

day or more before rain arrives.

INSECTS: Crickets are nature's thermometer. Count the number of times a black field cricket chirps in 14 seconds. Then add 40 to that count. You will have a total within two or three degrees of your thermometer reading. If not, your thermometer or your counting is off, not the cricket. Remember, the cricket may be in a cool corner while your thermometer is up where it's warmer. When the temperature drops to the mid-50's, bees get mean, ants stay underground and flies gangup and struggle to pry open your screen door. Flies also get either more desperate or irritated before a storm. They get "sticky", biting ravenously. Ants reinforce their hills and cover their holes before a storm. A line of ants carrying eggs to higher ground is a sure sign of a gully-washing, sand-trap-eroding, toad-strangling storm. Night crawlers, of course, show up after a rain, but they're also more likely to emerge on nights before a rain. Last, but not least, we get to the woolly bear caterpillar. The woolly bear caterpillar is an inch or two long, including fuzz at both ends. There's some evidence that the wider his brown band in the middle, the milder the winter. If the black on both ends crowds the band down to less than a third of his body length by autumn, expect a chilly winter.

All of these weather forecasters are somewhat valid and truthful. Clouds may be more valid than sparrows but I wouldn't sit under an electrical line before a storm. There is no better way to predict weather than to watch professional Dennis Feltgen or some other meteorologist. On the other hand, if you hear the frog croak, bring your umbrella.

NEW MEMBERS

The Mankato meeting approved a record number of new members pictured at left.

Front row, left to right, Rick Krause, Orv Berkness, Jim Crawford and Merlan Thorn.

Back row, Jeff Naumann, Glen Lentner, Ed Hulsing and Lyle Olson.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- JULY 13 -Summer Picnic at Braemar, Edina.
- AUGUST -University of Minnesota G.C. Display by R.L. Gould and Co.
- SEPT. 14-MGCSA Annual Tournament, Willmar C.C. and Little Crow C.C.
- OCT. -Minneapolis Golf Club. Display by Kromer Company
- NOV. -Open
- DEC. -MGCSA Annual Educational Conference Sheraton Inn N.W.