

# The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.

Again the question of a Christian's participation in secular amusements, such as dancing, card playing and the movies, is raised by a correspondent. This time it is by a young man. He has been told that participation in such things is sinful, that he should not engage in such recreation.

Periodically this question comes up. Again I say that there is no hard and fast rule on these matters. Each individual has to make his own decision in the light of the teaching of his church, or by his own interpretation of the teachings of the Bible as they apply to his particular case.

St. Paul, in his Epistle to the young man Titus, wrote, "unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Rotten fruit is enjoyable food to worms

but not to man. Water seeks its own level, and a man's character is reflected in his actions. So a man's conduct is a reflection of his inner life.

But St. Peter knew that it is easier for most of us to progress downward in our conduct than upward, so he wrote, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers which may be your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Conduct goes further and reflects our own characters. It may, and often does, prove a stumbling block to others. Things which we may be able to do, even in moderation, they may not be able to do without harm. St. Paul wrote of such when he said, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

The whole matter can be sum-



IT'S TULIP TIME IN HOLLAND (MICH.) . . . The tulips are blooming in Holland, Mich., and residents once again prepare for the annual Tulip Time festival.

## Prevent Summer Milk Losses

By John F. Burch

John A. Arey, Extension dairy specialist, of State College, prepared this article for the dairymen in marketing production of the state. I liked the article so well I am passing it on to all local milk producers.

Warm weather is approaching and it will not be long before the milk plants in this state will be rejecting daily a sizeable number of cans of milk and returning them to the producer because of low quality. The value of this milk returned to farms during the summer of 1947 was estimated to be \$250,000.

The main reasons for milk rejections are: 1. Off flavors. 2. Too high bacterial count. 3. Too much sediment.

Off flavor is usually due to the cows eating some weed, such as wild onions or bitter weeds which impart an objectionable flavor to the milk. Wild onions are plentiful on many dairy farms in this state in the spring and early fall. By not permitting the cows to graze a pasture containing onions

med up in these words, again from St. Paul, "whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord he shall receive the reward of the inheritance . . ." Here is the final status—if we engage in any form of recreation or activity, "as to the Lord," we ought to feel perfectly free about it. There is a question about it in your mind, then leave it alone.

within six hours of milking time will largely eliminate onion flavor in milk. The cows should do their grazing immediately after milking and then be placed in a lot and given dry roughage. The period during which onions give trouble is not long so if care is exercised in grazing, the quantity of milk returned because of onion flavor will be negligible.

The control of bitter weed flavor in milk is more difficult than the control of onion flavor. This weed when eaten by cows imparts a bitter flavor to the milk serum instead of milk fat as is the case with onions. There is no known way of removing bitter weed flavor. Onion flavor is volatile and there are certain manufacturing processes, such as evaporation, which will remove this flavor. The only sure method of controlling bitter weed is to keep the weeds out of the pasture by mowing or pulling them up.

To prevent a high bacteria count in milk it must be kept clean and cool. The cow's body, especially rear flanks and udder, must be clean at milking time. The place in which the milking takes place must be clean and free from dust. The milker's hands and all vessels which come in contact with the milk must be clean and as free from bacteria as it is possible to make them by either chemical or steam sterilization.

Regardless of all the sanitary precautions that can be taken, some bacteria will be introduced in the milk during the milking process. To retard their development the milk should be cooled immediately after milking to around 50 degrees. This can be accomplished with a mechanical

## Stratford News

Mrs. Turner Vaughn, of Mt. Airy, spent the past week end with her father, Oscar Richardson, here. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas and son also visited them on Sunday.

Mrs. Mat Estep spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Watson, New Hope.

Mrs. Claude Mabe and children recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, at Piney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lyons and son, Connie Lee, of Cherry Lane, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hines, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders and family recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rector, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis, of King, spent the past week end with her mother, Mrs. Sue Atwood and other relatives, here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mabe, of Galax, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sexton and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Mabe were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mabe, Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Douglas, of Sparta, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson, here.

Mrs. Johnson J. Sanders and daughter, Frances, of N. Wilkesboro, visited her mother, Mrs. Carl Cook, last Sunday. Mrs. Cook has been ill but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sanders and daughter, Juanita, have moved to the Mrs. Winnie Gartney place here. Mr. and Mrs. John Everett Joiner and children, of Twin Oaks, visited them, Sunday.

Mrs. Marshall Lee is spending sometime with her husband in Washington.

Edd Williams and son, Fred, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Estep, last Sunday.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, farm fires destroy approximately \$90,000,000 worth of property each year.

cooler or farm where electricity is available. On farms without electricity, fairly good cooling can be accomplished with cold water in wooden barrels. Immediately after the milk cans are filled they should be placed in barrels with the water in the barrel as high on the outside of the can as the milk is on the inside. There should be at least three times as much cold water in the barrel as there is milk in the can. As the temperature of the water rises it must be replaced with cold water as often as is necessary to keep the milk sweet until it is delivered to the milk plant.

Sediment in milk indicates the kind of sanitary conditions under which the milk was produced. High sediment indicates poor sanitary conditions, while low sediment would indicate good sanitation. The sediment test is one of the most commonly used tests to determine the quality of milk when delivered to the milk plant. It is also probably the most effective in convincing the producer that strict sanitation is necessary in the production of good milk.

Some of the most common causes of poor sediment tests at the milk plant receiving platforms are:

1. Dirty or poorly groomed cows.
2. Milk cans not properly cared for, before and after milking.
3. Filter disc not placed in strainer right or strainer dented at bottom, causing a by-pass.
4. Failure to rinse strainer thoroughly when the filter disc is changed.
5. Milk can lid carelessly placed where it can catch dust or otherwise be contaminated while the strainer is on the can.
6. Milking machine suction cups allowed to get too close to the floor or bedding where they pick up dirt.
7. Not pouring milk into strainer properly. It should be poured

## Tomato Blight

By R. E. BLACK

In the past two years late blight has caused considerable damage to tomatoes.

Many families have not even had enough for home use. Last year a lot of people used to recommend dust for the control of this disease but without much results due to the fact they started dusting too late.

There are a number of dusts and sprays on the market recommended for the control of late blight, but good results have been obtained by dusting with Yellow Cuprocide or Copper Compound 'A' when it is properly applied.

Dusting should start as soon as the plants start their second growth after setting, and should be continued throughout the season, dusting often enough to keep the plant covered.

There is nothing that will do much good after the blight can be seen on the plant.

on side of strainer, not directly on baffle plate.

8. Sediment in the water used for rinsing cans and other utensils.
9. Bouncing or jamming the strainer during the straining process.
10. Placing single faced disc in strainer with gauze side up. This is wrong; gauze should be down and cotton up.

Good sanitation coupled with quick adequate cooling will prevent sour milk losses and make available for the flue milk trade and for manufacturing purposes in this state many gallons of milk which have in the past during the summer months been returned to the producer because of low quality.

## Maple Shade News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quick and Mrs. Harve Kennedy, of Roanoke, Virginia, spent the past week end here with relatives.

Mrs. Myrtle Halsey, Mrs. Newt Phipps, and son, Monroe, were recent visitors in Galax.

Mrs. Greek Parson and daughter, Aileen, and two granddaughters, Veline and Kirgan, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Speaks of Oak Hill.

Miss Lna Debord, of Bel Air, Maryland, Mr. Dale and Raymond Debord, of Pennsylvania, spent the past week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Debord.

Recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cox were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Poole, of Galax, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lundy and children, of Independence, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Poe and Mrs. Edd Morton, of Mouth of Wilson, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Osborne and children, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Halsey, at Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Mrs. Jency Spencer and Miss Grace Kirk spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Halsey visited Mrs. Halsey's parents at Lansing, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Debord and children spent, last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Debord at Grassy Creek.

Aileen Parsons had as her recent guests, Misses Beulah and Grace Fields and Mr. Ray Fields.



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