

NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

FLEAS

Fleas are minute wingless insects. They are parasitic upon animals and birds. Their bodies are compressed in shape and covered with a strong armoured coat of fine plates. Their legs, powerful, wistly legs enable them to take relatively gigantic leaps. "Now you have them now you don't". The aw-like biting jaws and other mouth parts are adapted for both piercing and sucking. The skin of the host is perforated by blade-like mandibles and the blood is imbedded in a groove formed by these organs in combination with a slender pointed tines bear short antennae seated in depressions and two simple minute eyes, which in some species are wanting. On the second and third segments of the thorax there are two pairs of little bristly scales that seem like the remnants of wings. The abdomen has eight rings bearing bristles, on the common Old World species (Pulex irritans). This species is rare in America. Encyclopaedia states that there are five hundred known species, and that there are 47 valid species in the United States. The one that is most common here is the cat and dog flea, (Pulex serratoris) which is found everywhere on this continent. These two are very troublesome pests to man and beasts.

REPRODUCTION The hatching of flea eggs and the development of the larvae is hastened by a humid atmosphere. The eggs are usually laid on rugs, mats, straw or litter on which cats and dogs have slept, when these materials have not been disturbed they are not generally numerous on the fur or feathers of the animals or birds infested. The egg with its long, thin, hair-like appendage is short with hatching in from 12 to 24 days. The footless larva which is worm like, after a few days of voracious feeding, spins a silk cocoon in which the pupal stage is formed and an adult emerges five days later. In warm moist weather an entire generation...

CONTROL MEASURES Most pet owners have a can of flea powder about the house. In recent years most of these powders depended on DDT or one of its relatives as the principle flea killing ingredient. For a number of years small quantities of these insecticides cleaned up these pests. Then about two or three years ago rugers spread that DDT mixtures were giving poor results. FLEAS AND DDT This was particularly true in the South Western States of America. The manufacturers of flea powders and others who had had experience with house flies, however, resisted this use of DDT. They thought it might be possible that this same thing had happened to fleas. They investigated and found it was a silk cocoon in which the pupal stage is formed and an adult emerges five days later. In warm moist weather an entire generation...

solu. structure. Remembering the solution concerning the resistant flies on which another kind of insecticide that had no relation to DDT had proven satisfactory, they tried malathion. MALATHION RECOMMENDED All sorts of tests were made and when malathion was sprayed on a dusted on cats and dogs it did rid them of fleas. It was tested regarding the health hazard to the pets and people and strengths many times greater than that required to destroy the fleas proved to have no ill effects on people or warm blooded animals. It was found that either a 4 per cent malathion dust or a spray made by placing one ounce of a 57 per cent malathion emulsified liquid in a gallon of water would kill the fleas on dogs or cats. One application proved sufficient when the animal is confined in a cage free from fleas. When treating pets spray or dust the kennels and everywhere that the pets stay where there may be fleas. When this is done thoroughly it should not need to be repeated.

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WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

NEW ATTITUDES TOWARD THE LAW-BREAKER The recent vote in the British House of Commons to abolish Capital Punishment gave many of us a genuine feeling of relief. We know too much about human nature now, though we still have so much to learn, to believe that executing the criminal is the answer or even an answer to the terrifying crime problem. Crime, we now think, is a social disease and like every other disease requires endless research and immense expenditure of money before causes and cures can be discovered and applied. NEW WAY WITH PRISONERS It is interesting and heartening to learn about experiments in handling prisoners that promise success. In Wisconsin, under the Huber plan, for the last six years prisoners in county jails and houses of correction have been allowed to continue with the jobs they had at the time of commitment. When they had none, jobs were found for them by the sheriff. Every morning these Huber prisoners under the Huber plan go to work like other self-respecting and able men, and like them come home after the work-day is over. But for the men in question, Home is prison and they are pledged to get there without loitering or stopping for a drink. Compliance with this rule grants them one quarter time off of their sentence. Infringement sends them to the regular locked in section of the jail. Not only do the Hubers leave prison for work but they are permitted occasionally an evening off to go to a meeting or to choir practice. Under special circumstances like the illness of a wife or child they may spend the evening helping out in their own homes. Qualifier observers, judges, sheriffs, social service administrators claim that the Huber plan has already proven its worth in its effect on the prisoner and his family and in the actual saving to the taxpayer in dollars and cents. Every prisoner costs the community a considerable sum of money for his keep and for the maintenance of his wife and children. But take the case of Joe W. sentenced to six months in jail for reckless driving involving injury. It was figured out that the country actually saved 700 dollars on Joe and his family. Out of his wages while a Huber, Joe paid for his board and room and even toward churches. It was conducted by Mrs. Emerson Smallman, Mrs. Robert Wagner, Mrs. Milton Smallman, Mrs. Donald MacKenzie, and Mrs. Waldo Phillips. The theme being "One Flock and One Shepherd." Prayers were offered by Mrs. Therin Ellis and Mrs. Edson Norton. A visitor was rendered by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Bernard. The address was given by Mrs. Milton Smallman. The collection was taken by Mrs. Garth Harrison and Mrs. Douglas Cornish. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harkness and little son of Summerside spent the weekend at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collicutt, Springfield West.

Mr. Aubin Wedge, O'Leary, was a passenger to Summerside where he visited Mrs. Wedge who is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Harrison and family, O'Leary, were recent visitors to Summerside where they visited with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Phillips and family of Mt. Royal, were recent visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Dalton in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Turner and family of O'Leary spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Acorn in West Devon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Getson and family of Carleton Lot 6, were Sunday visitors to O'Leary, guests of Mrs. Getson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence MacKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meggison of Summerside spent the weekend with relatives in Knutsford.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jay of Charlottetown were visitors to the home of Mrs. Jean Collicutt in O'Leary recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Arsenault, O'Leary, motored to Gengary recently to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rogers and family.

Mrs. Bruce Carruthers of Howlan was a visitor to Read's Corner, guests of her daughter, Mrs. Francis MacQuarrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Read of Summerside were recent visitors to the home of Mr. Read's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Read.

Mr. Orvil Willis, O'Leary, was a visitor to Charlottetown over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Laird of Alberton were recent visitors to O'Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of Cape Wolfe, were visitors to O'Leary recently where they spent the day with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw.

The World Day of Prayer was held in the United Church on Friday afternoon with a good attendance from the three churches, United, Baptist, and Anglican.

To Crack Black Market

Worst Trouble Spot For Lobster Poaching, Strait

By DON HOYT Canadian Press Staff Writer HALIFAX (CP)—A two-pronged attack by a highly-secret flying squad of fishery experts has put the fisheries department well ahead in its five-year plan to wipe out a \$2,000,000 black market in poached lobsters.

The carefully-trained squad is one of the department's most prized weapons in its war on poachers but much of the credit for the early success of the job is given to the experts whose plan it is to teach fishermen poaching is their worst enemy.

More and more, fishing communities are heeding the lessons of the short program headed by Dr. D. G. Wilder of the Atlantic Biological Research station at St. Andrews, N.B., international expert on the lobster.

Members of the flying or mobile squad were selected in 1954 from fishery troops in 1954 from New Brunswick and Cape Breton Island are described by officers as "firm believers in legal fishing."

SURPRISE RAIDS The special squads, whose numbers still are a well-kept secret, jumped from one community to another in cars, patrol boats and sometimes planes.

The department's 25-vessel fleet often hoisted international pennants when they sighted suspicious poachers. On rare occasions the unarmed fisheries boats were greeted by rifle fire and the fishermen sometimes outran the slower government vessels.

"Until 1954," said Mr. Watson, "we depended on local officers to protect their districts under control. Then we found they couldn't control them alone and a great natural resource was being abused."

In many cases, the mobile force struck so swiftly wives seldom had time to telephone husbands with clothesline manipulations and watchdogs failed to scent strangers.

While the squads were trying to stamp out poaching with arrests and seizures, teams of officers moved into tiny fishing communities with pamphlets, films and lectures.

Clergymen endorsed their efforts and the educational program became a community affair.

HOSTILITY DECLINES Today, the barriers of hostility between lobster fishermen and protection officers are crumbling. Some even tip off the department that poachers are operating. One of the most encouraging results is a stiffening of fines by magistrates.

"The judiciary in general has changed its attitude," Mr. Watson said. "Some of the penalties were ridiculously low. Fishermen were being fined \$1 or \$2 and it was costing the department up to \$100 to prosecute."

There have been other results, as well. Several canneries operating a black market in lobsters and underselling legitimate fishermen have closed.

The value of the catch has increased although the poundage is down. In 1955, lobstermen trapped 40,587,000 pounds and grossed \$14,377,723. The 1951 catch of 42,408,000 pounds earned fishermen only \$11,000,000.

Mr. Baker speaks of the program with cautious optimism. "We really got the situation under control in one year," he said. "But we don't think for a minute we stopped it all, although it's still under control."

"The educational program, for instance, will have to go on for a long time, perhaps forever."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Palmer, children, Lloyd and Elaine, and Mr. Cecil Palmer, Borden, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Palmer on Sunday February 19th.

Mrs. Oscar MacNeill and Mrs. Charles Keizer, have returned to their homes after visiting their husbands who are employed on the C.G.S. Cygnus at Dartmouth, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Thompson and children, and Mr. H. D. Boyle, Kensington, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson on Sunday, February 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Murphy and son, Leonard, Charlottetown, were recent business visitors to Conway and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson.

Miss Donna Palmer, Summerside, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Palmer, Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacLean, Coleman were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Palmer, Freeland on Sunday, February 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Smith, Summerside, were recent business visitors to Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams, Summerside, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy, Foxley River.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams will regret to learn they are both ill.

Mr. Daniel Adams and daughter, Ruby, Borden, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Adams on Sunday, February 19th.

The ladies meeting of the Conway Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Smith, Summerside on Friday afternoon, February 17th.

The World Day of Prayer was observed at the Presbyterian Church, Freeland, with a large congregation of women from the various denominations taking part.

Mr. Allan Palmer and Miss Merrill Palmer, Charlottetown, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Palmer, Freeland on Sunday, February 19th.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES MCCARTHY The sudden passing of J. Hebet Crosby of Marshfield, P.E. Island on Friday, December 30th, 1955, caused a deep sense of loss to the members of his family and relatives. His many friends feel that his death deserves more than a passing notice. Born at Marshfield eighty-one years ago, on the St. Cuthberts farm, where he spent most of his years, son of Isaac and Susan Scott, Crosby was one of the Island's most prominent and well-stand farmers, always striving to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. He was a man of strong personality, a kindly gentleman of unblemished character, firm and loyal in his adherence to principles, which he believed to be good and true, and decidedly against all things base and mean. He was, although modest and retiring in disposition, a man of splendid judgment, and a power for good in the community. He will be sadly missed by his many friends, for his cheerful smile and ready handclasp, and the love for his Divine Master was fully exemplified in his love for his fellowman. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held from the MacLean Funeral Home, Charlottetown, on Jan. 2nd, 1956. The funeral service was conducted by his Pastor Rev. Harold Atkinson of the Charlottetown Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. MacNaughton of the Presbyterian Church, Marshfield. The hymns sung were "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me". There are left to mourn their loss, his wife, the former Helena Ferguson, and one brother Stanley of Charlottetown. Three nieces and two nephews also mourn his passing. Two sisters and three brothers predeceased him. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, bearing their silent message of love and esteem. The pall bearers were: Almon Wood, John Munn, Wylie Gibson, Heath Foster, Lea Frizzell, and Harry Muttart. Interment was in the Marshfield Community Cemetery.

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Believe It or Not! The Ethelbert Gate in Norwich England was built by the townspeople as a penance for a riot staged in 1272 in which they destroyed the church of St. Ethelbert. Frank Burg of Central City, N.S. wore the same pair of shoes at his wedding in 1905 and at the celebration in 1955 of his Golden Wedding Anniversary.

DAILY CROSSWORD and DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE. Includes crossword puzzle grid and cryptogram: QP SLVJY QRPJX SCTAD ALVV, FNA SLTRV ECBV VRCVAD ALVV, PL: DATTR JVBVBFVJ BV-BPPJV. Yesterday's Cryptogram: AND NOW WILL I TO HOME AND HOUSE.

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Player's "MILD" THE MILDEST BEST-TASTING CIGARETTE. EDUCATION WEEK BROADCASTS MARCH 4-10, 1956. General Theme: KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS. SUNDAY, March 4—10:00 - 10:05 P.M.—Introductory Remarks—Elmer Pineau, President P. E. I. Teachers' Federation. MONDAY, March 5—10:45 - 11:00 P.M.—Discussion by Teachers—(a) The Larger Administrative Unit—Mrs. Marjorie Dover. (b) The Single Administrative Unit—Mrs. J. E. Murphy. TUESDAY, March 6—8:30 - 8:45 P.M.—An Interview on RURAL ADMINISTRATION. Supervisor Wilson Ross interviewed by Mrs. J. P. Lantz. WEDNESDAY, March 7—10:45 - 11:00 P.M.—An Interview on MY SCHOOL—(a) Gail Mustard, pupil from Unit I. (b) Joanna Lilly, pupil from one-room school, Marshfield. (c) Wayne Macdonald, former pupil of Queen Charlotte High Interviewer—Mrs. H. J. A. Brown. THURSDAY, March 8—8:30 - 8:45 P.M.—An Interview on Urban-Rural Administration—Supervisor Gordon Rice interviewed by Mrs. J. G. Macdonald. FRIDAY, March 9—8:45 - 9:00 P.M.—Panel Discussion—IS THIS YOUR SCHOOL? Mrs. Murdoch MacGowan, President Women's Institute Mrs. Philip Matheson, parent, Oyster Bed Bridge Mr. Chester Cooper, trustee, Southport. Malcolm Mackenzie, chairman, assistant director of Education. SATURDAY, March 10—1:00 P.M.—Address—CHANGES IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. Mr. Lincoln Dewar, Sec'y, Federation of Agriculture. SATURDAY, March 10—8:30 - 8:45 P.M.—Address—KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS.—The Week in Review by Deputy Minister L. W. Shaw.

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