was enjoyed. The day also marked the birthday anniversary of Misses Lulu and Helen Jean Greene, daughters of the hostess.

CLINIC OPENED

The Blowing Rock Clinic was formally opened on Tuesday morning of this week. The small hospital has been built by gifts of money and of work by the community of Blowing Rock and its finances are looked after by a group of local business men, while its support comes from local and summer residents. Three rooms have been fitted for patients, and the clinic is equipped to care for all cases except major surgery. Those interested are invited by Dr. Warfield to visit the new plant.

APPALACHIAN COUNCILMEN ARE MEETING THIS WEEK

The Appalachian Councilmen are meeting at the Boone Adventist Church this week. Rev. J. Fremont Whitman of Charleston, W. Va. will speak Friday evening at 7:30, and Rev. J. W. Gardner of Clifton Forge, Va. will speak Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everybody is invited to hear these men. Many local people have heard Mr. Whitman and know his ability as a speaker.

ATTEND BIRTHDAY DINNER

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. Reid, daughter Grace, and Mr. C. C. Winkler of Blowing Rock, accompanied by Mr. Winfred Winkler of Hewlett, Va., motored to the Oak Hill section of Caldwell County to attend a dinner given in honor of the 85th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Reid's father, Mr. Neal Winkler. A bountiful dinner was served to about forty people, including children, grandchildren, other relatives and close friends.

DENTISTS TO MEET AT ROCK

The sixty-first annual meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society will be held at Blowing Rock on June 17, 18 and 19.

Watauga Baseball League

Games to Be Played Saturday, May 25th: Boone at Boone's Fork, Blowing Rock at Mabel, Aho at Oak Grove.

CLUB STANDINGS: Boone 2 9 1,000; Blowing Rock 2 6 1,000; Mabel 1 1 500; Bamboo 1 1 500; Aho 1 1 500; Vilas 1 1 500; Oak Grove 0 2 000; Boone's Fork 0 2 000

Results Last Saturday: Blowing Rock 24, Boone's Fork 0; Vilas 4, Aho 0; Bamboo 9, Oak Grove 1; Boone 8, Mabel 2.

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TOWNSEND-BALDWIN

Joseph R. Townsend and Essie Town- send, both of the Carey's Flat community, were joined in marriage by Justice of the Peace E. N. Ham on Wednesday morning. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend. Mr. Baldwin is one of Watauga's most progressive farmers. They will make their home at Carey's Flat.

TAKES NORGE AGENCY

The Farmers Hardware and Supply Company has taken over the local agency for the Norge Refrigerators.

and two of the latest models are now in the windows of the popular firm.

The refrigerators are said to have made for themselves a remarkable record of efficiency with extremely low operating costs. A detailed announcement appears in The Democrat today.

At a meeting of the Safety Conference in New York last month, the kitchen was characterized as the "most dangerous room in the house."

with thirty-four per cent of all home accidents occurring there. The chief threats to safety in the kitchen have been found to be rag rugs, hot dishes, electric washing machines, gas ranges and sharp knives. Some ten varieties of corn are being tested in Cleveland County this season to find the best yielding variety for local use.

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