

Precautions To Guard Against Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

The spring and summer months are the time when ticks carrying Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are most active in North Carolina, and special precautions should be taken to guard against tick bites, state health officials said this week.

Dr. J. N. MacCormack, head of the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Communicable Disease Control Branch, said North Carolina (particularly the Piedmont counties along Interstate 85) has the highest reported number of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases in the country. In 1981, 30 cases were reported in North Carolina, with seven deaths attributed to the disease. In 1982, 225 cases were reported resulting in 12 deaths.

MacCormack said Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is an infectious disease caused by a bacteria that is transmitted to humans by ticks. When diagnosed early, it is an easi-

ly treated disease, but when untreated it can cause serious illness and death.

MacCormack said the symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever include fever, headache, chills, aches and pains. A rash, which usually appears first on the wrists and ankles, often accompanies these symptoms. The symptoms show up anywhere from two days to two weeks following a tick bite.

"Precautions should be taken to keep ticks away from people and pets," MacCormack said. "There are antibiotics that can be used to treat the disease, but the earlier you get to a doctor, the better."

The diseased organism carried by the ticks that cause Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever takes about six hours to become active, according to MacCormack. "If you can remove the ticks early, you are going to be better off," he

said. Not all species of ticks carry Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Only the American dog tick which is usually found on lower shrubby bushes, is known to transmit the disease in North Carolina. The American dog tick is mahogany colored with white mottling.

"If you've been in a tick infested area, or if you find a tick on your body and begin to feel sick, you should see a doctor immediately," MacCormack said. "There are antibiotics that can be used to treat the disease, but the earlier you get to a doctor, the better."

He recommended the following precautions:

- make sure to remove all

ticks from people and pets as early as possible.

- be careful when removing a tick. The disease can be transmitted through body fluid if you crush it. Use tweezers or tissue paper to avoid touching the tick.

- avoid tick infested areas like field borders, low vegetation, and shrubby, brushy areas.

- tuck pants legs into socks and shirtils into pants. Ticks have a tendency to crawl upward.

- use commercial repellants. Some are effective in keeping ticks away. Some dog and cat collars are also useful to repel ticks.

- thoroughly wash your hands after touching or removing a tick.

Notice Of Tax Lien Sale For Delinquent 1982 Taxes

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, the undersigned, Chowan County Tax Collector, will offer for sale at public bidding on May 2, 1983 tax liens on the following property for non-payment of 1982 taxes. The amount shown, represents the 1982 taxes, only with interest and cost to be added. No bid will be accepted unless it is at least equal to the principal amount of the taxes due plus interest and cost. Time of sale will be 10 A.M. at the Courthouse door.

First Township

Table listing property owners and amounts for First Township, including Alexander, Alvin David & Verna Mae, Ambrose, David A & Elizabeth C, Ashley, J Wayne & Ingrid N, Askew, Walter E & Mary M, Austin, Vernon L, Ayers, John J & Alice B, Badham, Hannibal Sr, Baker, Amos Sam & Sallie, Banks, Maggie Heirs, Basnight, Willie Ray & Martha, Bass, Jimmy C & Susan A, Bass, William A & Hazel, Bazemore, George Heirs & Georgie Annie, Bembry, Carrie - Hse, Mary Bembry, Bembry, Miles H & Volvia Bros, Bembry, Pearl M S, Bembry, Daniel - Louisa Small, Bembry, Jerry Estate, Bembry, Pearl M & Hse, Bembry, William Philip, Bennett, Comfort Heirs, Berry, Jefferson Major & Sarah, Berry, Milton A Jr, Biggs, David Q - D/W Trailer, Biggs, Thomas H & Barbara Jean, Black, Brenda Ann, Black, Brenda Ann - Lots 1,2,3, Eden Hts, Black, Brenda Ann - Lots 44-49 Eden Hts, Black, Brenda Ann - Lots 16-27, Eden Hts, Black, Brenda Ann - Lots 88-93 Eden Hts, Black, Brenda Ann - L-155-166-205-209, Eden Hts, Black, Brenda Ann - Lts, 76-87, 126-135, Eden Hts, Blair Oscar F, Blair Oscar F & Essie M, Blanchard, Miles Heirs, Bland, Bessie E, Blount, Fred Jr & Mary, Blount, Haywood Heirs, Blount, James Henry & Maggie Lee, Blount, Matthew Heirs, Blount, Ollie W - Hse, Blount, Old Hertford Rd, Blount, Pearl L - Hse, Bond, George Thomas, Bond, Kelly & Marilyn G, Bond, Ophelia M, Bond, Shirley & Francis, Bond, Shirley & Shirley, Bond, Willert & Susie G, Bonds, Rosa S - Hse, Boone, Hubert L & Mary E, Bowser, Arrie Heirs, Boyce, Geneva Heirs, Boyce, Sidward - Hse, Brayce, Knapp - Lot & Office Bldg, Briley, James R & Nancy, Brinkley, W F & Mamie Heirs, Britt, Carrie Louise, Britt, Lula J Sessoms Heirs, Britt, Travis - Hse, Brooks, Henry C & Constance, Brooks, Henry C & Kay N, Brown, Percy M & Barbara C, Bryan, Vickie B, Bryant, Ulysses & Ophelia, Bunch, Frederick C & Madge C, Byrum, John L, Byrum, Russell H - Briale, Byrum, Russell H & W Buena, Capps, Hattie Wood Heirs, Carter, Elijah - Warren-Rumble Land, Carter, Mildred & M Carter, Cherry, Edward Heirs, Chesson, Earl & Minnie Bell, Chesson, Henry Jr & Ethel H, Chesson, Henry Jr & Ethel H, Chesson, Henry Jr & Ethel H, Chowan Construction Company

Hurricane Early Protection Plans

Rapid growth along the North Carolina coast guarantees that the state's next hurricane will endanger more people and property than ever before. However, oceanfront communities are not helpless in the face of this threat, according to a recent study by the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Local governments along the coast can devise effective plans to reduce damage and to speed post-disaster reconstruction if they are prepared well in advance. The Center for Urban and Regional Studies has outlined the planning steps in a report entitled, "Before the Storm: Managing Development to Reduce Hurricane Damages." The study was prepared for the state Office of Coastal Management which is distributing it to coastal governments.

The report concludes that coastal towns and counties are the appropriate agencies to handle the problem since they have both the authority to guide and manage development and the major responsibility for public health and safety.

Although it has been more than 20 years since a major hurricane hit North Carolina, the state's hurricane history shows that the probability of a direct hit from a hurricane in any given year ranges from 6 per cent near Wilmington to 11 per cent around Cape Hatteras.

North Carolina's Coastal Resources Commission is concerned about the destructive potential of the state's next hurricane and is considering the addition of a post-disaster element to local government land use planning already required under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA). Three public hearings on this proposal will be held. These will be May 3 in Wilmington, May 4 in Beaufort and at the CRC's next meeting May 5 in Nags Head. The UNC study could be a blue-print for these local post-disaster plans.

The UNC study suggests that local governments should prepare two related plans before the next hurricane or other major storm: a hazard reduction plan and a reconstruction plan. The hazard reduction plan would identify hazardous areas and establish the standards that new development and reconstruction will follow to reduce the risk of future storm damage.

The reconstruction plan would set up procedures for assessing storm damage and permitting repairs and reconstruction after the storm. These plans would be backed by local ordinances that give these plans the force of law.

The report indicates that traditional local government tools of land use controls, public investment policies and construction standards can be used to reduce the potential for hurricane damage by instituting stricter standards for new development and post-hurricane reconstruction in hazardous areas. The two plans will rein-

force each other and should be developed together, the report recommends.

Central to the hazard reduction effort is an assessment of each community's hazard areas so that local leaders can understand the level of risk. They can then decide what improvements are needed in local ordinances and plans to reduce these risks or to avoid them in rebuilding after a storm. The UNC report followed these steps on Topsail Island as a case study of storm planning facing North Carolina's coastal communities.

Long-time coastal residents have noted that the chaos following a hurricane makes communication and orderly decision-making nearly impossible. The UNC study contends that having these plans before a storm hits will help the community get back on its feet as quickly as possible and in a better position to withstand the next storm. The advanced planning for the post-disaster recovery and rebuilding is critical to the long-term vitality of the community and to avoid the fate of Dauphin Island which was without electricity for eight months after Hurricane Frederic pounded the Alabama coast in September, 1979.

Methodist Camps

RALEIGH - United Methodist Camps of the North Carolina Conference are now registering campers, ages 6-16 for the summer camping program, running from June 12 through August 17. Registrations can be made through the office of the Rev. Allen Wentz, Jr., coordinator of Camping Ministry for the conference.

Interested campers may choose between three camps for their summer activities: Camp Don-Lee, near New Bern; Camp Chestnut Ridge, near Hillsborough; and Camp Rockfish, near Fayetteville. Currently, all have openings for the summer.

Camp Don-Lee, at the mouth of the Neuse River at the Pamlico Sound, emphasizes Hobiecat sailing, as well as other water and outdoor sports. According to the Rev. Wentz, "the camp is for both experienced and novice sailors."

Camp Chestnut Ridge features a horseback-riding program. Other activities include hiking, cook-outs, swimming, crafts, and worship.

At Camp Rockfish, campers will experience a wide variety of activities including canoeing the waters, Rockfish Creek and Lake Uchurch, fishing, swimming, fishing, and participating in Bible Study.

According to Wentz, Camp Don-Lee also offers a Family Camp in July, for families to study, worship and recreate together. Children's Music Camp at Camp Don-Lee in August offers music education with many recreational activities.

For applications and/or information, interested persons should contact Camping Ministry, PO Box 10955, Raleigh, NC 27605, or call (919) 832-1550.

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