



5 TIMES MORE—The group of eight heifers, victims of pseudorabies or "mad itch", is only about one-fifth of the total of casualties from the rare disease at the Emil Schmidt-Fritz Siemonett farm northwest of Plattsmouth.

'Mad Itch' Hits Cattle Feeder \$10,000 Jolt Near Plattsmouth

Pseudorabies, a disease so rare that State and Federal animal health authorities in this region had never before seen it, has hit a Plattsmouth farm a \$10,000 jolt.

The outbreak, which by Friday had killed some 40 head of white-faced heifers on the Fritz Siemonett-Emil Schmidt farm, six miles west and three north of Plattsmouth, evidently is the worst recorded since animal health records began. The farm is under animal quarantine.

Like rabies, the disease is transmitted from wild animals to domestic animals. Schmidt believes it was transmitted to his herd of feeder heifers by some recently-purchased hogs.

Symptoms first appeared in the heifers about Jan. 8. They include extreme nervousness, twitching of the tail, distention of the rectal area which worsens and itches and finally paralysis beginning at the hind quarters and spreading rapidly. Death comes when the disease of the tissues and nerves reaches the brain.

In the Schmidt herd, the first casualty was Jan. 9, another heifer died Jan. 10 while veterinarians pondered the ailment.

Although diagnosis of the "mad itch" followed shortly, deaths continued at two, three or four a day, reaching a peak of nine or 10. The heifers were all one to two years old or older, the heaviest about 1,100 pounds.

Schmidt says he's learned from the veterinarians and the State and Federal men who have been on the case that:

- The disease had never been reported previously in Nebraska. It has been known in the East but never in such a severe outbreak.
- There is no known antidote, nor serum for protection of other cattle.
- The disease was probably contracted by hogs through contact with an infected wild animal (skunk, fox, rabbit, rat) or bird.
- The hog is a carrier only and itself does not succumb to the disease.
- The "mad itch" germ is transmitted from the hog by its warm saliva when contact is made with cattle, through a crack in a hoof, a cut, or on contact with a body opening.
- Cattle evidently do not transmit the disease to one another.
- The incubation period is about five days, although this

appeared extended somewhat by occurrence of new cases in the Schmidt herd more than five days after the diagnosis and removal of the hogs.

—The disease runs its course in from 24 to 60 hours in cattle, depending on the constitution of the individual.

—The disease is not transmitted to humans.

—It affects the tissue and nerves as rabies does but develops much more rapidly.

The pen in which the 40-odd head of heifers were infected had 200 head in all. A pen nearby has 113 steers, none of which were infected. With the latter, were home-grown hogs. This bears out the belief that the imported hogs were the carriers, Schmidt said.

Schmidt had other worries besides the state of health of his feeder herds. Operating like most cattle feeders do on borrowed money, he had figured to sell some cattle and hogs soon to meet payments on loans. But, he has a quarantine to contend with.

His father-in-law, Fritz Siemonett recalled the same farm was hit by "blackleg" in 1932 and 16 head of cattle were lost.

All either could do was hope the outbreak had run its course, Schmidt was anxious that the story of the disease be circulated as a warning to other livestock feeders.

Constitution Approved at Extension Meet

A new constitution and by-laws were adopted at the annual meeting of the Cass County Extension Service Wednesday in Weeping Water.

Revisions of the former constitution were minor but in keeping with the changes in the times.

The new constitution was unanimously approved by 150 Extension co-operators after presentation by Chairman A. J. Roelofsz.

Three Extension Board members were elected for three-year terms: George Minford of Murray, District One; Mrs. Orland Stohmann, Louisville, District 2; and John Albers, Avoca, District 3.

The terms of Mrs. Richard Streeter, Eugene Nolle and Roelofsz expired. They and Secretary Pro Tem Mrs. Fred Wehrlein were presented certificates of appreciation on completion of their service.

Two farm families were recognized for outstanding accomplishments as conservation farmers.

The Cass Soil and Water Conservation District award went to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen of Weeping Water. It was presented by Harold Meisinger, SWCD supervisor.

The other conservation award went to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Selker of Elmwood. It was presented by Dwight Clements for the American Exchange Bank of Elmwood.

Thirty-seven Cass County 4-H Club leaders received citations for leadership.

Two-year pins were presented to: Mrs. Twila Adkins, Mrs. James Boardman, Gaylord Bose, Ted Brannon, Jerry Burge, Bob Crowmover, Mrs. Wm. Finley, Dale Fleischman, Mrs. Harlan Hennings, Mrs. John Joachim, Mrs. Henry Kaffenberger, Gerold Kell, Mrs. Robert Kendall, Mrs. Wm. Malone, Mrs. Wayne Meisinger, Boyne Parsons, Mrs. Leonard Peterson, Mrs. Joe Richter, Larry Roebler, Lester Rosenow, Lyle Schafer, Mrs. Ray Schwelzer, Henry Vinduska and Mrs. Harold Wilkin.

Five-year pins went to: Mrs. Roy Engelkemier, Mrs. Stanley Lepert, Mrs. Jack Lindsey, Harold Rice, Mrs. Charles Spangler, Mrs. Glen Terryberry and Mrs. Arthur Toman.

A ten-year pin was earned by Ralph Wehrlein, a 15-year pin went to A. J. Roelofsz and a plaque to Miss Evelyn Wolph of Nehawka for 40 years of 4-H leadership in Cass County.

Leadership awards were made by Wes Antes, State 4-H Club leader, and Melvin Todd Jr., Vice Chairman of the Cass County Extension Service Board.

Jerome Herink of Leigh, an International Farm Youth Exchange Student, showed slides of his visit to Italy. In Italy, they have "3P" Clubs like our 4-H Clubs with objectives to prove, to try and to progress, he said.

Jr. Red Cross Membership Drive 'Success'

American Junior Red Cross Membership Drive in the Cass County Schools was "quite successful" this fall with only a few schools yet to report, County Supt. Neil Lancaster said today.

Following is a list of contributions and schools which have reported:

St. John of Plattsmouth	\$ 6.40
Horning, Dist. 2	1.50
Jean, Dist. 3	2.18
Rock Creek, Dist. 6	1.50
Swan, Dist. 13	1.00
Union, Dist. 17	4.50
Weeping Water, Dist. 22	26.21
Eight Mile Grove, Dist. 25	2.00
Cottonwood, Dist. 27	2.73
Stull, Dist. 28	3.00
Callom, Dist. 30	3.50
Cedar Creek, Dist. 31	1.23
Louisville, Dist. 32	15.60
Dutch Academy, Dist. 33	1.11
Taylor, Dist. 37	2.00
Becker, Dist. 41	2.15
Little Rock, Dist. 45	1.25
Glendale, Dist. 47	5.00
Pine, Dist. 50	3.35
Murray, Dist. 56	6.91
South Bend, Dist. 57	2.00
West Grove, Dist. 58	1.00
Cottage Hill, Dist. 63	4.50
College Hill, Dist. 79	1.40
Happy Valley, Dist. 81	1.10
Ash Grove, Dist. 82	1.00
Hell, Dist. 88	2.00
Oxford, Dist. 91	2.50
Manley, Dist. 96	1.50
Wabash, Dist. 98	1.00

From the contributions, an enrollment fee of \$1 per class room is sent to National Headquarters. The remainder is used for various activities of Junior Red Cross. Last August, the Cass County Chapter sent Sandra Jameson of Weeping Water to the Junior Red Cross Leadership Center held in Lincoln.

In December \$50 was sent to American Red Cross Children's Fund.

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'Mothers March' Scheduled Here Jan. 29

Due to the extreme cold weather the "Block of Dimes" scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19, was postponed. The FHA Chapter sponsoring this activity will conduct this project when the weather will permit.

Jill Sutton TAP Chairman, assisted by Co-Chairman, Karen Kildare will announce the new date.

The Mothers March is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, with headquarters at the VFW Club. Mrs. Harry Porter is chairman.

A Tea will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Lincoln on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Scheduled to attend are Mrs. Paul Babbrek, Plattsmouth March of Dimes Chairman; Mrs. Harry Porter; Mrs. LeRoy Wilson, VFW Auxiliary president; Mrs. Sophia Wollever, and Jill Sutton, Karen Kildare and Karen Porter, Teens representatives.

'March' chairmen here today said:

"Give for the life of a Child."

"Is it possible that there can be a cure or a preventative for arthritis, an affliction which has plagued people of all ages since the dawn of mankind?"

"Is it possible that every child can be born into this world free from physical or mental defects?"

"These two questions which concern every family everywhere are the prime challenges of research supported by your March of Dimes — research which already has produced two polio vaccines and two Nobel prizes."

"The answers will not be found for some time. To help speed the quest, the National Foundation-March of Dimes finances a nation-wide multi-million dollar research program and helps support the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, Calif., where world renowned scientists will study

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Grant Roberts Heads 1963 Korn Karnival



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Former Mayor Grant Roberts was selected President of the 1963 Cass County King Korn Karnival at the annual meeting held in the Gas Co. offices Thursday evening.

Bill Hawkins, local Jaycee and active in community affairs and a former high school athletic coach, was named vice president.

A good representation of Klub members and Committee Chairman braved frigid weather to assist in closing the books on the 1962 show and in outlining a program for the present year's event to be held Sept. 19, 20 and 21.

Wayne Schneider, retiring president, commended all committee men and women, and their assistants for an "outstanding job done last September and in the months preceding the 1962 Karnival. Although numerous improvements can be made in some sections of the Karnival in future years, the overall Karnival program last fall met with enthusiastic acclaim. Special praise went to Koronation events, parades, Kalf Shows, and platform entertainment."

The treasurer's report revealed a better than average balance with all bills paid. It was suggested that inquiry be made as to costs covering improvement of sound systems used during the show, especially in microphones and stage speakers to be purchased out of "surplus."

It was agreed that more stress should be placed on entertainment, hand participation, and greater effort in community cooperation through individual memberships in the Korn Klub.

Roberts said that, "Cooperation is a key to the Karnival's 1963 success. With the entire community entering into a Karnival spirit, taking an active part in promotions and coming up with ideas that can be incorporated in this event, the 1963 show can be nothing but a whopping success."

Fire Fund: \$1,766

The current voluntary drive for funds by the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. today reached \$1,766, with addition of \$45 in new donations.

Department Secretary John Svoboda listed these new donors:

- \$5 Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hansen, Anonymous, Gertrude V. Barnard, Arthur Sprick, Herbert and Fern Frazer, Arthur Weiss and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howland.
- \$3 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Molinaro.
- \$2 Howard Burcham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Koubek, Walter Heil.
- \$1 Anna Palecek.

Cash Stolen from Murray Station

Two 13-year-old boys who ran away from Boys Town were held Sunday in Omaha for a series of crimes including a break-in at Murray, Sheriff Fred Tesch said Sunday night.

The C&M Garage (Phillips 66 Station) at Murray was broken into sometime early Friday morning by breaking a window. About \$35 cash was stolen.

Tesch had been called to Murray after a 1963 Pontiac was found abandoned in a snow drift, its headlights still on.

An attempted break-in at the Collins Grocery was also reported. The attempt was abandoned when it was found that a window was welded shut.

The Sinclair Service Station at the Murray Corner reported theft of 100 feet of bell-hose.

Tesch said he had learned from Omaha Police that the abandoned car was stolen in Omaha and the boys had admitted stealing another car there and had broken into a motor company office to get keys for other cars.

The boys are from Indiana and Florida.



INFECTED—This 900-pound heifer was showing advanced symptoms of the "mad itch" and was frantically rubbing herself on the fence when the picture was taken. She was destined to die from the disease for which there is no known cure.

Mrs. Forest Beil 'March' Chairman

MURRAY (Special)—Mrs. Forest G. Beil has accepted the chairmanship of the Murray area March of Dimes Drive.

All solicitations are being made by mail, with the Kenosha Club as sponsor. Folders are being addressed by the club members. "Folders are running short, so if you are missed," Mrs. Beil asks, "that you please mail your donations to her, Mrs. Forest G. Beil, RFD 1, Plattsmouth."



DOOMED—This heifer had only a few hours to live when photographed Friday. She was victim No. 40 of pseudorabies at the Schmidt-Siemonett farm. She was paralyzed in the hind quarters, could barely raise her head.

16 from Here Receive 50-Mile Scout Award

Boy Scout Troop 369 went to Omaha last Monday to visit a Court of Honor put on by Troop 58, Omaha, at St. Peter and Paul Church.

At the conclusion of the Court of Honor, 32 boys were given the "50 Mile" award, which is an honor given to Boy Scouts who either hike or travel by canoe for a distance not less than 50 miles in five days.

This award was given in recognition of the hike they made last summer from Plattsmouth to Waubesa Park, Iowa. These 32 scouts hiked the full distance, packing their food, camping gear on their backs. They cooked meals on this hike and slept under the stars at night. It was a long hard hike through rough country, but being Boy Scouts and well trained, they had fun along the way. They are looking forward to another 50 mile hike this summer west from Plattsmouth.

Troop 369 had 16 Boy Scouts on this particular hike. They are Fred Buechler, Terry Glup, Mark Yunker, Denny Dasher, David Sullivan, Robin Per, David Reed, Billy Rishel, Don Bunch, Steve Burek, Larry Rhoden, Tim Kalasek, Lloyd Fitch, George Eledge, Bill Wehrlein, and Ken Rhylander, Explorer Scout.

Leaders on this hike were John Rishel, Scoutmaster of Troop 369 and Vince Kucarik, Troop 94, Omaha.

"This 50 mile hike was Boy Scouting in its best form. A Boy Scout learns from his tenderfoot days on through his scouting career, to live by the scout motto "Be Prepared," he also learns to take care of himself in any situation. He learns how to cook, how to make himself comfortable at night so that he can get a good sleep, and how to make outdoor living real fun and safe, too," a leader said.

This Boy Scout Troop has now completed 26 consecutive months of camping. In the past 26 months they have camped in the heat of summer and the cold of winter. Their coldest camp was at 6 below, a year ago.

The 16 Scouts mentioned above have an average of 43 nights of camping in the past 26 months.



MISS 1963—Cathy Clark, 17 days old, posed Friday with her mother for the photograph above. Cathy is the winner of the 1963 Cass County Baby Derby sponsored by Plattsmouth businesses and together with her parents was recipient of prizes donated by them. The New Year's Baby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Clark, Elmwood, and was born on New Year's Day, the first baby of 1963 born to County parents. Cathy has two brothers, 7 and 10.

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