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Shortage of Quail Traced to the Red Ant, Says Noted Authority

Little Pests Enter Eggs as Soon
as They Crack, and Mutilate
the Young Birds

A visitor at the Eldridge Johnson place last Saturday was James Stoddard, the foremost authority on quail in America. He was going through from Thomasville and Charleston, and he stopped at Drowning Creek to look things over, as he is much interested in the movement on foot there, and in the men who are in charge. Of late years an apparent shortage of quail in some section has been noted, and Mr. Stoddard has been studying the causes. Among others he has discovered that the ordinary red ant so common in the Eastern United States has much to do with the quail mortality. He has under his observation in his various fields of study over 200 nests of wild quail, and he has connected the ants with the destruction of birds beyond doubt.

Mr. Stoddard says the minute the egg shell is cracked the ants begin their work, and they get on the eyes and legs and every available spot of the young bird, and before it has sufficient vigor to defend itself it has been so irritated and mutilated that it dies in short time. Mr. Stoddard is satisfied that throughout the entire quail territory of the Atlantic slope the birds are thus pestered by ants, and with grave results. He says the dry weather of the last two or three years has been favorable for the increase of ant colonies everywhere, and the result is increasing onslaught on young birds in the nests and one the weaklings as they come from the nests. Then any birds that are annoyed by ants are more subject to attacks from other pests, and less able to defend themselves. He was not here long enough to go over the local situation to discover whether the bird population in the Sandhills has been affected in this way or not. He says it is not difficult to guard against ants in the hatcheries where the nests are available to care and oversight, for a little kerosene oil properly applied will kill the ants, and in the woods where the nests are found they can be treated. But in the wild it is another matter.

Big Ant Population

It is believed that the wet weather so far this summer in this section has destroyed many ants as compared with the many large colonies in the preceding two or three years of extreme dry weather. Ants are abundant all over the sandy territory. Not only do they thrive in the cleared areas, but in the wire grass in the woods they are to be found in great numbers every place. Let a fire run through the woods anywhere, and in a day or two after the fire has burned out ants are seen traveling in armies in all directions to and from their nests which had not been harmed in

Cameron and Community

E. R. Brown and two little girls had a near-wreck on the Sanford highway, Route 50, near Cameron last Sunday night. In trying to prevent a collision with an approaching car, Mr. Brown drove on the shoulder of the road, and his car was turned completely over. The occupants were not seriously injured, the little girls receiving minor cuts and bruises about the face and head. Mr. Brown works in Hamlet. They were en route to Carthage to visit their relatives. Bill Muse went to the scene of the wreck shortly after it occurred and found that some thief had taken one of the tires.

Little Marjery Goodman, while playing in the yard of Mrs. Pearl Thomas last Sunday afternoon, stepped through a rake and one of the prongs went through her foot. Dr. H. O. Averitt was called and treated the child. She is getting on nicely.

Miss Kate Hunter unfortunately lost her purse containing \$5.00 last Saturday afternoon while riding down town. Mrs. Georgia Matthews also lost a purse containing \$15.00 when she attended the funeral of Dabney McBryde at St. Andrews' Church last week.

The many friends of J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, who has been in poor health for six months, will regret to learn that he underwent an operation for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington last Sunday afternoon and his condition continues grave.

Miss Helen Parker entertained at a delightful bridge party at her home on Carthage street last Tuesday evening, honoring Miss Carry Mae Knight of Columbia. The rooms were decorated in yellow and white summer flowers. Bridge was played at three tables, highscore prize going to Miss Carry Mae Knight and Dr. H. O. Averitt. Those playing were Misses

Jurors Drawn

List for September Term of
Superior Court at Carthage is Announced

First week: W. C. Morton, Martin Blue, John A. Thomas, G. M. Reddick, W. S. Cole, F. R. Burns, M. A. Hill, G. H. McKenzie, W. P. Allen, J. L. Cagle, W. B. Caddell, F. L. Baker, A. D. Brown, A. D. Davis, B. C. Wallace, B. E. Barber, J. L. Brown, W. T. Hunt, E. H. Monroe, J. D. Street, Oscar Monroe, J. O. Blue, W. M. Wickler and Wiley Garner.

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all plant and animal life, eating as the least. They are fierce enemies of promiscuously as mankind itself does. They tackle living creatures and plants, or dead ones. Possibly no other existing things enjoys so wide a bill of fare. Ants help to keep down many of the other small and big life. They are scavengers of many big carcasses and of dead vegetation and fruits and vegetables. Because their appetites are so varied and healthy why they are so numerous.

The ant population is possibly greater than that of any other living thing as big as they are. Smaller pests may be in greater number, but it is doubtful if any other form of animal life as big as the ant has so many individuals on the earth as the ant family. One female ant in the spring will start off to lay a lot of eggs, and they speedily hatch out, and from the crop they multiply like the sins of the fathers in Israel, and by early summer the ant villages are as populous as New York or London or that other place which Shelly mentions in his bit of verse that starts out by saying, "Hell is a city much like London, a populous, busy place."

J. D. Lea, at the Johnson farm, says Mr. Stoddard would like to hear from observers who have been noticing the ravages of ants, as it is desired to get all the information possible from first hand so that the war on the ant may be made as vigorous and intelligent as possible. The Pilot would be glad to hear from any persons who have been paying attention to the work of the ants.

Real Estate Transfer

L. W. Barlow, Trustee, to Southern Securities and Guaranty Co.: property in Carthage.

lon, S. C., and spent the week-end at home.

Henry Gilchrist and Ernest Badgett spent the week-end in Baltimore, Md.

Pete Phillips, Andrew Muse Hemphill and J. A. Phillips were in Greensboro and Reidsville last week.

Supt. E. S. Temple, who is attending the summer school at Chapel Hill, spent the week-end with J. E. Collins.

Mrs. J. P. Turnley and children have returned from Broadway where they have been on an extended visit with relatives.

M. E. Pierce of Charlotte spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Pierce, M. E. Pierce, Mrs. R. E. Mann and Bobby spent Friday at White Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins announce the birth of a daughter last Wednesday.

Mesdames O. F. Taylor of Winston-Salem, Carl Clark of Birmingham, Leonard Huggins of Norman, Okla., Wade Collins, Roscoe Reid and Miss Kate Hunter were dinner guests of Mrs. J. M. Guthrie last Tuesday.

Miss Callie Hunter of Charlotte and Mrs. Carl Clark of Birmingham are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter of Route 1.

William Knight of Dillon, S. C., and Claude Knight of Maxton, brother and cousin of Mrs. D. W. McNeill were her guests last Sunday.

Miss Margaret McLean and Miss Marion Cameron of Vass, left Thursday for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they will be the guests of their uncle, Lauchlin McLean, for several weeks.

The Rev. W. V. McRae of Goldsboro, Mrs. M. J. McPhail, Joseph Womble of Carthage and Ann Muse of Sanford spent Wednesday with Mrs. Loula Muse and Mrs. A. J. McRae.

Miss Hazel Randsall of Varian, was guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Roscoe Reid.

Mrs. Mollie Graham and daughter, Eva of Route 1 were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McNeill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McDougald of Hamlet spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally.

The Class of 1927 of the Cameron High School held its annual re-union at Lakeview last Monday night.

Misses Geneva Marks of Sanford and June McIver Hemphill were dinner guests of Miss Ruth Stutts of Route 1 last Sunday.

The annual re-union of the Muse Clan will be held next Thursday, August 13, at Lakeview. The Memorial service will be given in the morning at 11:00 o'clock, and as this is a change in the program from former years, all are requested to be present for this service.

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To keep pace with improvements in the sound picture industry and provide the best available for his Sandhills patrons, Charlie Picquet announced yesterday that a brand new DeLuxe DeForest Phonofilm, the last word in sound and screen projection devices, was on the way to his Carolina Theatre at Southern Pines. This is the same equipment as is being in-

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