

Nineteen Year Battle Against Gypsy Moth Ends In Eradication

State Secretary of Agriculture Miles Horst Wednesday wrote "finis" to a 19-year victorious warfare against one of the most damaging insect pests ever known in Pennsylvania. He signed an order lifting "Gypsy Moth Quarantine No. 24" and its various supplements, thereby declaring the State to be entirely free of a pest that had cost State and Federal governments more than \$12,000,000 to eradicate.

"The job is completed—there are no more gypsy moth caterpillars in Pennsylvania to defoliate our farm and forest trees and plants," the Secretary declared. "Very light spraying of DDT from airplanes on 250,000 acres, starting with an experiment in 1944, did the trick, along with wonderful cooperation from all workers on the job."

Today's order becomes effective June 1 when the ban against movement of any materials that might harbor eggs of the pest will be lifted in Lackawanna and Luzerne and parts of adjacent counties, also an isolated infestation found at Quakertown, Bucks County, in 1949 and wiped out that year with DDT. How the gypsy moth originally came into Luzerne county in 1932 is still a mystery, Secretary Horst declared. It turned up in Massachusetts from Europe more than 60 years ago and in one year—1945—was responsible for eating all foliage from 1,500,000 acres of forest trees in that state. Pennsylvania was faced with similar destructive tactics.

For 14 years the pest was kept from spreading outside the 650-square-mile Pennsylvania area through laborious spraying from the ground, using mile-long stretches of rubber hose. Airplanes and DDT, then doomed the pest. Even the entire cities of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Pittston were sprayed in the campaign. Eradication was supervised by the State Bureau of Plant Industry and Federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.

Secretary Horst tells the story of a control supervisor who offered a dollar from his own pocket for every live gypsy moth caterpillar found in a DDT-sprayed area. "That was in 1944," he said. "To this day that man has never had to pay out a single dollar. Eradication has been 100 per cent complete."

Pike's Creek

Mrs. M. C. Frick is a patient at Nesbitt Hospital.

Thomas Swire spent the weekend at Town Hill with his father and grandparents.

Mrs. Clyde Lord is a patient at General Hospital.

Patsy Ann Swire, third grade student at Lake Township High School is a patient at Nesbitt Hospital.

Mrs. Isaac Swire and daughter, Patsy attended the Mother-Daughter banquet at the Huntsville Christian Church Friday night.

Diane Swire is ill at her home with tonsillitis.

Farmers Have Good Work Week

Temperatures Average Normal

Pennsylvania weather and crop summary issued by the United States and Pennsylvania Departments of Agriculture for the week ending Tuesday, May 15, reveals:

Another good work week, permitting rapid advancement of plowing and planting. The beneficial rains of May 11 stopped field work for a day or two, but conditions soon favored resumption. Temperatures averaging 2 degrees below normal, and in the east inadequate rainfall, slowed growth of vegetation. Temperatures ranged from a high of 84 degrees at Williamsport on May 9 to 27 degrees at Phillipsburg on May 14. Hailstones as big as eggs and golf balls fell in the Uniontown and Derry areas on the 11th and damaged roofs, windows, fruit trees and crops. Scattered frost was recorded on morning of 14th.

Planting of corn progressed rapidly in southern and central sections as farmers worked long hours to take advantage of good weather. Plowing for corn is continuing in northern areas where planting is just getting started. Winter grains made moderate growth. Most wheat fields are spotty and some stands too thin for a good crop. Barley and rye in the southeast are heading. Seeding of oats is nearing completion in the southeast, but much in northern tier counties remains to go in. Many fields of oats are up and growing nicely.

Earliest plantings of potatoes made satisfactory growth, but many stands are not up. Planting of late varieties in southern and central counties is well advanced and just starting in the north. The cool weather slowed growth of tobacco plants in seed beds. Alfalfa, clover and timothy made fair to good growth, but stands generally are somewhat short. Most pasture fields are firm. Grazing of cattle is becoming general.

Spraying of fruit trees progressed on schedule. Apples in central counties are in bloom, while trees in the south have set fruit. Fruit prospects in the southeast are bright as danger of freezing is almost past. Grapes in the southeast are budding.

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New Equipment

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News of the Churches

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Sacrament of the Altar will be administered at both the 8:30 AM Service and the 11:00 AM service. This day is the Festival of the Holy Trinity and the pastor will have a brief meditation in keeping with the thought for the day. Rev. Frederick W. Moock, Jr. will preach on the theme "We Cannot Bargain with God."

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. We have classes for all ages.

7:00 P. M.—Luther League. Barbara Malkemes will present a topic for discussion for the Young People. All teen agers are cordially invited.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the 204th Annual Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States will convene at Reading. St. Paul's Church will be represented by its pastor. A summary of this convention will be given to the congregation on May 27.

FREE METHODIST

Rev. and Mrs. Howard D. Rose are conducting services in the Trucksville Methodist Church every night this week including Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Rose is Eastern Regional Director of Young People's Groups for the Free Methodist Church.

This evening Friday at 5:45 a dinner for families and friends will be served in the Trucksville Fire Hall.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Rose will speak at the Dallas Free Methodist Church and at 7:45 p. m. in the Trucksville Church.

SHAVERTOWN METHODIST

Sunday services: Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11 A. M. with Atty. Enoch Thomas guest speaker; M. Y. F. 6:30.

DALLAS METHODIST

Sunday—10:00 Sunday School with classes for all ages above three years. Children use closely

Lehman and Carverton Troops Win Awards

Lehman Senior Girl Scout Troop, 38, won the cup for the Juliette Lowe Friendship Fund container for the second successive year at the big Girl Scout Rally in the Kingston Armory on Saturday. One more successful entry, and the cup is the troop's to keep. The container, a miniature showcase fronted with plastic, carried out the theme of a Bridge Across the Sea by showing the continents and the ocean arched by a rainbow with a pot of gold at its foot.

Carverton Brownies won the Brownie award with an entry showing land and sea developed in real earth and blue paper water with scalloped white waves, and a bridge.

"Dreams Come True" Tonight At School

The big event of the year for Dallas Borough elementary grades comes tonight with presentation of the colorful operetta, "The Land of Dreams Come True".

Every child from the first grade to the sixth is included in the cast, chorus or rhythm band, and all will be in costume. The six teachers of the elementary grades have drilled the children, designed the costumes, rehearsed the rhythm band, and arranged for posters and publicity. Mothers have cooperated in making costumes.

Small fry have been selling tickets from door to door, but those who may have been neglected may buy tickets at the school.

29th Anniversary For The Wroblewskis

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wroblewski, Center Hill road, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary last night with a family dinner. Guests were their daughter Josephine, Mrs. Frank Matenis, Swoyerville, and Joe, a tenth grade student at Dallas Township high school. A second daughter, Mrs. John Zolnierowicz, of Buffalo, N. Y. was unable to join the family, and Stanley Junior was on duty at Fort Dix.

graded materials. 11:00 Morning Worship. This is Trinity Sunday in the Church calendar. The minister will continue the post-Easter series of sermons on the theme, "The Great Texts of the Bible". Special music will be presented by the choir.

Monday—7:00 Regular meeting of Scout troop 281 in the Social Rooms. Boys interested in Scouting are invited to attend.

Tuesday—4:00 Intermediate Girl Scouts and Brownies meet in the Social Rooms. 8:00 The Board of Education will meet at the Church.

Wednesday—6:15 All-church recreational evening. We shall play soft ball at the Dallas Township

Field. Anyone twelve years of age and above is invited. Program is sponsored by our Committee on Social and Recreational Life. 6:30 Rally of Dallas Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowships in Carverton Methodist Church. Those attending are to bring a picnic lunch.

Thursday—4:00 Junior Choir rehearsal; 8:00 Senior Choir rehearsal.

Friday—8:00 The Durbin Class will have its monthly meeting.

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