



**"Keep 'Em Healthy"**

LETTING diseases or parasites of farm animals do damage unchecked, is giving license to a ceaselessly active mob of saboteurs that even in spite of our best efforts still do American livestock well over \$400,000,000 worth of damage every year, it is pointed out in the 1942 Yearbook of Agriculture, just published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Nor is the cash loss the only thing involved, the Yearbook's editor, Gove Hambidge, continues. Diseased animals readily communicate some of their worst ills to human beings: anthrax, brucellosis, glanders, horse sleeping sickness, trichinae, tuberculosis, rabies, and a whole medical chamber of horrors besides. Human beings in this country don't get foot-and-mouth infection because the eternal vigilance of the Bureau of Animal Industry has thus far stamped out every outbreak of this terrible plague of hoofed animals that has occurred within our borders.

The new Yearbook, titled *Keeping Livestock Healthy*, is devoted entirely to problems of animal diseases and parasites. With a foreword under the slogan "Keep 'Em Healthy." by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, the 1,238 pages are filled with 98 articles by 11 scientists headed by Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Although the book takes up farm-animal diseases one by one, and animal by animal, it does not undertake to set up every farmer as his own veterinary. On the contrary, its aim is to enable the farmer to avoid need for calling the "vet" quite so often, especially since war needs have drawn off a large section of that none-too-numerous profession

and the ones still available have to be "spread thin" and made to go as far as possible.

The 1942 Yearbook of Agriculture is the seventh, and the last, of a notable series edited by Gove Hambidge. Since the 1936 volume, each Yearbook has been devoted to one special subject: genetics, soils, food, climate, etc. Each has thus become a first-class reference book, unique in the agricultural literature of any language.

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● **RADIO**

*Saturday, August 22, 1:30 p.m., EWT*

"Adventures in Science," with Watson Davis, director of Science Service, over Columbia Broadcasting System.

Dr. W. F. G. Swann, Director of the Barthol Research Foundation of the Franklin Institute, will discuss "Science and the Happiness of Man."

*Tuesday, August 18, 7:30 p.m., EWT*

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