

Local 'Horse Doctor' Is Fighting Disease

By SANDRA ARMSTRONG
Caring for horses has been a lifetime work for Dr. H.E. Viergutz, a Farmington veterinarian.

So when a vaccine became available for the dreaded Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE), a disease transmitted by mosquitoes which swept into the US from Mexico last year, he made sure that the 70 horses he cares for in the Detroit Police Mounted Bureau were vaccinated.

In horses the disease can cause high fever, depression,

diarrhea, blindness and in some cases, even death. The infection can spread to humans, primarily children, and cause respiratory illness, fever and headaches.

Dr. Viergutz, who has cared for the mounted unit since 1947, believes that the vaccination of horses in coastal states and the quarantines which were imposed should help to minimize any future outbreak of the disease.

"Since then the disease may not amount to anything, but

you just can't tell," he added. "I wouldn't go out and tell everyone they had to have their horse vaccinated, and I wouldn't infringe on another practitioner's work."

During the second world war, Dr. Viergutz was one of the first persons to discover blood flukes in water buffalo in the Philippines. The blood flukes, called Schistosoma, "were a lot of things," and transmit an infection which was spreading among soldiers at the time.

Dr. Viergutz has been a long time resident of the Farmington area, having founded the Lion's Club of Farmington Township in 1947.

He is now trying to sell the Farmington Dog and Cat Hospital on Grand River which he owns. Nearly hidden from view by roses peering out from the overgrown weeds and tall grasses, the hospital has "two much land" for Dr. Viergutz' practice now.

"AT ONE TIME my practice consisted of half small and half large animals because 20 years ago, you see, this was farming land," he explained. "Now I see mostly smaller animals. Dogs, Cats, and now, and then there's an exotic animal like this ocelot," he continued while stroking the feline's chocolate drop spotted coat.

In addition to raising and showing dogs from coast to coast, Dr. Viergutz said he has enjoyed racing greyhounds. His favorite dogs are pointers and, you guessed it, greyhounds.

"A 'favorite' dog for me depends on what you use it for," he said. "There's no use having a dog unless you have a use for it."

If Dr. Viergutz does sell his hospital, he says he'll "probably still be around here and get another one nearby."



HORSE CARE -- Caring for the 70 horses in the Detroit Police Mounted Bureau includes administering a vaccine which will immunize them to a dreaded disease spread into the U.S.

last year from Mexico by mosquitoes. Here Farmington Veterinarian Dr. H.E. Viergutz administers the vaccine to a horse owned by James Boswell.

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Community Center Play Is Casting

FARMINGTON Summer boredom wilt and for a number of local high school and college students as two plays prepare for their first rehearsal.

With help from the Farmington Community Center and the Soroptimists, "Babes in Arms," a 1930 musical comedy, and "Rumpelstiltskin" a children's play, will be performed in late August.

Open auditions for young people 12 years or older will be held at the Community Center at 7 p.m. July 5-6.

The shows are being directed by two Michigan State University students. "Babes" is directed by Robert Leider, a theatre and communications major. He has also written several plays and shows for television. An original script adapted by the two directors has been chosen for "Rump." Avi Kriechman has written an original score for this show.

John MacColl is a psychology major with a minor in theatre. This will be his 15th show.

"I hope that we can get plenty of support from the local area so that these shows will be the best possible experience for the kids. We need singers, dancers, and just good actors and actresses. "Doing a full length show like this is never easy, but it does give the people involved

Staman Acres Hearing Set

A public hearing on necessity and cost estimate of a sewer for Staman Acres Subdivision in Farmington Township has been set for July 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Township Hall.

'Active' For Two Weeks

Charles F. Zimmerman of Farmington recently completed his two weeks of active duty with the Naval Air Facility Detroit, which is located on Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Mt. Clemens.

Band Plays On July 4

The Farmington Community Band will be holding an outdoor concert July 4 at the community center amphitheatre.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and is expected to last about an hour.

Band fans are urged to bring lawn chairs and blankets, the concert, or else sit on the ground.

Medley Win

Michigan State's Ken Popejoy ran a 3:59.4 mile to anchor the Spartan distance medley relay team to victory in the 1972 Kansas Relays. The four-man unit was clocked in 9:41.6.

Lichtmans Endow New Collection

FARMINGTON Lichtman Collection in Business and Finance and the Rose K. Lichtman Music and Drama Collection. The Lichtmans are in the fields of their deepest interests.

The Lichtmans were Detroit area residents for over 40 years. Mrs. Lichtman was

Four Make LIT List

FARMINGTON Four Farmington residents have been named to the honor roll at the Lawrence Institute of Technology for academic excellence for the past term. Students are placed on the dean's list when they have maintained a better than 3.5 honor point average out of a possible 4.0.

On the list are: James S. Donovan of 23635 Farmington

active in numerous charitable Jewish organizations and very interested in the appreciation of fine music.

Lichtman was an investor and real estate developer in the Detroit area. Rose K. Lichtman died in 1968 and

David Lichtman died in February of this year.

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