

Amateur Naturalist Explains Huge Flies

Acton, Ontario, August 20, 1959
The Acton Free Press, Mill Street, Acton, Ontario, Gentlemen:

I have been reading with added interest, the interesting news concerning the "Harvest Flies" which are being found in Acton. Being an amateur naturalist I am forwarding to you some information that I have in relation to these flies. First I believe the more proper name for these "Harvest Flies" is Cicada. The male Cicada is the musician who produces the humming noise that is so common in late summer and it does this through plate-like organs on its thorax. The name of Harvest Flies came about due to the fact that the flies usually made their appearance around the time of harvesting.

Another not too common name is 177-year locust. All together there are 75 species throughout Canada and the United States. The female cicada lays its eggs in twigs and deposits her eggs in them. This act makes the female Cicada a destroyer of young trees. As the wingless young hatch, they drop to the ground, burrow in, and stay there 4 to 20 years (depending on the species and the latitude) as nymphs living on juices from roots. When full grown the nymph emerges from the ground and climbs a tree trunk. The skin splits down the back of the nymph, and the adult emerges. The adults usually live about a week which is long enough to mate and start another brood.

The natural control of these insects are birds. I hope this little description of the Cicada will prove to be interesting to those who read it. Yours truly, W. R. Fountain, R.R. 1, Acton.

STANDARD RECORDS.
A training program was begun this season to re-familiarize Lands and Forests Department staffs in fire suppression procedures. Records have been standardized so that in the event of movement of trained personnel from one district to another no major variation will be encountered.

200 Guests Attend Trousseau Prior to Saturday Wedding

Mrs. Gordon Quinton of Meaford entertained on Wednesday at a trousseau tea for her daughter, Glenda, who was married to Mr. Bert Benton in Temple Hill United Church by Rev. C. C. Cochrane of Montreal on Saturday.

Over 200 ladies attended during the afternoon and evening. Mrs. Stanley Bell of Meaford and Mrs. Walter King of Dundalk both aunts of the bride-to-be and Mrs. Wilfred Greenlees of Campbellville, aunt of the groom poured tea.

Girl friends and cousins served refreshments.

Receives Guests
The bride-to-be received her guests wearing pale blue nylon, assisted by her mother dressed in figured pink shantung and Mrs. A. W. Benton in figured beige silk.

The bridesmaids and other friends were in charge of the upstairs rooms where the bride's trousseau and the many lovely wedding and shower gifts were displayed.

A wee cousin of the bride-to-be, Audrey King of Meaford supervised the registration of guests.

Guests
Guests from this district attending the Benton-Quinton wedding Saturday included: Mr. Jack Quinton, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. A.

W. Benton, Mr. Neil Benton, Mr. T. H. Price, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roughley, David, Robbie, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, Betty Ann, Mary Lou and Teddie, Mr. J. R. Benton, Messrs. Ross Shortill, Eldin Askin and Fred Gatsby, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kirkpatrick and Miss Dorothy Kirkpatrick of Limehouse.

Officer cadet Peter Scholz of R.M.C. Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pearson of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Greenlees, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Miss Lois Greenlees and Mr. J. Wood of Campbellville.

Owing to ill health, the only living grandparent, Mr. J. Neilson and Mrs. Neilson of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown of Limehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keeler of Georgetown were unable to attend.

Local Views
Mrs. O. Miller was a guest at the W.M.S. meeting at Mrs. Gatsby's a week ago. A gifted pianist, she played piano solos as well as accompanying the hymns.

Rev. Marshall Jess of Bolton will preach at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick and Miss Dorothy Kirkpatrick spent last week with the McDonalds at Elmwood.

Visitors with the Pattersons on

Out-of-Town Friends Visit in Local Homes

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnston of Southey Saskatchewan, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bhanie.

Carolyn and Robbie Freeman of Georgetown spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman.

Miss Youngs Bragg returned to her home in Toronto on Sunday after vacationing with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Jackson spent a few days vacation with Dr. and Mrs. Savory of Georgetown at a cottage in Dorset.

Men are busy mowing lawns in the town line which made a

Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster of Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. Louise Duffield of Acton, and during the week, Mrs. Kim O'Neil of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

Billie James drew the winning ticket on a number of groceries, raffled by the Senior Men's Auxiliary on Monday night. The winner—Billie James aged six.

—Sodding in the Gleries area is continuing with over half the work completed.

—The skies darkened last night, the air cooled somewhat but very little rain fell.

—Hay fever sufferers are having one of their worst years with the pollen count very high.

—The hot weather is just about getting everyone down and the weatherman doesn't promise too much relief immediately.

—The grass has been restored to its natural green color since the recent heavy rains and once again lawn mowers are the order of the day.

—Readers having friends visit for holidays are invited to send a personal into the Free Press, where such items are always welcome.

—Acton intermediate ball team played a fine game last night (Wednesday) against Collingwood and came out with a 6-6 tie. The second game will be played in Collingwood this Saturday.

—Only ten more days until school begins and work is being rushed at the new addition to the Robert Little school to complete five rooms.

—Workmen are busy making necessary repairs at the former Baxter Laboratories Plant prior to the Dills Printing and Publishing firm moving in.

—Only a handful of people were on hand last Monday morning to see the laying of the corner stone at the new Robert Little public school addition.

—A fire call was avoided on Tuesday evening when fire started in a straw stack at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Black, R. R. 4, Acton. Members of the family and neighbors extinguished the blaze before any serious damage resulted.

—Should be interesting at Maple Leaf Stadium in Toronto this Sunday when over 300 children from Acton will be guests of the Toronto baseball team during a double-header ball game with Montreal. The youngsters comprise all the Minor Sports ball teams.

Acton Baptist Church Services Conducted by Guest Speakers

During the absence of Rev. Gordon Holmes, who with Mrs. Holmes has been holidaying in the Haliburton area, services in Acton Baptist Church have been conducted by visiting speakers.

Mr. Bruce Brillinger, of Stayner, a student at McMaster University conducted services August 9. He and Miss Margaret Fisher of Toronto were guests of Mrs. Walter Fryer and family, R.R. 4, Acton.

Missionary Preaches
The emphasis was on missions

representing the South Africa General Mission brought the message. Mrs. Harper sang a solo during the service. They will be returning to their field at Nelseter, Southern Rhodesia at the end of the year.

Mr. Gladstone Zimmerman, Preston, chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the Guelph Association was the speaker August 23. Miss Olive James, St. John's Rd. Baptist Church, Toronto, contributed a solo "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

Rev. G. and Mrs. Holmes will be resuming their duties August 30 when the regular services will be held.

Brownie Leaders Needed Urgently

Years of hard work in building three Brownie Packs in Acton, may be in vain if at least three pack leaders are not obtained before meetings begin this fall.

Mrs. T. S. Newton, president of the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association, this week expressed alarm at the lack of leaders for the three Brownie patrols.

Active leaders during the past years have for personal reasons had to give their work with the Brownie group leaving a gap in the ranks.

Young girls who have been trying for the Golden Bar and Golden Hands, high awards in Brownie circles, will have to be disappointed if leaders are not found soon.

Anyone interested in assisting with the Brownies is asked to contact Mrs. Newton by phoning 467-W.

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