

Mormon Crickets May Be on Move Against West Farms

Salt Lake City — (U.P.)—Hordes of Mormon crickets, which almost wiped out pioneer Utah in 1848 by eating most of its crops, may be on the move against western farmlands in 1957.

Dr. Don M. Rees, head of the University of Utah zoology department, pointed out that sporadically armies of the voracious insects that plagued Mormon pioneers rise up and demolish crops throughout the West.

No one can predict exactly when the crickets will strike. But when they do they destroy most crops consumed by man, and many crops that feed farm animals.

An army of crickets has been known to travel up to two and one-half miles in a single day, eating almost every plant in sight except the larger bushes and trees.

The cricket infestation of 1848 has become a part of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) Church theology.

The insects, which the frontier settlers had never seen before, suddenly came out of the desert and denuded farmland the pioneers had been depending on to provide food for their second year in the Salt Lake Valley.

Seagulls Helped
Mormon leaders, called upon church faithful to pray for deliverance from "the frightful bug—a cross between the spider and the buffalo" as some called it.

Church members now believe those prayers were answered. For huge flocks of seagulls suddenly swooped down on the cricket hordes, eating their fill of the insects, disgorging into Great Salt Lake, and coming back for more until the infestation was wiped out.

The Mormon cricket is actually a wingless, long-horned grasshopper with a heavy, dark-brown body about one and a quarter inches long. It cannot fly, and can't jump very far.

The insatiable insects are found mainly west of the Rocky Mountains but also have damaged crops in the Missouri River country.

Rees said Utah and other states have had Mormon cricket infestations as large as the cricket invasion of 1848 but that science has developed methods for controlling the insects since the old days.

Even flame-throwers have been used to fight off Mormon cricket invasions. But aerial spraying and poisoned wheat or oats are more often used to kill the crop-destroying pests.

They're Prepared

Rees warned that there probably will be more Mormon cricket invasions next year in states having a warm spring without a cold snap.

The zoologist explained that the adult crickets lay their eggs in the fall. The cricket embryo

BANANA SPLIT DOOMED
Columbus, Ohio — (U.P.)—They are splitting up the home of the banana split. Ralph Folger, co-owner of a drug store being razed to make way for a new expressway, said Tuesday the late Mrs. Loretta Lally made the first banana split in the store in 1870 when a customer asked for "something different."

starts to develop in the eggs in the fall, is dormant during the winter but is reactivated during the spring and starts to develop again.

This spring "reactivation" period is the critical time in the birth of the Mormon cricket. The embryo can stand freezing weather during the winter when it is dormant. But cold temperatures in the spring will kill the reactivating embryo.

Matured Mormon crickets feed on more than 250 different kinds of range plants. In Nevada they once damaged more than two million acres of land with losses in livestock-carrying capacity of up to 40 per cent.

But farmers need no longer fear the Mormon cricket as much as they once did.

If there's mild spring weather that produces a Mormon cricket invasion this year, farmers can call on the 40 aerial spraying planes the U.S. Department of Agriculture has stationed throughout the West to deal death to the little insect with the big appetite.

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HANDING HER CONTRIBUTION in Washington to Mrs. James P. Mitchell, right, wife of labor secretary, Mamie Eisenhower, symbolizes tomorrow night's march of 4,000,000 mothers against polio throughout nation. (International)

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. E. H. article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mr. J. R.—I want to find our wandering daughter.

Mrs. J.R.—It will only bring him insults and abuse.

Mr. J.R.—A little over a year ago our 18-year-old daughter eloped with a young man who has a prison record.

Even before we knew about his record we didn't like this

fellow. From the way he spoke and dressed we could tell he wasn't our sort. We couldn't tell what attracted Doris to him and did everything we could to talk her out of her infatuation.

Since she left, we have had about three cards from Doris postmarked from another state quite far from us. She gave no return address, but merely wrote that she is married and well.

Needless to say, my wife and I are heartbroken. From everything we have learned about this fellow since Doris left, we feel he may have a wife elsewhere and they may not be married at all. Perhaps Doris has gotten into some sort of trouble with him. I want to go to look for her, but my wife is against it.

Mrs. J.R.—Before she left home, Doris wrote a very terrible letter to us, accusing us of never having loved or understood her. She made a list of "crimes" we had committed against her since early childhood. We couldn't even remember any of the incidents she wrote about. Heavens knows we loved her and tried to make her happy, but there seems to be no love in her heart for us.

I feel there is nothing we can do with Doris while she feels like this. Brokenhearted as I am, I don't want to see my husband make a trip that may be useless or will bring him only insults and abuse. He is not a well man and I am afraid of what might happen to him if Doris behaves the way she did just before she left home.

Someday, I am sure, Doris will wake up and realize what kind of a man she is living with. She was a well brought-up, religious girl and cannot live as a criminal's wife. She knows she'll be welcomed back whenever she wants to come.

The Council: The trip Mr. J.R. contemplates would probably be fruitless, but this problem should not be dropped without a serious effort to locate Doris. It is quite possible she is already separated from the young man and does not return home because of pride—or she could be in trouble and does not want to communicate with her parents for the same reason.

The police department and its missing persons bureau are the best sources of information for the J.R.'s. These agencies may know what type of job this man is likely to take or who his contacts are in the city in which he is living. They can give these parents advice and leads on the best possible way to locate Doris. Personal advertisements in the newspaper may bring better results than an in-person trip—and much heartache and expense can be spared. It is possible that the police in the city in which the couple is now living can locate them.

Doris undoubtedly has psychological problems or she could not so completely turn her back on her parents and the teachings that have been instilled in her. The fact that she has sent home postcards indicates, however, that she still does not want to cut off all ties.

Whether or not she is really married, she probably needs her parents' help and love. Doris' distorted view of her parents' attitude toward her will change as she gets older, if she keeps her mental health. For her sake, as well as their own, these parents should make all reasonable efforts to locate her.

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publishes McCall's and Redbook magazines, operates a printing plant at Dayton, O., which prints its own and other magazines including the Reader's Digest and Newsweek, and a dress pattern business.

Langlie, three times governor of Washington, was keynoteed at the Republican National convention last year. He failed to

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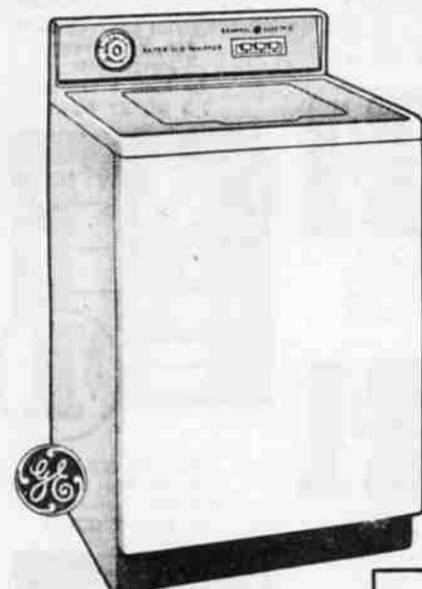
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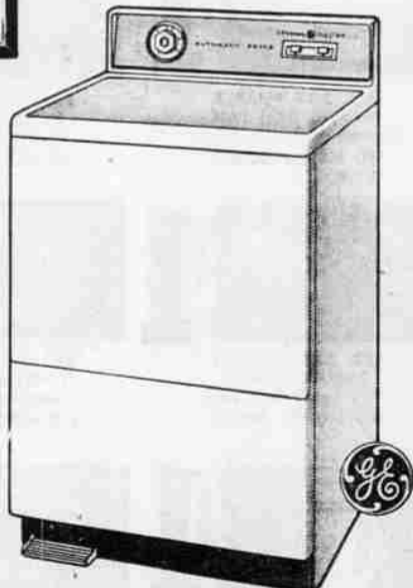


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