

Personal Data On Missionary Priest

The Reverend Richard W. Hodge, Franciscan missionary priest, who will be at the Star of the Sea Catholic church April 19 to 26, has a rich and interesting background. Born in San Francisco, he made his studies for the priesthood in the Franciscan and was ordained at the Old Mission, Santa Barbara in 1927.

Educational Career

Father Hodge pursued post-graduate studies in the physical sciences at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1930 he took his master's degree in the Humanities at the Catholic University of Washington, D.C. Later he did advance work in education at St. Bonaventure College, N.Y., and again at the Catholic University. Until 1938 he was a professor at St. Anthony Seminary, Santa Barbara, Calif. At the same time he functioned as chaplain of the Sisters' hospital, of the Knights of Columbus and of the Young Men's Institute. Throughout these years he

carried out an extensive program for youth, working closely with the City Recreation committee, with the courts and the law enforcement agencies.

In 1938 Father Hodge became the first principal of Catholic Boys' High school in Phoenix,



REV. RICHARD W. HODGE

Ariz. There he took a leading part in the educational and civic affairs of the city and state.

Throughout these years the Father acquired a reputation as an orator and he was in constant demand for addresses on public occasions, before service and fraternal organizations, for religious missions and retreats. In 1940 his superiors assigned him to the full-time work of a missionary and he engaged in this activity until the outbreak of the war.

Navy Chaplain

In January, 1942, Father Hodge received a commission in the United States Navy and continued on active duty until February, 1946. For almost two years he was on sea duty aboard the heavy cruiser USS Salt Lake City. He participated in four campaigns, from the Aleutian Islands, through Tarawa and Kwajalein, to Palau and Yap. His work was recognized by the award of the Letter of Commendation and the Legion of Merit and the Navy Unit Commendation given the ship. He attained the rank of full commander.

Missionary Priest

Upon his return from the service Father Hodge resumed his work as a missionary priest. In this activity he traverses the whole West Coast. Parish Missions form the bulk of his work, together with novenas and the Eucharistic Devotion of Forty Hours. There are retreats for priests, for Sisters and Brothers, for students, Days of Recollection for various groups, Cara conferences, occasional sermons and addresses. He is frequently the guest speaker for fraternal organizations, lodges, service clubs.

Whatever you do you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you, you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end, requires some of the same courage which a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes men to win them.—Emerson.

By skillful conduct and artificial means a person may make a sort of name for himself; but if the inner jewel be wanting, all is vanity, and will not last.—Goethe. Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—Goldsmith.

True glory consists in doing what deserves to be written; in writing what deserves to be read; and in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living in it.—Pliny.

Veterans Provide Community Service

The local V.F.W. post and Auxiliary are looking into the matter of safeguarding life by borrowing blood. It is proposed to do this in two ways, providing for bloodmobile service to the area and a branch of the walking blood bank.

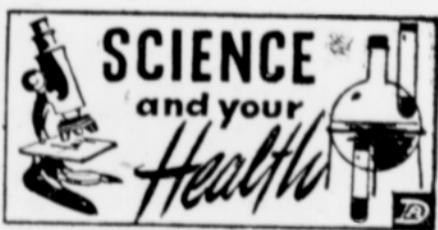
The bloodmobile service is quite familiar to all and is a matter to be settled through headquarters of the outfit. It provides whole blood for storage against future use.

The walking blood bank is a locally handled affair to provide proper blood for direct transfusions and while details of the deal are being gone after it works, roughly, in a register of volunteers, noting their specific blood type, at a central agency which must undertake to bring them, at any hour, to where they are needed. This system is especially adaptable to ex-service men and women whose records show the type of blood they have. There are a potential of two hundred so typed in the Brookings and Harbor area.

The two outfits have been very active in obtaining and doing experienced work with the chest X-ray units and are quite proud of the co-operation they have from the people.

The idle wheel chair provided by the post and auxiliary was called into its first service for Mrs. Frank B. Hassett, recuperating from an operation on her foot. Ernie Simmons, a Harbor invalid, is making good use of the other one. Les Woodriff spent a few days on the V.F.W. crutches. Mrs. M. S. Brainard now has charge of the veterans' sick room equipment.

Some of the monies used by the veterans and their ladies in supporting these projects comes from their bi-weekly dances at their hall, the next one being on this coming Saturday night, April 25.



A corrugated paper box found more than 30 years after it was lost in a University of Michigan laboratory has yielded what may be an important clue in solving the riddle of the virus. For the virus, smallest of all known disease organisms, is one of the largest unsolved problems of science. Viruses cause such diseases as infantile paralysis and influenza.

The story begins 44 years ago—in 1909, Dr. Frederick G. Novy, Michigan's famed bacteriologist, was conducting experiments with a powerful virus fatal to rats. The virus, kept constantly supplied with the living tissue believed necessary for its existence, was studied for ten years. In 1919 the test tubes containing the virus were lost.

Thirty-two years passed. Then, in 1951, workers cleaning the laboratory found a corrugated paper box hidden in one corner—and inside with the lost test tubes. Meanwhile, scientists had greatly added to their knowledge about viruses through use of the electron microscope and other new devices. They believed that the rat virus so long neglected would be dead.

Instead, it was deadly. When the test tubes and their brown deposits were ground up and injected into healthy rats, 75 per cent of the experimental animals died within three to eleven days. Dr. Novy, who retired in 1935, came out of retirement to prepare a scientific report on the lost—but still very much alive—virus.

As a result of this discovery, scientists are investigating the possibility that other viruses, perhaps those which cause human disease, may be capable of long periods of survival without a living "host" on which to feed.

In The Mail-box:

Editor, The Pilot: Dear Mrs. Akers: There seems to be considerable controversy over the request of the resignation of Ronald Maxwell, present laboratory technician at Curry General hospital.

Since we, the undersigned, have worked with Mr. Maxwell, we feel we know considerable more concerning the reason for such a request than those who have never seen how Curry General is operated and have no idea of the individual employee's duties.

Employees are given certain tasks to perform. The lab duties are few and require only a part-time worker. Therefore the technician accepted the job with the full knowledge that other hospital tasks were part of his duties as assigned by the superintendent. These duties being mostly the general upkeep of the hospital. Such assignments were seldom accepted by the technician and the tasks fell to the nurses in addition to their own regular duties, even to the extent of cleaning the lab. This lack of co-operation left us to assume more of the daily routine hospital work.

As far as his ability as a laboratory technician is concerned we do not question his competency. However, we do know this lab has received most of its support from Dr. R. L. Erickson, who has been more than willing to help Mr. Maxwell on lab routines and procedures at any time.

We have great confidence in the Board of Directors of Curry County Hospital and feel that their decisions should not be questioned.

We also wish to state that this letter is published without the knowledge of the Board of Directors.

Copies of this letter are being sent for publication to the Curry County Reporter and Coos Bay Times.

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Hen's Egg Playing Important Role In Fighting Disease

Pear River, N.Y.—The ordinary hen's egg, so popular on America's breakfast tables, is playing a vital role in medical science's efforts to eradicate many virus-caused diseases.

Scientists here at Lederle Laboratories division, American Cyanamid Company, use over 13,000,000 eggs a year in researching and producing modified live virus vaccines.

Already on the market are modified live virus vaccines to immunize dogs against distemper and rabies, mink against distemper, and poultry against several killing diseases.

The egg may eventually play an important part in combating crippling polio. Late last year, Lederle scientists announced that they had been able to grow a modified strain of polio virus in the hen's egg. If an egg produced vaccine for polio can be perfected, production would hardly be a problem, since eggs are always in good supply.

It is only right that chickens should benefit from their handiwork. Vaccines for three deadly poultry diseases—fowl pox, Newcastle disease, and fowl laryngotracheitis—are produced in em-

bryonated hen's eggs. So in one sense, you can say that the egg is protecting and insuring future generations of eggs. These three diseases, all caused by filterable viruses, annually inflict millions of dollars in losses among the nation's chicken and turkey crops.

Production of these vaccines, now that the years of hard research and millions of dollars have been spent, seems a simple thing. The procedure is this: a skilled worker uses a dentist's drill to make a tiny hole in the shell of the fertile egg, taking care not to break the membrane. Through this opening, some of the live virus is injected with a needle, and the hole is immediately sealed with collodion. The eggs are then placed in a huge incubator and the virus allowed to multiply. Before hatching, the shells are tapped and the tissues removed. From these the vaccines are made.

It's a long and tedious process, since each one of the millions of eggs used every year has to be handled individually.

Scientists here believe that the egg is one of the best media ever discovered for growing modified viruses, and many feel confident that other virus strains will be adapted to the egg in man's continuing effort to "tame" deadly viruses which can't be seen, but which kill at an amazingly high rate.

Ground Observer Post Established

Rev. E. L. Bartlam was appointed supervisor of the Brookings ground observer post and William Hamann as chief observer by Air Force representatives Lt. Norton Guon and S/Sgt. Bradley Thursday.

The post will probably be located on Marine Heights. Volunteers will be needed to man the post.

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