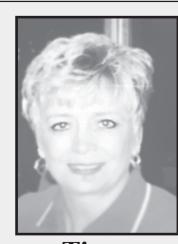
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Times Remembered **Betty A. Young** BYoung505@Outlook.Com



I read the article in the studying. paper last week on the Asian stay outside, preying on othdo come inside too.

them. They can be aggravating too. They always show up vacation, happy as could be he didn't have the reaction

pecially sweets.

when we were on a trip to mediately we encountered ants. North Carolina a number of road construction. We were years ago.

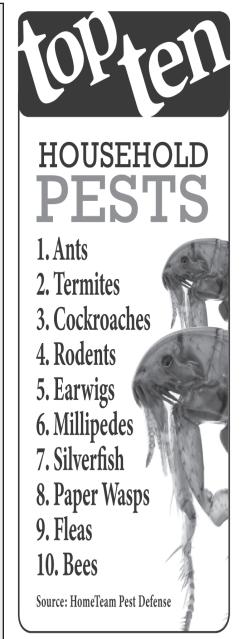
various places, (TDY), for a flat tire. Steve was driving, was held in the summer at noise, and yes the tire was Wilmington, North Carolina. flat. We must have picked up Therefore, my family went a nail during the detour. with me, and we drove instead of flying. Tara, Steve spare tire, the jack, the lug and Bob accompanied me. wrench and Steve crawled This was a vacation for them under the vehicle to loosen bug in your hands to look at while I was going to class and the lugs, but he didn't stay on it, it will not call in 3,000 of its

The big guys retrieved the tion. Like Steve did. They had a great excellent several times on the legs. But your britches leg!

when there's food around, es- and I passed the class with like Steve did. Tara gave him flying colors so we are head- some Benadryl and it helped. The worst encounter I've ing to Kentucky. We left early You definitely do not want to had has been with fire ants on Friday morning and im- have an encounter with fire

These ants originally came almost out of Wilmington to this country on cargo ships Before I retired from Blue when the riding got rough; it at the port of Mobile in the Grass Depot I had to travel sounded like we were getting 1930s but sneaked around awhile before being discovtraining and conferences. pulled off the road and he ered in 1942. How they went This particular conference and Bob got out to check the unnoticed for so long I don't know, because being stung by one, you are likely to be stung by the whole congrega-

The fire ant is something else entirely. If you catch a June the ground long. He jumped closest friends to try to sting They spent the week tour- up like a Bamjee Chicken you to death. The fire ants Needle Ant. They have been ing battle ships, The USS flapping his arms and yelling inject an alkaloid venom just in Kentucky since 2013 and North Carolina, deep sea something has got me. A tsu- to be mean. I'm glad we don't in the US since the 1930s; fishing with Captain Shaw nami of fire ants covered his have them here. They can they can give you a mighty and sunning on Wrights- back. He was doing the Wa- just stay in the South. I been painful sting. Mostly, they ville Beach. Incidentally, tusi to say the least and he re- told the best way to get rid of Tara caught a Cobia fish that ceived many bites. Steve has them is to knock off the top er ants and termites. But they was huge ... it weighed ap- very fair skin and insects that of the mound with a shovel, proximately fifty-five pounds bite him make larger whelps pour in the gas, set it on fire, The only encounters I've and was forty-seven inches than most people. His back and beat them to death as had with ants have been pic- long. It was previously in and arms looked terrible. In they come out the top. Don't nic ants. That's what I call the paper several years ago. the process, Bob got stung let one get away and run up Whew!



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