

Marshes Are Swept

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gether, North America has 17,000 fly species, including the ignoble fruit fly and mosquito.

Marsh Sweeping

Using a long, deep net, Dr. Foote stalks through a swamp or marsh, sweeping up specific plants and the flies that cling to them. When the net is full, he transfers the flies to a vial by sucking them through tubes.

"Sometimes the mesh on top of that mouth vial disappears and I get a mouthful of flies," Dr. Foote says. "You have to be a little nuts to be in this line of work."

Patient, too. On many a mud flat, Dr. Foote has experienced the frustration of a person pursuing a fly with a swatter. The flies' compound eyes alert them to trouble quickly, and sometimes they take off before the scientist even comes close.

Some of the flies he outsmarts are quickly killed with cyanide so they can be identified and preserved. Others are kept alive so the scientist can observe their life cycle—which in only 20 days can produce several hundred offspring. The flies' larval stage—when they're known as maggots—is especially significant because it is the most important time for feeding.

Flies probably choose habitats on the basis of food preferences, Dr. Foote suspects. Some beach flies live on decaying seaweed or rotting horseshoe crabs; another large group prefers algae. Some salt-marsh flies eat only blue-green algae, which may have negative effects. Many plants depend on the nitrogen mixture provided by the algae, Dr. Foote points out, and a decrease in the supply could reduce the plants' food.

Snail Killers

Though generally innocuous as a group, one higher fly species might be considered violent. Maggots of the Sciomyzidae fly invade the shell of a snail, feasting on the meat until the snail dies.

Higher flies do make some positive contributions. One type feeds on aphids, which are destructive to many garden plants. And the flies that eat decayed matter help release and recycle nutrients in an ecosystem. Unlike houseflies, higher flies generally don't spread disease or bite, Dr. Foote says.

Dr. Foote is winding up his survey in the mid-Atlantic states—Virginia, Maryland, Delaware—just as the last sunbathers depart the beaches. But the Lord of the Flies won't be alone—he expects to find 20 species on every beach.

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DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

- September 6, 1869—Mine collapse in Plymouth, Pennsylvania left 110 dead.
- September 7, 1936—Hoover Dam begins operation on the Colorado River.
- September 8, 1923—Seven Navy destroyers ran aground, Santa Barbara, California.
- September 9, 1978—Illinois legalized use of pot for cancer and glaucoma treatment.
- September 10, 1913—First coast-to-coast paved highway opened.
- September 11, 1967—New York teachers out on strike, one million kids out of school.
- September 12, 1942—Nazis stopped Russians at Stalingrad.

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Mrs. Grace Miles, who has retired from her post at Branch Banking and Trust Company in Warrenton, is shown with her successor, Mrs. Betty Lou Coleman. Shown with the two veteran bank employees is BB&T Vice President Cal White, who made the announcement of the retirement of Mrs. Miles and the promotion of Mrs. Coleman. (Staff Photo)

Bank Officer Announces Retirement, Promotion

Cal White, vice president and city executive officer of Branch Banking and Trust Company, has announced the retirement of Mrs. Grace Miles as consumer loan manager of the Warrenton office and the promotion of Mrs. Betty Lou Coleman to that position. Mrs. Miles, who had been associated with the bank since October, 1962, retired at the end of August.

White stated, "We will certainly miss Grace's experience and dedication." Before coming to work with the Citizens Bank, as the Warrenton branch was known before its merger with Branch Banking and Trust, Mrs. Miles worked with Planters Bank of Rocky Mount. She is a native of Edgecombe County and is married to Warrenton native Dick Miles. She has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Active in banking related organizations, Mrs. Miles is the past chairman of the Eastern N. C. National Association of Bank Women. She is active in the Warrenton Presbyterian Church.

In announcing Mrs. Coleman's promotion, White said, "We feel most fortunate to have someone of Betty's caliber to promote to consumer loan manager. Her promotion is in keeping with BB&T's desire to maintain the community bank spirit by promoting hometown employees to management positions."

Mrs. Coleman was with Citizens Bank prior to the merger also and has ten years total banking experience. She has been serving as assistant to Mrs. Miles with duties as a retail and mortgage loan officer.

A Warrenton native, Mrs. Coleman is the

former Betty Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Carroll. She is married to Johnny M. Coleman and they have two children.

CONSUMER CHECKLIST



Day Care Center

Visit the day care center or home with your child before it is necessary to leave her or him. This helps the child get to know the caregiver and surroundings with a reassuring parent present. If possible, have the child stay only a few hours the first day of care. This makes it easier for a child when he is left for a full day.

5 To Represent Warren County At Conference

Five residents representing Warren County will attend a conference on September 7 and 8 as a part of the Friends of Black Children Project of the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill. Felton B. Davis, chairperson of the Warren County Friends of Black Children Community Council, will be accompanied by Brown J. Hawkins, Gwendetta Tunstall, Mamie Alston, and Joyce Shearin to the conference at the Governor's Inn in Research Triangle Park.

The conference will bring together people from the university and representatives of departments of social services and community councils in 15 N. C. counties where efforts have been made to increase the adoption rate of black children. Sessions will focus on special issues surrounding adoptions.

Helen Berry, project director, stated that the purpose of the meeting is "to motivate and encourage on-going commitment on the part of local social service agencies and local black committee communities to continue efforts initiated to find families for black children. Guidelines for cooperation among the project supporters will be stressed."

The project began in 1982 as a pilot program in four counties. Last fall, it expanded to 11 additional counties, among which Warren was included.

Pressure Drop

Watching fish swim around in an aquarium causes a temporary drop in blood pressure, researchers have found.

CALENDAR

Gideon Plans Talk

A Gideon will speak at Reedy Creek Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 9, at 11 a. m. worship service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Homecoming Is Set

Warrenton Pentecostal Holiness Church will have its homecoming Sunday, Sept. 9, at the church. The special guest speaker will be Tony Ward, the son of a former pastor of the church, who attended Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Va. Dinner will be served at 1 p. m. The public is invited.

Stew Sale Planned

Jerusalem United Methodist Church will sponsor a brunswick stew sale Saturday, Sept. 8, at Norlina Woman's Clubhouse. Stew will be ready at 11 a. m. Proceeds will go to help purchase choir robes. Cost will be \$3 per quart.

Anniversary Slated

The Senior Choir of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Wise is having its choir anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 5 p. m. Appearing on the program will be Oak Level Chorus, Spring Street Choir, Coley Springs Choir and many more. The public is invited to attend.

Auditions Scheduled

Auditions for "Dracula," to be produced by the Granville Little Theatre, will be held on September 11 and 12 at 7:30 p. m. and on September 16 at 3 p. m. at Hix School Auditorium in Oxford. The auditions are open to any interested persons. For further information call the Granville Arts Council any morning at 693-8272.

Auxiliary To Gather

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold the first meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Scott Gardner. All members are urged to attend.

Musical Program Set

There will be a musical program at the Greenville Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 6 p. m. Among those appearing on the program will be the Mount Calvary Spiritual Singers of Oxford, Joe Foster and the Angelettes of Henderson, St. Paul Gospel Chorus of Middleburg, and the Burden Lifeters of Richmond, Va.

Fall Revival Slated

The Cooks Chapel Baptist Church fall revival will begin on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p. m. and will continue nightly through Sept. 14. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Harold Timberlake of Durham, and area choirs will present special music. The Rev. W. L. Barnes, pastor, invites the public to attend the services.

At Norlina School

New Year Begins

By SARAH SHUTT

A new school year began Tuesday, Sept. 4, as Principal Hege welcomed both new and returning students to Norlina Middle School. All students were made aware of the school rules and were given a chance to meet their new teachers. Everyone left with an optimistic outlook for the new year.

Mr. Hege announced that in the program for Educational Quality Assurance in Warren County, Miss Betsy Clark and Mrs. M. T. Townes will participate as mentor teachers.

We welcome three new teachers to the staff of Norlina Middle School. They are Miss Cindy Phoro, eighth grade science and math; Ms. Molly Davis, guidance; and Mrs. Gwendolyn White, media services. We hope their tenure at NMS will be both long and happy.



Serving as co-captains for this year's edition of the Warren County High School football team are Joel Valentine, left, and Anthony Russell. The two seniors will lead their teammates into competition Friday night as Warren County opens its season with a game against Northern Nash, a team which it upset in last season's opener. The game will begin at 8 p. m. Friday on the John Graham Middle School athletic field. (Staff Photo)

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