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held, suggested that the only practical use of the vaccine was in helping to relieve "near-hysteria" which he said had developed in the wake of the disease.

In Washington, however, an official of the United States' Public Health Service strongly opposed the views of the California group and said that his organization is urging "maximum possible immunization."

So there it is; one group of experts saying one thing and another group saying just the opposite. The question, of course, is a purely academic one, as far as the public is concerned, since there is not the slightest possibility of mass immunization by late this fall or early in the winter when the disease is expected to reach its peak.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Whoever takes the place of Bourges-Maunoury as Premier of France, he almost certainly will be one who has held the office before. They must surely have run out of new applicants after all the changes which have taken place in recent years.

Lord Altrincham must be one of Britain's "angry young men." First, he attacked the Queen and her court. Now, he has complained about his fellow peers, most of whom, he says, are "mediocre."

A certain farmer out on the prairies will think twice before making another all-out assault on wasps in his barn. The other day, he decided to burn out a colony that had settled in his hay.

Potential Disaster

If the proposed strike on C.N.R. steamships in Newfoundland goes to effect and lasts for any length of time it could be well nigh disastrous. Conceivably, it could produce something akin to starvation in hundreds of communities.

It has been decided by New York civic authorities that the proposed 21 gun salute to Queen Elizabeth on her arrival in that city will be dispensed with. It was feared that the big noise would break windows in the area and probably terrify a lot of people who might not know anything about the plans beforehand.

The origin of Saskatchewan, Sask., and how it came by its name is told by the Calgary Albertan in connection with the observance recently of Saskatchewan's 75th birthday.

The Experts Disagree

One thing which the public finds troublesome about the Asian flu is the disagreement among the experts respecting the effectiveness of the prescribed vaccine. In San Francisco the other day a group, which included Dr. Karl F. Meyer who according to the report is considered to be one of the world's leading experts on epidemic diseases, issued a statement which described mass immunization against the disease as "without sense."



SPECIAL CASE

OTTAWA REPORT

M. P.'s Private Grain Deal

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: Moose Jaw's hardware merchant Ross Thatcher is selling his goods to prairie farmers against payment half in cash and half in grain. Reporting this introduction of barter, to facilitate trade in cash-hungry Saskatchewan recently, this column gave the example of ex-M.P. Thatcher selling a television receiver for perhaps \$100 in cash plus 75 bushels of wheat.

The buyer must deliver the grain to Thatcher's ranch, ten miles outside Moose Jaw, where it is fed to his herd of Herefords.

A reader in Quebec City writes to ask whether this is a legal transaction. He cites an interesting court case of few years ago, when a Prairie farmer was adjudged to be acting illegally in selling his grain to a poultry farmer in British Columbia.

INTER-PROVINCIAL BAN In short, I am told by grain officials here, there are two restrictions on the sale of wheat. One is that interprovincial private sales are banned, but sales arranged privately between buyer and seller in the same province are permitted.

At present wheat, barley and oats are sold by the bushel. This frequently calls for quick calculations and for an intimate knowledge of the grain trade, because a bushel is not always what it appears.

A bushel of wheat, for example, is sometimes — but certainly not always — 62 pounds. But a bushel of oats is about half that — say around 34 pounds. And a bushel of barley is about 48 pounds.

This is almost as confusing as the present chaotic system of "sizes" used by manufacturers of clothes, especially children's clothes. For example, one manufacturer's "size ten" is the same

Lancaster's Cow

Kerry Wood in The Country Guide

A school girl of fourteen years wrote me a charming letter to ask about the universal problem of excessive elbow bending. "What do you personally think about the use of alcohol, internally on a person?" she asked.

Probably everyone agrees that habitual intemperance is one of the serious evils of our frustrated times, but how does one deal with the pros and cons of personal liberties and government controls, when answering such a child's letter? I compromised by telling her our experience with a drunken cow and letting the lass draw her own conclusions.

Lancaster's cow was pastured in the lane behind our former home on the day we discovered that we didn't know how to make sauerkraut. It was our first attempt at making kraut, and we had put too much salt in the shredded cabbage. The result was a briny goo that bubbled and worked in great glee, but was much too salty to eat.

MELANCHOLY STAGE At that moment I chanced to sight Mr. Lancaster's hired man, so asked him if the cow might like to eat the overly salted cabbage. Everyone knows that cows love salt and they are also fond of cabbage. Here was a blended combination of the two, bubbling away in a wooden keg. The hired man had a look at it, a small taste that made him grimace, then he nodded his head and consented to the proposal that the cow in his charge be given our spoiled kraut.

Lancaster's cow almost popped her eyes, when a washtub full of the yellowish goo was placed in front of her eagerly wrinkling snout. She lost no time gulping down generous globs of the shredded cabbage, using her tongue to lick up every last

The hired man had to come and boost her upright, then guide her wayward feet toward the barn. She had a difficult time getting herself through the wide doorway, for it seemed much too narrow for her lurching progress. She turned cranky. She kicked the stall wall, sent the milking stool flying, kicked over the milk pail and finally tried to kick the hired man, too. Then she hunched over her steaming bean mash and large globs of cabbage salted water streamed from her eyes as she became emotional

The Age Old Story

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Heart Skips Not Uncommon

ED PAGE

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Your heart seems to do a little flip flop and you exclaim: "I think it skips a beat!" Or maybe you have a pain over the heart and say to yourself bravely: "Well, this is it, a heart attack."

NO NEED TO WORRY I suppose it's natural for a person to worry about something as important as his heart, but, in the vast majority of cases, neither of these incidents is anything to be very concerned about.

RARELY IS PAIN THE LEFT CHEST CAUSED BY HEART DISEASE. Usually the cause is too much air and muscular spasm in the digestive tract.

IN THE CHEST Actually heart pain is generally felt in the center of the chest and is a pressure or tightness.

As for your heart skipping a beat, well, so what? Most likely this is what we call a premature heart beat or a beat that comes between two regular beats. Alarming as it may sound, I'd say that almost all normal hearts have a premature beat occasionally, although the hearts owner may not be aware of it.

Very seldom do such beats mean you have heart disease. While they can be caused by any number of things and do mean more heart irritability, they will never bring on heart disease no matter how frequent they become.

FREQUENT AND PROLONGED And in some cases they are both frequent and prolonged. Maybe there will be only one or two in a month. On the other hand, there may be several premature beats a minute. Perhaps the situation will last for years.

We have traced the source of these "extra beats" to such things as fatigue, influenza, sinus infections, even carbuncles. Another common cause is an abscessed tooth.

BEST ADVICE The best thing to do when you notice a premature beat is to see your doctor. You'll want professional advice even if the only thing he does is to tell you that it's nothing to worry about.

And this probably is the best advice in most cases. Still, if the premature beats occur often enough to get you really worried, we have several drugs available to remedy the situation without any trouble or pain to you.

Just remember this: your heart is a tough old organ. It's can take a lot more than you might think.

QUESTION AND ANSWER J.C.: How may books be disinfected after having been handled by a person with a contagious disease?

Answer: Very little attention is paid to books as a possible means of spreading disease. Usually, it is best to air out, for at least 12 hours, everything in a room in which there has been a case of contagious disease. All articles should be exposed to the sunlight as much as possible.

However, if the infection is due to smallpox, the books and other articles should be destroyed.

The Poet's Corner

AUTUMN PAGEANTRY

Autumn has come, trailing across the field Her mottled robe of gold and crimson leaves — A train of splendour. Skillfully she weaves A blanket for the grasses as a shield.

The day is spent, and from the wood concealed The great owl spreads his wings. Bursting with aheads The barn is host to sparrows, and the eaves Shelter the empty nests where swallows wheeled.

Spring came with trilliums and daffodils — And summer knew the scent of clover bloom And the warm colour of the ripening grain. But autumn lures our eyes to valleys and hills And captures, through the shuttle of her loom, The red of buckwheat stubble under rain.

—Margaret Furness MacLeod

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 4, 1932)

Due to the warmth of the season, Montreal buyers have notified local shippers of oysters to send no more until a change of weather occurs. Oysters are plentiful this season, and up to the present, considerable quantities have been raked in. The beds fished are located in East River, West River and their tributaries.

A meeting of the committees on Sunshine Days was held last evening in the City Hall Annex. Final arrangements were completed for the two-nights entertainment at the Forum. It was stated that negotiations were being carried on with a view to having the H.M.S. Saguenay and several other ships in port at that time.

TEN YEARS AGO (Oct. 4, 1947)

A resolution urging the Government to buy the sub-standard pack of fish for relief purposes was passed at the closing session of the P.E.I. Fisheries Federation annual meeting Thursday. At present the pack being bought for relief purposes for needy countries is the top quality

NOTES BY THE WAY

The rhyme has been modernized. One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, four to go, and \$5 for the baby sitter.—Vancouver Province

Women may not be as strong as men, but they can put the top on a fruit jar so tightly that it takes a man 20 minutes to get it off.—Niagara Falls Review

Psychiatrists tell us it's not too good for a man to keep too much to himself. The income tax people tell us the same thing.—Guelph Mercury

Many unusual arguments have been made at various times for higher wages; but few can match that offered before an arbitration board this week in support of a wage increase for Metro policemen. The counsel for the Police Association said that the risk of a policeman being assaulted has doubled since 1939; and that this is related to the war of attrition between the police and the motorist.—Toronto Globe and Mail

It may be called Little Rock, but it's a great headache to the American nation right now: —Kingston Whig - Standard

Skeletons now are made of plastic because the genuine article is hard to find. And we were taught to believe almost every closet had one.—Windsor Star

When a man just returned from his vacation complained of the rainy weather he'd had, a friend interrupted, "It couldn't have been so bad — you're sunburned." "Sunburn nothing," he replied. "That's rust!" —Ottawa Journal

If the young rabbits on Parliament Hill are fruitful and multiply, Works Minister Howard Green and Federal District Commission Chairman Howard Kennedy might feel obliged to get in some shotgun practice late this Fall — accompanied of course by Prime Minister Dieffenbaker who as President of the Council, reports to Parliament for the FDC.—Ottawa Journal

Chimps are the cleverest, of all animals, British biologists have established. The difference between them and the next cleverest apes or monkeys is as great as that between a 5 year old child and a college professor. Next in line when it comes to IQ are the cats and the dogs. Pigs are dumb but horses are still dumber; elephants have a very poor memory and ants are lazy, the United Kingdom researchers say.—Dagens Nyheter, Stockholm.

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