

PLEA FOR DOG VACCINATION

District Health Officer
Urges That State Law
Be Enforced

Because of the urgent need for some sort of legislation providing for the eradication of rabies, this state passed certain rules and regulations governing the vaccination of all dogs and the control of all animals suspected of being infected with rabies.

Since the first bills concerning the control of this disease passed our legislative bodies and became laws there have been several revisions to meet demands which later presented themselves. At first these laws were rather rigidly enforced and the prevalence of rabies was seen to decrease accordingly. Gradual laxity in enforcement of these laws in recent years have allowed waves of rabies to again sweep over our state, more noticeable in certain areas than others.

During the past six or eight months there have appeared in Macon county quite a number of rabid dogs and other animals. A number of people have been bitten by these infected animals and therefore subjected to a prolonged course of treatments and a loss of time and money which would have been unnecessary had our existing laws been observed. It shouldn't be necessary for a law enforcement official to drive the citizenry to enforce laws, which to the citizen of average intelligence appear imperative. Each citizen must depend upon each other citizen to exert his own sense of propriety in fulfilling public health laws and not

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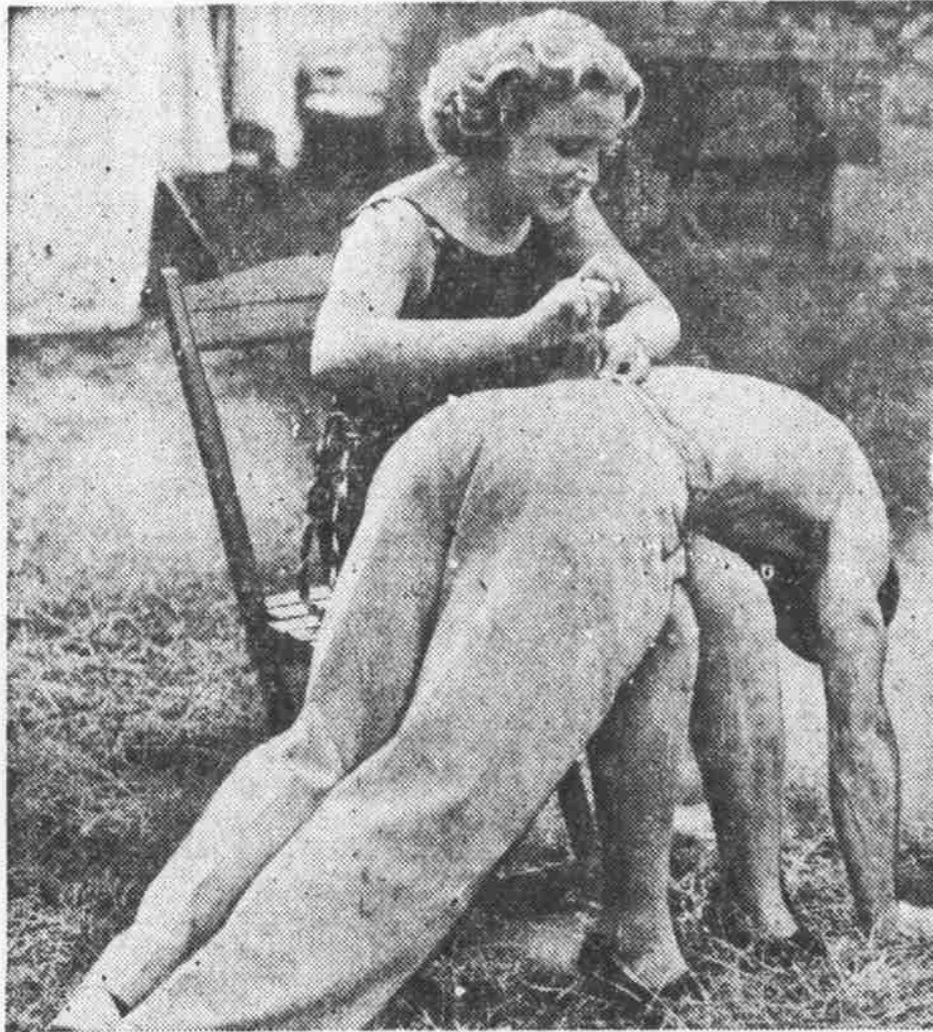
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wait until forced by reason of law.

The story of rabies and its almost complete annihilation in England is a most interesting one. England was prompted by a rise in occurrence of rabies among the human as well as the lower animal elements to pass certain laws requiring the muzzling of all dogs. This law was rigidly enforced.

The incidence of rabies reached an all time low. Several years later there was a laxity in observance of these laws and a new wave of rabies spread over England. Laws were again rigidly enforced and rabies among men and animals was almost completely annihilated so that no cases of rabies appeared for quite a period. Even now a mad dog is a rarity in England.

Macon county can do the same if all citizens will cooperate in getting their dogs vaccinated.

K. D. West, the local veterinarian, is the duly appointed rabies inspector to whom all dog owners are to report to for the vaccination of their dogs.

Respectfully submitted,
P. G. PADGETT, M.D.,
District Health Officer,
Macon County Health
Office.

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supplements his home-grown grains and roughages, as well as pastures, with cottonseed meal and hulls will make his other feed go farther, have a better balanced ration, and produce higher quality animals.

Professor Hostetler stressed the importance of a good silo, particularly the trench silo which is gaining popularity in North Carolina.

Silage is the cheapest source of nutrients, next to pasture, and it supplies stock and cattle with a succulent feed during the winter months when fresh grazing is scarce or not to be had at all, he said.

4-H Club Program At Rotary Club Meeting

The boys and girls in 4-H clubs are studying health this month. The county nurse and doctor are making examinations and checking defects. Each child is scored. This will be done again at the end of the school year in order to show the improvement made by each child. Those showing the most improvement will enter the county health contest, then the county winners will enter the district contest. Each club has put on a health program. This is the work of the children helped by the teachers.

Under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Ramsey, the club children of West's Mill gave an exceptional program on October 13. This was given at the Rotary club in order to show one phase of club work.

The home and county agents wish to express their gratitude to the teachers where 4-H club work is carried on. Without their cooperation and help, the work could not succeed, as it could not be done without the help of the county superintendent. It is noticeable that when a teacher believes in, and helps with the work, the children progress much faster and take more interest. The club at Otto

will give a program at the federation meeting of home demonstration clubs. Other clubs will participate as occasion arises.

Home demonstration agent to club member after program: "Does this beat being in school?"

Club member: "I guess it teaches us something we could not get in school."

Surely the ability to talk in public stands one in good stead.

Poultry Needs Fresh Air, But Not Drafts

Drafts are a source of danger to the poultryman at this time of year, warns T. T. Brown, extension poultry specialist at State college.

The birds need ample air circulation in their houses, but they should not be exposed to direct drafts and dampness, as this frequently results in outbreaks of colds or bronchitis, and sometimes sorehead or pox if the birds have not been vaccinated.

Overcrowded birds develop a higher percentage of culls, lay fewer and smaller eggs, and are more susceptible to disease, he pointed out.

"Feed a high quality laying mash—you get more for your money when you buy a good mash, Brown stated. "Check a few pullets occasionally for body weight and regulate the grain feed accordingly."

Keep pullets separated from older hens, as pullets need more grain to build up body weight, and cannot be fed properly when mixed with the older and bigger hens.

Birds that molt late and keep up a good egg production should be marked with colored legbands so they can be selected for breeding purposes next year.

"If you do not plan to buy good chicks from a reliable hatchery, you should arrange to breed only your best birds, as that is the only way you can build up a good, profitable flock," he added.

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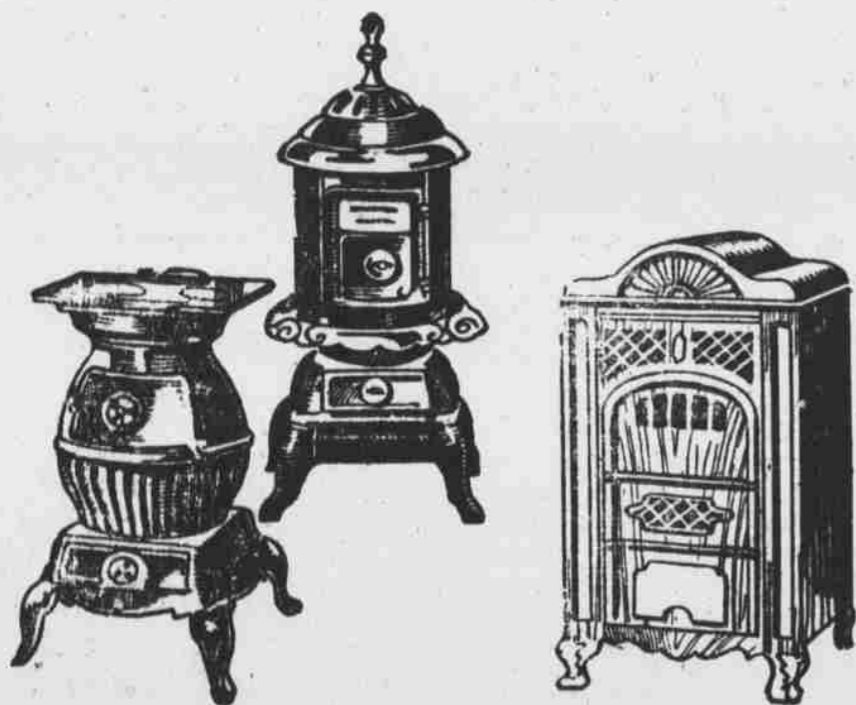
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Points Out Ways For Reducing Farm Risks

Diversification of crops and livestock production are forms of insurance that help take the risk out of farming, said Prof. Earl H. Hostetler, of State college.

Diversification of crops, he pointed out, means there will be less risk of losing heavily on one crop as a result of bad weather or low prices.

Crop rotations make it possible for the farmer to conserve and build up his soil so as to insure the future fertility of his land.

Livestock production provides an extra market for grain and other feed crops, encourages diversification by creating a need for home-grown feed, and supplies manure that will add fertility to the soil.

Feeding stock a balanced ration is a form of insurance against the risks of stock raising, Professo. Hostetler continued. A good silo is another help.

In this state, the feeder who