

Community Letters

FROM NEWS CORRESPONDENTS

All Correspondence Must Be in This Office Tuesday

Independence

(Floyd Clarke, Reporter)

Feb. 24.—Jason Hawks was admitted to the draft and sent to Sagara Saturday. He was drafted to the Georgia camp. Northrup and Mr. Marsh were Wednesday callers. Spicer.

McCormick was home Tuesday over the week-end. Mrs. Paul Vincent and of Andover are spending a week with their parents, Mr. and E. Spicer.

Coats, who enlisted in the army, has been sent to California. Ladies Aid Society served coffee to their Sunday dinner.

Miss Betty Freeland spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeland of Andover.

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South Hill

(Mrs. Earl Schoonover, Reporter)

Feb. 25.—Mrs. Anna Benjamin was called to the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Livermore, Thursday morning on account of the illness of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark were Saturday afternoon callers in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schoonover and son Gerald, were calling on friends in Alfred, Saturday afternoon.

Doctor Scott was a professional caller at the Livermore home Thursday morning and Sunday afternoon.

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(Mrs. Raymond Church, Reporter)

Feb. 25.—Miss Audrey Cary underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Jones Memorial hospital in Wellsville Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams spent Sunday with Mrs. Mianda Adams at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Allen at Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Slocum called on David Slocum in Andover Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kruger and family and Miss Lenna Church of Wellsville spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Church.

Miss Pauline Perkins spent Thursday night with Miss Anita Stadlich of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanSchaick were Belmont visitors Monday.

Raymond Lewis of Rexville is passing the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lewis.

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ASK The Scientist

If you have a question for the scientists, mail it to the New York Press Association, The Castle, Syracuse, N. Y. The Science Board of Syracuse University's Radio Workshop will answer in those columns each week those questions considered most timely and interesting.

Question 1.—When the tide goes out, where does it go, and does this mean the water is drawn toward the center of the ocean?
Answer.—When the tide goes out the water tends to go to a place where it is in line with the earth and the moon. Suppose the earth were completely covered with water and you could stand off in space and look at the earth. You would see water bulging on both sides of the earth along the line joining the earth and the moon, and flattened in a direction at right angles to this line.

Now, you must remember that the earth makes a complete rotation with reference to the moon in a little over 24 hours. Hence, if you were at a place on the earth where it is high tide now, six hours from now you will be at a place of low tide. So that, when the tide goes out, it means you are moving away from a place in line with the moon and you can think of the water as going away from you to a place in line with the moon.—Dr. Wm. R. Fredrickson, physicist.

Question 2.—I am a hunter. Is there any easy method by which I can tell if a rabbit has tularemia? If not, what precautions should I take? Is tularemia in human beings always fatal?
Answer.—No certain means is known by which the disease may be recognized in a rabbit by a layman. A mere inspection. Its certain identification can be made only by study in properly equipped laboratories.

If, however, on dressing a rabbit, the hunter discovers that the liver is spotted with white blotches, it is very possible that this rabbit is infected with tularemia altho it is by no means certain. Such a rabbit should be destroyed. Unfortunately, by the time this fact is ascertained the hunter who dresses the rabbit may already have infected himself.

In the field, any rabbit which does not display normal regard for its own safety, which does not run as rabbits usually do, should be looked upon with suspicion. Such a rabbit should be destroyed and not used for food.

The safest precaution that can be taken is for the person who dresses out these rabbits to wear rubber gloves as the surgeon does in surgical operations. That will almost certainly prevent any danger of infection.

Contrary to popular belief, the infection is more frequently acquired by persons not directly having anything to do with rabbits. It is conveyed chiefly by biting insects, flies, the so-called deer flies, and ticks which have previously had access to infected rabbits or other rodents. Early summer when these biting flies are most numerous is the time of greatest incidence of the disease.

Cooking kills the organism which causes the disease. There is no danger whatsoever of acquiring tularemia in eating cooked rabbit meat.

There have been only about 40 cases of tularemia all told in the whole of New York State and the great majority of those have been acquired as an occupational disease by butchers who have been dressing out imported rabbits. Only four cases all told are known to have been acquired in New York State from our native game. The mortality of the disease is quite low. Not more than four per cent of the cases terminate fatally.—Prof. Henry N. Jones, bacteriologist.

Question 3.—What is meant by the term radioactivity?
Answer.—That is concerned with the atom which is the smallest unit of chemical unit. It is so small we can't see it, but from studies in the laboratory we know a lot about it. It has a center which is positively charged which is called a nucleus. Radioactivity is that property which nuclei of the atoms of certain elements possess, in that they emit particles.

The nuclei of radioactive elements are something like a gun which fires off a bullet every once in a while. These bullets are of two kinds called alpha rays and beta rays. Whenever one of these nuclei emits an alpha or beta particle, it has disintegrated into the nucleus of another atom.

When these particles come out, there also comes out another radiation which is called the gamma radiation. This gamma radiation is similar to the x-ray only of shorter wavelength and more penetrating. It is the gamma ray which gives to radioactive substances their therapeutic value and it is the gamma ray which one is after when he drinks water which has a radioactive material in it.—Dr. Fredrickson.

Question 4.—Is the drinking of radioactive water beneficial?
Answer.—Little can be said which can be proved regarding the value of radioactive waters. Past analysis made years ago indicate that the radioactivity of some samples of water from Saratoga Springs is about 100 times as much as that of the famous hot springs of Arkansas, Hitichings Lake near Booneville, N. Y., is also claimed to be radioactive. It is possible that such water has medicinal value, but scientific data are not available to prove it.—Dr. Albert L. Elder, chemist.

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