

DUCT STRETCHER SUPPLANTS KNIFE FOR GALL STONES

Lead From Liver to Intestinal Tract Can Be Made Large Enough to Pass Bother Some Obstructions

By WENDEL BURCH (United Press Staff Correspondent) SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—(UP)—Gallstones, one of the oldest and most painful enemies to human life, may be eliminated entirely from the list of ailments requiring surgical removal.

In a paper to be read before the 25th clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Arthur W. Allen of Boston, Mass., describes a simple preventive to accumulation of the stones, sometimes death-dealing obstructions.

"Cutting for the stone" has been a surgical practice for centuries, fashionable even in the days of little Samuel Pepys, babbling diarist of the late 17th century.

Small Duct Obstructed. Source of gallstones usually lies in the small duct leading from the liver to the intestinal tract, Dr. Allen said. Too frequently this duct is modeled by nature, is so narrow that the tiniest obstruction causes trouble, and an accumulation of the "stones" soon piles up.

The remedy, obviously, is to make the duct larger. By inserting a hollow, tough "stretcher" the duct can be made to pass all normal obstructions which appear in its length. Dr. Allen submits that such a "stretcher" has been found in a small device, made of materials which resist the stomach acids, and resembling chiefly a fine olive in size and color.

It was pointed out that accumulation of the stones ordinarily prevents the only surgical problem in gallstone cases. When means of passing the stones through the duct have been achieved, the suffering and illness attendant to their clogging the passage is eliminated.

One Operation Only. While an initial operation would be required to place the "stretcher" in position, recurrent operations for removal of the stones would be obviated. Mere removal of gallstones in the past has not offered any permanent relief from the illness, inasmuch as new obstructions may form and clog the tiny duct after an operation, since the real source of difficulty—narrowness of the duct—has not been affected.

Dr. Allen's report was out one of scores presented to the congress, detailing new techniques in operating, new means of "cutting to cure."

A fracture conference today offered one of the highlights of the convention, which has for one of its major topics surgical ways and means of healing the frightful wounds sometimes inflicted on modern man by his robot servants—the automobile, industrial machinery, steam and electricity.

Gives First Aid Dents. Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, Chicago, Ill., offered a list of "don'ts" to would-be Good Samaritans intent on helping injured persons.

"Cover up the injured person, but do not let some willing soul coax you to grab him under the knees while the other fellow takes him under the arms—and between you, drag him to the nearest drug store, where the floor is no softer or warmer than was the street."

"Maybe in doing this well-meaning act you have doubted him up like a jackknife, making a mildly injured spine a severely injured one. Maybe the sharp end of a fractured bone in the leg has been pulled across a nerve or artery, and will necessitate an amputation instead of healing after a moderate period of disability."

Iodine Irritant. For skin injuries, don't run for the iodine bottle, he warned. "Iodine is a strong irritant when it is fresh," he said. "If it has been lying around for some time and all the alcohol in which it is dissolved has evaporated, it leaves a concentrated solution which is dangerous to use on a normal skin."

Dr. E. Dunbar Newell, Chattanooga, Tenn., urged use of local anesthetics at the site of fractures to relieve pain and obtain complete muscular relaxation.

Dr. E. Wayne Palmer, Phoenix, Ariz., urged establishment of first aid stations at every airport, dangerous crossroads and along major highways, as a means of eliminating needless suffering among thousands of accident victims.

NO PARALYSIS IN JACKSON COUNTY

The infantile paralysis situation in this county, due to the vigilance of the county health department, through County Physician A. N. Johnson, is well in hand, and no cases are reported.

A week ago Dr. Johnson warned that residents of the Keno area in Klamath county, moving to this county, would be subject to observation and quarantine, and apparently this had a salutary effect on migrations from that section.

Dr. Johnson is investigating a telephone report that a family from Keno had moved into the Butte Falls district, and if found, the family will be placed under regulations until a clean bill of health is returned.

The plea of the county health department for communities and sections to report new families has met with cooperation.

Dr. Johnson announced that the steps taken were with the idea, "to make the public cautious but not panicky."

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Society and Clubs

By JANET WRAY SMITH

Lady Kiwanians Are Tournament Winners

Lady Kiwanians were guests of the Kiwanians at dinner at the Hotel Medford last evening.

A bridge tournament, to which the ladies were challenged by the men some time ago, was in progress during the evening, with the feminine contingent coming out ahead by a margin of 9,145 points.

Fourteen couples took part in the tournament, with a few more present during dinner. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Faber, respective presidents of the two branches of the Kiwanis club, had charge of arrangements, with J. H. Fletcher presenting the rules.

Meeting of Roosevelt Circle Mrs. Glen Patrick will address the Roosevelt Home and School circle at its meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in room 11. Her topic will be concerned with her recent travels in the south seas.

Also on the program will be a group of songs by the school children, and complete reports on the Halloween frolic.

A group of 4A mothers will be hostesses for the afternoon.

Mrs. Sperling Sings for Clubs By special arrangement with KMEM, Dolores Sperling sang "Woods in the Autumn" over the air for the program hour during the joint meeting of the Ashland Study club and the Fortnightly Study club held Monday afternoon in Ashland.

Words for the song are by Grace E. Hall of Portland, the music being written by Mrs. E. A. Woods of Ashland.

Mrs. Sperling's rendition was enthusiastically received.

Lady Kiwanians Have New Members Mrs. Frank Perl, assisted by Mrs. Jack Thompson, was hostess Monday afternoon to Lady Kiwanians at a regular meeting.

After a short business session, Mesdames Eva Frame, Winifred Blackland and Sarah Hammond, new members of the club, were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Harry Prentice, gave a current-events report. Tea was served by the hostesses.

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WM. E. NICHOLSON, LONG A RESIDENT, TAKEN BY DEATH

William Elmore Nicholson, well known resident of southern Oregon, where he has lived for the past 43 years, passed away at the family residence on Ross Lane Tuesday at 11:30 p. m. after a short illness.

Mr. Nicholson was born near Gist, Iowa, November 6, 1864, and was aged 70 years. He spent his early life in Iowa, and also gained his education there, and in 1892 came west to southern Oregon. Shortly after his arrival he met Miss Nellie Sturges (whose parents were of the earliest settlers in this section) and they were united in marriage at Grants Pass in 1898.

Mr. Nicholson was a man of fine Christian qualities, and a fine neighbor to all. He was a member of Medford Lodge No. 1168 B. P. O. Elks, and Medford Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F.

He took a very active interest in the development of the Wood River Valley, being one of the early promoters of that valley.

He leaves to mourn his departure his widow, Mrs. Nellie Nicholson of Medford, one daughter, Mrs. Frances Houston of Medford, three sons, Theodore and Stewart Nicholson of Fort Klamath, Oregon; Lloyd Nicholson of Medford, who is now attending the University of Oregon, three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Leever of Central Point, Oregon; Mrs. Fred Single of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. H. N. Butler of Medford and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Friday at 2 p. m. Rev. Joseph Knoke officiating. Interment in Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Ecclesia Choir In Concert Tonight At Presbyterians Tonight at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, the Ecclesia choir of southern California will appear in concert. The 21 members of the choir are costumed in gowns of bronze and gold. The choir is reviving the music of the old cathedrals and its unique work under the direction of Elton Menno Roth is meeting with enthusiastic approval. There is no admission charge for the concert but a silver offering will be taken.

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American Legion Auxiliary

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary gives each woman an opportunity to work for the peace of mind that comes when one feels that some duty is well done. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors four great objectives. They are Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, Americanism and National Defense. Par too little is known of our excellent work by the general public. We are often criticized by outsiders, due to lack of knowledge of the principles and ideals we are "carrying on." In order to accomplish our aims we need a large membership for each individual membership means a stronger chain.

It seems hardly possible that any woman privileged to belong to the American Legion Auxiliary who knows of the great work accomplished by the concentrated efforts of the 8618 units with 400,616 members can refuse to belong and to do her bit towards helping the less fortunate.

Our work in Rehabilitation is for the soldiers who have come home disillusioned, shaken and humbled from a war to protect the country they honored and loved and need every bit of kindness and consideration we can give them. The Auxiliary is doing its part in this great work. And Child Welfare—it hardly seems that any woman could refuse to come into an organization which so intensively works for those orphaned and semi-orphaned children left as a trust by the boys who didn't come back, and the children of those who, coming home, left their health and their hopes in France. Child Welfare has come to mean much to us—it means conversation of that America of the future and it means, above all else, giving our youth its inalienable right to a place in the sun.

Americanism means a great deal to us, for we are not founded on the principles of patriotism? The Auxiliary is doing a great work in moulding the alien material left at its gates into loyal, patriotic people ready to protect the rights of the country against invasion.

It is the duty of every wife, mother, daughter and sister of a World War veteran to JOIN AND DO HER PART. For information phone Mrs. Cole Holmes or Mrs. Belva Alken and a member of the Auxiliary will call.

MILITIA UNITS HERE GET BID TO KLAMATH ARMORY DEDICATION

Company A, 168th Infantry, and headquarters company, third battalion, were today in receipt of an invitation to participate in the celebration on Armistice Day during which the new armory in Klamath Falls will be officially dedicated.

Col. E. E. Kelly will attend the dedication as personal representative of Governor Martin.