

Points East

By:
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If I turned down the bed covers and found my sheets covered with tent caterpillars, I would not be surprised. In fact, I sort of expect to find just that in an hour or so when I turn in.

They were on my truck seat when I went to work this morning. Not just one or two mind you, but a dozen or more and I had my windows rolled up tightly. I guess they came in through the vents. I know that they are crawling through the dust work at my house cause I saw one do it not more than thirty minutes ago.

Thank heaven, they don't bite or sting. At least the one I squashed on the toilet seat last night didn't cause me any pain, but I did utter more than one four letter word. And if any of my neighbors were awakened about 2:00 a.m. Monday morning by the fit I threw, you now know why and please be advised that I didn't hurt anyone in the house.

It's at the point now that I turn on every light in the house when I get up to do my business at night. Stepping on one barefoot probably isn't as bad as squashing one with your rear end, but I don't want to be the person who proves that.

I knew they were going to bad. A few weeks back I drove up to Hazard and the trees along side the highway were covered with those little spider webby looking nests. But I figured that the birds would just get fat on them. Now I'm wondering if a bird will even eat the thing.

There's a huge water maple tree in my front yard covered with them and it's a haven for several different kinds

of birds. Watched for nearly an hour last Sunday evening and I never once saw a bird eat a caterpillar. On the other hand they will eat them to be bothered by them.

Fish will eat them too. In fact, I was over at Owlsey Fork Reservoir fishing Sunday and every time the wind blew some caterpillars would fall into the water. The fish would strike them right up and they wouldn't bite anything else. That was before I discovered that they didn't sting so I never even occurred to me to try to put one into a fish hook. Now that I've seen what a mess they make when you bust them open, I still don't know whether I'd use one for bait or not.

I hate to spray/kill on fruit trees and roses that will kill the bees but this evening I did decide that if I didn't the bees were going to starve to death

anyway because these things are eating everything in my yard.

If you've come up with a less harmful way to cope with them, please write a letter to the editor or let me know and we'll make you famous right here in the paper. But don't be a fool of yourself by suggesting that I get out there and mash them even if rubber gloves are part of the solution.

In the meantime, liquid Seven will knock them down and another spray called Spectracide BugStop is already on order.

I hear that they turn into a white looking moth a little later on, but what I'd like to know is how the mess all the moths that laid the eggs to produce this hatch if all of these turn

into flying insects they'll block out the sun. This may be a plague brought upon us by the state General Assembly's promise at Godliness Who knows?

I've also been advised that you can get that tape that is sticky on both sides and put it around your doors to stop them from getting into the house. They're already in my house, but you can still get your bottom dollar

that I'm going to get a roll of that stuff tomorrow morning and wrap four or five boxes of it around my commode. I may wind up sleeping with them, but I never want to sit down bare-bottomed on another tent caterpillar. And I'll be any amount of money that you will not be so amused if it happens to you.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I do not know. When I attended high school, general science perhaps over 40 years ago, I believe I was taught that when electricity flows through O_2 oxygen gas in the atmosphere, that the O_2 oxygen gas is changed into O_3 ozone gas and this lightning is discharged through O_2 oxygen gas in the atmosphere, it produces an O_3 ozone gas layer high in the atmosphere which absorbs the ultra violet radiation which flows from the sun without which life on the surface of the planet Earth may be groups of crispy critters, just from the ultra violet radiation which comes from the sun?

But in World War II perhaps the U.S. government put out wide public warnings from the U.S. Military that research had found that the respiratory intake of O_3 ozone gas at ground level presents a serious health hazard?

I believe the transmission of radio frequency electrical energy from radar units through atmosphere produced O_3 ozone gas near the transmitter at ground level which was a serious health risk to personnel near the transmitter who may respire the O_3 ozone gas at or near ground level and when cellular telephone where first introduced they carried the same U.S. Government Public Health Warning. Although now, perhaps the electronics industry may think the risk is not that great to merit wide public warnings.

Perhaps the major problem with cellular telephones are not the micro wave electrical energy they transmit, but when it flows through O_2 oxygen gas it produces O_3 ozone gas, at ground level for the public user to respire?

Wesley Clay Brooks
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

The Project Graduation Committee appreciates the wonderful support from businesses, churches, parents, community and individuals in the success of project graduation. It is a traditional celebration that we hope to carry on for the seniors of RCHS. The Class of 2000 seniors thank you for everything and we wish to acknowledge loving for their contributions.

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Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



May Day

When I was a bit younger, say about 70 years ago, and I was in my prime, I lived in Decatur, Illinois, for awhile as companion to the daughter of our Pastor, Charlie Harrison and wife until they got settled into their new surroundings and being the Pastor of the local "Church of the Nazarene" in Decatur.

Decatur, was located in the center of the state known as the "Great Plains." I remember the trip as being an endless expanse of fields of corn and what I later found out was soybeans. This was before my days on the farm and I didn't know, nor cared to learn, the difference of what was growing on these miles and miles of green fields surrounding us. My real interest, if I remember correctly, was what awaited the end of these tiring miles of endless flat land with nearly a tree in sight.

I had never seen the mid west before and I, like the fellow I was told about and when saw the mountains in the distance thought they were storm clouds and they had better run for cover. So I also was fooled by the vastness and thought the vision ahead must surely be the ocean. That country was FLAT.

By evicting though, the scene changed and we were in the beautiful city of Decatur. The streets were wide and one could see all the way through town till the far side vanished into the night. Yes, I missed the mountains, you see, Cincinnati was built on seven hills and before living there I lived in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. So being able to see for miles without the obstruction of a tree covered hillside took some getting used to. But I quickly fell in love with it. I was greeted at church as one of the new pastor's family and soon

had an active part in it. I was one of the group of young people dedicated to living for Christ but enjoying life to its fullest while doing so. This was during the depression, but the lack of money didn't interfere with our activities. Many times we stress what money can do and forget the joy of doing things that don't require it.

This was an active church with a well mixed staff and congregation and something was always going on. The one occasion I remember so vividly was May Day. For the young people were busy getting things ready for the big celebration that took place on the first day of May. Finally the day arrived and the excitement began at daybreak. I had been told about a hill a few miles from town that was used for this special day. We would leave town just before daybreak and arrive in time to climb the hill and see the sun rise as it appeared on the horizon. The leader, an older brother to two of the girls I buddied with, had left earlier and was already there with a fire ball and the smell of bacon and coffee filled the clear morning air.

When we reached our destination and I saw the hill we were to climb and everyone was so proud of, I couldn't believe they really called this a hill. To me it was a few feet high and covered with small trees scattered about that gave it the appearance of height. But to them it was a hill worthy of climbing to its top and celebrating May Day with a break-fast cooked on an open fire and songs of praise from the mouths of young people floating over the fields beyond. That was my first and last celebration of May Day in Illinois where young people stood at the top of their world and greeted the sun as it arose with a song of praise. But it was one I remembered as one of my happiest days in Decatur, Illinois.

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