

# Miracle Drugs Losing Punch, Even Bring on Dangerous Reactions

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NEW YORK (AP)—All is not completely wondrous with those wonder drugs, the antibiotics.

Doctors are reporting more and more about some drawbacks and abuses such as:

New ailments brought on by these drugs sometimes, and annoying or occasionally dangerous reactions; serious evidence that the wonder drugs are losing some of their punch against disease bugs; criticisms that they have sometimes been used wastefully and unnecessarily.

Antibiotics are drugs produced by molds, from the soil. The main ones now include penicillin, aureomycin, terramycin, streptomycin and chloromycetin.

They are still marvelous drugs, completely safe when properly used. They have saved untold lives and suffering, and will keep doing so.

**All Have Drawbacks**  
It isn't strange that some drawbacks have appeared. This is the history of every new drug. Unforeseen things happen when a new drug is used upon thousands or millions of humans, with all their many differences.

With the antibiotics, even a few deaths have been reported. Dr. Nathan Flaxman of Chicago Medical School, writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, lists six deaths reported so far from penicillin, and five from streptomycin. His list also tells of two deaths from aspirin in the same five-year period.

Whether antibiotics actually caused deaths is hard to pin down. For, as one doctor remarks, "the patient might have been so far gone he would have died if you had merely said hello to him."

**Effects Differ**  
Nearly 20 medical reports in medical journals about drawbacks or misuses brought out these facts:

All the antibiotics at times cause reactions, such as nausea, itching, hives, diarrhea, fever, swelling of joints. They differ with different drugs.

The reactions are fairly rare. Usually they are very mild, giving no cause to quit taking a drug that is killing dangerous bugs.

Some reactions are due to allergy or acquired sensitivity to the antibiotic itself, others are due to things it is mixed with. The rate of reactions to penicillin apparently is increasing. It is estimated that 10 to 15 per cent or more people now get some reaction, usually very minor, compared with 3 per cent some years ago.

**Some Germs Thrive**  
Antibiotics occasionally can bring on new troubles. One reason is that they are powerful and kill many kinds of germs in your intestines as well as germs that are making you sick. That leaves more food and opportunity for unaffected germs or fungi to grow. Some fungi, in fact, seem to thrive on antibiotics.

Dangerous germs sometimes become resistant to the antibiotic and then they begin to multiply and spread. There are reports of some diseases apparently acquired after treatment with an antibiotic began. They included a few cases of lung, blood and kidney infection from staphylococci not hit by an antibiotic being given to treat an entirely different kind of disease.

**Germs Adaptable**  
Like humans, germs keep trying to live, and they adapt to new threats and conditions. They can develop resistance to drugs. Army doctors say that penicillin, streptomycin, aureomycin and chloromycetin are all less effective now against certain germs than two or four years ago. They've declined especially in wallowing power against golden staphylococci, the germs causing abscesses and boils.

Several reports say it's unwise to be too quick with the needle or pill of antibiotics.

**May Develop Allergy**  
If, they say, antibiotics are used for minor troubles, there's a risk people may develop an allergy to the drug, and then cannot have it when a serious disease comes. There's risk of encouraging resistance by germs to antibiotics used too freely.

Giving or taking an antibiotic for an obscure fever may delay diagnosis of something more serious. The antibiotic may just suppress a disease for a time, and then later flare-up may be even more serious.

Knowledge of the limitations and drawbacks is bringing better use of the antibiotics. Some of the disadvantages can be corrected or avoided. New antibiotics are promised. Antibiotics are just coming of age in a tremendous job of fighting sickness and death.

## Pacific Beats Linfield Crew

McMINNVILLE (AP)—Led by Frank Buciewicz, who scored 22 points, Pacific U. defeated Linfield 76-58 in a Northwest Conference basketball game here Saturday night. The Pacific team led all the way, 23-14 at the end of the first quarter, 44-30 at halftime, and 56-49 at the end of the third. High scorer of the game was Linfield's Ted McKee with 24 points.

## SP Streamliner Released From Sierra Snows

(Story also on page one.)  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Partly clear weather Saturday brought progress in Northern California's back-breaking job of digging out of its worst storm in 62 years.

The Southern Pacific Streamliner "City of San Francisco" was freed from the Sierra snowdrifts that had imprisoned it since last Sunday.

Good news for disaster crews came with the forecast that a new storm moving down the coast will bring California only occasional rain as far south as San Jose, with snow flurries in the mountains. The men have before them the job of clearing snowbound U. S. highways 40 and 50—the main routes across the Northern Sierra. Westbound transcontinental Greyhound buses were terminating at Reno, Nev.

Highway workers dug at snow-covered secondary roads to keep supplies moving to mountain towns that were isolated by the storm.

## Wm. Matthews, 95, Succumbs; Rites Tuesday

William David Matthews, 95, Salem area resident since 1896, died Saturday at a Salem hospital.

He had farmed in the Pringle and Liberty area until his retirement several years ago.

Matthews was born Dec. 21, 1856, in Missouri and spent his early life in Colorado and Kansas, coming to Oregon in 1886.

He settled first in the Pringle area then moved to the Liberty district. On retirement he resided in Salem at 1980 S. Cottage St.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Florence Purvine of Salem; son, Milo C. Matthews, Agate Beach; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at W. T. Rigdon Chapel with concluding services at City View Cemetery.

## Mrs. Edna Baal Succumbs to Stroke in Salem

Mrs. Edna Baal, 56, Salem resident for 40 years, died Thursday at a Salem hospital following a stroke suffered Tuesday afternoon.

She resided at 2685 Portland Rd.

She was born March 7, 1895, at Burlington, Iowa, later residing at Yakima, Wash. She was married in 1916 at Salem to Virgil L. Seamster, who died in 1948.

Mrs. Baal was a member of First Baptist Church and was employed at Willamette Cherry Growers plant.

Survivors include the widower, August Baal, Salem; son, Forest Seamster, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Geneva Lowe, Sacramento, Calif.; sister, Mrs. Tillie Irwin, Salem; brothers, N. W. Zeller, Salem, and Oscar Zeller, Huntington Park, Calif.; three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at Howell-Edwards Chapel with the Rev. Lloyd Anderson officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park.

## Richmond 4-H Club Forms

Richmond Woodchucks, 4-H woodworking club, was organized Friday at the home of Mrs. Ralph Barnes, 2225 Mission St.

Officers elected were Ronald Case, president; George Korklins, vice president; Stephen Smith, secretary; Maud Barnes, treasurer; Richard Hagner, reporter; Billy Sikel, song leader; Thomas Koenig, yell leader; Jerry Conover, captain; Richard Laynes, sergeant at arms.

Next meeting was set for 9:30 a.m., Feb. 2, at the home of Mrs. Robert Smith, 440 N. 22nd St.

## Boy Injured in 2-Car Crash

A nine-year-old boy suffered apparently minor injuries in a two-car crash at North Church and Marion Streets shortly before noon Saturday, city police reported.

The boy, Kenneth Syverson, Marion, was treated by city first aidmen for head injuries and sent to a doctor for sutures.

Drivers were listed by police as Wilbur L. Hampshire, 1680 Madison St., in a 1947 sedan, and Ralph R. Koker, Jefferson, in a 1936 sedan. Both were westbound on Marion Street.

Damage was listed as complete front end and right side on the Hampshire vehicle and left side damage to the Koker sedan. The injured boy was a passenger in the Koker auto.

## Mrs. Reeves, 74, Succumbs At Salem Home

Mrs. Florence Reeves, 74, Salem resident for nearly 50 years, died Friday at the residence, 340 E. Lefele St., following a stroke.

She was passenger in an auto which was involved in an accident at South Commercial and Boice Streets Jan. 6, members of her family said.

Mrs. Reeves was a member of Chadwick chapter of Eastern Star and past matron of Euclid Chapter in Jefferson.

She was born in North Carolina Feb. 5, 1877, and came west to Jefferson as a child.

She was married Sept. 16, 1877, in Salem to Frank Reeves, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fern Forgy, Fresno, Cal.; son, Hal Reeves, Jefferson; a sister and two brothers including J. F. Blackwell, Jefferson.

Funeral services are being arranged by Howell-Edwards Chapel.

## Mrs. Lermo, Ex-Silverton Resident, Dies

Statesman News Service  
SILVERTON—Mrs. Alvina Lermo, 65, former resident of Silverton for 20 years, died Thursday night at a Hood River hospital.

She had been residing at White Salmon, Wash., for the past 18 months.

She was born Nov. 26, 1886, in Iowa and resided for a time in Minnesota before coming to Silverton more than 20 years ago.

Survivors include the widower, G. O. Lermo, White Salmon; daughter, Miss Bonnie Lermo, Eugene; sons, Corydon Lermo, Eugene, and Alvin Lermo, White Salmon; brother, William Neckes, Decorah, Iowa, and sister, Mrs. Mary Kelly, Decorah.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton with the Rev. H. E. Aalbu of Eugene officiating. Interment will be at Valley View Cemetery.

## Reds Claim Air Violation

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—A new Communist charge of Allied aerial violation muddied still further the bogged-down Korean armistice talks Saturday.

The negotiators return to Panmunjon Sunday, however, for sub-committee sessions.

Injected into Saturday's unproductive meetings was a Red charge that four U. S. jet planes bombed and strafed a plainly-marked truce motor convoy between Kaesong and the Korean Communist capital of Pyongyang on Friday afternoon.

The Communists termed it "a grave protest." Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, United Nations Command spokesman, said the charge would be investigated.

## Farm Bureau Protests Truman's Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Farm Bureau Federation protested Saturday that a recent proposal by President Truman would mean fixed prices for farm products.

The farm organization said the President's economic report to Congress called for repeal of flexible price support provisions of the present farm law in favor of rigid supports at higher levels.

## Gambold Handed Freshmen Post

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Bob Gambold, star quarterback for the Washington State College 1950 football team, was appointed Saturday as freshmen coach for the Cougars. Gambold, now frosh basketball coach, takes the position formerly held by Dan Stavelly.

## KILLED IN KOREA WAR

A Pendleton Army man was listed as killed in Korean action, a Department of Defense release showed Saturday. Killed was Pvt. Orville E. Franzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swen E. Franzen, Pendleton.

## U.N. Formally Rejects Soviet Truce Terms

By A. I. GOLDBERG  
PARIS (AP)—The United Nations General Assembly formally rejected Saturday a Russian proposal for new Korean truce terms.

By ratifying a decision taken two days ago in the 60-nation political committee, the assembly heeded the plea of western powers to let the current truce talks go on in Korea and sent the most recent Soviet arms-atom proposals to the U.N.'s new disarmament commission for further study.

Russia revived an old-proposal for an immediate Korean cease-fire and armistice, withdrawal of troops from the 38th parallel in 10 days and pulling out all foreign troops — including "volunteers" — in three months.

**'Confuse and Delay'**  
U. S. Delegate Ernest A. Gross said the move would only "confuse and delay the negotiations for an armistice in Korea" and debates here would not provide a substitute for the good faith needed on the other side.

Selwyn Lloyd, British minister of state, told Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky from the rostrum that, if Russia really wanted a Korean armistice, Vishinsky "should bring his influence to bear where it may have some effect — on North Korean and Chinese commanders."

**Soviet Bloc Opposes**  
The assembly turned down first the cease-fire and 38th parallel withdrawal proposals by a vote of 35 against, five Soviet bloc for, and 10 abstentions.

Then it rejected the proposal for all foreign troops "and also foreign volunteer units"—the Chinese Communists — to withdraw in three months from Korea by a vote of 31 against, seven for and 11 abstentions.

The session may have proved to be Visinsky's last. No other items are now scheduled which would require his presence and he was expected to leave soon for Moscow.

Middle East problems will be discussed by Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president of Linfield College, at Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon luncheon at Senator Hotel.

"Wandering Among the Arabs" is topic of his talk. He recently toured the area and traveled along the edge of Iron Curtain countries.

## Thor Lodge To Nominate

Sons of Norway nominating committee for elections to be held in March was selected in the lodge meeting Saturday night.

On the committee are Hjalmar Gunn, June Moen and Theodore Nelson.

Annual Pacific Coast District Convention for the lodge has been set for June 12-14 at Everett, Wash., Nelson reported.

Nels Tønning showed colored movies for the meeting. Kerby Johnson presided in the absence of President John Norby, en route to Oslo, Norway, to attend Winter Olympics there.

## First Citizen Banquet Plans Now Complete

Dr. Robert D. Gregg, dean of liberal arts at Willamette University, will be principal speaker at the Salem First Citizen banquet Jan. 30.

Completion of the program for the occasion was announced Friday by Salem Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event inaugurated last year as an annual recognition for outstanding civic service.

Robert W. Fenix, chamber president, will be toastmaster for the affair in Marion Hotel. The Rev. George Swift will give the invocation.

Introduction of the First Citizen, whose identity will not be disclosed beforehand, will be made by Charles A. Sprague, the 1950 First Citizen.

Dean Gregg will speak on "When Does a Citizen Stand First?"

Music will include tenor solos by Dean Melvin H. Geist of Willamette's music school, and dinner music by a string trio composed of Doris Loder, Wilma Aller and Edna Marie Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman were married June 28, 1919.

## EARTHQUAKE AT TOKYO

TOKYO (AP)—An earthquake shook Tokyo and the surrounding area at 2:45 p. m. Sunday. No damage was reported.

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