



JAYCEE TARGET . . . Scenes like this have been taken on as the special target of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce which has leaunched an anti-litterbug campaign throughout the city. Reminders to residents and shoppers in the city to avoid causing such eyesores were painted on city sidewalks last week end, and other activities will be put in force as the campaign develops, according to President Robert Vroman.

Symptoms of Undulant Fever May Vary, Health Official Reports

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., County Health Officer
Brucellosis, also called undulant fever, is a bacterial infection that is transmitted from animals to man. It is prevalent just about everywhere in the world, and some 4000 cases are reported in the United States every year.

Symptoms of the disease are so varied that it is difficult to diagnose, and it is therefore not unlikely that the majority of cases are not reported at all. Although the disorder causes death in only about two per cent of the known cases that occur, it may result in physical disability for many years.

CATTLE, GOATS, and hogs are the chief sources of infection in this country, with cattle predominating in this area. Spread of the disease is usually through unpasteurized milk and other dairy products or infected meat, or by the handling of an infected animal or carcass.

As a matter of fact, since the bacteria may pass through broken skin, brucellosis is one of the occupational hazards of veterinarians, packing house employees, dairy farmers, butchers, and the like.

THE DISEASE is often called undulant fever because the fever that generally occurs after infection follows a very decided up and down pattern. For this reason, some physicians still prefer to use this older designation since, in many instances, it is more truly descriptive of the disease. However, there are cases in which the fever may not fluctuate or may even be absent.

Symptoms of brucellosis may be evident in from 5 to 21 days after infection or may not appear for several months. Most typical is the fever that comes and goes while headache, weakness, profuse sweating, chills, backache, pain in the joints, loss of weight, appetite and strength, and nervous irritability are other signs of the disease. Illness may last only a few days or recur off and on for a number of years.

UNFORTUNATELY, these, and other symptoms of brucellosis, closely resemble those produced by many different diseases including tuberculosis, typhoid fever, influenza, and acute rheumatic fever to name but a few. Diagnosis can only be confirmed by repeated laboratory tests.

Control of the disease in animals is the only sure way of preventing its occurrence in man. For this reason, California state law requires that all calves be vaccinated against the disease. However, vaccina-

Area Baptist Women Supervising Luncheon Plans for State Group

The Haitian Harvest luncheon at Woman's Day of the Southern California Baptist Convention today in San Diego is the main topic of conversation at the Western Avenue Baptist Church in Harbor City. The Western Avenue Baptist ladies are putting finishing touches on the programs. The cover (in autumn colors) is beautifully decorated with little palm leaves.

Toastmistress for the Haitian Harvest luncheon is Mrs. George Armacost, wife of the president of Redlands University.

Mrs. Ivah Heneise, missionary to Haiti, will be featured speaker and Mrs. Vern Baergen of Western Avenue Baptist Church will be the soloist.

A miniature coffee bag will be given to each woman at the luncheon. Made of burlap, and containing coffee beans, the coffee bag will have a coffee candy attached.

Table decorations will consist of autumn arrangements of dill, thistles, wheat, and pussy willows.

Chairman of the luncheon is Mrs. Ed Enrietta, president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, Harbor Assn. The association is composed of 22 American Baptist Churches in the Harbor area.

800 women are expected to attend the Woman's Day events from the State of California, but capacity for the Haitian Harvest luncheon is 475 women.



TABLE FAVORS . . . Putting together table decorations for today's Haitian Harvest luncheon at San Diego today are members of the Western Ave. Baptist Church, who are participating in the affair. From left are Pamela Baergen, Mrs. Leland MacArthur, Mrs. Bill Stugart Jr., Mrs. Bob Summerford, Mrs. Ed Enrietta, Mrs. Vern Baergen, and Mrs. Walter Crocker.

Horkey-Moore Receive New Convair Contract

Horkey-Moore Associates has completed a contract with Convair (Astronautics) Division, General Dynamics Corp., San Diego, for production of transponder test units, E. J. Horkey, president of HMA, announced yesterday.

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tion may not prevent the animal from contracting the disease if it is exposed to the infection when it becomes older, and this does occur at times when animals are shipped in from other parts of the country.

THE BUREAU of Animal Industry of the California Department of Agriculture carries on a systematic testing program to discover Brucella infected cattle in Los Angeles County. Since the disease may spread rapidly through a herd, all infested animals are promptly removed and slaughtered.

The next best preventative of the disease in man is the pasteurization of milk and milk products, for the pasteurization process destroys the infective agents of the disease. Individuals who drink raw milk, eat other unpasteurized dairy pro-

ducts or meat not thoroughly cooked are simply exposing themselves to the hazard of infection.

ALL PATIENTS suspected of having brucellosis should be under a doctor's care, even when the illness is mild. If untreated, the danger of the illness passing into the chronic type, with resultant long-term disability, is intensified.

A pamphlet on brucellosis will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.



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