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PENSMAN takes you Behind the Spotlight

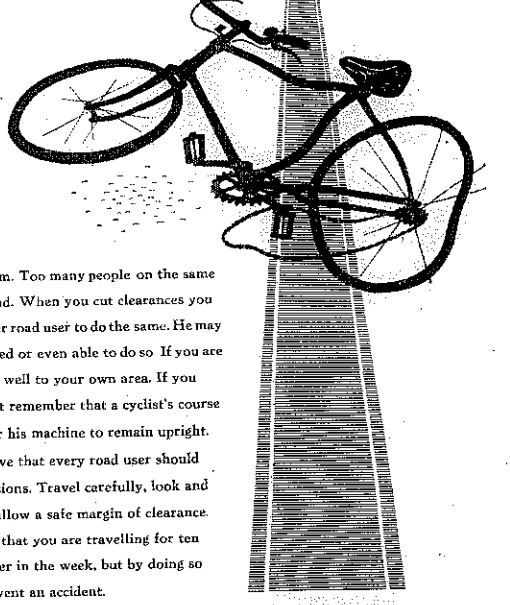
BOG—WHAT IT MEANS
We all have heard of the BOG vaccination in the fight against tuberculosis but many and this included myself, did not know what BOG stood for or what it meant—that is until I read the annual report of the National BCG Committee published recently.
The story behind the initials BOG is an interesting one and one that would be read with equal interest by readers of this column. This is how I read it.
It is not given to many men to become a myth in their own lifetime. Such indeed was the privilege of Professor Camille Guerin who, at the age of eighty-nine, died in Paris on the 14th June, 1933. A last survivor of the brilliant period of Louis Pasteur, Edmond Nocard, Emil Roux, and Albert Calmette, Guerin's death closes the herculean career of a man whose name is gratefully remembered and who, so patently evolved and so painstakingly won, we now apply successfully by the routine use of the Bacillus of Calmette and Guerin in the form of BOG vaccination.
Honoured in his old age by many distinctions, Guerin's only regret was that Calmette, his great friend and collaborator, did not live to see the global acceptance of BOG in the form of their joint work. Guerin states: "Only survivor of a team whose work was accepted by the routine use of BOG vaccination."
The story of Guerin's life is a story of a man who, in the face of adversity, showed a determination to succeed. He was born in 1844 in the village of Lillie, where for five years, Calmette, already an eminent bacteriologist, had enjoyed the confidence of Louis Pasteur.
From 1903, the team systematically undertook research on the tubercle bacillus. In 1906 they established the immunizing capacity of tubercle bacilli derived from the presence of living but avirulent tubercle bacilli in the body. Now the way ahead was clear: artificially they create a strain of avirulent tubercle bacilli of fixed hereditary characteristics.
The fortuitous discovery in 1908 of the specific value of sterilized cow milk as the ideal culture medium. But as Guerin remarked "observing something is not always enough; it has to be interpreted and so began the long vigil which was to last for thirteen years. Throughout the 1910's was when Lillie had been occupied and Calmette arrested, Guerin, against overwhelming odds, continued to watch over the subtlety of the process which, if interrupted, would mean the loss of eight years' work. By 1921, after 238 uninterrupted passages of the tubercle bacilli, evolved and what was accepted as certain at the Pasteur Institute was received in the scepticism elsewhere. The subsequent story is too well known to require repetition here.
However, long as the world may last, the names of Calmette and Guerin are certain to place in history. It is no longer possible even to estimate the many millions of people in every country who, to them, their protection against tuberculosis by the simple process of BOG vaccination. They both deserve the gratitude of mankind.
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THE GREAT ROUND-UP
Now that the thaw has set in to bring welcome relief to humans and animals alike we can look forward to better prospects and look back to the memories of the past winter. I know there is still a good deal of tough weather ahead, but I feel we have got over the worst of it. A special story in this issue of the Leader tells of the plight of the sheep-breeder on the slopes of the Comeragh Mountains and the problems which the great snow blizzard brought and left behind in its wake. The story was really fought in places but fortunately there was no loss of life and so far no great loss of stock. It was a good thing, as one farmer pointed out to me, that the blizzard struck after Christmas and extra supplies of food and fuel for Christmas and consequently they were not greatly bothered about food shortages which otherwise might be. The safety of the sheep flocks on the grazing commons was and still is the greatest problem. The story of what went on only last week is told elsewhere in this

Operation "Sheep Rescue" In Nire Valley Plans To Combat Feeding Problem

Mr. Kyne, T.D. and counter-attacked by Messrs. Butler, Dowd, Heskin, Moxey and Whelan. It is noteworthy that two of the signatories were absentees the last day while another has apparently suffered a change of heart in the meantime.
I have, in the past few months, been pointing out the likelihood of another very steep rate increase this year. Already the Health Authority have pushed it up by 2/7d. while the Vocational Education Committee, Agriculture Committee and Libraries Committee have all submitted increased demands. Then the estimates for Roads and General Purposes are added to these it will be a back-breaking burden, especially on the small farmer and shopkeeper.
Keeping this in mind and having regard to the existing rates of the County, I find it very difficult to understand why there should be such insistence to take the last ounce of the rate. The only justification can be that the officials of other Departments and counties have got it, but that is little consolation for the hard-pressed farmer and shopkeeper who will have to foot the bill for the rates in the next few months.
THE SIEGE OF LIMERICK
The famous siege of Limerick during the Williamite Wars has been the subject of many poems and ballads. But how many even know the story of the Irish soldiers who fought the night of the 19th October behind the walls of Limerick, and of the story made by the great Patrick Sarsfield when he blew up the guns and ammunition in the city?
It was on Sunday, August 10, 1940, that the brilliant siege of Limerick was commemorated. Its composition was interesting: six 24 pounder cannon, two 4.2 inch mortars, 103 wagons of artillery ammunition, 18 metal pontoons for bridging, 100 tons of food, 400 draught horses. The escort consisted of two troops and an additional 100 men.
The night of the 19th October, 1940, the "Limerick" train arrived at Cullin and set up camp at Ballyneety. They were met by the Garda Síochána and retired without fear for the night. The train was held in the morning by the Garda Síochána and retired without fear for the night. The train was held in the morning by the Garda Síochána and retired without fear for the night.

Give ample CLEARANCE

Too little room. Too many people on the same piece of ground. When you cut clearances you ask some other road user to do the same. He may not be prepared or even able to do so. If you are a cyclist keep well to your own area. If you are a motorist remember that a cyclist's course must vary for his machine to remain upright. It is imperative that every road user should make concessions. Travel carefully, look and understand, allow a safe margin of clearance. It may mean that you are travelling for ten minutes longer in the week, but by doing so you may prevent an accident.



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SUCCESSFUL HOSPITALS' TRUST ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

National and Provincial Press Support Hospitals' Trust Initiative

The Irish Hospitals' Trust "Road Safety" campaign has succeeded in swaying the public conscience to a number of important factors that are believed to contribute directly or indirectly to the toll on the roads.

PARKED LORRIES DANGER

There is an increasing body of opinion that such incidents would be greatly reduced if the backs of trucks and lorries were fitted with reflectorized material.

FIRMS BACK APPEAL

One firm Messrs. Blackburn with a fleet of 60 lorries delivering building materials to the Province of Ontario, Canada, is having the reflective material fitted to its fleet.

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS

Another great deficiency in this country is pointed by the Irish Hospitals' Trust campaign is the lack of a test for drivers and vehicles. Ireland is now one of the few countries in the world without a driving test.

EDITORS BACK APPEAL

Editors of the National and Provincial Press endorse the Hospitals' Trust Road Safety appeal and many have urged that the campaign, initiated by Hospitals' Trust should and must be supported by other public spirited enterprises as it

Tallow and Round About Notes

Knockanora Parochial Non-Stop Draw

The last draw in the series took place on Friday night, January 11th, at Glendine. Owing to weather conditions there was no draw the previous week. Results 19th draw—1st 25.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES TRIBUTE

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Aid. J. J. O'Keefe, T.D., said "I sincerely hope that when the present campaign by Hospitals' Trust concludes, some equally public spirited body will continue this excellent work."

Mr. John Howlin P.C. Chairman

Mr. John Howlin P.C., Chairman of the Hospitals' Trust Road Safety Appeal and said "I support the campaign and I wish to thank the people of this country for co-operation in the campaign."

Individual Placings

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Grainthe — There were two Troop meetings since last I wrote and as I wasn't at the one on Saturday I can't give a very good account of it.

A Hot Water Bottle

What? A hot water bottle? Yes, it was a hot water bottle that was used during the heavy frost on Sunday night last.

Death of Mr. James O'Mahony

The death of Mr. James O'Mahony, formerly of Whidgan, Dunagavan, was announced on Tuesday, January 15th.

New Hall Meeting

A meeting will be held at Kiltwatermoy on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed new hall in the parish.

Shamrocks Hurling Club

The Shamrocks Hurling Club are holding a cell in the Northside, Cappaghin, on Sunday, February 10th.

Schools Re-open

All the local National Schools have now re-opened after the Christmas holidays. Due to the weather conditions the holidays were extended by one week in some schools.

Youghal Bridge To Be Opened

On Wednesday, Jan. 23rd will be a fine day for the opening of the new bridge across the Blackwater at Ardaghilly which was opened by the Minister for Public Works, Mr. P. Finlay.

Things Heard

That a certain colleen is not the subject of her enquiry in the near future. A key to the name is she halls from near the subject of her enquiry.

Waterford Farmers Attend N.F.A. Dairy Conference

Competition in my opinion will be severe.

Mr. Richard Deasy, President N.F.A., in his opening address said "because our dairy herds provide the livelihood of so many of our family farms, as well as giving us the foundation for our exports of livestock and beef, it is only natural that in making a start today we should do so by looking to the prospects for our cows in the Common Market."

Mr. Deasy went on to say that the National Farmers' Association insists that the Government should now exhibit, in building up their backbone industries of milk and cattle, the same vigour and determination with which it has consistently fostered enterprises such as motor car assembly and the nitrocellulose industry.

Mr. T. J. Maher, Chairman N.F.A. National Dairy Committee said that the dairy industry was the backbone upon which their whole economy rested and it was vital that it now get the treatment it so richly deserved. "Common Market or no Common Market," said Mr. Maher.

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On Saturday afternoon knowing what I bring I about three or four in the Mauna range in the heart of the Mountains. Hard pa and let many inches into the heart of the picturesque mountain a great hazard, as I was unprepared for the full weight of the snow which had fallen on the mountain.

ANCIENT GREECE

The fifth century B.C. was indeed, the Golden Age of Greek civilization. In a period of one hundred years, it produced such brilliant intellects as Pericles, Euripides, Socrates and Hippocrates. The latter has been justly named as the Father of medicine.

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