Rabies rare but still a threat

By Rich Periberg
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Threats to Gakiand County residents,
Tables outbreak such as the one feattig causing concern in Michigans
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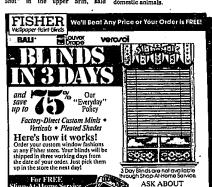
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County child who died in 1933, possibly after being bitten by a rable bat.

are lax about vaccinations, whether or not the law requires them.

HUMANS BITTEN by rabid amins laced immediate vaccination to prevent the fatal virus from taking hold. That vaccination is no longer the long, painful process of years past but is "more like a tetanus shot" in the upper arm, said



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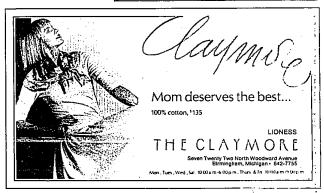
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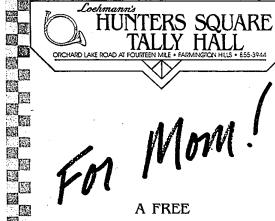
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