

Heads for Europe...



PROF. O. K. BOUWSMA, assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Nebraska. Prof. and Mrs. Bouwsma left Lincoln last week and will sail to Europe from Montreal this week. During their trip, Professor Bouwsma will read a paper at the International Congress of Philosophers in Amsterdam. The Bouwsmas will also travel in Holland, England, Denmark, France and Belgium. They plan to fly home from London in September.

The average age of World war II women veterans now is an even 30 years while that of the men is 29 years and 9½ months.

Joe Chigger, Jr., Is Cause of Troubles

LINCOLN, Neb., July 16.—Along about this time of the year most of us become the innocent victims in a vast juvenile delinquency problem.

The delinquent is a character named Trombicula Irritans, otherwise known as Joe Chigger, Jr. When you figure in all the rest of the teen-age chiggers it adds up to millions right here in Nebraska.

Now, according to Prof. O. S. Bare of the University of Nebraska, we get to the bottom of the matter this way:

Buried in Winter.

Adult chiggers are a pretty decent sort. They spend their winters buried in the soil. In the spring the mother chiggers lay eggs in the soil or trash. And they're pretty eager about this project, laying eggs on the average in bunches of 400.

The eggs hatch in Nebraska in early June, which is just about the time you ought to decide to keep off the grass. The junior chiggers completely disregard the leaf and wood diet of their elders. They're out for blood—from rabbits, dogs, cats, and unfortunately, humans. There's a good reason for this: The young chiggers require blood to live.

Invisible.

These invisible six-legged creatures (it takes 22,500 young chiggers to cover a square inch) grab on to your shoe as you shuffle through the grass. Then they hustle right up your leg and especially like to camp in spots encompassed in tight clothing.

Joe invariably picks out a place where a hair enters your skin, puts his beak down in the open

space around the hair, and goes to work. This saves him the job of boring into your hide. He has another labor saving device. Once he fastens onto your skin, he excretes a poison which enlarges the cells and makes the blood flow faster. Once he's had his fill, he contentedly drops off your body (and probably passes the word of a good spot along to his friends).

Paint Bites.

Now about those burning and itching bite spots. You can get relief by painting them with finger nail polish, tincture of iodine, a weak solution of carbolic acid or spirits of ammonia.

An easier way out is simply to apply sulphur powder, or dusting sulphur, at the rate of one pound per three square rods of lawn. It kills 'em all—mama, papa and all the little chiggers—deader than a doornail.

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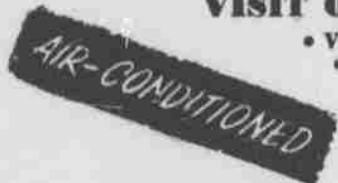
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