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Brown Recluse Spider Blamed For Three Bitten

LEXINGTON—The brown recluse spider, a relatively dangerous pest from the poisonous nature of its bite, now is identified in 43 Kentucky counties.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thus far, the spider has been blamed by local doctors for bites received by three persons. On page 1 is a picture and description of the brown recluse spider.

It apparently is spreading eastward at a slow rate, says Dr. Rudy Scheibner, U. K. Cooperative Extension Service entomologist. When first noted in this state in 1965, it apparently was confined to five or six far-western counties.

Latest positive identification, Dr. Scheibner says, is Madison County. Closest "identification" counties are Martin or Taylor, he says. He is unable to account for this "jump" in counties, but there is a striking similarity among entomologists that many of the counties in Kentucky have the spider, but it has not been identified there yet.

Before a county is listed as positive for the brown recluse, a spider specimen from that county must have been

sent in and the spider positively identified by university or other entomologists. The brown recluse is a small, tan to chocolate colored spider that shuns light and is very shy. It likes dark drawers, cracks, dark closets and similar locations. Its bite can cause a breakdown of flesh in the bite area, as well as nausea and other symptoms. However, most cases have been reattributed to other causes.

When such cases were reported in Kentucky, or even in the U. S., until a national publicist told a story of a spider, many bites, undoubtedly from brown recluse, have occurred but were not always suspected or identified as coming from the brown recluse. Now that the danger of the spider's bite is better known, bite case records are increasing. An estimated 20 such cases have been reported in Kentucky in the last two years. None of these cases resulted in death of the victims, although deaths from this cause have been reported from several other states," Dr. Scheibner says.



4-H WINNERS of tobacco grading contest—left, David Darrell, 2nd place, right, Jeff Moore, 1st place.

Platt, Doyle Receive Top Awards Among Entries

James Platt received the cup for the best crop and Epoch Doyle the cup for the best handled crop at the 12th annual Nicholas County Tobacco Festival. They were the top awards among the eighty-eight entries made by Nicholas County tobacco growers. The first five places in each of the classes were: Class A—Fitzgerald, Mary, 1st; Platt, 2nd; James Platt, 3rd; Jack Tincher, 4th; Eugene Shannon, 5th; George House, Class B—Lugs, 1st; Larry Tincher, 2nd; Jack Tincher, 3rd; Mary E. Platt, 4th; Mrs. Edgar Scott, 5th; James Platt, Class C—Bright Leader, Bill Wase, 2nd; George House, 3rd; Mary E. Platt, 4th; James Platt, 5th; Joe H. Delaney, Class D—Red Leaf, Larry Tincher, 2nd; George House, 3rd; Epoch Doyle, 4th; Bill Wasson, 5th; Joe H. Delaney, Class E—Tops, 1st; Bill Delaney, 2nd; Epoch Doyle, 3rd; James Platt, 4th; Mary E. Platt, 5th; Glenn Booth, Best Crop—James Platt; Best Handled Crop—Epoch Doyle.

The first Miss Nicholas County Tobacco Festival Queen Contest was held during the tobacco festival. Contestants who competed for the title were Martha Gilbert, Mary Dunn, Alice Tapp, Elaine Schandling, and Kay Hughes. These girls were all senior FHA members.

Early in the afternoon the girls were honored at a tea where they met the judges and members of the tobacco committee. A parade followed in the evening, which ended at the armory. Attendants for the girls were Misses Barbara Wood, Anderson, Sandra Caswell, Margaret Ellen Duncan, Martha Mattox and Shelia Nichols.

One of the featured events of the tobacco festival was the Youth Grading Contest. Ten boys, representing 4-H and FHA, matched their grading skills with those of a federal grader. The high scores made by the participants indicated that they have a good understanding of tobacco grading.



Newly elected officers of the county's 4-H Club met Monday night for a training session. Each officer studied the duties of his own office and how to carry them out. They also studied duties of the other officers so that all the officers of a club can work together in conducting an effective and efficient meeting.

Council Votes To Borrow Funds To Pay-Off Fire Truck Debt

City Council voted Tuesday night to borrow \$9,000, or 3 months to pay the remainder owed on the fire truck. The rest of the \$16,000 (\$7,000) is available from sticker sales. Previously over \$3,000 was paid on the fire truck out of \$21,000.

On a motion by Charles Wilson, council agreed to set up a "work-in-the-community" committee consisting of the city clerk, mayor, city attorney, heads of departments. A call meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14, to do this and Wilson was appointed chairman.

A proposed occupational tax ordinance was read by the city attorney, Joseph P. Conley, which had been discussed at length at two previous special meetings. Council agreed to delay a decision on the ordinance until a budget has been worked out. The tax would be used for street repairs.

The majority of business and professional men would pay a fixed tax of \$25, under the proposed ordinance. Ex-



MISS ELAINE SCHANDLING was chosen as Miss Nicholas County Tobacco Festival and was presented flowers, trophy and a crown. Miss Mary Dunn was chosen as first runner-up.

ample of \$100 leaves—the highest—are magazine as a lesson in recycling school projects, general contractors, and post-holes.

A permit was granted to Joe F. Conley to do his job on his house.

Council voted to apply for the "solid waste disposal" license required by the Ky. Public Health Dept. before Dec. 15.

Gene Kelley will attend the water and sewage school in Lexington as a representative of the city.

An extension telephone will be installed at the water plant as requested by Oliver Veeh. Also, the shaft in 192 pump at the water plant will be repaired as needed.

Moore At Georgetown
Georgetown—One student from Nicholas County is enrolled at Georgetown College for its 140th session, announced Registrar Mrs. Dorothy DeMossy. He is David Lynn Moore.

National Diabetes Week Nov. 17-23

The major objective of diabetes screening program is to find undiagnosed diabetics.

To help 1500 Kentuckians estimated 25,000 hidden diabetics, the Nicholas County Health Center will be doing free testing by using the Capillary Blood Specimens. (A simple blood test) which will not be required with this test.

The diabetic who is not found early and not treated is subject to severe complications. Today diabetes is the leading cause of blindness and seventh leading cause of death. All people over 40 years of age and all over weight people are urged to take advantage of this free service.

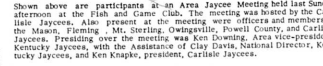
Contact your family physician, your local hospital or the Nicholas County Health Center for a free diabetic test from Nov. 18 thru the 22.

Jaycee Turkey Party Nov. 23, 7:30 P.M.

The Carlisle Jaycee's annual Turkey Party will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., at the Carlisle Armory. Everyone attend for an evening of fun. Admission will be \$1.00.

State Security Office Moves

The State Security Office in Lexington, Kentucky, formerly located at 950 Winchester Road is now located at Room 338, Babbas Building, 1500 Leasown Road, Lexington, Kentucky. This Office will be open for business at the new address on November 12.



Shown above are participants at an Area Jaycee Meeting held last Sunday afternoon at the High and Crane Club. The meeting was hosted by the Carlisle Jaycees. Also present at the meeting were officers and members of the Mason, Fleming, Mr. Sterling Owingville, Powell County, and Carlisle Jaycees. Presiding over the meeting was Ken Downing, Area vice-president, Kentucky Jaycees, and Ken Knapp, president, Carlisle Jaycees.

Local Population Tons Heavier Report Says

(Special to the Mercury)

NEW YORK, N. Y.—What the average Nicholas County resident should weigh for proper health, and what he does weigh are two quite different things, it appears.

Under the standards recommended by medical authorities, the local population is tons overweight. It has been accumulating much of the extra pounds during the last decade or two, the problem is a general one. Estimates place the number of Americans who are overweight at about 60 million, or one out of every five persons.

That is, the average man is taking pills for medical treatments, for special foods and the like in their quest for slimmer, seems to more than 270 million. It is estimated.

On the basis of national studies on obesity, conducted by the Public Health Service, the Department of Agriculture and others, the average man in Nicholas County weighs 140 to 145 at about five pounds more than his father did at his age. Assumed is that the national rate of change applies locally.

What it adds up to is that for the 1800 males in the local area over age 21, is some 4,000 additional pounds of around 4.5 tons.

As to the women, they have been putting on weight, also, but not to the same extent. Because they are more concerned with clothes and fashions than men are, when style dictates the slender look they proceed to diet and reduce.

Despite their greater concern with weight, they are about four pounds heavier, on average, than their mothers were at their age.

For the 1,800 women in Nicholas County over 21, the overall increase amounts to 7,500 pounds.

The statistics show that women in the 18 to 24 bracket have gone from 112 to 117 in the last 20 years and that between 25 and 34 have gone from 127 to 134.

Between 35 and 44 the change has been from 138 to 142 and, for those between 45 and 54, from 143 to 150. Only in the 45 to 54 group has there been a drop—2 pounds.

The best way is a person to do about his weight? The experts maintain that the proper level is to keep up physical activity and to make a permanent change in eating habits.

Christmas Seals Mailed This Week

The local Nicholas County TB Association has mailed the annual tuberculosis seals to various people in the county. All persons who are interested in this worthy cause are urged to place their contributions in the addressed pre-stamped envelopes that have been mailed with the seals. There was not sufficient time to send a letter along with the seals this year, but Charles M. Cox, chairman of this annual drive, has asked us to carry this story and to thank the people for their support of this program during the last 20 years. We recognize this worthy undertaking and are glad to carry this announcement of the sending of the seals to the public.

Contributions for the seal's help finance the fight against tuberculosis, employees and other respiratory diseases, according to Ray Harm, Kentucky's campaign chairman.



SAN ANTONIO—Alrman Robert L. Terrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Terrell of Hartsville Road, R. R. 3, Carlisle, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Chatham AFB, Ill. for specialized schooling in the field of civil engineering. Alrman Terrell is a graduate of Nicholas County High School.

Oct. Police Report

Public Drunk 8, No operators license 1, Reckless Driving 2, Breaking and Entering 1, Drunk Driving 1, Total Fine \$242.00, Meter deposits \$418.37, Total amount \$660.37.



JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL PLAYERS ARE: Front row (left to right) Charlie Cudgill, Kenneth Smoot, Sam Wilson, Donnie Bromberg, Jackie Bromberg, Larry Minton, Paul Harwick, Raymond Compton, Second row—Fred Blair, Wayne Wilcoxson, Kurt Kelly, Floyd Willis, Norvell Garrett, Billy Allison, Rudy Holzer, Bruce Palmer, Sam Cameron, Third row—Tommy Darrell, John Soper, Sidney Anderson, Dennis Smith, Elsie Price, Eddie Ellington, Darrell Snapp, Doug Fryman, Dennis Berry, Eddie Craycraft.

