

RECOGNITION BY GOVERNOR — Gov. Price Daniel, seated, is shown signing a proclamation declaring the week of March 16-21 as "Texas Camp for Crippled Children's Week" in Texas. The March 12 proclamation commemorated the 10th anniversary of the issuance of a charter for the Lions Clubs of Texas to operate the camp through the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children. Looking on left to right, are: Zollie Steakley, Austin, Texas Secretary of State who is a Lions' International Counselor; Regan Smith, Conroe, president of the Texas Lions League of Crippled Children; Frank Robertson, San Antonio, executive director of the camp; and Joe Weaver, Olney, second vice president of the League. The proclamation pointed out that since the camp opened its doors in 1953, free summer-vacation camping has been provided to 3,539 crippled children of Texas.

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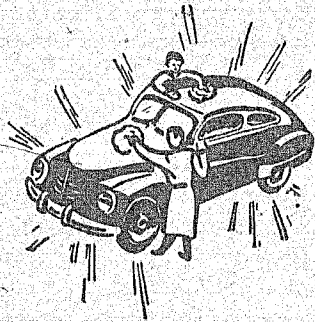
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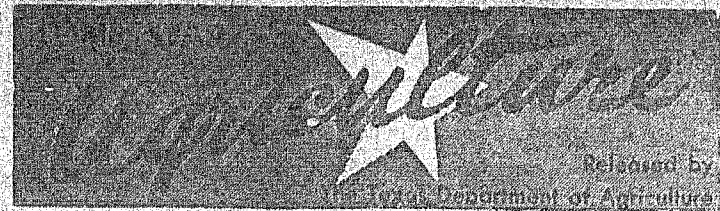
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QUICK ACTION EASES THREAT TO GRAINMEN

Texas' important grain industry was recently faced with its worst insect threat in modern times when the dread grain-mangling Khapra beetle was sighted in the state for the first time in far West Texas.

First location of the beetle by agriculture inspectors in an El Paso grain and feed milling operation prompted an immediate investigation, and an emergency crew of inspectors was rushed to El Paso from other points in the state. Findings thus far indicate that the infestation is likely localized, and that spread of infestation is being curbed by government-supervised fumigation operations of all suspicious grain products moving out of the area.

A native of India, the Khapra beetle is the most feared pest known to grainmen, capable of destroying or seriously downgrading every form of grain and feedstuffs. The beetle is very difficult to eradicate, requiring that the entire infested storehouse be covered with impervious material (usually plastic), including the ground area surrounding the building for a radius of about 30 feet. Then the interior is fumigated with methyl bromide, allowing plenty of time for fumes to seep into every crack and crevice of the building where the Khapras may cling.

The Khapra beetle is primarily a stored grain pest and is not found in open grain fields. It can survive for as long as three years without any food at all, but in the larva stage the pest has an enormous appetite. Grain damage, depending on weather conditions, varies from 5 to 30 percent although up to 75 percent damage has been reported. The beetle is a "dirty" feeder, breaking or powdering more kernels than it consumes.

The adult Khapra — which belongs to the same family as the carpet beetle — is small, about 1/16 inch in length. It is pale red-brown to dark brown or black in color with wing covers that usually have distinct red-brown markings. The larvae, 1/8 inch long, are yellowish brown and clothed with long brown hairs. The area between the segments and the underside of the body is pale yellow in color, giving the worm a ringed appearance when viewed from above.

Presence of Khapra beetle infestation is usually first noticed by the presence of the fuzzy larvae or their skins in clusters around the corners of grain bins or in used sacks.

Any suspected infestation should be immediately reported to John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas.

About Your HEALTH

A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health. HENRY A. HOLLE, M.D. Commissioner of Health.



Why should we be concerned about diseases in animals?

What relationship does animal disease hold to humans?

Often people wonder what veterinary medicine has to do with public health. The answer is, it has much to do with it.

The fact is that animals, birds, chickens, and man plus the go-between vectors such as mosquitoes, ticks, flies and lice are capable of sharing hundreds of diseases common to one another. Recently World Health Organization officials listed 110 animal diseases transmissible to man.

Take rabies! At the recent conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man, in Austin, a national public health authority stated that there were about 3,750,000 cases of rabies throughout the Americas.

What about brucellosis? This is the number one problem in some countries. It can cause dire economic consequences because of its effect on goats, hogs and cattle. In humans it is called undulant fever.

At the same meeting mentioned above, it was brought out that so-called shipping fever, a bane to cattle buyers and shippers, has its parallel in the illness suffered by students going off to school for the first time or recruits entering the army or navy.

The probable cause for such illness is the exposure to new infectious agents the individual has not been exposed to previously. Therefore, he has not built up an immunity and falls prey to the strange infection.

It is known that many diseases of animals have their counterparts in humans. Ringworm, rapidly spread among children, is shared by animals. It is not unusual for Fido to pick up the ringworm parasite during his wanderings.

Little Johnny or Suzie romps and plays with Fido and the next thing we know, they have contracted the unsightly and embarrassing disease.

These minor illnesses we can live with. We can cope with most

of them. But a constant vigil by public health authorities is necessary to prevent more serious diseases of domestic and wild animals from attacking humans.

For instance, a recent study of dogs (all house pets) uncovered salmonella organisms in 16 percent of the animals tested. Salmonella causes dysentery. Now they must discover how the dogs got the organisms and remove the cause.

This, in essence, is the problem confronting public health veterinarians, an important and growing public health program.

APPEALS REFEREEES NEEDED

Charles S. Gardiner, director of the Merit System Council, today announced that the Texas Employment Commission is in need of Appeals Referees for assignment in the central office in Austin and in some of the field offices located in various sections of the state.

He said that the selection of employees for these assignments will be made from registers to be established through open competitive examinations which will be offered during the months of March, April, May and June, 1959. Gardiner listed the starting salaries as \$382.50 for Appeals Referee III, \$417.50 for Appeals Referee II, and \$492.50 for Appeals Referee I and said that information about the examinations, minimum qualifications, and all the necessary forms for making application, can be secured at any office of the Texas Employment Commission or by writing the Merit System Council at Post Office Box 671 in Austin.

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Mrs. Newman Hostess To Needlecraft Club On Thursday

The Needlecraft Club held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Virgil Newman on Thursday, March 19th.

The afternoon was spent in lively conversation and hemming dish towels for Mrs. Newman. It was a pleasure to work on the towels, as they had been beautifully painted in different designs.

Punch and cake was served to the following members: Mrs. A. R. Brown, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Will Haynes, Mrs. E. W.

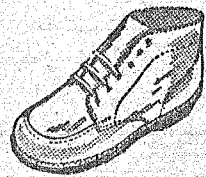
Moore, Mrs. T. H. Upton, Mrs. Lillian Pettit, Mrs. W. F. Turner, Mrs. John Dillingham, Mrs. Taylor Wheeler, Mrs. Dovie Chapman, Misses Jettie and Dora Kirkpatrick and the hostess.

Martha McChesney Berry was a Georgia philanthropist who founded a group of schools for the children of mountaineers of her native state.

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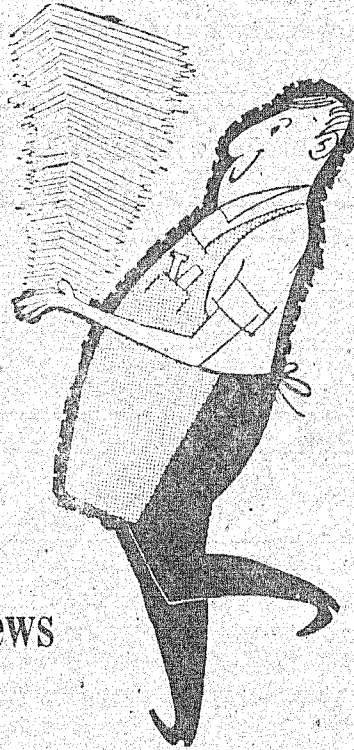


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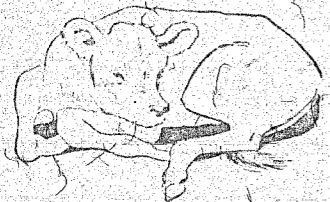
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America's livestock producers are now taking a financial licking of more than 400 million dollars a year due to causes related to faulty nutrition.

Animals lose weight, milk production is reduced, young animals are born blind, deformed or dead, and mature animals may have defective bones... all this caused by faulty nutrition alone.



Vitamin deficiencies can cause calf problems.

One of the most important nutritional problems at this time of year is Vitamin A deficiency. It causes such severe losses that the national committee in charge of Livestock Loss Prevention Year is making a special drive against it this month.

For the farmer, it is important that he know key symptoms of Vitamin A deficiency, so he can be alert for them and get prompt help when they appear. In young calves, symptoms include watery eyes, nasal discharge, cough, wrinkled skin, staggering, and weakness. Mature cattle may develop night blindness or have swollen legs and forequarters. Cows may produce weak, blind, or dead calves.

In swine, Vitamin A deficiency may cause blindness, muscular incoordination, respiratory difficulties, and production of weak, blind, or malformed pigs.

The first thing an owner should do if any of these tell-tale signs appear in his livestock, is to have a proper diagnosis made, to be sure of the cause. Some of these troubles can also be caused by things other than Vitamin A deficiency.

If lack of Vitamin A is the cause, the answer, naturally, is to bolster the ration with corrective amounts of the vitamin. Sometimes, special supplementary treatment may also be needed.

The best plan, of course, is to prevent such deficiency problems. This can usually be done by feeding green, leafy legume hay or yellow corn.

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