

Dennis the Menace



"WELL, IF HE'S NOT A WILD CANARY, HOW COME YA KEEP HIM IN A CAGE?"

Survey To Show Anaplasmosis

Salem—How prevalent is anaplasmosis in Oregon cattle? No one knows right now but new information on the subject will come out of a state-wide survey, now under way county by county.

Dr. Glenn B. Rea, state veterinarian, and Dr. A. G. Beagle, federal veterinarian, are setting up the survey as the best means to find the extent of the infection throughout Oregon. The purpose is purely exploratory, and no action is contemplated beyond advising the cattle owners of Oregon of the facts revealed in this study.

Anaplasmosis is spread by ticks and blood sucking insects. Careless use of dehorning equipment or other instruments can also be a factor. It is not spread by contact of one animal with another but only by blood contact from a vector that picks up the disease from one animal and transports it to another.

The tick poses the greatest problem in control in Oregon although in other states some flies and the mosquito are the greatest carriers—but they may be more easily controlled by spraying than the tick.

Medford Police Arrest Pair for California

A Medford city police detective arrested a man and a woman in downtown Medford Friday on a warrant from Sacramento, Calif., charging them with writing bad checks.

The pair, Lillian May Skibby, 33, and Robert Stephen Kelly, 39, who gave their address as a motel on the Green Springs highway, were lodged in Jackson county jail to await California authorities.

The Family Council

Editors' note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denney. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Harriet Y.—She's close to 200 pounds, yet has no interest in reducing.

Violet O.—I'm well, I'm happy. Why must I starve myself?

Harriet Y.—Maybe you can put some sense into my big sister. Just because she has a husband and a child, she thinks it doesn't matter how she looks. She has let herself grow into a monstrosity. Although I love her and enjoy her company, I must admit I'm embarrassed to walk down a street and have her waddling along at my side, huffing and puffing.

She's only 33, but she has to buy her clothes in fat-lady departments and she looks like 60. I mean that could be her age as well as her dress size. It's not her glands. Our family doctor settled that excuse five years ago when

Vi started to spread in earnest. It's just that she doesn't care about looking attractive. She has lost all pride in her appearance. This upsets me, not only for her sake but because it's painful for me to look at her now.

Violet O.—Maybe I could get myself to reduce if there was a good reason. But I feel fine, my husband says I look okay to him this way, my son is 7 and he's wild about me. I still have all my friends and, while they kid me a lot, they have no real objection to my appearance.

It's only Harriet, my baby sister, who keeps nagging me about my shape. But even so, at bottom I know she loves me and will always love me. That's why I can't feel any real drive inside myself to go on a diet and suffer. It's not as though a job were in danger, or I had no social life or I was sick or any of the other reasons which make people reduce.

I was never slender. I'm 5'4" and 10 years ago when I married I weighed 142. After my baby came I was 160. I thought it was my glands. The doctor said no. But it doesn't worry me. What's wrong with being fat and happy?

The Council: To answer Violet, there's nothing wrong with being fat and happy except that it doesn't last. You either grow more fat and less happy, or less fat and more happy. So when you say you're not worried, you're just whistling in the dark—or rather, the lard.

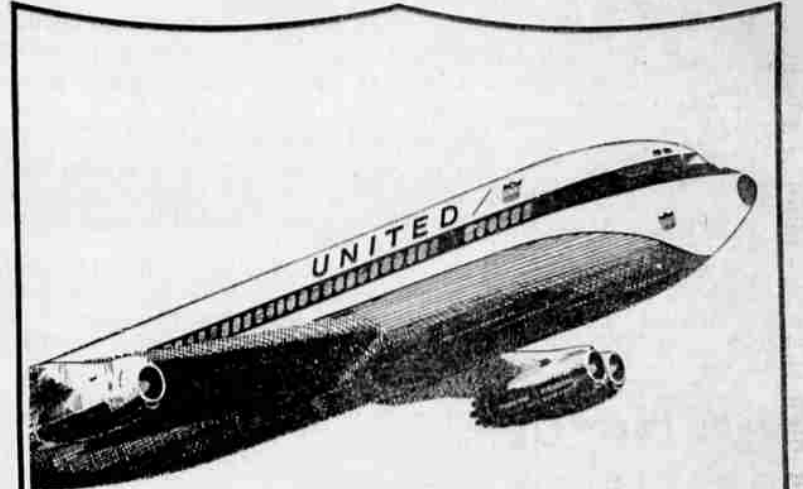
It stands to reason that at your present rate of increase

(as they say of gains) you'll bulge along to 250 pounds before you're 40. And on and on, because you'll be even less active, do even less waddling, than now. So you're up against one black-and-white reason for showing who's boss, you or your appetite, namely: you won't stay the same, you won't lose, you'll keep on getting fatter until . . . ?

Well, space prohibits us from listing the "good reasons" Violet seeks for quitting her reckless overeating. She probably knows most of them—health, activity, appearance, self-control, self-respect—but pretends they don't matter in the face of her great hunger. So all we can try to get across to her now is a clear look at that hunger, which is mainly psychic, and at how she is feeding it the wrong food. A person at loose ends, as Violet seems to be, can eat 10,000 calories at a sitting and still feel starved. What she needs is a new point of view about life.

How change the course, Violet, of this disaster-fraught roll through life? Listen to Harriet, a d m i t t e d "accept" you while grieving among themselves about your grotesqueness, which you refuse to do anything about. Once you decide to find other ways, than eating, with which to cheer yourself up, once you realize that the

temporary "lift" of food turns you quickly to "heft" which merely piles up more woe, you will have rounded the most important bend in your remaining life. This will bring you directly to your doctor's door for Steps One, Two and Three. And possibly, too, to groups like TOPS (2306 South Howell ave., Milwaukee 7, Wis.) which dishes out common sense, passion and encouragement in generous dollops.



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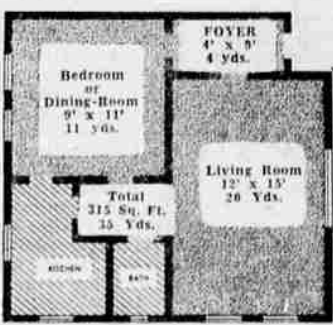
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