The Livestock Forum

BY JAN MICUDA, D. V. M.

Bang's Disease

Bang's Disease, or Infectious Abortion of cows, is a disease producing inflammation in the lining of the womb, the placenta (or afterbirth) and the bacteria when locating in the udder will cause mastitis or garget.

The disease was noticed in England as early as 1667 by one Mascall, but it wasn't until Dr. Bang, 1896, after whom the disease is named, did the true cause of the disease become known. Since then many scientific workers and veterinarians have contributed much to our knowledge of the disease. But we still have much to learn about this disease which causes losses of about $20,000,000 a year to the dairy industry in the United States alone. However, the deaths and illness in humans caused by drinking milk from Bang's Disease infected cows is beyond telling. But more of that later.

Veterinarians working with their microscopes were able to find very tiny rod shaped bugs (bacteria) in the discharge and afterbirth of cows that had "slunk", "slipped", or aborted their calves. This rod, as near as they could measure, appeared to be about .000002371th of an inch long and less than half that thick.

This must be the bug that is responsible for gentle Lulu Belle giving birth to her calf prematurely and then not passing the afterbirth, but discharging so that when Old Charlie sat down to milk her he had to hold his nose. But shucks, Old Charlie had a weak stomach anyway. Otherwise why did he say he couldn't drink Lulu Belle's milk when everyone knew he liked milk?

To prove this was so these tiny rod shaped bugs were grown in the laboratory upon gelatinagar. These were then fed to cows to see what would happen. The critics received a severe setback when the cows promptly aborted. More, the tiny rod bugs were found in the fluid and afterbirth which accompanied the "slinking" of the calf. This proved beyond question as to the cause of the disease.

Also it was proved that infectious abortion or cows may be transmitted to pregnant sows, causing them to abort their pigs. This may result by allowing hogs to run behind cows or in the same field, thus giving the sow a chance to eat the afterbirth from an aborted calf. Or the sow may pick up the rod-shaped bug from feed contaminated by the discharge from a cow that has aborted.

However, the rod-shaped bugs of Dr. Bang's are not the only ones that may cause abortion. There are at least three other distinctly different kinds of bacteria that may cause a cow to lose her calf. Nevertheless authorities on the disease agree that the great majority of abortions are due to Bang's Disease. If you don't believe it blood test your cows that have aborted and you may get a surprise.

Next week we will discuss the blood test for Bang's Disease.

QUESTION: What would be a good balanced ration for feeder cattle using ensilage as a base and supplementing with ground corn and cotton seed meal? Would bran be economical to add to the ration?

Mr. A. M. Thomas,
Dickerson, Md.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Not being qualified to give your question an authoritative answer I have referred it to the University of Maryland, Department of Agriculture, and Prof. K. A. Clark was very kind in obliging. His recommendation is as follows—

"(A). Feeder cattle from 600-800 lbs. of average or little better than average quality give 40-60 lbs. of ensilage depending on size of steers. To this add 1 to 1½ lbs. of a mixture containing equal parts of cotton seed meal, soybean meal and fish meal. In addition to this the steers should have what fodder and oat straw they will clean up. If the original is too laxative the ensilage may be reduced somewhat, causing a greater consumption of dry feed. I would suggest the feeding of ground corn only in the last 30-60 days of feeding, and then not over 8-10 lbs. per steer.

"(B). For high quality cattle weighing from 400-800 lbs. will justify a more expensive ration and it is suggested that ground corn be made the base of the ration. Of ground corn 6-10 lbs., of ensilage 20-25 lbs. Protein requirements can be met the same as in ration (A). Roughage as straw and fodder should be reduced. Toward end of finishing period increase ground corn to 15-20 lbs. per day and reduce ensilage.

"With corn and other feeds at present prices, bran is not an economical feed for beef steers."

Help Conserve Christmas Greens During the Season

The Maryland Garden Clubs, the Garden Club of American, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland are cooperating with the State Department of Forestry in a program to conserve the State's supply of holly, which, under destructive practices of irresponsible holly gathers, is rapidly destroying the trees as a source of supply.

The State Department of Forestry, Baltimore, through its field officers, is conducting an inspection service for the purpose of insuring the purchaser that the holly sold under the Forestry Department certificate is:

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WINTER DRIVING HINTS . WITH REASONS WHY .

Motorists who want to derive maximum satisfaction from the winter operation of their cars are taking time now, at the approach of cold weather, to have all lubricants changed. Increased demands imposed by cold weather make the step most important. It is one of the first things that should be done when winter makes itself felt.

Lubricants should be changed at three points, the crankcase, the transmission housing, and the rear axle housing. Motorists who understand the reason for this will give the job attention it merits. And that reason is simple.

Lubricants tend to become thin and lose their lubricating quality under extreme heat, and to thicken under extreme cold. For this reason, summer-grade lubricants are made heavier-bodied than winter-grade, because they must withstand, without excessive thinning, not only the heat developed in operation but fligh outside temperatures as well. Winter lubricants, on the other hand, are thinner at normal temperatures than summer lubricants, so that not even very cold weather will make them too thick to flow.

It is highly important that summer oil be drained from the crankcase, and the latter thoroughly flushed to remove all trace of it, before cold weather sets in. The refill should be made with the grade of winter oil recommended by the manufacturer for that make and model. This will assure a supply of fresh, clean lubricant, of the proper consistency for the engine in question. And what is equally important, the flushing will rid the crankcase of any accumulation of dirt, moisture, and other foreign substances which, if left there, would tend to form sludge and choke the oil lines.

At the two points where heavier lubricants are used, the case is similar. Transmission gears, and the ring gear and pinion in the rear axle, operate in a bath of lubricants, which for proper results must be of the right consistency. If the car has hypoid rear axle, be sure to get the lubricant recommended for that type.

Just to be sure, the winter checkup should include an inspection of the numerous other lubrication points on the car, and the filling, with recommended lubricant, of all that are not full. This includes front wheel bearings, steering mechanism, spring shackles, brake linkage, and fan.

Tree-Melons of Florida Offer Health and Income

These days people are raising and eating an odd fruit in Dade county, Florida, called papayas, tree-melons, bountiful fruit, and by extremely enthusiastic personages are often referred to as "health-fruit in nature's own package, containing vegetable pepsin, ozone and vitamines". Apparently these bountiful yielders are destined to take their place on the breakfast table on a par with grapefruit or the morning drink of tomato juice, in almost every American home. The papayas tree is the heaviest-yielding and fastest-growing tree known.

The time may not be far distant when you will eat your morning hotcakes with papaya syrup, possibly follow this with half a papaya or a dish of papayas and orange, cut in cubes. Green papayas suitably prepared and sliced resemble cauliflower; combined with lemon or orange juice, according to certain recipes, papayas are excellent in pie form. Papaya marmalade and jam has already become a near-staple in Florida.

Three Danger Zones

1. Women between 15 and 30 whose tuberculosis mortality is one and one-half times higher than that for young men in the same age group. 2. Working men between 20 and 45 for whom it is the leading cause of death. 3. Negroes whose mortality is three and one-half times that of white people. Christmas Seals are fighting in these danger zones.

Dr. Frederick B. Harris To Speak At Damascus

Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, able and popular minister of Foundry M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., will be the guest speaker at the annual Christmas meeting of the Montgomery County Ministerial Union, to be held Tuesday, December 14, at 11 a. m., at the Damascus M. E. Church.

Luncheon will be served by the Ladies of Damascus church, at 1 p. m., but reservations must be made through the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. Raymond Hunter Brown.

At a recent meeting of the Union, Rev. Dr. H. O. Cooper, of the Rockville Baptist Church, was elected president.

Gov. Nice Celebrated 60th Birthday Sunday

Governor Harry W. Nice celebrated his sixtieth birthday last Sunday. In the best of spirits, the State's chief executive spent the day quietly in Government House, at Annapolis, stately monument to his ambition to secure for the State a home of which any future Governor might well be proud.

No concession was made to the Governor's fairly recent periods of ill-health. He opened hundreds of congratulatory telegrams in the morning, personally received dozens of floral tributes from his many friends and then took a short nap in the afternoon, a usual custom.

Meanwhile, relatives and close friends had assembled at Government House, and when the Governor came downstairs he was greeted with a surprise dinner, supervised by Mrs. Nice in person.

Social and Personal
. . from . . County Points

Former State's Attorney Robert B. Peter, candidate for the Democratic nomination for State senator, and J. Forest Walker, county teasurer, addressed the annual meeting of the Chevy Chase Women's Democratic Club this week. Both speakers dwelled upon the tax problem of our county.

"The Contribution Women Can Make in Promoting Peace" was the topic of Dr. Louise R. Heath, head of the department of psychology of Hood College and a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in her address before a joint meeting of the Women's Democratic Clubs of Silver Spring and Takoma Park.

The coming marriage of Miss Louise Hersperger and Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr., of Barnesville, will be a social event of much interest. Miss Hersperger, as guest of honor, was recently feted at a miscellaneous shower given by her many friends at the home of Mrs. Benjamin White.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Lockhart, jr., who were recently married at St. John's Church, Olney, sailed from New York for a trip to Cuba.

Dr. Charles H. Conley of Frederick was a guest of the University of Maryland on the occasion of the bestowing of honorary membership in the student leaders fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, on his brother, Adjutant General Conley, of the United States Army general staff.

County Commissioner Paul M. Coughlan pressed the button which illuminated Silver Spring's Santa Claus Lane on Saturday night. This ceremony was followed by an interesting program of exercises under auspices of the Silver Spring Business Men's Association.

The Montgomery County Laymen's Retreat League sponsored a spaghetti and bingo party this week at Rosenteel Hall, Forest Glen. The committee in charge was headed by Louis Alberti, of Silver Spring, president of the county league.

The Four Corners Church Bible Class has elected officers as follows: Mrs. Hiram E. Johnson, president; Mrs. R. N. Calhoun, vice-president; Mrs. William Milstead, secretary; Mrs. Sara Moulton, treasurer; Hiram Johnson, teacher; Mrs. John Hamilton, first assistant teacher; Mrs. D. I. Boggs, second assistant teacher; and Mrs. Orville Scoville, publicity chairman. Mrs. Howard Clark and Mrs. D. I. Boggs were appointed a welcoming committee.

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HENRY C. RANSOM FETED BY TELEPHONE GROUP AT END OF 25 YEARS SERVICE

Henry C. Ransom, manager of the Rockville office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, serving the state of Maryland, was recently honored with a luncheon marking the completion of twenty-five years of service in the telephone business.

A ruby pin, emblematic of twenty-five years' service, was presented by S. E. Nicholson, commercial superintendent, Hyattsville. Among those gathered to pay tribute to the guest of honor, in addition to Mr. Nicholson, were Wilbert Rittershofer, plant superintendent, and C. M. Blackford, traffic superintendent, Hyattsville; Mrs. Margaret Heagy, chief operator, Rockville; William Behnke, wire chief, Rockville, and Miss Mildred Ward, who has been associated with Mr. Ransom in his office for several years.

Mr. Ransom entered the telephone business as a clerk in the Washington business in 1912, and his service has been continuous except for a period of six months, when he was in the military service during the World War. He was appointed in charge of the Rockville area in February 1922, and has continued in that capacity throughout the years. He has been active in community affairs and is a member of the Rotary Club.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REJECTS SCHOOL BIDS

The County Board of Education, at its meeting in Rockville Tuesday, ordered use of a school bus to transport Glen Echo children across Cabin John Bridge to the Glen Echo-Cabin John School.

Parents of the children had protested that crossing the narrow Cabin John Bridge in morning rush hour traffic was too hazardous for the children, all of the primary grades, and asked for the bus.

Contract for construction of the Kensington Junior High School was awarded to Martin Brothers, whose bid of $105,513 was low. Earlier bids had been too high for the amount provided and the architect, Rhees K. Burket, had altered the plans to provide the same space and facilities at a cost which could be met.

The board approved sale of the abandoned school properties offered at public auction as follows: Claggettsville, $400, A. H. Bowers; Burdett (land only), $50, Paul K. Reid; Brighton Colored, $75, William J. Hines; Derwood, $965, W. L. King.

The board rejected the following high bids and ordered another sale in the following properties: Comus, $300; Boyd, $100; Boyds Colored, $50; Brookeville, $500; Quince Orchard, $1,050.

Award of Glen Bridge Contract Let Tuesday

The State Roads Commission on Tuesday, received a low bid from Brundage & Crandall Co., Inc., of Sudley, of $1,368, on proposed erection of a single-span steel bridge at Glen, on the county road to Rockville, as advocated by the Board of County Commissioners.

Bethesda High Defeats Georgetown Prep Five

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High five threw a wrench into Georgetown Prep's scholastic record Wednesday at Bethesda by drubbing the Little Hoyas, 45 to 11, holding them to a single goal from the floor. It was the winners' opening contest.

The Bethesdans turned out a smooth-working quintet that smothered the visitors under a barrage of 20 field goals and 5 free throws.

The Prepsters, having defeated Briarley Military Academy on Monday and Montgomery Blair on Tuesday, scored eight of their points in the first half, including Boylan's field goal. They were visably tired in the latter periods as the Bethesdans used 11 players in running up their 45-point score.

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS, GIVE YOUR ATTENTION

"Automobile owners who failed to notify the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of change of address were again this year a source of great inconvenience and expense to this office as well as to the car owners themselves", said Walter R. Rudy, Commissioner.

"This year over 14,000 license applications as well as 721 sets of plates were returned by the post office for better address", said Mr. Rudy. "License plates are mailed fourth class matter, and mail sent out in this class will be sent to the address now on file. Even though you notify the post office of your new address, license plates will not be forwarded to you, but returned in the required ten days to this office.

Application blanks for 1938 license plates will soon be printed, and your application will bear the address as now recorded on your registration card. Notification blanks for change of address can be secured from the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or from automobile dealers, justices of the peace, and notaries public throughout the state.

CALLAGHANS GET VERDICT IN HEARING ON LAND SUIT

In the Circuit Court here Tuesday a jury decided the Callaghan brothers have a better right to a strip of land they have been farming for 50 years than the Maryland Park and Planning Commission, which wanted to turn it into a horse show ground.

The brothers, Michael Phillip and William C. Callaghan, "discovered" the land, a narrow strip of approximately five acres near Rock Creek and the District Line, when they had a survey made several years ago. They had been farming the strip in connection with other land adjoining it for a half century. The plot apparently belonged to no one, as it had been overlooked in a survey for a previous owner of abutting property.

After obtaining a patent to the strip from the State and attempting to oust the Callaghans by other means, the commission brought circuit court action to eject them. Trial began Monday and continued until late at night with a score of the Callaghans' neighbors testifying they had known them to use the strip for many decades.

The jury deliberated for about an hour before returning its verdict.

Liquor Board Hearings To Be Held In January

The Control Board has announced hearings on the applications of John H. Magruder, 114 Diamond avenue, Gaithersburg, for a Class D beer license, and Texana S. Nicewarmer, of route 1, Germantown, for a license to sell beer and wine at Randella Inn. A hearing on the transfer of the beer license of Mrs. Eleanor Phipps, from the Apple Orchard at Georgia avenue and the Colesville pike, to a new site north of the Wolfe Motor Co. in Silver Spring, was set for January 10.

TOY MATINEE TO BE HELD AGAIN AT MILO THEATER

This year, as every year in the past, Mr. Sidney B. Lust is donating his Milo Theatre for a benefit performance to collect toys, clothing and canned foods for the less fortunate children of Montgomery County. In addition to Mr. Lust's donation of the Theatre all the employees are donating their services and the different film companies are furnishing motion pictures. All is to insure that no child will suffer the heartache of a toyless Christmas.

Last year approximately five hundred toys, articles of clothing and food stuffs were collected, and it is hoped that this year will bring an even more generous response to this most worthy of causes. All the toys and gifts donated will be distributed throughout the County by Mrs. Dorothy Fuller, director of the Montgomery County Welfare Board, and her efficient staff.

A show outstanding in every respect has been arranged for the youngsters and oldsters who will help gladden the hearts of the poorer children of the county by attending Saturday morning's show and bringing with them their offerings. Headlining the bill will be Billy Mauch, the boy who captivated Hollywood with his splendid performance in "Anthony Adverse", and an all-star supporting cast in Booth Tarkington's immortal "Penrod and Sam".

In order to further assure the delight of the audience there will be an Our Gang Comedy, a Popeye and Mickey Mouse Cartoon. As a very special treat Johnny Reh, the Wonder Magician, has volunteered to attend the matinee and bring along an astonishing bag of baffling tricks.

Never more than at Christmas time is the proverb, "It is more blessed to give than to receive", true. Brighten the hearts of some poorer children this Christmas and enjoy a free show by attending the Special Toy Matinee, Saturday morning, December 18, 10 a. m., at The Milo.

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EUGENE RANEY SEEKING COMMISSIONER OFFICE

Eugene J. C. Raney, prominent Kensington citizen, last Saturday announced he would seek the nomination for county commissioner in the Democratic primary of next September.

Mr. Raney never has held an elective office. He has served for two years as an investigator for the State, first with the Roads Commission in 1934 and with the Comptroller's Office in 1935. Since then he has been connected with the Coliseum Amusement Co., at Hagerstown, and recently was elected president of that firm.

He is a charter member of two County American Legion Posts, the Cissell-Saxon Post of Silver Spring and the Arnold Wilburn Post of Kensington. He served two years as president of the Montgomery County Council of American Legion Posts and was instrumental in establishing the council's orthopedic clinic for children.

Having organized the Kensington Fire Department in 1920, he served as its chief until 1934. He also was president of the department for two years and founded the first volunteer firemen's blood transfusion squad in the United States at Kensington.

A past president of the Maryland Firemen's Association, Raney sponsored the movement for the State pension and relief bill for volunteer fire fighters. He, as chairman of the commission appointed under the Gov. Albert C. Ritchie, backed the legislation.

Mr. Raney was a member of Gov. Ritchie's State campaign committee in 1934. He is a son of the late Jas. P. Raney, official of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for many years, who was a leading supporter of Blair Lee, of Silver Spring, when he was elected to the United States Senate.

$7,500 Fire Destroys Chevy Chase Dwelling

A two-alarm blaze Tuesday practically destroyed a two-story frame house on Jones Bridge road, North Chevy Chase.

Bethesda and Chevy Chase departments fought the blaze for several hours but were unable to save the house. The house, owned by the Mizell Lumber Co., of Kensington, was occupied by Glenwood Bailey, colored chauffer for D. A. Shober, and his wife. Damage was estimated at $7,500 by firemen.

Chief Eddie Sackett of the Chevy Chase Fire Department was badly burned and his injuries were treated at the scene by the first aid squad of his department.

An overheated furnace is believed to have been the cause of the fire. The Baileys were not at home when the blaze broke out.

Rockville Legion Post Holds Monthly Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post, No. 86, had its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Ada Thompson on Wednesday, December 8.

This organization is doing a splendid piece of service work. Several of the ladies have donated fruit cakes and sold them, the proceeds having been used to send money to Perry Point to the disabled soldiers. Money has also been donated for the buying of children's books for the new Rockville Library and for local rehabilitation work.

Mrs. John Myers of Pine Crest joined the auxiliary at this meeting. After the business meeting a delightful supper was served by the hostess.

JACKSON FOR GOVERNOR CLUB PLANNING DINNER

The Montgomery County Jackson for Governor Club has issued invitations for a dinner in honor of Mayor Howard W. Jackson, candidate for Governor of Maryland, and Mrs. Jackson, on January 3, 7 p. m. at the Congressional Country Club, when Mayor and Mrs. Jackson will be guests of honor.

The president of the club, Jesse Frank Nicholson, will act as toastmaster, and be assisted by the officers C. Allen Sherwin, Miss Margaret Dronenburg, and Earl H. Griffith, jr. An entertainment has been arranged for the dinner guests.

Among those serving on the reception and program committees will be Mr. Edward S. Northrup, Miss Mary Ellen Corby, Mr. James Pimper, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCoy, Mr. Trimble Sawtelle, Mr. James Gouldin, Dr. and Mrs. Bates Etchison, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Catesby Weedon, Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeVeau, Mrs. Norman Smith and Mr. John Gassaway.

Those wishing to make reservations for the dinner should communicate with the secretary, Miss Margaret Dronenburg, Rockville 360, Rockville.

Democratic Club Names Committee Chairmen

Mrs. Philip J. Fischer, president of the Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County, has announced the selection of the following chairmen of standing committees for the ensuing year:

Ways and means—Mrs. Joseph Francis Betterly, of Bethesda, chairmen, and Mrs. A. L. Reynolds, of Takoma, vice chairman.

Membership—Mrs. Charles C. Alles, of Chevy Chase.

Registration—Mrs. Alfred Steffen, of North Chevy Chase.

Hospitality—Mrs. E. P. Klinge, of Silver Spring.

Legislation—Miss Ruth Shoemaker, of Bethesda.

Campaign—Mrs. Charles Y. Latimer, of Takoma Park.

Printing—Mrs. William C. Young, of Rockville.

Program—Mrs. Raymond Clapper, of Chevy Chase.

Resolutions—Mrs. George Edmonds, of Rockville.

Aims and objects—Mrs. Angus Roy Shannon, jr., of Silver Spring.

Constitution—Mrs. W. Ernest Offutt, of Bethesda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER AUDIT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The county commissioners spent the forenoon of Tuesday in consultation with the firm of Wooden & Benson, of Baltimore, auditors, which filed their report behind closed doors in the Rockville courthouse.

The report opens with a statement to the effect that recommendations of the previous year's audit as filed January 25, 1937, for changes and improvements in the county's bookkeeping and accounting systems were not put into effect until after June 30, 1937, so that the benefits of such improvements did not accrue to the county until the present fiscal year which ends June 30, 1938.

It was recommended to the commissioners in the audit of county records that there should be a refinancing of Montgomery County obligations to obtain a lower interest rate.

With this suggestion it was also recommended that a "pay-as-you-go" plan of financing be adopted to as large an extent as possible. The voluminous report carried page after page of financial data concerning county finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937.

Omitted from the report, however, were the findings of the audit with respect to the offices of the county supervisor of aid, county building inspector and dog tax collection accounts. Alleged shortages in each of these accounts resulted in the indictments of four county officials two months ago, and the report in each case has not yet been made public.

Accounts covered by the audit other than those mentioned above appeared to be in proper shape, the report stated, adding that several items of question apparently had been cleared up after a conference with the auditing committee of the county which is composed of CountyAuditor, C. Vaughan Darby, County Commissioner Paul M. Coughlan, and Ira C. Whitacre, clerk to the county commissioners.

During its afternoon session the board granted salary increases for desk clerks in the county police stations. The new salary scale calls for $100 per month for each man. Previous salaries ranged from $75 to $85 per month.

The sum of $2,582.30 was ordered paid to the Social Service League for aid to dependent children during the month of November.

Permission was granted the Kensington Chamber of Commerce to stage a mass meeting in behalf of county school improvements in Rockville on the evening of January 13.

Firemen Making Plans For Supper And Bazaar

The Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department announces that it will give a supper and bazaar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 3, 4 and 5, 1938, at Gaithersburg. Mr. James M. Mount is chairman of the committee to vote a Dodge automobile to the holder of the lucky number and Mr. Murray Walker is directing the preparation of an advertising program. The Ladies Auxiliary is active in making arrangements for the bazaar.