

Vaccination Urged For Horse Sleeping Sickness

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has urged all owners of horses, mules and ponies to get their animals vaccinated for the three types of equine encephalitis--horse sleeping sickness--found in North America. The recommendation was made because of high mosquito populations present or emerging in flooded states and many other areas of the country.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said horse owners should see their veterinarians about vaccination to protect against Eastern and Western equine encephalitis (EE and WEE), as well as Venezuelan equine encephalitis (VEE) that ravaged horses in southern Texas and Mexico in 1971.

The three diseases are caused by different viruses that are carried by mosquitoes, and can be transmitted to humans. Effective vaccines are available for all three.

APHIS officials warned however, that vaccines for EEE and WEE do not protect against VEE, likewise, VEE vaccine does not protect against the other two.

Once horses receive the initial EEE-WEE vaccine series, they should receive annual booster

shots. VEE vaccine provides ample protection for 18 months and possibly longer. APHIS officials recommend that horses vaccinated for VEE during the 1971 emergency be revaccinated--especially in states bordering Mexico and in areas of heavy mosquito infestation. Also, horses vaccinated for VEE when under six months of age should be revaccinated to help assure protection.

USDA veterinarians are coordinating surveillance efforts in the southwest and cooperating with Mexican authorities to detect and give warning of possible VEE outbreaks. On a nationwide basis, samples from any equine animal reported with encephalitis symptoms are submitted to USDA's Veterinary Services Diagnostic Laboratory (VSDL) in Ames, Iowa for the analysis needed to confirm a diagnosis of EEE, WEE, or VEE.

Outward signs of the three encephalitis diseases include depression, lack of appetite and drowsiness. Animals may frequently grind their teeth and stagger when moving. Death is common.

New Holland Baby Beef Club Plans Field Trip, Tour

The June meeting of the New Holland Baby Beef Club was held recently at the Mark Yoder farm, Elverson Rd.

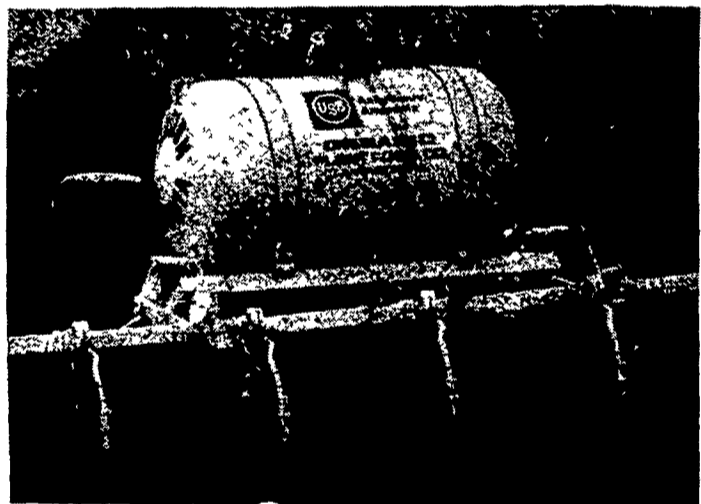
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Fulton Grange Members Attend State Convention

Fulton Grange 66 held its annual ice cream and strawberry party at the recent meeting at Oakryn in observance of June Dairy Month. Seventy quarts of home-made ice cream were made and served as refreshments. Richard Holloway, Master, conducted the business session.

Mrs. Jesse Wood, Mrs. David Knight, Mrs. Owen Groff and Glenn Hough attended the Pennsylvania State Grange Leadership School at Gettysburg College June 26, 27 and 28. The Junior Grange conducted a paper drive June 11.

The Agriculture committee, Richard Lefever and Ralph Bitler, presented the program Orval A. Bass, District Conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, spoke to the Grange on "Use Of The Clean Streams Law." He pointed out the need for farmers to become cooperators in the soil and water conservation program. The Lecturer, Mrs. J. Stanley Stauffer Jr., was in charge of the centennial guessing box which was correctly guessed by Mrs. Jesse Wood.

Jeff Miller and Mr. and Mrs. James Cochran will show their Indian relics at the June 25 meeting

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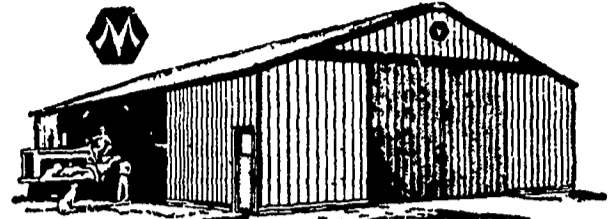
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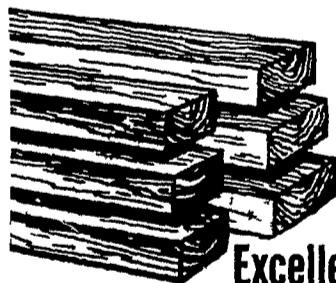
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