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LIVE STOCK

HIGH-CLASS HORSES NEEDED

No Provision Made for Future by Many Farmers Who Are Using Up Their Work Stock.

The thing most needed in the production of work horses for American farms is greater care in the selection of the stallion and the brood mare, say animal husbandry experts of the United States department of agriculture, who have been studying the present situation with respect to horses. Not only was there a net decrease of approximately 373,000 in the number of horses on farms on January 1, compared with a year ago, but the experts are of the opinion that there has been an even more marked decrease in the number of mares bred during 1919. The extent of this decrease cannot be accurately determined until the colt crop of 1920 is estimated. However, if the decline in breeding is as great as conditions now indicate, the country will be confronted with a seriously depleted supply of good horses within the next few years.



General Gates, a Morgan Stallion in Use at the Morgan Farm, Middlebury, Vt.

Many farmers are using up their work stock without making any provision for the future. Such a policy is short-sighted and will have serious results, according to department of agriculture representatives. The present need is to increase the percentage of efficient horses by careful selection of parents. One of the principal factors from which the market is suffering is the breeding of too many low-grade work animals. There is a strong demand for high-class horses, at good prices, the department says.

TUBERCULOSIS RAVAGES BIG

Information Shows That 59,547 Carcasses of Cattle Were Condemned on Inspection.

Tuberculosis was responsible for the condemnation of more cattle, slaughtered under federal meat inspection last year, than all other diseases combined. Information from the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, shows that 59,547 carcasses of cattle were condemned on post-morten inspection and of that number 37,600 were the result of tuberculosis. In addition 53,652 parts of cattle carcasses were condemned for the same cause.

The bureau points out that tuberculosis in cattle and hog cholera in swine are the two most serious contagious diseases affecting meat animals, and there is evidence that a heavy loss occurs on farms in addition to condemnations at establishments where government inspection is maintained. The department of agriculture is prepared to give information on the best methods of reducing the losses.

MORE HOGS WERE IMMUNIZED

Chief Purpose of Inspection Is to Permit Reshipment to Farms and Feed Yards.

An outstanding feature of federal activities for the control of hog cholera during the last year was the great increase in the number of swine immunized so that they might be distributed from public stockyards for purposes other than slaughter. The last report of the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, gives the number of feed hogs immunized as 614,673. This is a large increase over the preceding year. The chief purpose of the inspection and inoculation is to permit reshipment to farms and feeding yards for further growth or fattening without danger to herds in which they are introduced.

SHEEP DOGS IN QUARANTINE

Examination Showed Many of Imported Animals Were Infested With Various Parasites.

Because of the danger to live stock, especially sheep, of the gid tapeworm, imported sheep dogs are subjected to federal quarantine. Sheep dogs have been found to harbor that parasite. During the last fiscal year representatives of the United States department of agriculture examined 131 imported sheep dogs for the presence of parasites transmitted to live stock, and 69 were found to be infested with parasites of various kinds. Twenty-two showed the presence of tapeworms, and one of the tapeworms expelled by treatment proved to be of the dangerous gid variety.

"John Smith"

By Alvah J. Garth

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It was like a colony of ants suddenly disturbed by an upheaval of the family hill. If some one had dropped a bomb into the one industrial plant of Crofton it could not have caused more general disorder. For twenty-five years manager for John Rolfe, a city millionaire, James Dustin had died, and there was not an employee who did not feel that the even, pleasant tenor of his life was about to be disrupted.

The Star Cereal Mills represented an investment of the Rolfe family, to which, amid multifarious holdings, they paid little attention. James Dustin was a relative of the family, and the business was started primarily to find a place for him. He had filled it well, he had poured liberal dividends uninterruptedly into the Rolfe coffer. Possessed of a helpful, sympathetic spirit, he had built up about him homes that were happy, hearts that loved and reverenced him.

There had been some dissatisfaction among the employees for a year preceding the death of Dustin. He had been failing for some time and had to take long vacations. A distant relative had appeared on the scene. He was a man about thirty-five, with a shrewd, foxy face, shifty eyes and a boastful, overbearing manner that awed the timid and irritated those who saw deeper into the shallow nature. Greg Varney was able to influence some big orders for the concern, but outside of that did little but disturb the perfect system that Dustin had inaugurated.

"Too slow, altogether too slow," Varney had commented. "This has got to be a regular Rip Van Winkle establishment. I'm the one that put the 'fish' into efficiency in the biggest wholesale fur house in Chicago, and I'd like now to put 'man' into management here. You've got too many fossils on the payroll. I'd do big things if I was in charge."

There was only one possible rival in the race for promotion, and this was Walter Barton. He was just of age, his father had been one of the first employees in the business, and the son had filled his place after his death. Dustin had advanced him rapidly, and but for his youth he would have been selected as assistant instead of Varney. His sister, Gloria, a beautiful girl of eighteen, had been his guide and genius in home life and in encouraging his laudable ambitions to get on in the world.

Gloria Barton had little interest in those of the opposite sex. One day, however, there was a token of more than ordinary interest in her eyes as Walter came into the house, bidding good-by to a young man whom she had never seen before.

"Who was that?" she inquired.

"John Smith, representing Mr. Rolfe through his lawyers," replied Walter. "He has just come to look over the mills. He has been asking about the business two hours with Varney.

The information stirred up Gloria more than she betrayed. Perhaps the whole future business career of her beloved brother depended upon the decision of this very uncommon stranger with a very common name. She was openly surprised and secretly glad when there appeared at the little cottage the next morning John Smith in person.

He introduced himself in a friendly, pleasant manner that impressed her at once. She invited him into the house and was almost dumbfounded as he said at once:

"Miss Barton, I feel that I can trust you with a secret and I must impart the same to you, in order to obtain your counsel and co-operation, which I very much need. I am not Mr. John Smith, but Allen Rolfe, the son of the owner of the mills here. My purpose in coming under a false name is to learn just how affairs stand here, as an outsider. I must tell you that Crofton has been a sort of hobby with my father. He loves to dream of this quiet, happy little community of workers whom he has benefited, and perhaps some day he may retire to it as a sort of Arcadia in his old age. The financial end is substantial; it has always been so. His main thought is of preserving the business with happy, contented workers; a sort of oasis in the midst of the usually arid business desert. Your father was a pioneer in our service. Your brother and yourself are probably more familiar with the situation than any others. Please be frank and open with me in advising entirely on the side of those in our service."

It was three hours later when Allen Rolfe left the Barton home. He had been charmed by the intelligence and straightforwardness of this lovely hostess as he contrasted her kindly, unselfish regard for the wellbeing of the mill workers with the prejudices and personal aggrandizement of Varney. The young man made up his mind fully as to what he would decide regarding the new management.

Bluntly he told Varney that he would recommend Walter Barton for the vacant post. The outwitted schemer submitted to the fates with his usual self-audacity. He glanced out at his diminutive car on the street.

"All right," he observed. "I fancy I had better put the 'run' into my runabout, and hunt a new job."

And Allen Rolfe turned his thoughts in a new direction. "I'm glad I came," he told himself—"glad for father's sake, and that of the pretty sister of our new manager."



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GAMBER

Christian Endeavor at Providence M. P. Church Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M.

Topic: Problems of Recreation in Our Community, found Rom. 14:7, 13-19. Leader, Miss Harriet Ward. All welcome.

The annual Sunday school picnic, of Providence M. P. Church which was to be held July 24th on account of the inclement weather will be held August 14th, beginning at 1 P. M.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashland Stocksdale, July 29th. Quite a number of ladies were present. The evening was enjoyed by all. After the society was over, refreshments were served in abundance.

The society was invited to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hoff, Thursday evening, August 26th.

Those who spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jabez N. Barnes are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Hunt, son Gilroy and daughter Florence, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Karl McLane and Miss Elva Stinchcomb, of Brooklyn, Mr. Carroll Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua L. Barnes, son Elwood, Miss Bessie Barnes, Mr. Jabez N. Barnes Jr., Mr. Russell Leister, Mr. Horace Brauning and Mr. Theodore Leister.

CLEAR DALE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bankert, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Bankert, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mummert and family were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Stair.

Miss Grace Stear is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Howard Coole, of near Stonersville.

Mr. Oliver Hesson and Miss Esther Bair spent Sunday with the former's brother, Mr. William Hesson and family, of near Stonersville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stair and daughter Bessie and son, Kenneth spent Tuesday afternoon at Emmitsburg.

Miss Mabel Hawk spent several days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hawk of Littlestown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stear and daughter Grace spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Howard Coole, of near Stonersville.

Mrs. Curtis Mayers and children, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. John Dehoff, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dehoff and son, Truman, of Linwood, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mayers and son, Clarence, of PineyCreek were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hawk.

MANCHESTER

North Main street has undergone quite a transformation since the work of the contractors has begun: beginning at the co-operation line opposite the Bachman road the peak of the hill was leveled, followed by grading all along the line a foot or more that has been hauled on Oak Tree Avenue that will make a fine drive way. York street, too, will be much improved by the fill. From present indications the grading for the concrete will be pretty well finished to the summit of North Main street. On Tuesday the street was closed to travel at the Bachman road which is used to detour west to the homes of Amos Wolf and William Keck, to the state road half mile west of town. The travel over it on Sunday was interrupted by a large government truck loaded with heavy machinery which missed the road in the darkness on Saturday night and mired near the Wolf home so that the travel had to cross to solid ground through a marshy route. But now the road is opened and generally used. The width of the concrete work has been changed from sixteen to eighteen feet.

Members of Pocahontas Tribe of Red Men to the number of fifty or more, motored to Hanover to attend a convention of the organization on Saturday. The parade that was to start at 2.30 P. M. did not get under way until 4.30 on account of the storm and rain; but made a fine display on the march the Manchester Drum Corps being in line. They enjoyed a fine time at night and most of the members did not get home until the "wee small hours" of the morning.

The officers of the Greenmount Sunday School are to be congratulated upon the outing they so well brought about on Friday. The procession passed through our town on their way to the Park at Hanover led by a large truck with a practical chauffeur at the wheel, nicely fit up for the ladies, who were as cheerful as if in a Pullman observation car; followed by a line of autos in which were the infants upon their mothers lap to the grand mothers and fathers to enjoy the occasion; with a large safety truck loaded to its full capacity, with girls and boys cheerful and happy in their cheers and hilarity all along the line, thinking of the good things the mothers had hid in the baskets and boxes for the noonday spread and the enjoyment awaiting them in the grove. On their return trip in the evening they were held up by the contractors at the Bachman road and had to drive over the detour route and came into town by the state road, joyful and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawk, of Reading, Pa., motored here and were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. J. LaMotte; making a run to Gettysburg on Sunday accompanied by Mr and Mrs. L. their father and guest, Mrs. E. G. Shower.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C.Frankforter motored to Straudsburg, Pa., and enjoyed their vacation, guests of Rev. and Mrs. Blatt.

Mr. Ephriam W. Garrett attended the funeral of his brother, Jesse Garrett, who died at his home in Pleasant Hill, Pa., in his 84th year. He was a native of that section where he spent his long life, a prominent citizen in church and society and on the day of his funeral a large concourse of relatives were present to pay the last tribute of respect, among which was his Sunday School class of misses, who, after passing around the grave sang one of his familiar hymns. The funeral was held at Sherman's Church, of which he was a member from early manhood.

The funeral of Dr. John Peterman on the 27th was well attended. The remains were brought to York by train and thence in a funeral car by way of Hanover, arriving at 1.30; after services by the Rev. Roth of Hanover the remains were laid to rest in the Reformed Cemetery, his cousins Messrs. H. L. J. LaMotte, Henry Zepp, Theodore Strevig, Wm. H. Gettier, Cornelius Dice and Warren Strevig were pallbearers.

Mrs. William Lloyd was a guest of friends in New Jersey, last week, and spent Sunday at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Breckenridge Shaw, of Frederick, are visitors at the home of their sisters the Misses Carrie and Edna LaMott who also had their nephew, Harry Shaw, now of Hyattsville, in the Santitary department, on Sunday.

Miss Ernest of Cleveland, Ohio, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Masenhimer.

Mrs. Frey, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith attended the funeral of Mrs. S's brother, Charles Sullivan at York, on Monday. He died sudenly at his home. He had night employment and as usual came home in the early morning, enjoyed his meal, and as usual went to bed. Some time after a member of the family went up stairs and found him sick. A doctor was called but life had fled ere he got there. He said it was caused by kidney trouble. He was a native of the Ebbvale section, a son of the late David Sullivan.

Mr. Jacob Rupp sold his farm at Maple Grove, 109 acres, at public sale on Friday. His son-in-law, Wheeler was the purchaser at $17,600.

Mrs. Emma Rupp, Barnhart, is a guest at the Roslin.

The storm on Saturday with its vivid lightnings and terrific thunders for a time was almost continuous: the lightning struck a tall mahogany tree on the lot of Wm. H. Shower on Foundry Avenue and on South Main struck badly affected the telephone wires putting most of the phones out of commission. In its onward course the barn of Mr. John Diehl was burnt and a barrack with 75 tons of hay. He has $3500. insurance in the Dug Hill Co., here.

PLEASANT GROVE & REESE

Next Sunday preaching by pastor after the Sunday school. Come out to both these services.

Ladies' Aid, this month at home of Mrs. Edgar Lockard, Sandyville. A good attendance is especially desired at this time to attend to some important unfinished business.

The W. C. T. U. held their July meeting, last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nimrod Green, with fair attendance. The Union takes up some special work each month and this meeting was on line of Stewardship. Some good readings by fine authors were given and after the business was over a discussion on "Sabbath Desecration" was taken up by all and ways and means for bettering the prevailing conditions, &c. Mrs. Green served delicious melon at close of meeting. August meeting will be at home of Mrs. Ebaugh. Election of officers.

Quite a number of our village folks went along to Gwynn Oak with Bethel school Saturday and all got home before severe storm came up, fortunately.

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