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Five Points to Beat Brucellosis

The College of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State University offers five suggestions for keeping brucellosis out of your herd after it is tested and found brucellosis free.

ONE: Raise your own replacements. If you must buy cows, insist on negative health charts. Keep herd additions separate from the herd until they have been fresh 30 days; then retest them to be sure. Remember, vaccinated negative herd additions are worth much more to you than negative animals which are not vaccinated.

TWO: Do not let visitors bring brucellosis in. Insist that visitors disinfect their shoes, or keep them away from your cows. Keep them out of feed alleys and away from feed.

THREE: Practice good herd sanitation. Let your cows freshen in clean stalls. Keep them away from the herd until they have cleaned up well. If you suspect an abortion has occurred, isolate the animal and consult your veterinarian.

FOUR: Vaccinate your heifers. This is most important. Heifers vaccinated between six and eight months of age are resistant to brucellosis; they are not "sitting ducks" if exposed to the disease. Properly vaccinated herds are more likely to stay out of Bang's trouble.

FIVE: Support your county brucellosis program. Keep brucellosis as far away from your herd as possible by helping to get your neighbors' interested in cleaning up their own herds. If your area is milk-ring testing, protect yourself by taking the right kind of samples. Do not send milk from recently fresh cows or from cows with mastitis. Be sure your herd is tested regularly.

Dr. Samuel B. Guss and Joe S. Taylor, who prepared the five point program, point out that brucellosis control begins with your own herd, not with a state program.

Cancer Chemical Found in Cigarettes

A Vietnamese scientist, working in Paris, has discovered the substance in cigarette smoke which causes cancer in mice when injected into them. The chemical is identified as 3-4-9-10 Dibenzopyrene. This chemical develops only when tobacco is burned and is one of the chemicals which compose the "tar" in burning tobacco.

Tobacco tar has long been suspected of causing lung cancer. The French-educated Vietnamese scientist, who recently made this discovery, is Dr. Nguyen Phoc Buu Hoi, 41 years old. His discovery was recently announced in a medical paper published by the French Academy of Science.

The paper revealed that the new substance was isolated after extensive tests by Dr. Hoi in the laboratory of the Radium Institute of the University of Paris. Part of the money for this research work was supplied by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Although U. S. researchers had announced in 1954 that the substance Benzopyrene, which was present in cigarette paper smoke, had caused cancer in mice, Dr. Hoi did not think this was the complete answer to the problem. He used approximately 4,000 mice in his experiments and found that Dibenzopyrene, injected into mice causes cancer in as little as 42 days in some cases and ultimately caused cancer in every mouse into which it was injected. The injection dose was one half milligram.

With Benzopyrene, the 1954 discovery, a dose five times as much was required to produce cancer, although, even then, cancer was not always certain.

The latest discovery is further indication — if further indication is needed — that cigarette smoking should be performed in moderation. Dr. Hoi believes it is possible for a filter to screen out Dibenzopyrene, and it is to be hoped that research will be forthcoming shortly, giving smokers an accurate and honest report on present-day filters and their efficiency.



This Week in Lancaster Farming

BY JACK REICHARD

50 YEARS AGO (1907)

Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey were covered under a blanket of snow, 50 years ago this week. In Lancaster County snow fell continuously for 15 hours to a depth of seven inches. At Pottsville a fall of eight inches was officially reported, and at Lock Haven there was a fall of 10 inches. The storm was accompanied by strong winds, which caused drifting, and many of the public roads were closed.

ROW OVER SNOW RESULTS IN FATAL BLOW

Arthur Potter, a farmer near Blodgett's Mills, N. Y., was arrested, charged with intent to kill Leon Stafford, his nearest neighbor. Stafford, who was struck on the head with the square end of an axe blade, was not expected to live. The snow storm piled up drifts on the road skirting the adjoining farms, making it impassable in places. Stafford turned off the road and was driving his team across Potter's land, when the latter closed a gate and warned his neighbor not to open it. Stafford, it was alleged, tried to force the gate and was struck down.

480-POUND WOMAN DIES

Women in general were discussing the case of Mrs. Mary Wyner, a Pole, of Plymouth, Pa., who died of dropsy at the age of 49. She weighed 480 pounds.

When only 17 years of age she weighed 300 pounds.

The body was taken to the cemetery in a farm wagon because no hearse large enough to hold the coffin could be procured.

A portion of the house was removed in order to get the coffin in and out.

WAGON PRICES ARE RAISED

At a meeting of the National Wagon Makers Assn. held at Chicago, 50 years ago this week, a proposal to advance the retail prices of buggies, wagons and other products of the wagon makers' craft nearly 50 per cent was ratified unanimously by the 47 members attending. A steady increase in raw material and transportation costs were the reasons given for the advance in retail prices.

In the New Holland section of Lancaster County, A. B. Stoltzfus, of Mascot, was the proud owner of a shoat with as many legs as a fly — exactly six. The two "extra legs" branched off from the others at the knees. The shoat weighed about 50 pounds and had full control of all six legs. Stoltzfus had purchased the shoat at a sale.

25 Years Ago

Generous donations from Lancaster farmers went a long way toward supplying food to a vast army of hungry people throughout the county who, through no fault of their own were in the ranks of the needy, many cases due to unemployment, back in 1932.

During the month of January, that year, 1,395 families were supplied with food from the warehouse of the Community Service Assn., the greatest appeal from needy families in the history of the organization.

The association reported the following supplies were contributed by county farmers and their wives: 1,145 lbs. of flour, 2 bushel red beets, 82 bushel apples, 149 bushel turnips, one-half bushel onions, 701 pounds cocoa, 24 rolls, 892 bushel potatoes, 50 pounds cabbage, 10 pounds sweet pota-

atoes, 19 pies, 120 cakes, 435 pounds coffee, 250 packages Jello, 75 pounds beans, 2,726 cans of canned goods, eight bushel carrots, 350 pounds corn meal, 90 pounds ground wheat, 136 pounds sugar, 100 pounds sour kraut, 70 pounds beef, 50 rounds bologna, 10 pounds pudding, 20 pounds apple butter, and quantities of cereals, milk, soap and other items.

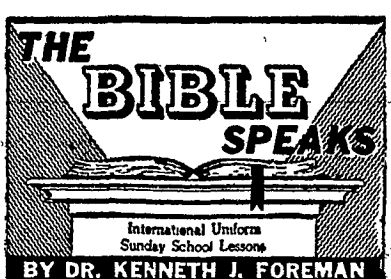
HORSE ELECTRICUTED

Twenty-five years ago, March 7, 1932, a horse driven by Ephraim Risser, of Elizabethton RD, was electricuted while crossing the highway.

Risser was on his way home from Elizabethton that day, traveling in a sleigh over roads covered with snow and some fallen high voltage electric power wires. The horse tramped on one of the wires and was instantly killed. Risser escaped injury.

That same week in March, 1932, John Philip Sousa, America's famous bandmaster, died in Reading after attending a banquet in his honor, at the age of 78.

Besides composing over 300 musical works, he also was the author of several books. His favorite march was "The Stars and Stripes Forever".



Background Scripture: Matthew 18-20
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seventy X Seven

Lesson for March 10, 1957

IS IT a mark of high breeding never to forget an injury? One of the most famous Americans was known also as a duelist. When he left home as a boy, his mother wrote him a letter which contained some Christian advice; but she mixed with it an idea she could not have found in her New Testament; he must never overlook an insult or a slight. It is rather strange how many Christians (Christians otherwise, that is,) have had the same notion.



Long after dueling was outlawed in most states, it was still going on in the "Bible Belt." It has gone out there too by now; which may be an indication that people understand the Gospel better than they once did.

The Need for Forgiveness

In a southern town there lives a man who was in a penitentiary in another state, for 19 years, for a crime he did not commit. He was a stranger and he had a gun; so when the local hoodlums all came up with alibis, this man was a convenient mark, and to the penitentiary he went. And there he stayed even after the real criminal confessed. Authorities kept him there, because if the facts became known, and the man released, some important reputations and careers would be ruined. Finally, through the efforts of a sister and a friend, he was released, 19 years not guilty, but punished all the same, even years after his innocence was established. Would you be in a forgiving mood after that? Not many people have tremendous, long-lasting injustices done to them of that sort; yet the story illustrates one point about forgiveness: it is not always a matter of forgiving persons directly. One may suffer severely, unjustly, without its being possible to identify the per-

AGRICULTURE DEPT. REPORTS

Secretary of Agriculture John A. McSparran, in his annual report of his department's activities during 1931, listed the rounding up of unscrupulous milk dealers in the state. The report stated:

"Rounding up unscrupulous dealers who were practicing a short-changing scheme on milk producers has brought definite results during the past year. Fifteen of these dealers were caught under-reading the Babcock butterfat test and were not only heavily fined but were required to pay in rebates more than \$5,000 to the farmers who had been cheated. While this type of business has proven very costly to farmers, it is only fair to emphasize the fact that the great majority of milk dealers are not in this class".

GUERNSEY BREEDERS ELECT OFFICERS

Twenty-five years ago this week Benjamin G. Bushong, Columbia R2, was elected head of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders' Assn. at a meeting held at the West Lampeter High School.

Other officers elected that evening included first vice president, S. M. Root, Landisville; second vice president, D. L. Gallagher, Peach Bottom; secretary-treasurer, Willis S. Nolt, R8 Lancaster.

The executive committee consisted of H. H. Snavelly, Willow Street; H. L. Mumma, Landisville; Roy H. Ferguson and James Hastings, Kirkwood; J. Howard Brinton, Gap; Christian S. Wolf, Quarryville.

sons who are responsible for things we suffer (such as unfair laws, or customs which harm us in some way); but although we cannot forgive the responsible persons—who may be many—face to face, it is just as un-Christian to harbor bitterness in the heart against "fate" in general as it is to feel bitterly about some one we know.

God Has More to Put Up With

When Peter asked his question about forgiveness, he was thinking, it seems, of a kind of rule. Forgive a man once, twice . . . to seven times; but the eighth time is one too much? Jesus' reply,—that if a brother repents 70 times seven times, we are to forgive him just as many times,—is not a matter of strict arithmetic. It is not intended as a rule. It is Jesus way of saying: Forgiveness must be without limit. The reason Jesus suggests, in his parable, goes to the heart of things. God has far more to forgive than we have. Even an apostle, Jesus suggests, has sinned against God more than any man has ever sinned against him. What we have to put up with from others, every day, are trifles compared with what God has to put up with from us. If the reader thinks this is an exaggeration, let him consider one point: the way we Christians misrepresent God. His reputation in this world is maintained or blackened by those who profess to be his people. We claim to be his children, and yet we often act as if we had been sired by the devil. Few if any human beings have been so persistently slandered as God is by his professed friends.

Forgiving From the Heart

Forgiveness has been called a fiction, and in a way it is. It is not the same as ignoring or condoning, but it treats the offender exactly as if no offense had been committed. That may be fiction; but there is no true forgiveness without forgetting. God's forgiveness is complete: he casts forgiven sins "behind his back"—he "remembers them no more." Human forgiveness like all things human is never complete, for in spite of our best efforts the thing will keep coming back to mind. Nevertheless, true Christian forgiveness makes every effort to forget. Forgiving without forgetting leaves things much as they were. Only in complete forgiveness can there be a complete new start. Erasing the whole thing from mind, living as if it never had happened; this may be a fiction but it is a fiction of love.

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