

## Some Flies Deserve Praise, Not Swats

Few creatures in the world are swatted, sprayed, and pursued as often as the ubiquitous fly.

Yet from the first warm days of spring to the heavy frosts of autumn, some species of flies ceaselessly help their human tormentors by attacking other insects that are harmful to crops and forests, the National Geographic Society says.

The robber fly preys on wood-boring beetles and destructive moths. A powerful predator, it grabs victims with six strong legs and jabs them with its proboscis. An observer once saw a robber fly pursue, capture, and eat eight moths in 20 minutes. Jabs Night-time Enemies.

The thin, delicate looking dance fly also packs a powerful pick. The creature's long, stiletto-like proboscis skewers midges, mosquitoes, gnats, and other troublesome creatures that plague the air on summer evenings.

In their larval state flower flies prey on destructive aphids. As soon as the grubs

hatch, they search out their favorite snacks. The hunt sometimes continues until an entire colony of the plant lice is wiped out.

Not all flies are helpful. From 60,000 to 80,000 species buzz around the world from the tropics to cold regions. 14,291-DF, R-W.

In size, they range from three-inch-long robber flies to tiny midges about one millimeter long.

Flies belong to the order Diptera, insects with only one pair of wings. The order includes houseflies, horseflies, mosquitoes, midges, fruit flies, crane flies and many others. Butterflies, dragonflies, and mayflies are not true flies.

Attracted by Litter The housefly *Musca domestica* thrives in the kind of litter that man produces, and has been an unwelcome domestic animal for ages. It is extremely prolific. A female lays from 500 to 2,000 eggs, which hatch and go through the larval and pupal states in 10 to 12 days if the weather is warm enough.

Two scientists may have come up with the ultimate weapon to control the housefly. They have developed an artificial scent, which supposedly makes the creatures too excited to mate.

Experts adopted a different method to contain the screwworm fly, the scourge of farm animals. In the 1930s, an entomologist studying the fly's life cycle suggested that if the female could be mated with a sterile male, her eggs would be infertile.

Continuous release of an oversupply of sterile flies would progressively increase the odds against a fertile mating. In time, eradication would result.

But not until 1951 was a way found—radiation—to sterilize the males. Tried in a test program on the island of Curacao in 1951, the technique wiped out the pest in four months. A large-scale operation rid Florida of screwworm flies in less than two years. Fast action halted a major reinfestation of the state late last year.

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Cmdr. William Edward Griffin, Jr. US (Ret.) and Mrs. Griffin of Hertford announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jeanne to Woodrow Spurrier McClure, Jr., of Charlotte.

McClure is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McClure of the same city.

Miss Griffin attended Mitchell Junior College and Campbell College and is now living in Raleigh.

The wedding is scheduled for June 16 in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hertford.

## Legion Will Sponsor Flag Day Ceremony

Lt. Cmdr. William M. Tschudy, a former Viet Nam Prisoner of War, will be the guest speaker on the June 14th Legion Flag Day Celebration. Commander Tschudy was shot down along with Captain Jeremiah Denton in 1967.

The William Paul Stallings Post 126 will hold a Flag Day program at the Perquimans County Courthouse at 5 p.m. Prior to the program, the Atlantic Fleet Navy Band will play a concert in front of the courthouse. William H. Hardcastle, Jr., retired Navy Captain, formerly of Hertford, will introduce Commander Tschudy. Rev. Charles H. Carpenter of Elizabeth City, Past National V.F.W. Chaplain, will also take part on the program. It is planned that World War 1 veterans or

members of their families will receive a medal issued by the State of North Carolina, that has remained un-issued by the state for some 53 years, prior to the Flag Day Program.

## Tourists Besiege General Store

WASHINGTON — The general store could be facing its biggest crisis since the "Indians" threw all that British tea into Boston harbor and produced a brief shelf shortage.

American tourists are turning the old general store into a pale imitation of its once ever-present robust, sell-anything self.

The supermarket has taken over that description thanks to mass merchandising and market research. Some historians feel that the general store, or country store, is an anachronism that has little to offer a modern world beyond a taste of the Good Nostalgia Reviews.

Throughout the country, there are several hundred emporiums calling themselves general stores, the National Geographic Society says. Most were revived or reborn in hopes of luring city folk who remembered or heard tell of the cracker barrel days, and yearned for them again.

But sure as "old fashioned penny candy" now costs 2 cents, today's general store is as quick to sell new souvenir sunbonnets as to offer long gone American history. At some of today's 19th century stores:

—Foods like grandma spread on the harvest table now may be delicacies. Dried apples, wild blueberries in syrup, crocks of kitchen relish, even wheels of farm-made cheese—all compete with imported pate de foie gras or something fancy

thing in the current fad over all things old.

COMMUNITY CENTER Back in the 1700's general stores were born in a single room. Then they quickly grew into community centers where gossip was exchanged by womenfolk,

where opinions were expressed at the potbelled stove where traveling salesmen traded news from "down the road apiece."

Proprietors of general stores had everything to sell, from ribbon, to firkins of pickles, to anvils, to

stereoptical slides of sepia views of county courthouses, city parks, and seashore scenes destined to fill table baskets in front parlors.

Some general stores are in fact survivors of the last century.

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**GRADUATES —** Martha Jane Evans graduated from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, May 12. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lloyd Evans, Rt. 1, Hertford. Miss Evans is a graduate of Perquimans County High School. Her major at NCSU was math. She will return to NCSU for a summer session to obtain her master's degree.

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