

Insects Take Big Toll Each Year

They Are Found Everywhere and Are More Numerous Than Human Race. Damage to All.

Man in his more egotistic moments has called this the age of man; but let us see if insects have not a valid claim to this distinction in this remarkable world in which we live says Omer Lee. The grounds on which Mr. Lee makes this statement, are as follows: In the first place there are five times as many more insects as there are the various kinds of animals put together.

One can hardly think of a thing that cannot be inhabited or infected by some kind of an insect as they are found in the air, water in the ground, in the best kept homes and in practically all foods, even tobacco, also red pepper, however the two last items mentioned may not be classed as foods, yet insects hibernate and thrive on these commodities. In fact there are very few if any plants which do not have from three to five different kinds or types of insects which prey upon them. In fact there are insects that even bore into lead cables and causing trouble such as short circuits, which is an inconvenience to the consumer of public utilities, as well as an added cost.

The toll of insects taken from the agricultural crops of this country alone is staggering, as it runs into millions, and from a national standpoint billions of dollars annually, saying nothing of the damage done to domestic stock by the various types of insects and disease carried by them alone; as an example I sight you to the inefficiency of a cow which is fighting flies. Some of our best authorities are quoted as follows that a cow fighting flies will decrease in her milk production from a quart to two quarts and a half daily from her usual giving, however this depends largely upon her capacity as a milk giver.

The damage done to food products which are stored as well as tobacco, furniture and clothing can hardly be estimated and naturally no estimate can be placed on the loss of human life caused by insects carried by disease carrying insects, in-as-much as last year flies alone were responsible for the death of 75,000 babies in the United States.

It is almost impossible to enumerate the various kinds of insects, but of them all there are only two which are considered beneficial to humanity, namely the silk worm and it produces over two hundred million dollars worth of silk annually; next is the honey bee which produces better than twenty million dollars worth of honey each year in the United States alone.

NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN HAS MANY RELATIVES ABOUT

Mrs. Belk Typical Example Of Woman Who Lived In Shoe.

Unionville, N. C.—(INS)—Mrs. Amanda Belk, 79, near here, is a living example of the woman that lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do.

Mrs. Belk boasts of having 323 descendants—all of them living. She has 11 children, 149 grandchildren, and 163 great grand children.

The aged woman admitted that she didn't know them all—not quite. But many an afternoon, she says, she reaps a lot of pleasure in going over the list to find out just how many she really is acquainted with.

Mrs. Belk had a total of 10 children, and all of them grew to maturity except one. There were eight boys and eight girls.

Practically all of Mrs. Belk's descendants live in Mecklenburg and adjoining counties.

Mrs. Belk spends her time with various children, several of which live here.

FRENCH CHILD, AGED 2 SPEAKS FOUR TONGUES

(By International News Service.) Lyons, France.—Winnifred Tierney, aged two, of Lillie, is claimed to be the youngest child to speak four languages.

Recently she was put through a test, and answered questions in French, English, German, and modern Greek.

Both her parents are able to speak ten languages.

MEN SIT ON 36 EGGS, THEN HATCHES 35 CHICKS

Chester.—Mrs. J. Foster Carter, who lives in Armenia section of Chester county, has an unusual hen, and one that many believe is a record breaker, in hatching a large number of eggs. The hen stole her nest in an obscure place and when discovered was sitting on 36 eggs. Out of this number she hatched 35 chicks.

When Baby Was Christened

By H. IRVING KING

MURVIN JONES, millionaire, went to a hairdresser's to have his hair cut. Having been operated upon for the hair he thought he would go to the extravagance of having his nails manicured.

"Miss Camberwell," said the manageress of the manicure room, will you please attend to this gentleman?

The name of the young woman who was assigned to him gave old Murvin a mental jolt. He looked at her keenly across the little table while she presented her professional ministrations and tried to keep up mechanically, the patter all manicure girls are supposed to reel off.

"What part of the country are you from?" he asked abruptly.

"New England," she replied—and named a small manufacturing town in that section.

"Any relation of Roger Camberwell?" asked Murvin.

"He was my father," replied the young woman, looking at the old man with inquiring eyes.

"Huh! Yes, slightly," hesitated the millionaire. "He's dead, I believe."

"Yes, sir," said Miss Camberwell, "he died five years ago."

Murvin asked further questions; the operation went on in silence—and the millionaire paid his ticket and went off, leaving no tip and not even saying good-by.

All the way to his gorgeous palace of a house on Fifth avenue, where the childless widower lived alone with a spinster sister, the man of millions was in deep thought. So that was what Roger Camberwell's daughter had come to, was it? Well, he did not wonder, Roger never was a business man. If he had been—well, if he had been, perhaps Murvin Jones would not have had as much money as he had now.

He took up his library telephone, and half an hour later a young man reported to him for orders. It was the young man's business to find out things for people who could pay. The next evening the young man made his report: "Bertha Camberwell, manicurist. Small salary. Lives in a cheap boarding house. Is twenty-four years old. Engaged to Roscoe Palmer, aged twenty-six, formerly in office of the Starward Canning company. Now out of a job because of dissolution of firm. Too poor to get married."

"I don't know why I feel this way about that girl," thought Murvin. "As to my cheating her father, that's nonsense. True, I might have kept our firm going; but Roger would always have been a drag. Never made a success with him in the game. What could I do but squeeze him out? Foundation of my fortunes? Yes; but it couldn't be helped. Roger was hopeless."

A few days later Bertha received a letter from Murvin, brutally direct and offering her monetary assistance as "a friend of her family." She sent back an indignant refusal of Murvin's assistance. She would "accept no help from the man who had ruined her father." Old Murvin's ire rose. "She's got about as much money-sense as her father," he stormed. "Am I going to be defied by a silly girl?"

To her surprise when Bertha told Roscoe of her refusal of the millionaire's offer he did not show the enthusiasm she had expected.

Dental Leaders To Study 'Trench Mouth' For Check

(By International News Service.)

Boston.—So rapid has been the increase in the number of cases of the so-called "trench mouth" disease in this section of the country that dental authorities are making extensive investigations and efforts to check the spread.

Evidently a back-wash of the war period, where conditions in the fighting areas aided materially in the spread of this disease, its presence was not unusually noticeable until recently. With reported outbreaks of the disease at Smith and Amherst colleges intensive investigations were undertaken.

The Tufts College dental school undertook a study of the disease and examined more than 1,100 mouths. Their investigations found that the number of cases was increasing with alarming rapidity.

The college report revealed that "trench mouth" seems to exist mostly among business men, students and housewives, between the age of 20 and 30 years. It is an infectious disease, contracted by personal contact. The more common ways of contracting are kissing, eating and drinking from utensils used by infected individuals. Some cases are known to have been contracted merely using public telephones.

Cost Of Airships Drops 90 Percent With New Invention

(By Charles A. Smith, INS Staff Correspondent.)

London.—Nine-tenths of the costs of airship construction are eliminated, it is claimed, with a new type of airship, based on revolutionary lighter-than-air principles, which is now being built in England by a small private company with the approval of experts of the British Air Ministry.

The development of a new design for the internal rigging, without loss of strength or rigidity, has made cheapness of construction possible. While it is not claimed that the ship now being built vies in size or weight lifting capacity with the two luxury ships now under construction for the British government, the proportionate initial cost is said to be astonishing.

The ship is the invention of three men. It will carry twenty men, including crew and navigator, in addition to its load of fuel, and is designed to be easily manageable in all weathers. Motive power to four air screws, is provided by four seventy-five horsepower Cirrus engines. The speed will be approximately 70 miles per hour.

PLAN A 600 MILE JAUNT IN ONE DAY

Raleigh Sportsmen Will Attempt to Traverse North Carolina by Motor Between Suns.

Raleigh.—North Carolinians are not being outdone entirely by New York to Paris and around the world airplane endurance tests—two Capital city sportsmen have figured out a unique endurance test on the Tar Heel road system.

"From the Atlantic to the Tennessee border by daylight," is their slogan. They are planning the trip by automobile over the longest route, from Curruck to Tennessee line west of Murphy, in Cherokee county.

The distance, roughly, is 600 miles. The pull is uphill by taking it from east to west, but the sportsmen have figured that more is to be gained by going west and gaining the advantage of more than an hour's additional daylight than taking it downhill and working it against the sun.

"Forty miles an hour, on an average will do it," they declared, after looking up road conditions and mileages, adding that of course on the good stretches it would be necessary to turn up high speeds in order to make up for enforced stops and slow progress through cities.

The men have announced the make of the car they will use on the trip but not the date for the attempt, but they have tentatively selected the latter part of June on account of the length of the days there.

Initial plans called for a straight run up Route 10 from Morehead City to Murphy—about 40 miles nearer and better roads, as a whole but it was decided to attempt the more difficult of spanning state at its extreme dimensions.

Routing is still incomplete but the layout at present calls for departure from Curruck Sound as soon as it is light enough to pick the way toward Elizabeth City, and from there to travel routes No. 24, 30, 90 and 10 in as nearly a direct route as possible.

Michigan Merchants Study Ford Stores In Effort To Learn Business Method

(By International News Service.)

Detroit.—An accounting firm representing the Michigan Retail Merchants association is studying the books of the commissaries of the Ford Motor company to learn the merchandising methods of the Ford general food stores.

The Ford company has discontinued selling to the general public employees and members of their families being identified by a special checking system linked with their factory badge numbers. The general public was barred from the Ford stores after the Michigan Retail Merchants association protested that Ford stores were cutting into their sales.

On a \$12,000,000 business in 1926 the Ford stores showed a \$400,000 profit, it is claimed. The retailers say this is gross profit, not net profit, and that with their overhead they are lucky to make three percent. They point out that Ford, in addition to his large buying power, has not the same overhead to cope with.

The Ford company replied that there was something "radically wrong" in the buying methods used by the merchants and invited an investigation of the Ford way. Results of the investigation will be published.

Indianapolis Real Estate Men Appraise 'Air Space' At Half The Value of Ground

(By International News Service.)

Indianapolis.—Air eighteen feet above the ground is worth one-half the value of the ground beneath it for building construction, the Indianapolis Real Estate board has estimated.

In appraisal of the air in connection with the petition of the L. S. Ayres department store, one of the largest in this city, for permission to span Pearl street in extending their building, the estimate for the 3,000 square feet of air space over the thoroughfare was \$62,500 or \$20.83 a square foot.

The board, in preparing the estimate, considered the ground valued at the same place as \$41.66 a square foot. The store owners must pay the city the \$62,500 for their overhead floor space. The appraisal was the first estimate of air rights ever undertaken in Indianapolis.

Vassar College Girl Athlete Put Ban On Cigarettes In Training For Sports

(By International News Service.)

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Lady Nicotine and lady athletes may not fraternize on the campus of Vassar College, the Vassar Athletic association has just ruled. During the period of training and college athletic activity the jade cigarette holder, the trick mechanical lighter and all of the other paraphernalia that goes to make up milady's genteel smoking set must be put away in moth balls

while the lady athlete inhales nothing more pungent than pure air. "No girl who goes in for a major sport may smoke during the time, from one week prior to the first game until the end of the season," the rule says. "In case of track the prohibition covers the entire period of training."

Members of the athletic board explained that the ruling was modeled on similar rules in men's colleges.

Denver Boy, 13, Preaches 'Straight Gospel' To School Mates In Back Yard Pulpit

(By International News Service.)

Denver.—Pennies of Denver school children will be pooled to purchase the one-time Denver home of Eugene Field, beloved American children's poet and newspaperman, if the plans of Mrs. J. J. Brown, prominent Denver, New York and Newport society matron, are carried out.

Field, who worked for a time on the old Denver Tribune, occupied a modest home near Denver's civic center. Mrs. Brown has taken an option on the house, and is employing landscape gardeners and interior decorators to renovate the place.

She plans to hold entertainments in the public schools to finance the purchase of the home, and has secured the cooperation of Katherine Craig, state superintendent of public instruction. Relics of Field's occupancy will be assembled and placed in the house May 1, when a "house-warming" will be held. If enough gifts are forthcoming, the house will be made a shrine for Field relics.

U. S. Admits 216,454 Immigrants In Eight Months; Quotas All Full

(By International News Service.)

Washington.—Three-fourths of the immigrants now coming to the United States are in the prime of life—16 to 44 years of age—according to the immigration bureau of the department of labor.

Co-Eds In St. Louis University Laugh As Bachelor Club Members Desert

(By International News Service.)

St. Louis.—The Bachelor club of St. Louis University is tottering and the co-eds of the school are laughing up their sleeves, if ever they wear those old-fashioned things.

Twenty members of the club have been "fired," and this number represents half the membership. Most of those dropped from the roster were found loitering too frequently in the hallways with fair sex. Others were found guilty of violating the rule against having more than two 'dates' a month with the same girl.

At one time, the club mounts, they were members in good standing. They were members in good standing. They were members in good standing.

Doctors Took Out Man's Appendix; Sewed Safety Pin And Tube Inside

(By International News Service.)

Auburn, Ind.—After carrying around a safety pin and five-inch drain pipe for 2 1/2 years sewed up in his abdomen following an operation for appendicitis at Lafayette, Ind., in 1924, Lloyd Deutsch, of Collins, Ind., now is recovering from a second operation which relieved him of the excess baggage.

Physicians here marvel that the man is alive. He complained constantly since his first operation of never feeling well, but an X-ray examination revealed nothing. About six weeks ago Deutsch took a job hauling freight at the Pennsylvania freight depot here. A few weeks ago his side became black extending around to the small of his back and including the front of his abdomen. Finally a swelling like a boil developed on his right side.

A local physician made an incision. As the skin parted, the doctor got a pair of pliers and began to pull at something in the swelling. In the words of Deutsch he thought the doctor was pulling his whole side out. The physician pulled out a safety pin and a rubber drainage tube.

Deutsch immediately began to feel better and is now on the road to complete recovery. A Colorado psychologist says that each kiss shortens the lives of the kissed and kisser three minutes, in which case some folks haven't much of a future.

Science goes on saving life, digging into the earth's secrets, increasing the chance of life and improving health, while Ignorance looks on and seers. Science goes forward, while Ignorance, like Lot's wife, looks backward.

Television Ghosts In Waves Of Ether Worry Scientist

(By International News Service.)

New York.—Both scientists and spiritualists have been given a new line of study as a result of the development of television because of the insistence of 'ghosts' to tread the ether wave, whereas only honest television photographs are supposed to walk.

The first unorthodox appearance of the "ghosts" was noted in the Bell Telephone company laboratory here while pictures were being received in experimental tests from Station 3-XX at Whippany, N. J. Although the photographs of only one individual were being transmitted from the sending station, extra images, sometimes two and three, appeared on the receiving screen. They were less distinct than the true image, and had many characteristics of "spirit photographs."

Scientists and radio engineers have advanced the theory that the "ghosts" were caused by the radio signals taking as many as four or five different paths through the air. Some of these, deflected at different angles by a heavy overhead layer of atmosphere, were vague, ghost-like shadows.

Spiritualists have not yet commented publicly on the phenomena, but are understood to be giving it their close attention.

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ITALY'S SOLDIERS RELIEVED
OF HEAVY ARMY PACKS
(By International News Service.)
Rome.—Out-of-breath soldiers will be unthorn in the Italian army henceforth. Announcement is made that the Italian Ministry of War has decided to abolish the pack carried by infantrymen, the change being made in the interests of mobility. The Italian soldier of the future will carry only a rifle, sidearms, and the necessary equipment. The change does not apply to artillerymen and Alpine troops.