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Health for All Finding TB Early

Some people worry intensely about a cough or a sneeze, and others allow mild symptoms to develop into serious disease before they ever recognize and admit that they are ill.

There is a desirable middle ground between being a hypochondriac and being careless about your health. One way to attain this "happy medium" is to observe the rules of hygiene, and then give little attention to your health except to take the necessary precaution of having a physical examination each year.

Much serious illness could be averted and many tragedies prevented if every adult formed the habit of having an annual physical examination, including a chest X-ray. A loss of weight and that "tired feeling," for example, would send some people to the doctor for a check-up, yet these symptoms could be signs of

GOOD FISHING REPORTED

Mr. and Mrs. Al Beguin and Larry and Steve, have been enjoying their fishing and "camping out under the stars" trips the past two week ends.

First on the Wilson river where six fish were caught and then way up on Clackamas river, where a catch of seven were reported.

early tuberculosis. It is estimated that there are approximately half a million people in the United States today suffering from active tuberculosis. Yet only about half of them are known to health authorities and are receiving the proper care.

What prevents the other 250,000, who are doing nothing to arrest their tuberculosis and who are communicating their germs to others, from seeking medical help? Many of them do not know they have tuberculosis. The disease in its early stages is almost symptomless, and people who overlook "minor ailments" may have tuberculosis for weeks or months without discovering it. Yet, it is in this early, almost symptomless stage that their disease would respond best and fastest to medical care.

The principal diagnostic device for detecting early tuberculosis is the chest X-ray. Chest X-ray helps find the disease before outward signs and symptoms appear or are recognized. That is why, in many communities throughout the U. S. and its territories, the search for tuberculosis is being carried on among apparently healthy people. The aim of the X-ray services is to locate those people who, without even knowledge that they are ill, are losing their health and endangering the health of others.

Actually, mass chest X-ray services provide two benefits for the individual. If he unknowingly has tuberculosis, the disease is discovered so that medical treatment can begin. And even if he does not have tuberculosis, he profits by the fact that other unknown cases are found, lessening his chances of catching the disease from someone else. Tuberculosis can spread only from the sick to the well. If every adult had an annual chest X-ray and every case of tuberculosis were found and treated, an insidious disease, which now kills 53,000 Americans a year, could be eradicated.

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Constancy to truth and principle may sometimes lead to what the world calls inconsistency in conduct.—Tyron Edwards.



FIGHTERS FOR DEMOCRACY—Equipped with first-line pursuit ships of American make, the 201st Mexican Fighter Squadron, an element of which is pictured above at Clark Field, Philippine Islands, during the war, distinguished itself in action against the Japanese over the Philippines and Formosa. The Inter-American Military Cooperation Act would enable the nations of the Western Hemisphere to collaborate in time of peace as they did in time of war.

BABSON Discusses Inventions

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 4.

—A redheaded young man has just been telling me of his experiences with the bureaucrats in Washington. He is a natural inventor and is now working on an engine which uses air for fuel instead of gasoline or diesel oil.

MY REDHEADED FRIEND

As this young man is not a college graduate and knows little about the techniques of modern physics, he is looked down upon as a crank by the "higher-ups" in leading educational institutions. I am not up on atomic physics, but I do believe that someday the principle, for which this red-head is sacrificing his life, will be recognized.

However, my immediate appeal is that college professors and Washington bureaucrats give more courteous attention to all who come to them with an idea. Many of the revolutionary inventions have come from men like Edison, Ford and Marconi, who never saw the inside of a college, and perhaps not a high school. The poor treatment that ordinary inventors get today at Washington or at our big universities is not only cruel, but short-sighted and almost treasonable.

SHOE OF EUROPE

At the present time Communism is gradually working westward, and unless stopped, will take over the whole of Europe. Yet, Washington thinks that only money is needed to stop Communism. This idea is wrong. Brains and Faith, rather than money, are most needed by Europe and England today. Our policy of sending money, brass hats and politicians to feed the starving is well-meaning, but it will not save Europe from Communism.

The great need of Europe is to rebuild her universities, churches and scientific schools and to give scholarships to boys and girls who have brains, initiative and a desire to help their people. The shortsighted policy of just saving lives of the starving without doing anything for those who are not starving but who have education and ability is a great mistake.

COST-OF-LIVING

The cost-of-living has increased in the United States about 56 per cent since 1940. Congress and the bureaucrats here in Washington have tried many legislative laws to keep down the cost-of-living. They experimented with fixing prices, which was a failure; then with subsidizing production, which was a blunder. Now, they are experimenting with raising and lowering tariffs, which is pure politics. The chief interest amongst the Washington people seems to be to get more appropriations and more jobs, whether or not these quick remedies will do any good.

Following World War I, we had the same cost-of-living difficulties that we have today. The conclusion then was that (aside from everyone working a little harder and a little longer) the solution to high living costs rested with humble inventors of new machines, new processes and new discoveries. The same is true today. Too many research laboratories are working on new products to tempt our housewives, rather than on reducing the cost of existing products. The reduction of the cost-of-living is primarily a matter of more inventive geniuses and more industry. Thinking more and working more is the answer.

WHAT ABOUT WAGES?

No wise economist should deny increased wages per se. Good wages are necessary to create purchasing power which is an important factor in employment. On the other hand, labor unions have done very little to bring about high wages. Not only have many labor unions increased the cost-of-living, but they have retarded inventions and new processes which are essential in reducing living costs. The inventors of the country are mostly responsible for the good wages being paid today.

Often I am asked: "What are the fundamentals of prosperity?" and I reply:—"Three, namely, Natural Resources, Enthusiastic Inventors, and Sane Religion." This is not contrary to the es-

established economic theory that prosperity is based on "Land, Labor and Capital." My answer simply specifies that Land of itself is of no use unless it has good soil, forests, or minerals; that Labor is of no use unless it has brains, initiative and inventive powers; and that Capital is directly the result of honesty, thrift and credit—the products of religion.

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SHADES OF ROMANCE

In a Minneapolis drugstore, a 17-year-old, buying a lipstick as a present for his girl, was at a loss when asked the shade. Suddenly his face brightened; he whipped out his handkerchief and pointed to a crimson smear. "There," he exclaimed happily. "That shade!"

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