

Spotted Fever Tick and It's Habits Told By Dr. Stricker

It is again "tick time" and time to watch out when in the hills. The following article is by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, State Health Officer, a reliable source of information of the habits of ticks, is given to our readers in the hopes that the information will be of benefit preventing the dreaded Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

The adult ticks are found usually from March until July. During the hot weather they descend into the ground. The adult tick feeds on large animals including man. The adult female, about one-eighth of an inch long, after engorging to many times its normal size, drops from the host and crawls into sheltered place. Before leaving the host, the female is impregnated by the male, which feeds only a short time before seeking its mate. The female remains quiescent for a week or more and begins depositing eggs for a month or longer, and from 2000 to 7000 in number. These hatch into larvae which are not more than one thirty-second of an inch in diameter.

These six legged larvae feed on small rodents. After feeding from two to four days and attaining the size of a millet seed they drop to the ground. They do not become active until the next spring. Like the larvae, they feed on rodents and engorge from three to ten days, finally reaching a size slightly smaller than buck shot. The engorged nymphs then molt to adult ticks, male and female, which pass through the winter in a dormant condition.

Man's infection is purely incidental and occurs through the bite of the tick, male or female. No specific serum has been developed for the cure or treatment of the infection, but a vaccine has been developed which has a definite value in producing immunity or reducing the violence of the infection. An attempt is now being made to control this disease by destroying the tick by a parasite.

The prevention of Rocky Mountain spotted fever depends on personal prophylaxis and vaccination. For those whose occupation compels them to enter infected areas it is recommended that they examine their clothing and bodies for ticks at frequent intervals, at least twice a day. Fortunately the tick does not attach itself at once, but crawls around for several hours. As a rule ticks do not infect their hosts for several hours after attachment. Live ticks are easily removed if care is exercised, but strong chemicals

that kill the tick should not be used. Although thousands of the parasites have been released in Montana, it will be several years before the effectiveness in the reduction of the ticks can be estimated.

IRONSIDE NEWS

By MRS. E. J. BEAM

The Ladies Club held their first meeting since December at the home of Mrs. Gordon Dickson, with 18 members and one visitor present. Election of officers was held, resulting in the re-election of the president, Mrs. Gordon Dickson and the secretary and treasurer Mrs. Arthur Van Buren. After business matters were adjourned a shower was given for Mrs. Orville Nichols. She received many very pretty and dainty gifts. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served refreshments. The next meeting of the club will be on April 28th at the home of Mrs. Lester Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lofton were hosts at a lovely birthday dinner Sunday in honor of the former. Guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Lofton of Cow Valley, Bessie Kerr of Canyon City, Verla Prescott and Bob DeArmond of Vale and Arthur Beam.

Those from here attending the funeral services of Fred Nightingale in Ontario Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grabner, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Van Buren, Mrs. Bruce Lofton and Orville Nichols.

Mrs. Carl McDeRoe returned to her home here Saturday after a three week visit at the home of her mother Mrs. Schall in Ontario.

Mrs. Viola Baisley of Baker arrived Wednesday for an indefinite visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Raleigh Van Buren.

Mrs. Bessie Kerr, sister of Bruce and Carlos Lofton returned to her home at Canyon City Monday. She has been a guest at the Bruce Lofton home the past four months.

Mrs. Lester Derrick was taken suddenly ill with a heart attack on Wednesday and was rushed to Ontario for medical aid.

Alfred and Wilse Whited of Unity were business visitors here on Tuesday.

Chas Fiegel of Ontario, manager for the Eastern Oregon Land Co., was at their ranch here on Wednesday.

Bruce Lofton motored to Unity on business Wednesday afternoon.

The Wm. Woodcock family and Ellis Turner were Baker visitors last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boor and Coy Wise were business visitors in Ontario last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lofton have recently moved to the upper Lofton ranch where they will make their home.

Cecil Hill left Wednesday for the Jordan Valley country where he will have employment for the summer. His mother, Mrs. Arthur Van Buren accompanied him as far as Ontario for a combined business and pleasure trip.

Floyd White took eleven fat hogs

U.P. Changes Presidents



Carl R. Gray (right), president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, who at his own insistence that no exception be made to company rules in his case, will retire upon reaching his 70th birthday, according to announcement recently by W. A. Harriman chairman of the board. William M. Jeffers (left), executive vice president, will succeed Mr. Gray as president. Mr. Gray, on October 1, will become vice chairman and a member of the board of directors and make his headquarters in New York City. Mr. Jeffers, who started his railroad career with the Union Pacific as office boy, will have his offices in Omaha.

to market at Payette last Tuesday. Arthur Beam commenced work for the Eastern Oregon Land Co., on the 15th.

Carl McDeRoe is plowing with his tractor purchased last fall. He will plow 40 or 50 acres for Walter Duncan.

Victor Yeager and Herman Rose came from Baker on Saturday to take Gerald and Ina Rose to Baker to see their little brother Gene who is ill there. They returned home with their father Wednesday.

Gene Rose, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rose who was operated on in St. Elizabeth's hospital at Baker last Friday night for ruptured appendix is making a rapid recovery and it is expected he will be moved from the hospital to the home of relatives on Saturday. The parents are remaining at his bedside. Their many friends are hopeful he will soon be able to return to his home here.

Orville Nichols was a business visitor in Ontario on Tuesday.

Verla Prescott and Bob DeArmond of Vale were week end guests at the Bruce Lofton home.

Fifteen Famous Women

The fifteen most famous women in history, it is believed, says Collier's Weekly, were: Queens Elizabeth and Anne of England, Mary Stuart of Scotland, Catherine of Russia, Maria Theresa of Hungary, Christina of Sweden, Cleopatra of Egypt, and Joan of Arc, Marie Antoinette, Josephine, George Sand, Catherine de' Medici, Madame de Staël, Madame de Sevigne and Madame de Maintenon of France.

OWYHEE

Twenty-eight school children represented Owyhee at the Music Festival held at Ontario Friday afternoon. Numbers were given by both the lower and upper grades. Mesdames Morfitt, Chas. Schweizer, Barker, Talbot and Hite took cars.

The McCurdy's sold their ranch to Mr. Boness and family and are moving to Victor, Idaho soon. The Boness have children in school.

Robert Barker, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barker had the misfortune to fall out of a moving car, driven by his mother, Friday afternoon. Although seriously injured he was able to be brought home Saturday evening, and is improving.

Mrs. Chas. Schweizer was an over night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowe Monday.

The Spokane papers announced this week that Mrs. Carl Quackenbush, formerly Marion Lowe, was a guest speaker at the dedication of a new part of Cheney Normal, now called Eastern Washington College of Education. The community is proud to hear of another honor bestowed on a former Owyhee school graduate.

Charles Schweizer reports good

water in the well drilled at his new homestead. They drilled 400 feet.

Mesdames Tom Lowe and Charles Schweizer attended the Book Club at the home of Mrs. Harvey Otis Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Silas Bigelow called on Mesdames Culbertson and Matlock last Wednesday.

Several Owyhee families enjoyed a sight seeing trip to the Owyhee Dam Sunday. Among them were the Ray and Claude Franklin, Chas. Culbertson, Chet Morfitt families, Mrs. Fred Klingback and children and several young people from the Mitchell home.

The summer round-up will be held at the school house Monday, April 26. Mothers are especially urged to bring pre-school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Koons have moved their trailer house to the Dimmick ranch. Mr. Koons is working for Neil Dimmick.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schweizer entertained with a bridge party Saturday evening. Those who won high score prizes were Mrs. Andrew Boersma and Russell Patton, consolation prizes went to Mrs. Grant Koons and Andrew Boersma.

Ellis Walters turned the water in Owyhee Ditch Tuesday.

Lyle Anderson, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. J. J. Kolen and family, left for Washington this week.

Peggy Schweizer visited friends in Nyssa this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jungquist of Wilder were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Bigelow.

Mrs. Lee Householder of Yellow Pine is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Low and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dimmick.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Flannagan of Wapato, Wash, spent last week end with their son Sidney Flanagan and

wife. Gerald and Verla DeBord and Mary Fretwell of Payette called at the Klingback home Sunday evening.

O. R. Hite has turned his residence over to his son Omar to manage this year. Omar has planted 15 acres of beets; the rest of the land is in alfalfa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Schneider who lives with the Hunt in Bondurant house, entered three children in school last week.

Pete Wilson and family visited relatives in Homedale Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Culbertson bought 100 baby chicks last week.

Sunday dinner guests at the Puetz home were Georgie Dennis, Fred Wayer, piano tuner, and his helper Mr. Glenn.

Mrs. Jane McGinnis had dinner Sunday with the Donald McGinnis family.

Patricia Marvin, who has been ill with pneumonia, will spend this week recuperating at the home of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. Corn.

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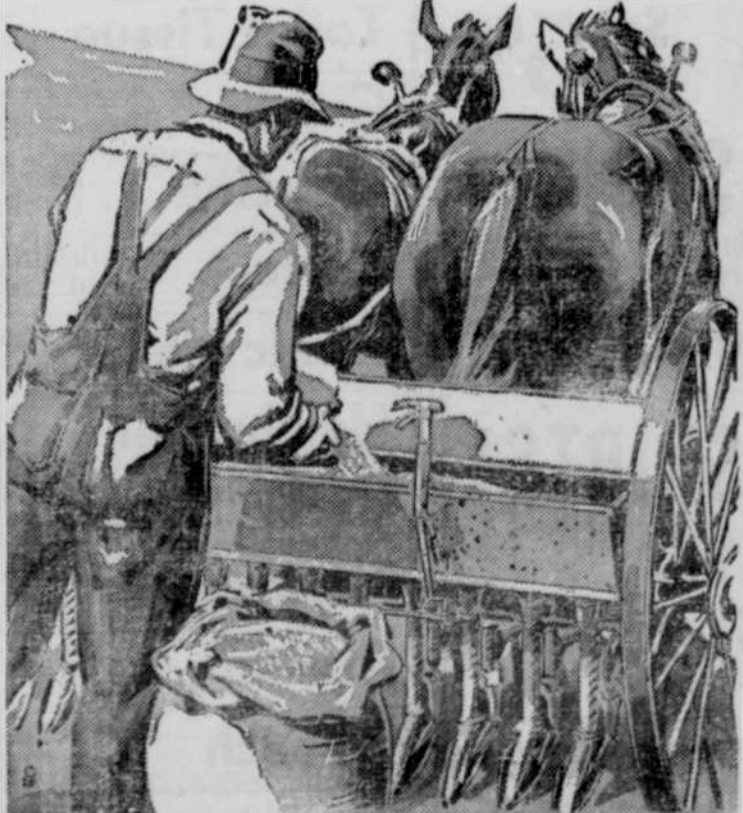
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