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What Is Lockjaw?

Tetanus, or "lockjaw" is an infrequent but very serious disease. The bacillus which causes the disease is a spore-forming germ. These spores, or seeds, can lie dormant for many years only to change to the active form when in a suitable location. These spores are in the manure of animals, soil, barnyards and streets.

There is a potential danger of tetanus when any open wound is sustained, but the most dangerous ones

are puncture wounds, or wounds in which dirt, clothing, or other foreign bodies are carried beneath the skin.

The germs thrive in an environment low in oxygen, so dead tissues and accompanying infection enhance its growth.

As the tetanus organism grows, it manufactures a poison, or toxin, which acts on the central nervous system. As the disease progresses there is spasm of the muscles, and

the spasm of the chewing and swallowing muscles is quite prominent, hence the term "lockjaw".

In the latter part of the 19th century it was discovered that the horse could be given the poison from the lockjaw germ, and the horse would then make an antitoxin.

This was widely used for many decades. The chief disadvantages were that about 10 percent of the people had significant reactions to the horse serum, the protection afforded was temporary, lasting only a few weeks, and if a second injury occurred, the human body tears up the second injection of horse serum too rapidly, so that there is no protection against lockjaw.

In 1936 tetanus toxoid was introduced in this country. This material causes the human body to make a serum that neutralizes the poison of the lockjaw germ. This protection lasts for years and can be raised to protective levels at the time of an injury by giving a booster shot. This is the drug which all babies get in their "baby shots" and again when starting to school. It is advised that everyone in this country have a "basic series" consisting of two injections about one month apart, a booster one year later, and another booster every four (4) years, and also a booster at the time of any injury if there is a danger of lockjaw.

You can protect yourself from this dread disease, tetanus, by participating in the county-wide drive to immunize every person in the county, and by going to your physician early to get the proper care of open wounds and puncture wounds.

Immunization Clinics will be held at the town halls in the towns of Faison, Warsaw, Maconia and Rose Hill. Injections will also be given in Wallace, Kenansville, Chinquapin and Beulaville and these locations will be announced. The date for the first lockjaw shots is July 14th, Saturday afternoon from one to five P. M. Watch this paper for further announcements.

Questions And Answers On Lockjaw

1. WHO SHOULD BE IMMUNIZED?
Every man, woman, and child, ages 6 months to 100 years.

2. HOW GOOD OF A PROTECTION DO YOU GET FROM TETANUS IMMUNIZATION?
Almost 100%, only one case of lockjaw was found in servicemen who had been immunized in World War II.

3. HOW MANY SHOTS ARE NEEDED?
Three (3) injections. At periodic intervals. After that one, every four years or with each new injury.

4. WHAT KIND OF INJURIES ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE LOCKJAW?
Any dirty wound, but 50% of the cases reported have come from minor blisters, cuts, thorns, and splinters.

5. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN IMMUNIZED AND GET CUT, WHAT TYPE OF SHOTS ARE GIVEN?
Tetanus antitoxin is the only effective protective treatment.

6. DO PEOPLE GET REACTIONS FROM THE ANTITOXIN?
Yes, about one person in ten will develop an allergy, hives, etc. More

serious reactions requiring hospitalization are possible.

7. DO YOU GET REACTIONS FROM THE REGULAR IMMUNIZATION?
Very seldom, and then only a local irritation where the injection was given.

8. HOW GOOD IS THE TETANUS ANTITOXIN FROM THE HORSE SERUM COMPARED WITH THE REGULAR TETANUS IMMUNIZATION?
The tetanus antitoxin lasts only two to three weeks and gives partial protection. The immunization lasts for years and possibly as long as ten years in some people and gives almost full protection.

9. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE COMPANY NURSE OR YOUR OWN DOCTOR.

Garden Time

From the question box:

"I have a good location for a hardy hydrangea. Can I set a plant this time of year?" Yes, if you can find one which has been (grown in a container (nursery container grown stock). Try your local nurseryman or garden center.

From a lady in Eastern Carolina: "I have read somewhere that Captan can be used for the control of bunch grape diseases. Is this true? If so, can you help me?"

Captan, with Malathion and Methoxychlor, may be used effectively for the control of both in-

sects and diseases which attack the bunch grape.

Materials should be mixed as follows: Captan (50 per cent wettable powder), three tablespoons; Methoxychlor (50 per cent wettable powder), three tablespoons; Malathion (25 per cent wettable powder), four tablespoons, water, one gallon.

For 10 gallons of spray, use three ounces Captan, three ounces Methoxychlor and five ounces Malathion.

For bunch grapes, spray every two weeks until two weeks before the grapes ripen. Spray thoroughly.

It is usually not necessary to spray Muscadine grapes. However, if you wish to protect your plants from insects and diseases,

the same materials and schedule may be used as given for bunch grapes.

This same spray formulation is also effective for the control of insects and diseases which attack apples, peaches, raspberries and dewberries, blueberries and strawberries.

In the mountains: For strawberries, spray at two-week intervals until berries start to form. At this stage, drop out Methoxychlor and Malathion and spray with Captan alone, eight tablespoons per gallon of water, until harvest time. After harvest, continue at two-week intervals using full schedule.

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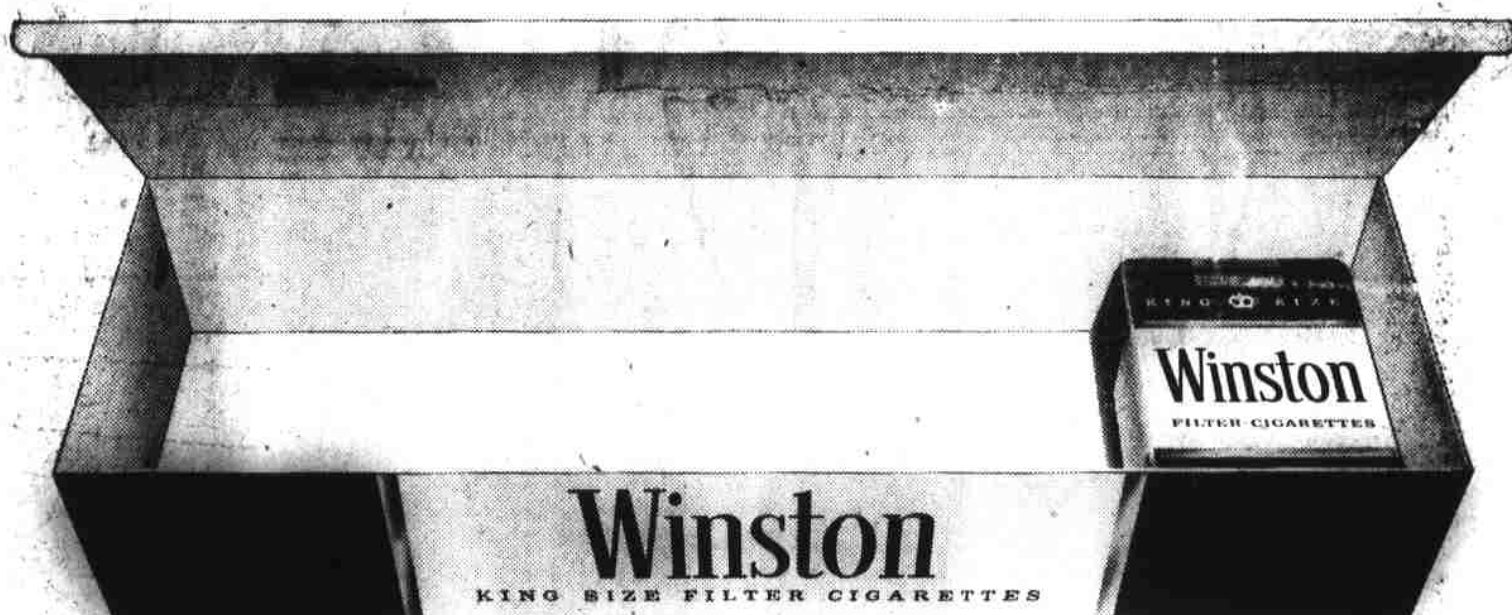
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