

TICK PLAGUE —

30 MOOSE DEAD

A massive tick infestation has resulted in the deaths of some 30 moose in Alfred Bog and more may die this winter.

Top biologists of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources are studying the situation, now approaching an epidemic, and are hoping to come up with answers in the next few months.

The ticks usually infest the animals when they move to their winter yards.

Conservation Officer Ron Spriggings stated that some 25 dead animals were found in Alfred Bog last spring. Local sportsmen put the figure at 30 to 35 dead moose by the end of summer.

A ministry official stated that tick infestation of the moose population is not a new problem.

"It has been going on for many years. Some experts think it derives from overcrowding."

A few years ago, a ministry

study on the Chapeau Crown Game Preserve showed considerable infestation of moose by winter ticks. The parasites also infect horses and cattle.

Officials are positive that no infected animals have turned up in Larose Forest where the moose population was thinned out by hunters last year.

Following the hunt, a count was taken and 12 moose were located in the forest. Most of the moose in Larose Forest are immigrants from the Alfred Bog. The current moose population in the Alfred Bog number about 50.

A count taken in the bog a year ago revealed a moose population of about 85.

Like other, similar parasites, the ticks exist by sucking blood from the veins of the animals. One moose calf hide analyzed at laboratories in Toronto, contained 80,000 ticks. Each female tick deposits about 8,000 eggs.

Visiting

With Dorothy Marquette

Mr. and Mrs. John McCallum (nee Cindy Laplante) entertained at the White House Farm following the Baptism of their daughters, Tracey Leigh and Crista Lyn, Sunday Nov. 18.

The Rev. Leonard F. Woodfrey performed the ceremony at St. Andrews and St. Pauls United Church. Elder L.G. Gamble was present.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bruce of Richmond Hill accompanied by their daughter Mrs. M. Jeoli and daughter Lisa of New Market were weekend guests of Mrs. J.L. Steele and Miss Grace Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks and Mr. Glendon Loucks of Ottawa spent a weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Buttorff at Stewartstown, Penn.

Miss Florence and Miss Dorothy Marquette were luncheon guests of Mrs. Howard Morphy of Ottawa.

Miss Gwyneth and Master David Parry of Ottawa visited their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinkaid were dinner guests of the formers

nephew Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Robinson of Winchester Springs.

Mr. Kenneth Hay of Weston visited her brother Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hay.

Mr. Jack Rowan of Ottawa spent several days with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hay and Christopher.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rumions of Morewood visited the latters sister Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart of Dunbar were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert MacDonald and family.

Mrs. Russell Presley of Newington spent a few days with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Buckingham of Kemptville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacDonald of Winchester visited the latters sister Mrs. Asa Sullivan.

Mrs. Gordon Robinson of Mountain is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. Donald McLaren.

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