HOG CHOLERA DURING DEC.

The disease was reported to exist on eleven premises during the month against twenty-two a year ago, and an eleven year average of thirty-four for December. Five were classed as bockyard outbreaks, while six occurred on farms where hogs are bred and raised. However, garbage feeding plants were maintained on two of these farms. All eleven were classed as primary, or new outbreaks.

Charles, Harford, Prince Georges and Queen Anne's were in a mad scramble for first place with two outbreaks each. Anne Arundel, Calvert and Montgomery were bunched with one case each.

Seven of the outbreaks were apparently due to feeding bones, rinds of scraps of infected pork in garbage, table scraps, kitchen swill, etc., Four were caused by the purchase of new stock.

On the premises where hog cholera was reported to exist during the month, there were five hundred forty-one hogs when the disease appeared. Thirty-two were dead, and forty-four were visibly sick before the cases were reported. Four hundred sixty-eight, or 86 per cent of the hogs involved, were in garbage feeding plants.

. Grunts From The Air. .

..Eleven cases of hog cholera are the smallest number reported in Maryland, for the month of December, since the records were started in 1919.

Hog cholera was reported on two hundred nineteen premises in Maryland during the year 1930, against three hundred thirty-four in 1929, and an eleven year annual average of five hundred sixty-five

Prince Georges County lead in the race for the year with forty-one outbreaks. However, thirty-two of these were in garbage feeding plants.

Forth-five, or approximately 25 per cent of all outbreaks reported during 1930 were in garbage feeding plants, while approximately 72 per cent of all hogs involved were in such places.

One hundred thirty-three cases of the disease reported during the year were of the backyard type. That is a few hogs kept in small pens under backyard conditions.

Only eighty-six of the outbreaks reported for the twelve month period were on farms where hogs are bred and raised. However, garbage feeding plants were maintained on thirty of these farms. Therefore, the disease appeared on only fifty-six farms in Maryland where some effort was being made to observe sanitary conditions. This is, according to the latest available data, only one farm in each four hundred forty-six in the Old Line State.

Two hundred eleven of the outbreaks were primary or new cases of the disease, while only eight, or approximately 4 per cent, were secondary or spread of the infection to hogs on nearby premises.

One hundred eighty-six, or approximately 90 per cent, of the primary outbreaks were apparently caused by feeding garbage, table scraps or kitchen swill containing bones, rinds or scraps of infected pork; twenty-three were caused by the purchase of infected hogs, while in two instances the owners could not or would not give any information on which tc base the source of infection.

Six of the eight secondary outbreaks were caused by permitting hogs to run at large or to line fences, while two were caused by the movement of infected hogs.

The double treatment was administered to only one hundred fourteen herds during the year and ninety-eight of these were in garbage feeding plants. Investigations of eighty-two of the herds treated showed that there were "breaks" or losses as a result of the treatment in twelve, or 14½ per cent of the lost investigated.

GUN BLOWS OFF DENTIST'S HAND AS FALSE TEETH FALL

Dr. John G. Cannan, one of the most widely known dentists in lower Delaware, living in Lewes, Del., had his left hand so badly mangled Friday, as result of a shot gun accidentally discharging, that it had to be amputated in the Beebe Hospital there.

Dr. Cannon one day last week loaded a shot gun to kill a rat which had been making its home about his office. He set it in the corner of the office loaded. While doing some work, in some way he dropped a set of false teeth from a cabinet near the gun. In reaching for them, the gun was knocked down and in falling it was discharged. The entire load took effect in the hand and so badly mutilated it that it could not be saved. Dr. Cannon formerly practiced dentistry in Georgetown and is well knowr throughout the State, coming from a very prominent family.

How were the wise men of the East directed to the birthplace of Jesus Answer, read—Matt. 2:1-10.

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FARMERS WARNED BY WASHINGTON

Washington has again admonished the farmers of this country that they must reduce the cost of cropping if they expect to obtain any profit from their land. Emphasis is placed on the necessity of utilizing only the most productive parts of their farms, and against the retention of dairy cattle or other livestock that does not measure up to a high standard of efficiency. The use of better seed is also pointed out as one of the changes necessary in the effort to make the land yield a living.

The government survey shows that it will take most careful and intelligent planning on the part of farmers to make the output of the land show a return over the cost of planting, cultivating and marketing. Perhaps the advice is sound and wise, but it will be difficult to illustrate to tillers of the soil how the government's recommendations may be further complied with.

Apparently there has been little or no reduction in the prices farmers are obliged to pay for any of the essentials for pursuing the industry and so long as these continue at their present high levels it is almost useless to otherwise point the way to profit in agriculture.

If, for example, wheat growers are obliged to sell their grain for 60 or 75 cents a bushel, while the cost of raising, harvesting, threshing and marketing the crop is $1,20 a bushel, it is difficult to perceive how such suggestions as were radioed by the government on New Year's eve can be of any particular value to the American farmer, however earnestly Uncle Sam may be striving to aid him.

New York's Christmas bill for orchids was $100,000. Twenty-five thousand of the fragile blossoms were sold by florists of the town, and last-minute prices in some shops went to $12 an orchid.

Christmas is the biggest orchid day of the florists' year, according to J. H. Holmes, sales manager for the largest orchid-growing nursery in the United States (Thomas Young Nursery Company of New Jersey). Sales didn't quite match those of a year ago, which set a record.

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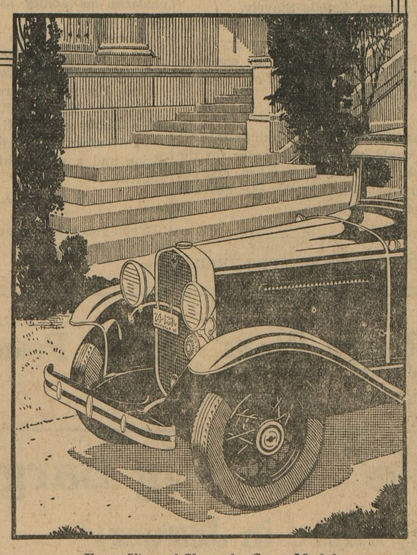
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