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Termites Swarm On Schedule; Preventive Measures Are Told

(Written especially for the Torrance Herald by Herbert S. Summers, assistant city engineer.)

"What were all these little bugs flying around here last week?" "I dunno—by golly, they looked like ants—flying ants. That's what they were."

Such conversations were common here Monday and Tuesday. However, the conclusions about the "little bugs" were in error. Those insects were swarming termites of the genus Reticulitermes, commonly known as the subterranean termites, arriving in great numbers and right on schedule. Here is a quotation from a circular of the University of California, College of Agriculture, which appeared recently on the subject of termites:

Pairs Start New Colonies
"Once or twice a year the winged termites within the colony revert to the ancestral free-living, flying habits, become light-seeking and swarm from openings made by workers and guarded by soldiers. These winged termites fly a short distance, drop to the ground, assort in pairs, break off their wings at a preformed suture and revert to the light fleeing, cryptobiotic habit characteristic of termites. Each of these pairs, now king and queen, is capable of starting a new colony. The swarming of the subterranean termites of the genus Reticulitermes occurs in the middle of the day between 9 and 3 o'clock on the first clear day after the first rain in autumn, less variable in the spring. These male and female subterranean termites are jet black with six wings and are commonly mistaken for 'flying ants'."

The termites are biologically interesting. I will therefore sketch a picture of a colony before mentioning ways of killing them.

Wood Is Food For Termites
"Like ants, termites are social. They have social castes including workers, producers, soldiers and soldiers. They all live together in subterranean runways in the ground and in wood, entirely isolated from light and from other forms of insect life. I repeat, they live in the ground and in wood. Termites' food is wood; they require considerable moisture, obtainable only from the ground, therefore there is invariably found in a termite colony, a runway connecting the infested wood with the ground."

When it becomes necessary for the colony to branch out to seek more wood, or being in wood, to find a new source of moisture in the earth, they build tubes and runways of earth, mud, chewed bits of wood and excretory material.

The king and queen I mentioned before, start their underground life first in the ground when the queen lays many thousands of eggs. Then they tunnel in all directions until they find a crack in your concrete foundation wall, or between the studs and foundation of your house. This accomplished, then the termites build runways upward in search of wood. Sometimes they will build straight up a foot or more in dark places.

Preventive Measures
The damage to homes is too well known to need analysis here. Most of the remedies for termites are palliative and preventive. One habit of termites is the constant grooming or licking of each other. If, therefore, the insect is dusted with white arsenic, a violent poison, a hundred others will be killed within a day. Hence when infested timber can be treated by drilling a hole every foot or more and injecting a termite powder and a pump. For a complete remedy, the timbers injected with a pump, for a complete remedy, the timbers injected should be torn out and burned.

It has been found that sprays are not effective because they only cover the surface of infested wood. The termites never penetrate the surface at a protected spot. The only permanent remedy for a building infested with termites is to remove all "infected members" and replace them—being careful to burn all such wood—and re-building in a way to prevent re-infestation.

Removed Surface Wood
The preventive measures are three-fold: First, buildings must be constructed with no wood in contact with, or close to the earth, remembering that one little forgotten stick in a doorway is sufficient to let in a horde of the

Surf Pounds Freighter Where 29 Missed Death



Lomita Girl To Wed Local Man

LOMITA.—The marriage of Miss Helen Elizabeth Grant, daughter of Mrs. P. M. G. Grant of Visalia, and Fred McElvin Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Powell of Torrance, will take place Saturday night at 8 p. m. at the Community Presbyterian church, Rev. Louis Tinning officiating. Miss Grant will be attended by Miss Teresa Tate and Eric Grant, brother of the bride will be best man.

The bride is a graduate of Narbonne with the class of 1930. Mr. Powell is employed at the Torrance Elementary school and the young couple will reside in Torrance.

Girls "Playday" Scores Reported

LOMITA.—Scores for the G. A. A. playday Tuesday were as follows: Narbonne tied Gardena in hockey, 1 to 1; Gardena defeated the San Pedro seniors in basketball, 21 to 20; San Pedro's second team defeated Torrance, 17 to 10; Narbonne defeated Torrance first team, 26 to 21; Gardena defeated Torrance in volleyball, 42 to 16; Narbonne defeated San Pedro two games out of three at volleyball; Torrance defeated Narbonne in horseshoes, two games out of three; Gardena defeated San Pedro in horseshoes; Gardena took honors in handball and Torrance and San Pedro won honors in archery. Narbonne defeated San Pedro in tennis, Virginia Schock and Betty Myerscough representing Narbonne. Gardena won over Torrance.

Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed after the games and December 2 set as the date for Torrance G. A. A. playday.

ALL-STARS WIN

LOMITA.—Joe Brown's All-Stars proved too much for Lomita Sunday day due to numerous errors on the part of local players, the final score being 10 to 7. The game on the short end. Sunday the Los Angeles Commercial Travelers play here.

PLAN WHITER WHITE LINE ON ROADS

SACRAMENTO.—(U.P.)—A little white line shall guide them. And for the benefit of motorists traveling over California highways, the research laboratory of the state highway department is determined it shall be the best white line possible. The state annually spends approximately \$70,000 to lay the guiding white traffic stripes upon its highways, and it is estimated that scores of lives and thousands of dollars are saved by means of them.

Recognizing the already great value of the stripe, the department is pioneering a move to make this safety feature the most efficient for night driving, one that will return to the driver's eyes the greatest percentage of his own headlight rays.

Kidney Acidity Breaks Sleep

If you feel old and run-down from getting up nights, backache, leg pains, stiffness, nervousness, circles under eyes, headaches, burning and bladder weakness, caused by kidney acidity, I want you to quit suffering right now. Come in and see what I think is the greatest medicine I have ever found. It often gives big improvement in 24 hours. Just ask me for Cystex (Sis-tex). It's only 75c and I guarantee it to quickly combat these conditions and satisfy completely, or return empty package and get your money back. Dolley Drug Co., Torrance

LOMITA Briefs

LOMITA.—There will be a meeting of the executive board of the Lomita Community Relief tonight. A quantity of food has been arranged for emergency calls.

The Odd Fellows will confer the second degree Tuesday night.

Everybody is welcomed at the Knights of Pythias dance and card party Monday evening at Odd Fellows hall.

The V. F. W. Auxiliary will hold a card party Monday night.

Torrance Bethel Job's Daughters will visit the Amaranths Thursday night and demonstrate their work for the Amaranths and the Masons.

Wednesday afternoon has been designated as Traffic day in the justice court. Under a new order traffic violations and other misdemeanors must be tried in the township where they occur.

Dripping Honey Revealed Bees
WOODBURN, Ore. (U.P.)—When honey began dripping through a stovepipe hole into her clean kitchen floor, Mrs. Howard Nelson "smoked out" the bees, which were laying up a winter supply of honey in the chimney.

Russian Sowing Report Made
LONDON. (U.P.)—Fifty-five million acres have been sown to spring wheat in Russia up to June 1, according to reports received by the British Ministry of Agriculture. Operations are reported to be backward in Siberia.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ill-fated McCormick freighter, Muntion, tossed on the sharp rocks of Point Reyes, 50 miles north of San Francisco, when a sudden fog confused the navigators and sent the ship full speed ahead to its doom. Twenty-six members of the crew escaped through the breakers in a small boat, to be rescued by two coast guard cutters and the Point Reyes lighthouse crew. The captain and two officers stuck by the sinking ship until taken ashore. The Muntion and its cargo of sugar and radios were a total loss.

Lomita Pair's 15th Anniversary Party

LOMITA.—Saturday was the fifteenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kurtz of Eshelman street and the event was fittingly celebrated at a party and dance given by them to about 60 friends at Odd Fellows hall Saturday night. Music was furnished by the orchestra from the U. S. S. Texas and a buffet supper was served. A number of gifts of glassware were received by Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz from their friends who came from a number of surrounding cities.

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Positive Proof of FORD ECONOMY

City of Detroit purchases 137 new Ford cars. Hundreds now in use prove low cost of operation

THESE 137 new Ford cars represent one of the largest deliveries ever made to a municipality at one time.

21 radio-equipped Ford scout cars were traded in on this purchase. They had been operated day and night for two years in heavy traffic and all kinds of weather.

Their individual records ranged from 78,434 miles to 143,723 miles with a grand total of 2,283,097 miles. The operating cost of the 21 cars was 2.284 cents a mile—less than 2 1/3 cents. This cost included all fuel, oil, tires, repairs and every other item except depreciation and insurance.

Of 577 Ford cars in Detroit City service, the 300 in the Police Department traveled a total of 6,591,937 miles during the past fiscal year, at an average cost of 2.9 cents a mile.

Many claims have been made on operating costs, but here in the carefully kept motor car records of the City of Detroit is positive proof of Ford economy.

In the paragraphs above, it is seen that 21 Ford scout cars averaged less than 2 1/3

cents a mile and 300 Ford cars in all branches of Detroit police work averaged 2.9 cents a mile!

Day and night, twenty-four hours a day, these Ford cars are in operation. Few branches of transportation demand such grueling service. The records show that low fuel and oil consumption is but one of the Ford's many economies. Ford materials, simplicity of design and accuracy in manufacturing provide unusual strength, stamina and freedom from replacements and repairs.

The individual car buyer as well as the purchasing department of a city or business cannot afford to ignore the proved economy of the Ford car.

FIFTEEN DIFFERENT BODY TYPES \$430 to \$640

(F. O. B. Detroit, plus freight and delivery. Bumpers and spare tire extra at low cost. Easy time payments can be arranged through your Ford dealer.)



CAST-TWO SHOPPERS SCENE—BUSINESS SECTION TIME—THREE-THIRTY P. M. DATE—DECEMBER 24, 1931 TITLE—

"WHY WAIT"

THEY were the kind of people who did everything tomorrow. They let their Christmas shopping go until the next to last minute. Then they shopped without plan or forethought. They ended with a few ill-chosen, over-expensive gifts, and a couple of nervous breakdowns.

YOU're not that kind. YOU'll shop early. YOU'll know what you want, and where you can buy it at the lowest price. Because YOU'll do most of your shopping right at home with the Torrance Herald. YOU'll read all the ads. YOU'll be an authority on what's what.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY—BUT SHOP FIRST IN

The Torrance Herald

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