

Imported fire ants: Farmers and homeowners can feed them to death

Ants - imported fire ants, specifically - present a lethal danger at worst, a serious nuisance at best to 18 to 24 million homeowners and their families as well as to farmers and other landowners across the southern tier of the country from Florida to Texas.

Originally introduced into Alabama from South America, they are now considered the most harmful ant pest in North America.

They can kill family pets, newborn calves and even humans who may step on their mounds. At the very least, the swarming insects will inflict painful, burning bites that often cause allergic reactions and are prone to later infection.

Imported fire ants will burrow into think animal fur or crawl inside the tightest clothing to bite at unprotected flesh.

The prolific and voracious pest is capable of rendering infested rural, suburban and urban areas virtually unusable to normal activities.

Imported fire ants already infest lawns and gardens, parks and pastures, rangeland and croplands totalling over 230 million acres in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina and Texas.

They have occupied this vast area in just three human generations. And the menace is growing.

The ants breed while airborne and blow where the winds take them. Wherever a fertilized queen alights, a thriving colony soon emerges.

Mating flights occur in the summer months and the process is repeated, literally multiplying the problem.

latest reports on the only environmentally acceptable fire ant insecticide bait presently available. It feeds them to death, and has been shown in extensive testing to be 90% effective when applied as recommended.

Call AMDRO fire ant insecticide. It was developed in a 5-year research program by American Cyanamid Company scientists working with federal and state agricultural officials in the south.

The new insecticide is non-toxic to birds and other wildlife, and will not persist or leach in the soil.

Registration by the Environmental Protection Agency is limited to use on lawns, flower gardens, turf, pastures and other

non-agricultural lands. Registration for use on croplands, including home vegetable gardens, is expected this year.

AMDRO is a slow-acting insecticide bait that becomes part of the fire ant food chain. Worker ants are attracted to it, collect and distribute the bait throughout the colony. Eventually it reaches and

kills the queen and the colony dies out, usually within six to eight weeks.

A survey of consumers who used the material earlier this year recorded these results:

• 65% of respondents rated AMDRO to be 8 or higher on a scale of 1 to 10 (10 is excellent, 1 is poor).

• 75% said that the insecticide performed as well as or better than expected.

• 75% indicated that they would probably or definitely use the product again.

• AMDRO fire ant insecticide is available in 1- and 25-pound bags at garden centers, hardware and farm supply stores.

More registering early at Wharton; three weeks until deadline

Students have three more weeks to register early for the fall semester at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

Early registration ends Friday, August 6 although a two-day regular registration period has been scheduled August 24-25.

A total of 813 had registered through Friday, July 9 compared to 680 for the same period last year.

Early registration provides the advantage of a wider choice of class meeting times and a more

leisurely pace than during the two-day regular registration days in August.

Prospective students are urged to contact the Student Services Office now to obtain admission forms and other information including class schedules.

The Counseling Center is open weekdays for assistance in matters related to educational planning, vocational and occupational exploration, transferability of courses, self-appraisal, and social or personal

adjustment.

An appointment can be made with a WCJC counselor for aid in designing a suitable course of study and for advice on special courses, sequence of courses, etcetera.

Each beginning freshman under twenty-one years of age is required to participate in either the American College Testing Program or the College Entrance Examination Board Program. An ACT

Residual Test for students who plan to attend WCJC this fall is scheduled Wednesday, July 21 at 8 a.m. in Room 102 of the J. R. Peace Building. Testing fee is \$10. Test scores have no bearing upon admission to WCJC but provide information about the student which assists the counselor in assigning the appropriate class levels in English or mathematics and in providing personal counseling.

Other tests are available in the Counseling Center to students who wish to

utilize them in the exploration of vocational interests, special aptitudes, and personal problems. The test of General Education Development (GED) can be administered to adults and veterans who are admitted by individual approval.

Communications with regard to admission including requests for a free College Catalogue should be addressed to Student Services, Wharton County Junior College, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488. Phone (713) 532-4560, extension 312.

Tour Texas: July tour information

The following events, selected by Nancy Banister of the Texas Tourist Development Agency, are but a few of the many excellent recreational opportunities offered by communities across the state.

July 10-24: Lunar Rendezvous Festival, Clear Lake. Annual festival commemorating the first lunar landing and celebrating the good life in the Bay Area. Events begin on July 10 at 2 p.m. with a bottle of decorated boats parading on Clear Lake, carrying the 40 Rendezvous Princesses. Activities include a Las Vegas night, wine tasting, banquet and space run. Complete schedule: Kay A. Dubois, Clear Lake Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1201T NASA Road One, Houston 77058 (713-488-5022 or -7676).

July 16-18: Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree, Athens. It's not all pea cook-offs and fiddling in Athens (a tree-lined community of Victorian homes and gracious buildings), but on July 16-18, that's mostly what's going to be happening. If you've only ever put the black-eyes in a pot with fatback and onions, you've got a lot in store at this year's festival. A sampling from last year's cook-off: pea-males (with Massa Harina, of course), egg rolls (requiring oriental veggies plus jalapenos), and ice cream (marshmallows and chocolate make it rocky). And for more fun - there are beauty, pea shelling and watermelon eating contests; carnival; C&W concert (T. G. Sheppard and Gail Davies). Come on over to Athens, the Black-Eyed Pea Capitol of the World! Free schedule: Chamber of Com-

merce, Dept. T, Box 6083, Athens 75751 (214-675-5181).

July 16-18: Fourth Annual Great Texas Balloon Race, Longview. More than 40 balloonists from across the country will pit their skills in four races. Prizes totaling \$3,000 will go to winners of the Shopping Spree, More information from Mary LeTourneau, Longview Mall, 3500T McCann Road, Longview 75601 (214-753-4454).

July 16-18: Eighth Annual Outboard Fishing Tournament, Port Aransas. The only fishing event on the Texas Gulf Coast for

boats powered exclusively by outboard motors. First and second place trophies will be awarded for the largest fish of 19 varieties. Pre-registration by mail through July 12, \$25 per angler; registration in Port Arthur on July 16 and 17, \$30 per angler. For details, rules and registration, contact Chamber of Commerce, Box 5417, Port Aransas 78373 (512-749-5919).

July 17-19th Annual Night in Old Fredericksburg. Founded in May 1846 by settlers predominantly German, the town's historic landmarks and scenic beauty provide a charming

setting for the festival. Among the bands to perform will be the Tritonians, the Original Oompah, the Kin derchor, The Hi-Toppers and The Last Road to Texas. Washer, horseshoe pitching and chicken flying contests plus a lot of good food add to the enjoyment. Bring all the family. For more information: Chamber of Commerce, Box 506T, Fredericksburg 78624 (512-997-3444).

July 29-31: Bar None Rodeo, Plainview. For schedule of events, contact Jimmy Rhoderick, 1312T Holiday Dr., Plainview 79072 (806-293-2461).

The Austin Report

Alcohol, drug care as medical benefits

In recent years some brave individuals in the public eye-politicians, film stars, etc.-have individually come forward and stated that they are alcoholics or that they are drug addicts.

These public figures are only a few of the millions of brave people who have met the crisis of accepting themselves as drug dependent and who admit to their families, friends and co-workers that they have a problem and need help.

Acknowledgment is the first step towards recovery but recovery is never total; it requires a day-to-day commitment to resist dangerous, habit-forming drugs and intoxicants.

There are many who never make the first step or who make the first step and fail to keep their commitments.

The problems of drug and alcohol addiction are Autograph party set for Richmond author

An autograph party has been scheduled for Saturday for the author of a new book called "Historic-Romantic Richmond." It was written by Roberta Christensen, who bills the book as a "trip into the past."

The party will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fort Bend County Museum, 500 Houston St., Richmond.

Eagle Lake is mentioned in the book. A relative of the author was an agent for a railroad company here, and used a discarded rail car as an office and bedroom about 1859-60.

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Morales team wins tournament

The Eagle Lake team sponsored by Morales Painting won a softball tournament last weekend in Columbus. Here, Morris Morales, gives the trophy to his grandson Dwayne Lopez.

eligible for similar coverage under Medicare.

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News from the ASCS

According to Daniel C. Streckfuss, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Thursday, July 15, 1982 is the final date to report planted (spring) peanuts in Colorado County to the ASCS office in Columbus.

The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 eliminated allotment restrictions on peanuts but this committee feels that peanuts could be produced in areas where they were not previously produced and by producers not familiar with reporting requirements," added Streckfuss.

The law provides substantial penalties for any producer who fails to certify planted acres of peanuts.

July interest rate The Agri - Program Cryer notes the regular loan interest rate on 1981 and 1982 crop year commodity loans disbursed by the ASCS office during the July 1982 is 13.50 percent per annum subject to adjustment each succeeding January 1.

Conserving use acreage Streckfuss reminds that all farms participating in the 1982 program must maintain their conserving

use acreage, "C.U.A." "No grazing from April 1 to Sept. 30, 1982 and weeds must be controlled," he stated.

Commodity loans Producers that comply with the 1982 program provisions are eligible for price support loans. The 1982 crop loan rates for commodities stored in Colorado County are: rice, \$8.14 cwt.; corn, \$2.76 bu.; and grain sorghum, \$4.60 cwt.

The reserve program, according to Streckfuss, is open to 1982 crop corn and grain sorghum on participating farms.

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Melissa Hunt attending FHA meet in Georgia

Melissa Hunt, a senior at Columbus High School, is one of the 190 Texas delegates attending the 1982 Future Homemakers of America (FHA/HERO) National Youth Leadership Meeting, July 11-15, at Atlanta Hilton, Atlanta, Georgia. Representing more than 61,000 members of the Texas FHA Association, she is among approximately 2,000 delegates throughout the nation attending the four-day conference.

The theme of the meeting is "Operation Outreach: Move to Improve." Delegates will learn to improve their self image and reach out to others...to develop leadership skills for the future and know how for strengthening chapter action and the organization as a whole.

The Texas delegates will spend three days touring the World's Fair at the completion of the National Youth Leadership Meeting, before returning to Houston.

Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt of Columbus and her FHA adviser is Mrs. Sue Fariss.

Melissa will be serving as president of the Columbus High School FHA Chapter next year and parliamentary of the Area III chapters. She will serve as a Texas voting delegate at the National Meeting and will serve on the National Nominating Committee. She recently served on the State FHA nominating committee and has been a member of the State FHA Choir for two years.

The Tise reunion attendees are descendants of Jesse and Nettie Smith Tise. They both lived at Eagle Lake at the time of their deaths and are buried in Lakewood Cemetery at Eagle Lake.

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Mike and Nancy Tise Sageman of Chandler, Arizona travelled the farthest distance to attend. She is the daughter of Paula and Earl Tise, Jr. of Wimberly and a granddaughter of Rosalie Tise.

Family members in attendance were: Sammy, Barbara and Bertice Lee Tise of Sublime; Al and Kathy Tise Miska of Edna; Joe, Shirley, Carey Neal, Kim and Amy Tise of Speaks; Etta Mae Tise of Dayton; Charles Roy Tise, Jr. of Waco; Bobby Earl Tise of Sealy; Clarence, Andra and Johnny Tise and Kaci Warner of Baytown; Clarence and Nettie Tise Barfield of Cleveland; Roger and Gracie Tise Flatter and Carolyn Tise - Splendora; Charles Roy Tise, Sr. and Shelley of Garwood; and

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To keep this good work going, more people like you

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To find out more about what needs to be done, call your local welfare board. Call Columbus, 732-4231, for the Department of Human Resources.

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Some of the winners in the Eagle Lake Recreation Center Golf Tournament are: front row, from left, Ted Reese, Charlotte Reed, Marie Pinchback, Vicki Powers and Susie Peikert; back row, from left, are John Seaborn, Glen Sunderman, Brock Ashby, Mickey Kochwelp, Lonnie Sommerlatte, Dennis DeLaughter, Ernest "Beans" Frnka and Ernie Frnka.

Tise family reunion held in Sublime

The fifth annual Tise family reunion was held July 4th at the home of Sammy and Barbara Tise at Sublime.

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