

Small, Powerful Fire Ant Continues Its Texas March

The imported fire ant, small in size but packing a powerful sting, is continuing its march through Texas.

And as infestations are discovered, quarantines are being imposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in an attempt to contain the fiery pests and to treat infested areas.

Five new counties were recently placed under federal quarantine—Nueces, Smith, Trinity, Victoria and Walker. Other counties under state or federal quarantine include Angelina, Austin, Bexar, Brazoria, Chambers, Collin, Colorado, Dallas, Denton, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Tarrant, Tyler, Waller and Wharton.

Officials of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are treating infested areas as well as materials that might harbor fire ants and thereby be transported into uninfested locations. Nurserymen, soil-moving equipment contractors and many others are cooperating in the effort.

The quarantine is designed to prevent the ants from spreading long distances by restricting the movement of articles that might harbor them, says Reed Green, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

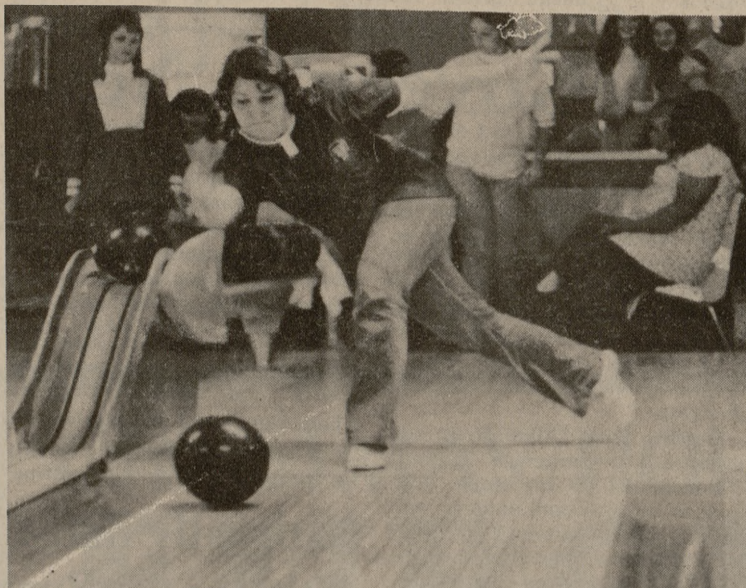
Regulated articles include soil, plants with roots, grass sod, hay and straw, logs and wood, and used soil-moving equipment. These items cannot legally be transported from infested to uninfested areas until they have been inspected, treated if necessary, and certified to be "pest

free" by a federal or state inspector, notes the A&M specialist.

Green points out that fire ants are a nuisance in both rural and urban areas. Invasion by the imported fire ant into lawns, pastures, hay meadows, parks, schoolyards and recreational areas is annoying and causes unsightly damage. The most significant agricultural losses are reduced efficiency of labor and farm machinery—losses which are hard to assess in dollars. Fire ant mounds damage machinery, prevent mowing operations and reduce the value of land in heavily infested areas.

A&M was recently awarded a three-year USDA grant of \$120,000 to study the fire ant problem in Texas. According to Green, work is presently under way on biological control of fire ants through the use of pheromones and hormones. Survey techniques by remote sensing and the use of infrared photography to detect infested areas are also being evaluated.

The cooperation of all agricultural producers, landowners, nurserymen, soil-moving contractors and others engaged in transporting any of the regulated articles is essential to suppress the spread of fire ants, emphasizes the entomologist.



BERNIE PONZIO, a member of the TAMU Women's Bowling Team, shows her style while practicing for this weekend's bowling tournament at Texas Southern University. The tournament will be a triangular affair, with Lee Junior College from Baytown also participating.

Photo Contest Slated Monday

A print contest and display of photographs from the Camera Committee's recent models session will be held Monday at A&M.

The 7:30 p.m. contest meeting in Rooms 2A, B and C of the Memorial Student Center is open to interested individuals, announced Chairman Darrell Cobb.

Photos to be judged were made

by committee members at the last meeting, when Gene Sutphen demonstrated portraiture and fashion lighting and members of Mam'selles, modeling and style group of the Host and Fashion Committee, served as photographic subjects.

Cobb noted the Monday meeting also will feature an auction of all unclaimed photo supplies and basic classes on developing.

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THURSDAY

Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Committee will meet in Room 304 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

Day Care Center Community Meeting will meet in the Art Room of the MSC at 7 p.m.

TAMU Skeet and Trap Club will meet in the Seminar Room of the Recreation and Parks Building at 7:30 p.m.

A&M Student Civil Liberties Union will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 123 of the Academic Building. The meeting will consist of a lecture on the first amendment.

Panhandle Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Physics Building.

Beaumont Hometown Club will meet in Room 3C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. New officers will be elected at this time.

Brazos County A&M Mothers' Club will be at 10 a.m. at the Hillel Foundation, 800 Jersey Street, College Station. Charles Powell, dean of men, will speak. Members are asked to bring one or more items for an auction sale which will follow the meeting.

A&M Chapter of TACT will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. Dr. Sara Jones, Counseling Psychologist of Texas A&M, is to be the featured speaker. All interested faculty and students are invited to attend.

FRIDAY

Student Veterinary Wives Auxiliary is sponsoring an animal spook house Friday and Saturday from 6:30-9 p.m. The spook house will be located in Cook's Discount Center parking lot. Admission will be 25¢ each.

SATURDAY

The League of Women Voters, in celebration of United Nations Week, will conduct Saturday's story hour in the Bryan Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Nangle, representing the league, will present stories from other lands and speak from her travels.

The Judo Club will be hosting the University of Texas Saturday at 1 p.m. A dual contest will be held in G. Rollie White Coliseum, Room 253.

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Thursday, Oct. 26—MSC Assembly Room
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