

Here, There and Everywhere

Odd and Interesting Things Found in The News, Condensed For The Readers of The Independent
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Lightning plays many unusual pranks, and it does strike twice in the same place. Out in Tallahassee, Fla., Bill Dixon, 60, and five other persons huddled under a tree for protection. Lightning struck the tree, jumped to Bill, coursed down his backbone, and shattered the seat of his pants. He is recovering. Near Monett, Mo., lightning came from a clear sky and destroyed two shocks of wheat on A. Bonous farm—just as it did 25 years ago.

Mujó Suljanovitch, of Zvornika, near Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia, celebrated his hundredth birthday anniversary by marrying for the fourth time.

In Everton, Mo., D. W. Thomason has a five-legged pig weighing 50 pounds. The extra leg is on the fore part of the body.

The Gribble family, occupants of the highest house in Victoria, situated on the peak of Mount Hotham, are snowed in until November. In their mountain home blizzards, deep snow drifts and icy-temperatures keep them prisoners.

Twelve-year-old Mrs. Vernice Higgins Stotler of Cumberland, Md., is the mother of a six-pound boy. The boy's maternal grandmother is only twenty-six.

It has been found that mosquito eggs may hatch out four or five years after they have been laid.

In Los Angeles, Mrs. M. O'Neill has a queer bird—it is half rooster and half hen. It crows like a rooster, and lays eggs like a hen. In fact it does double duty, and that is more than a lot of chickens do for their owners.

Earl Crow, recent graduate of the Abernathy, Texas, high school, had 26 cousins attending the same school during his final year.

In Shanghai, crowds of superstitious persons have each night been worshipping before a mysterious red glow in the window of a school in the French concession there. The glow was found to be merely the reflection of an illuminated sign.

Near Mt. Carmel, Pa., Mariod Snyder was driving a truck loaded with over 100,000 eggs, when it overturned and the eggs were scrambled all over the highway. Practically all of the eggs were broken.

In Alfer, N. Y., Kangaroo tendons were substituted for those of an Alfred University student who was injured in a wrestling match there recently. The operation was successful in all respects.

In Latrobe, Pa., Al Burke's scarecrow has been ineffective. In fact it lures birds to it instead of scaring them away. Burke found a nest built in the inside pocket of a coat he draped over the scarecrow.

In Palo Alto, Calif., successful ex-

periments in the use of sewer gas for illuminating purposes have been conducted. More than 3,000 candlepower was developed in the mantle-type illuminator which shone across Palo Alto airport like a locomotive headlight.

To prove that a man can get along with his wife's relatives, Dr. Thomas Richmond of Kansas City, Mo., took his 27 in-laws on a vacation trip into the Rockies. The in-laws voted him a grand guy.

In Rochester, N. Y., Denico Gentile, 68, pulled two of his aching teeth with a pair of pliers and collapsed from loss of blood.

The fossil of gluptodont, prehistoric predecessor of the armadillo, has been dug up by working excavating for the foundation of the new Buenos Aires Central Flood Market. The bones are calculated to be 50,000 years old.

In Brighton, England, 12-year-old Douglas Desimone had trained for an all-England championship swimming race. The night before the event he dreamed of the race, he climbed out of bed, stood on the window edge. He thought it was the edge of the swimming pool. He dived, caught on a clothesline, injured his back and head.

In Mobile, Ala., Ollie Broodus had a horse and wagon. Both were hit by a car, and the horse was killed. He bought another horse. A motorist hit his wagon, scared the horse and it ran away. He bought a car. It collided with another, and Broodus paid the damages.

Incredible as it sounds, there are states in this country today in which a father can not only will away the guardianship of his children—without consent of their mother—but also will away the future custody of an unborn child.

Dung Beetles Are More Than "Just Tumblebugs"

To the casual observer dung beetles are "just tumblebugs." But to those who know them they are marvels of ingenuity, efficient housekeepers, friends of the cattle raiser, and careful parents, the mother beetle of some species showing extreme solicitude for her children.

These beetles, so called because they live in, feed on, and make balls from dung—both for food and as nests for their eggs—show many variations in making and placing the balls, and in caring for the young beetles. Some species roll a ball for an hour or more, and then bury it, digging around and under the ball until it disappears. "From this activity they get the name, 'tumblebug'."

Naming Texas
Texas was named in 1727 when the territory was settled with vaguely-defined limits as a province and named Tehaj, or Texas, after the tribe of the confederacy of Tejas Indians.

Farm Notes

QUALITY OF GRAPES AFFECTED BY HARVEST

A mistake frequently made by vineyard owners is that of picking the grapes before they are fully ripe.

Immature grapes lack the necessary sugar and solids to keep well and to develop a full, rich flavor after picking, says Prof. M. E. Gardner, horticulturist at State College.

Since many varieties are fully colored before maturity it is not easy to determine just when they are ripe, he added. The ability to tell when a grape is ready for picking comes largely from experience.

Gardner offered a few general suggestions as a guide to grape harvesting: Watch for the full development of flavor and aroma, color according to the variety, the turning from green to brown of the ends of the stems on the bunches, and the easy pulling of berries from the stem. Tasting a few berries pulled at random from the vine is also a guide.

Small pointed shears should be used in removing bunches from the vines, with the stem being cut close to the bunch so the point will not puncture other clusters.

After picking, the grapes should be removed from the bunches before they are offered for sale.

When the bunches are well trimmed and packed closely in the basket with the stems down, they will be in a good condition for shipping and will present an attractive appearance.

The muscadine grape, not of the bunch type, is hard to ship and therefore is used largely at home and in nearby markets for wine, grape juice, and for fresh consumption.

VITAMINS ESSENTIAL IN POULTRY FEEDING

Although no one knows exactly what vitamins are, scientists no longer doubt that they are essential to the health and development of animals and birds.

One of the important factors in managing poultry flocks is providing the birds with an adequate supply of vitamins A, B, D, E, and G, says Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department.

Practical sources of vitamin A are: yellow corn, sprouted oats, milk and its by-products, cod liver and certain other fish oils, egg yolks, alfalfa green and cured carrots, cabbage, green grasses and legumes and their hays, and vacuum-dried white fish meal.

Vitamin B is found in practically all cereal grains and their by-products, milk and its by-products, in green grasses and legumes and their hays, in certain tubers, and in yeast.

Sources of Vitamin D include: milk and its by-products, potent fish oils, green grasses and legumes and their hays, irradiated feed stuffs, and the action of the ultra-violet rays of the sun.

Vitamin E is abundant in green feeds and cereal grains. Vitamin G is abundant in pork liver feed, dried yeast, milk and its by-products, fish meal, meat scraps, soybean oil meal, green grasses and legumes and their hays, and in yeast.

Birds given a well-balanced feed and an opportunity to get out on a green range usually secure enough vitamins to meet their needs, Dearstyne stated.

Vitamin deficiencies often occur when birds are kept closely confined and are given a diet overbalanced with scratch and mash feeds, he added.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY EXPERTS

Ques.—How much legume hay should be provided for each mature cow in my herd?

Ans.—Under average conditions in this state, two tons of legume hay will be sufficient for feeding during the winter months. Where there is a shortage of succulent roughage, this amount should be increased. With plenty of common roughage such as grass hay and straw from threshed grain and a good supply of silage the figure given will be ample.

Ques.—When should breeding hens be selected for next year's flock?

Ans.—Birds that molt in late fall or early winter are always the best producers and breeding hens should be selected from them. The flock should be watched carefully through August and early September and those birds that go into a molt should be sold. The late molters will come back into production in a short period and will pass on this producing quality to their offsprings.

Ques.—Is it too early to harvest lespedeza for hay?

Ans.—The usual dates for cutting hay are from August 1 to September 1 for the Korean variety and from August 15 to October 1 for the other varieties. However, the best time to cut is when the growth is 15 inches high or the plants are in full bloom. When July and August are dry and September wet it might be well to delay cutting the Common, Tennessee 78 and Kobe varieties as the main growth of these varieties will then take place in September.

Ques.—What is the best age to breed dairy heifers?

Avenues of Fashion with Esquire



Joe College and his companion in crime, the flapper, are now as extinct as the "dodo" though of more recent vintage. The typical university man of today dresses in conservative, smart, fashion with much attention to the proper clothes for the occasion. Now is the time young men begin to think about and buy clothes for "going back to school" and here are a few authentic and pertinent reminders:

GOOD TASTE IN A PLAID

Definite patterned suits of Glen Urquhart plaid will be seen on the best dressed men at fashion setting universities this fall. These



may be of grey or brown usually in Saxony type fabrics. The newest three-button model features a high roll to the second button. The smartest backs are plain with eight inch side vents.

SLACKS IN THE DARK

Flannel slacks which, incidentally will go well with the jacket of the above mentioned suit, are somewhat



darker in shade and therefore practical. Solid color is highest fashion.

PRACTICAL AND NONCHALANT

In continued High fashion favor among university men is the reversible tweed and gabardine top coat.



This coat has true British ease of line and is eminently practical for campus wear.

SNAPS AND PORK PIES

The brown snap brim hat with black band continues to hold its ground, as the pork pie gains in

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Ans. No arbitrary age can be set for breeding as this is determined by the maturity of the individual animal. The feeding schedule also enters into this question as those animals that are fed a liberal grain ration will mature more rapidly than those receiving a limited ration of grain. As a general rule, however, Jersey and Guernsey heifers should be bred to freshen at from 24 to 30 months of age. Ayrshire and Holstein animals should be bred to freshen from 27 to 32 months of age.

Ques.—Is it necessary to feed oyster shells to moulting birds?

Ans. Yes, it is very necessary that the birds have this mineral in order to build up the body to normal before the laying season starts. A grain diet alone does not furnish sufficient minerals for the building of feathers and bone especially after a heavy laying season and it is therefore necessary that the ration be supplemented with all minerals possible.

Ques.—When should vegetables be planted for the fall and winter garden?

Ans. The time to plant depends upon the hardness of the different vegetables and the time required

favor. The latter hat, of course, is



strictly a campus and country fashion and particularly smart in rough felt finishes in the gray green or Lovat shade.

SHIRT STORY

That perennial favorite of the well dressed university man, the button down collar shirt will again be much in evidence at leading university campuses. Nothing ever quite takes its place for easy nonchalance and good taste. (Fashion Note: Be sure that the button-down collar sits rather high on the neck with plenty of materials between the button and top of the collar so as to produce a jaunty roll at the front.)



The button-down collar shirt is recommended in solid color, oxford materials. Also recommended, in oxford stripes, is the round collar shirt which is exceptionally smart.

DARK TONES IN NECKWEAR

As masculine as a deep bass voice are the unusual new ideas in repp stripe ties recommended for univer-



sity men this fall. These feature double and triple stripings of such unusual combinations as dark green, dark blue and wine and dark brown. Also gaining in favor are darker toned neckwear with all-over animal motifs.

the County Commissioners, under this law are supposed to name a rabies inspector for each township, and this inspector is supposed to vaccinate all the dogs in his township. The owner of each dog pays 50 cents for the vaccination, 25 cents of this going to the inspector for his work and the other 25 cents to the State Department of Agriculture for the vaccine and administrative costs.

"As I see it, this law does little more than provide jobs for several hundred persons and a large order for some vaccine manufacturer. There are 100 counties in the State and several townships in each county, there probably being 500 townships in the State. Well, I know there are not that many people in the State who are qualified to administer rabies vaccinations. And it isn't fair to the dogs and to the public to have the dogs vaccinated by every Tom, Dick and Harry who gets a job as rabies inspector simply thru friendship with the County Health Officer or members of the Board of Commissioners.

"Furthermore, I don't see how the State can supply for 25 cents or less a vaccine that is efficient as a preventive of rabies.

"The veterinary profession looks upon this rabies law as a farce and a racket, and we deplore it. I don't know whose fault it is that no attempt was made to enforce the law in this county, but I don't think any serious damage has been done or will be done because of it."

Six Men seek C. G. "Irish Promotion"

Puzzling for several hours Monday over a number of tough questions on Coast Guard regulations and English, six of the outstanding warrant officers of the Seventh Coast Guard District stood the examination for promotion to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

The six to take the examinations were C. H. Wroton and F. L. Wells, of District Headquarters; John Allen Midgett, of Chicamacomico; Roy Robinson of Oak Island; Walter Etheridge of Nags Head, and C. O. Peelle of Cape Henry. These men were picked by the Coast Guard Selective Board as the Seventh District's candidates for promotion to the higher rank.

Eighty-one additional Chief Warrant Officers were authorized by the Treasury Department last spring. Forty of these are to come from the ranks of the Life Saving branch of the service, which is the branch from which the men for this district come.

The promotion from the rank of Warrant Officer to that of Chief Warrant Officer is something in the nature of an "Irish promotion." A Chief Warrant Officer with only a few years of service as such does not receive as much pay as a Warrant Officer with more than 12 years service as such. Nearly all of the six men who stood the examination here Monday have had 12 years of service as Warrant Officers, so a promotion will actually mean less base pay for them. After they have had 10 years of service as a Chief Warrant Officer they will be well fixed, but if one of them should be retired from the service within the next 10 years his pension will be less than it would have been had he not been promoted.

The Chief Warrant Officers do get extra compensation, however in the

way of increased allowance for lodging and food. A Warrant officer is allowed two rooms and one ration per day, in addition to his base pay. A Chief Warrant Officer gets three rooms, and two rations per day. This is the first time any new Chief Warrant Officer have been created in some years.

OLD MEN

In savage tribes where skulls are thick And primal passions rage They have a system, sure and quick To cure the blight of age. For when a native's youth has fled

And years have sapped his vim They simply knock him on the head And put an end to him. But we, in this enlightened age, Are built of sterner stuff, And so we look with righteous rage On deeds so harsh and rough. For when a man grows old and weak And weak and short of breath We simply take his job away And let him starve to death. —GEORGE E. PHARR in Dir. Farmer.

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