

Germ Juice Used to Treat War Wounds

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—(AP)—Chemicals made from the juice of germs are aiding the treatment of Korean war wounds, an army doctor reported Monday.
Colonel August W. Spitzer of the army's Walter Reed hospital described the "first army use" of a recently-developed powder produced from liquid "enzymes" given off by streptococcus germs when they are grown in the laboratory.
Spitzer told the District of Columbia Medical Society's annual scientific assembly that the dissolvable powder provides a new aid in the clearing of blood clots, dead tissue and pus from war wounds. The powder itself is free of any infectious properties.
Describing 50 war casualties treated at Walter Reed, he said they were treated either with the germ-produced enzymes or with another enzyme derived from beef pancreas. The latter enzyme is similar to a digestion chemical occurring in the human body.
(Enzymes are chemical "catalysts" which promote another chemical reaction without themselves being altered.)
Spitzer said both types of enzyme products, by helping clear wounds of unwanted "debris," have these capabilities:
(1) Shortening the period for making wounds ready for further surgery, such as skin grafting; (2) quickening the healing of certain stubborn amputations, sometimes eliminating the need for secondary surgery; and (3) enhancing the action of certain germ-fighting drugs like penicillin.
He said the substances offered particular value as aids in treating wounds which persist for several weeks after the original injury or which were either not amenable to surgery immediately or in which surgery had been delayed for other reasons.
The germ-produced enzymes are called "streptokinase" and "streptodornase," and they are used in combination. Spitzer said they have no adverse effects on normal tissue.

P-TA Course For Officers On Schedule

An instructional course for new officers of Marion county Parent-Teacher association units will be held Friday at the Mayflower hall.
The course is one of a series of state-wide meetings sponsored by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers. The school of instruction will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Purpose is to instruct the officers of Marion county's 18 units on the background of P-TA and procedures in the organization's program.
Mrs. Jennelle Moorehead of Salem, president of the Oregon congress will speak.
Assisting in the question-and-answer discussions will be Mrs. Fred Corn of Depoe Bay, regional vice president, and Dr. Thomas P. Robb of Philomath, Mrs. Francis Holton of Otis, Mrs. Roland Dustin of Independence, and Mrs. L. S. Shuford of Salem, all county presidents.
The meeting is open to P-TA officers, parents, teachers and the general public. Englewood P-TA will be host at the noon serving of coffee and dessert. Those attending the meet, are to bring their own lunches.

Jokester Turns Machine Age Against Church

LAFAYETTE, Calif., Oct. 3—(AP)—Is the machine age a run-away monster? The Rev. Harry E. Shaner pondered that question Tuesday.
In his church tower is a loud-speaker from which comes the soft music of chimes, played by an automatic record changer.
But at 2 a. m. Sunday the quiet of the Contra Costa county neighborhood was shattered by a full-volume raucous rendition of "Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes At Me." The record played on and on.
The minister and some of his pajama clad parishioners tried to get into the church to turn the contraption off. This took 30 minutes.
The sheriff's office explained it this way: Some prankster had substituted a record for the chimes record and turned the speaker volume to full pitch. Then he snipped a padlock on the church switchbox, removed the knobs from three doors, turned on the record player and ran.

Film Features Strauss Opera

One of the most famous operas by Johann Strauss, Jr., "Die Fledermaus," will be presented in a technicolor film Friday night at 7:30 in Waller hall on the Willamette university campus.
A shorter second feature will be "Death in the Arena," a German film with English subtitles, on bullfighting.
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