

MERKEL REVIEWS NEW YORK TRIP AT HEALTH MEET

Definite progress in the field of public health has been revealed in army and navy examinations for World War II, Dr. A. E. Merkel reported to the executive board of the Jackson County Public Health association Thursday night. Reviewing his trip to New York City, where he received one of the 53 awards, granted to counties and cities of the United States and Canada, Dr. Merkel brought encouraging news to the meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis Ulrich.

While war always brings an increase in tuberculosis, he declared, figures for this war period in the United States are a great improvement over those tabulated during the first world war. The record in this country, he continued, is also much better than that reported for Canada and England, according to speakers appearing on the program of the 73rd conference of the American Public Health association in New York. The death rate for tuberculosis in England, where very little pasteurized milk is consumed, was 60 per 100,000 in 1938. In the United States for that same year the rate was 43 per 100,000. In 1943 England suffered a two per cent increase, attributed to the war. Figures available do not indicate any increase in our country for 1944, he said statistically revealed.

Active tuberculosis, located in army induction examinations in the United States, he stated, occurred in just one case in 1000. The navy's record, he added, was even lower.

Discussing speakers at the conference, Dr. Merkel stated that

Something
you just
depend on

Take mother. We all know she does one-thousand-and-one jobs—some for the whole family, some for each individual member. And how do we show our appreciation? Why, by a supreme confidence that, when something else comes up, she'll manage one-thousand-and-two jobs.

Take bankers. Stop to notice and you'll discover the same thing holds true of bankers. In this war, the bankers are doing one-thousand-and-one extra jobs. Some are for the whole community—some for individual groups. All are important.

It's hard to say which job ranks first. The Treasury nominates for honors the banks' aid with war bonds. Industrialists give top billing to the way the banks have helped business answer the call "To arms." Thousands of women—their husbands gone to war—value highest the personal advice and counsel they've received.

Being in the gasoline business, we headline the manner in which the banks have smoothed gasoline rationing. By acting as ration coupon depositories, they've simplified a process which could have been full of kinks and snarls. Thus they've done every car-owner a favor. And—since they've helped keep America on wheels—they've done everybody a favor.

These things, and more, the banks have managed to do short-handed—with staffs often more willing than experienced. So most people take it for granted—as families assume mother will handle any new task—that war's end will see the banks quietly living up to the country's new necessities. There is no higher compliment.

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Doctor's Office 'Ward' for St. Louis Twins



(Acme Telephoto)
Dr. Harry Rich examines the twins, an eight-pound girl and an 8½-pound boy, born in the waiting room of his St. Louis office. The mother, Mrs. Lucille Novack, 28, wife of seaman veteran of New Guinea and mother of four small children, lies on a narrow cot beside them in the improvised "ward." Dr. Rich claimed that seven hospitals refused Mrs. Novack admittance for the \$50 fee allowed by the Government unless it was attended by a hospital staff physician.

Mayor LaGuardia won the admiration of all listeners with his profound understanding of the public health setup and unlimited information regarding his city of New York. Whatever the political prejudices of the audience might have been preceding his address, Dr. Merkel declared, they vanished as he spoke. LaGuardia is now working on a general medical coverage plan for New York City, he stated, which will include all persons of \$5,000 or less yearly income. If the plan is a success in New York, Dr. Merkel expressed the belief that it would be incorporated in a national measure.

The objectives of the tuberculosis control division of the United States Public Health service Dr. Merkel informed the board now include financial aid for every family in which a case of tuberculosis occurs and the expansion of rehabilitation of tuberculosis cases to be placed on a federal basis.



Olive Barber's Observations

Hotel lobby listening post: "Yes, sir, I aim to get me about five acres and hole up, soon as this war is over," said the salesman to the fat man from Texas. "Going to raise cucumbers. Everybody eats some kind of pickle and cucumbers are the foundation of all 'em. Too, cucumbers don't need rich ground. Just stick in a few seeds any old place, then rock and read and after while you start picking money off the vines."

The corpulent Texan said he was going to get some acreage, too, but he was going to raise chickens: Rhode Island Red chickens, he specified, as they had bigger drumsticks, heh, heh! The little woman in the big chair put in her bit by saying she'd heard bantam eggs had more nourishment in them than regular eggs. No one paid any attention and she wasn't heard from again.

Just then a sailor came in and made a telephone call. The phone was not in a booth. Everyone politely talked louder. Yet I heard him say, not once but several times, "I tell you I would marry you, baby, but—" and not once did I hear his alibi. He

Doctor Now Has Three Babies In Library Dresser Drawers

St. Louis, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Dr. Harry Rich left his three "dresser drawer" babies in the care of their new nurse today while he went shopping for three cribs and Dr. Edwin C. Ernest, president of the St. Louis Medical society, opened an investigation into charges that city hospitals refused to give maternity care to wives of servicemen for the \$50 government fee.

The latest addition to the "dresser drawer" fraternity was the 12-pound daughter of Mrs. Evelyn McIntire, wife of a St. Louis welder. The child was delivered in the emergency maternity ward Rich has set up in his library, while the nervous father paced up and down the narrow confines of the doctor's office.

Twins Born Friday
The first "dresser drawer" babies were born Friday to Mrs. Lucille Novack, wife of Machinist's Mate 3/c Paul Novack, a

talked a long time. "So there's a gold braid parked on your door step! If that's the way you feel about it, okay!" The girl was evidently letting him know the competition was pretty stiff, yet I gathered she'd clear the decks the minute he'd agree to sign on the dotted line. The sailor left and I found the Texan and the salesman were still in the chicken business.

"Oh, yes, I know there's more work to chickens than cucumbers. You have to sort the big eggs from the little ones and stuff like that, but chickens work for you 12 months a year; cucumbers don't. Besides I want to have something with brains. And chickens have plenty of brains. Why a feller was telling me only last week of a White Leghorn hen he had that would take hold of his pants leg with her beak and pull at him until he went and dug her some worms."

I didn't believe this and neither will you if you've ever had much to do with chickens. And as to raising cucumbers, well, I remembered the wheelbarrow loads of barn fertilizer we'd carted to the cucumber patch; of the buckets of water we'd carried from the spring each evening. If we neglected this, most of the blossoms fell off and the ones that didn't produced funny little twisted cukes, yellowing before their time. But I said nothing. Though I doubt if I could have kept still, had they brought up the subject of fences, especially electric fences.

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for 12 hours a day, and said he had at least five more expectant mothers who plan to have their babies delivered in his combination office and hospital.

Paul Corwin Now First Lieutenant Transport Corps

San Francisco, Cal.—Paul L. Corwin, Medford resident on army duty at San Francisco Port of Embarkation, was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the army transportation corps. He is in the motor transportation branch of port transportation division.

Lt. Corwin entered army service originally as an air corps trainee in July, 1942. Because of his civilian experience with Pierce Freight Lines, Portland, he was transferred to the transportation corps, which moves the army on land and water, and was sent to the corps officers training school. On graduation he was assigned to San Francisco port, transferred to Alaska highway duty and last May re-

turned to this headquarters. A 1931 graduate of Medford business college, he is the husband of Mrs. Helen Corwin of 1112 E. Main street, Medford, and the son of W. H. Corwin of Marial, Ore. Two of his brothers are in service, D. W. Corwin with the 9th infantry division, and Ben Corwin with an air corps group.

FIRE IN ASHLAND

Ashland, Oct. 30.—A loss of from \$1,500 to \$1,800 was sustained at the Chester Smith residence on Oak street Friday afternoon when fire burned most of the roof and attic of the residence. The fire started from a



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trash burner in the second-story apartment, according to fire department reports.

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Styles recently admitted he once joined the Klan but said he did so "to spy" on the organization.

Franz Abt was a German musical composer.

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"Politicians who embraced the policy of isolationism — or who never raised their voices against it in our days of peril — are not reliable custodians of the future of America." —Roosevelt.

"The people of the nation want their government to act and not merely to talk, whenever and wherever there is a threat to world peace." —Roosevelt.

"Never again, after cooperating with other nations in a world war to save our way of life, can we wash our hands of maintaining the peace for which we fought!" —Roosevelt.

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"We shall not leave them (the Nazis) a single element of military power—or potential military power." —Roosevelt.



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