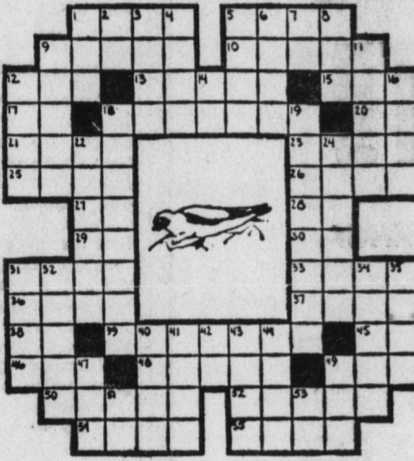


WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Ocean Mammal

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| HORIZONTAL | VERTICAL |
| 1 Depicted mammal | 1 Dry gross |
| 9 It lives in the | 2 Near |
| 10 Perfect | 3 Repose |
| 12 For what reason? | 4 Ask |
| 13 Type of fur | 5 Storage pit |
| 15 Cooking vessel | 6 English statesman |
| 17 Sloth | 7 An (Scot.) |
| 18 Root word forms | 8 Fold |
| 20 Behold! | 9 Its body is yellowish |
| 21 Diminutive of Stanley | 10 Sprawls |
| 23 Unoccupied | 11 Cleanse |
| 25 Drove | 12 College |
| 26 Deprivation | 13 Its — have long claws |
| 27 Depart | 14 Signs |
| 28 Hebrew deity | 15 Quiet |
| 29 Correlative of either | 16 Crude creams of tartar |
| 30 Negative reply | 17 Sorrows |
| 31 It produces valuable | 18 Norse god |
| 33 Cut | 19 Style of architecture |
| 36 Prescribed amount | 20 Vegetable |
| 37 Domestic slave | 21 Nuisance |
| 38 Preposition | 22 Toward |
| 39 Legislative bodies | |
| 40 Exists | |
| 41 Bite | |
| 42 Mercenary | |
| 43 It is — able to walk on land | |
| 44 Sleeveless garments | |
| 45 Communion plate | |
| 46 Color slightly | |
| 47 Winter precipitation | |

Here's the Answer



Disease Threat Never Fades For Farmer

The threat of a disease epidemic hovers over the livestock farmer like a dark cloud. It never goes away.

Cattlemen remember the black days of cattle fever that ravaged the southeast 40 years ago. And just 20 or 30 years ago there were sections of the country where hogs couldn't be grown because of cholera.

Hogmen, including those in North Carolina, dread the thought of cholera even more than low pork prices. Whole herds numbering in the hundreds have been completely wiped out by the disease in the not too distant past.

What these farmers may not be aware of, however, is that there is a disease of hogs even more dreadful than cholera—African swine fever. Fortunately, it hasn't yet reached the shores of the United States. And every effort is being made, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the livestock industry, to see that it never arrives.

Dr. F. J. Mulhern, deputy administrator of USDA's Agricultural Research Service, in a speech to hog producers in Raleigh recently discussed the threat of African swine fever and other foreign diseases to U. S. livestock. "Some may say nothing could be worse than cholera," Dr. Mulhern said, "but we are told that African swine fever kills hogs quicker and spreads more rapidly, and there is not an effective vaccine for it."

He explained that the disease spread from Africa to Portugal and Spain and then to Italy just a few years ago. Until that time it appeared to be contained within Africa.

"We are told that the swine industries in those countries have not recovered from that experience," Dr. Mulhern said.

Another disease that is a constant threat throughout the entire world is foot-and-mouth disease. The last case in this country was in 1929. Then, its entrance into the country was traced to feeding ships' garbage to hogs.

"Most occurrences of this disease in countries that were free usually were found first in swine that had eaten animal meat scraps or by-products that originated in countries that had the disease," the USDA official said.

The threat of these and other diseases to the livestock in this country rises and falls with the incidence of the diseases throughout the world. With the rapid modes of world travel and the heavy international traffic of people and goods, only constant vigilance at entry points keeps diseases out of the U. S. And sometimes they sneak in anyway.

Dr. Mulhern added that once disease breaks out, it is difficult to isolate due to the heavy movement of livestock within the country. This is the element of the disease threat that affects virtually every producer.

Elaborate control measures followed by USDA to keep diseases out of the country were outlined for the hog farmers by Dr. Mulhern. These steps include patrols along the Mexican and Canadian borders in search of animal smugglers and checking all animals entering this country including horses, zoo animals, pets, etc.

Similar precautions are taken to see that disease organisms don't enter by way of animal by-products brought ashore by individuals, in ships stores or by way of ships' garbage.

Turning to the problem "that really bugs us," Dr. Mulhern called attention to the some 200 million people who come through U. S. ports annually. These people have difficulty understanding why they are suspected as possible carriers of an animal dis-

SWEETIE PIE



"Hey! You ought to try that with ice skates on!"

Gary Ledbetter With 4th Infantry

PLEIKU, VIETNAM (AHTNC)—Gary Ledbetter, 19, son of Myrtle S. Ledbetter, 304 York Road, Kings Mountain, N. C., was promoted to Army specialist four Dec. 23 while assigned to the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam, as a truck driver.

"Dead man's hand" in poker is a saying that originated after Wild Bill Hickok was killed for having a hand consisting of aces and eights.

Farmers Who Employ Teenagers Should Follow These Guidelines

Cleveland County farmers who employ children 15 years old or younger for jobs that are officially classified as hazardous should be familiar with certain restrictions. Certain occupations in agriculture have been declared particularly hazardous by the U. S. Department of Labor for the employment of children under 16, according to M. W. Dameron, county extension chairman.

Such jobs as operating a tractor with over 20 belt horsepower, and operating a combine, baler, corn picker and forage harvester, are among those listed, Mr. Dameron says.

Some other tasks are prohibited—such as handling or applying anhydrous ammonia and several types of herbicides, insecticides and fungicides; working from a ladder or scaffold more than 20 feet high; and working in gas-tight grain or forage enclosures.

Mr. Dameron says the law does not apply when the child is employed by his parent or a person standing in the place of a parent on a farm owned or operated by the parent or person.

Qualified youth can be exempted from some parts of the hazardous occupations in agriculture declaration which became effective Jan. 1, 1968, the agent points out. "Fourteen and 15-year-olds can be employed in certain of these hazardous occupations when they have completed a formal training program in the safe use of tractors and farm machinery."

The training programs are designed to make sure workers pass four requirements: (1) become familiar with the normal working hazards in agriculture, (2) study safety sections of the I-H tractor program manuals, (3) pass a written exam on safe tractor and machinery operation, and (4) demonstrate their ability to operate a tractor safely.

The agent says the boy or girl will be issued a certificate after he completes one of the safety programs. The young worker should then present his employer a copy of the certificate.

The employer has several responsibilities. He should: (1) instruct the boy or girl in the safe operation of the machine, (2) provide adequate supervision, (3) examine the certificate and become familiar with the occupations the youth is qualified to perform, and (4) keep the certificate on file during the youth's employment.

Mr. Dameron points out that 14 and 15-year-old youth who wish to be employed in hazardous agricultural occupations and employers can secure additional information at the County Extension Office, Shelby.

Bridges Assigned To 60th Artillery

GRAFENWOHR, GERMANY (AHTNC)—Army Private Ned Bridges, 20, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bridges, and wife, Wanda, live at 1107 Gold St., Kings Mountain, N. C., was assigned Jan. 3 to the 60th Artillery near Grafenwohr, Germany, as a fire control operator.

Under medicare, the patient pays the first \$40 of the hospital bill.

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