

ALCOHOL WORKS AS ANESTHETIC; SAYS SCIENTIST

Portland, Ore., Nov. 29—(U.P.) The man who takes one shot too many literally knocks himself out because alcohol, viewed scientifically, is more an anesthetic than a stimulant or sedative.

Dr. Howard W. Haggard, director of Yale University Laboratory of Applied Physiology, gave the medical rather than the popular conception of alcohol's effect on the body during a conference here on alcoholic studies, in second-day sessions today. First of its kind on the Pacific coast, the five-day conference is sponsored by the Oregon liquor control's educational advisory committee through cooperation with Yale university.

Hard to Combat
Painting a somewhat gloomy picture of possibilities of combating alcoholism, because of complexity of the problem and dearth of facts to integrate them, Dr. Haggard attacked fallacies in the popular conception.

"When absorbed in the body it (alcohol) depresses and abolishes the brain functions, exactly as does ether," he said. "The course of the alcohol problem is strewn with the wreckage of 'sure cures.'" Alcohol irritates neither the brain nor the heart, he continued, but it may irritate the mouth, throat and stomach to "whisky voice" and chronic gastritis.

The big man is not a bigger drunk than the small man. The small man gets drunk faster because his body has less water in which the alcohol may "burn up."

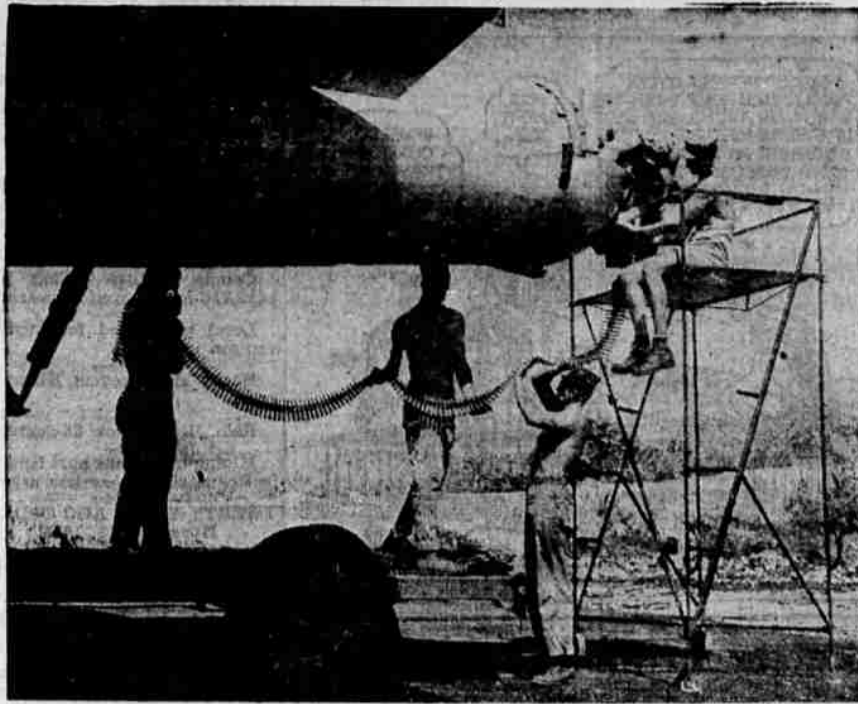
Inhibitions Freed
A snifter may appear to be a "brain food" in that it promotes a little more mental activity through release of inhibitions, but don't ever try booze as a muscle builder. While it serves as a quick food, it sustains life only so long as it remains in the body and its energy is not stored up as, say, is that from a beefsteak. But as a food it is deficient in B-1 vitamins, so that physical consequences formerly attributed to direct action of alcohol actually result from vitamin deficiency.

The conference is attended by educators, physicians, law enforcement officials and social civic workers from California, Oregon, Washington and Utah.

BAD NEWS FOR BOOKIES
Agua Caliente, Mex., Nov. 29—(U.P.)—The near-vanishing bookie took it on the chin again today with announcement by the Caliente Jockey club that all betting in the future will be made in the parimutual machines.

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Santa Claus Given Pointers By National Safety Council

Chicago, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—The National Safety Council gave Santa Claus a lesson in safety today.

In a warning to parents, the council said a survey showed recently that toys were involved in four per cent of home accidents. Mom and pop can help prevent Yuletide tragedies, the Safety Council added, by exercising precaution in shopping for Junior's Christmas presents.

First of all, the council said, toys should be selected with the age of the youngster in mind. It warned against giving a child a sharp knife, chemistry set, air rifle or a tool kit until he is old enough to realize and guard against the potential dangers. If he is old enough to use such gifts, the council suggested, he should be given instruction and supervision as soon as the tissue paper and ribbon is removed.

"Don't run the risk of having Junior—or father—electrocuted by an electric train or other electrically operated toys," the council warned. "Be sure that the equipment, both toy and cord, is in good condition."

There is particular danger this year, the council said, in the absence of new electrical toys, because second-hand electrical playthings may have dangerous defects.

Bows and arrows and dart games should be given only to older children, the council suggested. One of the most common Yuletide tragedies, the council said, is suffocation of infants by small objects sucked into the lungs. To prevent this, the council advised careful inspection of toys for removable parts.

"Watch for whistles with removable mouthpieces, stuffed animals with pin or button eyes, wheels and strings not securely fastened on pull toys," the council said.

WOULD HONOR DISTOMO
San Diego, Cal., Nov. 29—(U.P.) A plan to change the name of Linda Vista, largest federal public housing authority project on the coast, to Distomo, in honor of a Greek village destroyed by gestapo, today gained momentum.

PLASTIC SURGERY USED TO REBUILD MUTILATED VETS

By John Stewart
United Press Correspondent
Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah—(U.P.)—Not many weeks ago they were landing on the Normandy beachhead, pushing forward on the road to Rome, driving Japanese off Saipan, bombing Berlin, flying P40's.

Today, thousands of miles from the roar of any battle front, those same heroic soldiers are engaged in another struggle, a fight to enter civilian life as normal human beings rather than as ghastly spectacles reflecting the horrors of modern warfare. They are fighting for a chance to become socially independent in the post-war world.

In the plastic surgery ward at Bushnell hospital, as at Walter Reed, Valley Forge, O'Reilly and Letterman General hospitals, hundreds of World War II veterans are having shattered and mutilated faces, burned and mangled bodies repaired to look like new. Highly skilled doctors with the most modern medical equipment are the soldiers' allies in this battle.

As I followed the doctor into the plastic surgery ward a cot was wheeled up the corridor to the door of an operating room. On the cot lay a wounded soldier whose face was half shot away. A bullet had pierced his chin, shattered his lower jaw, knocked out practically all his teeth, split his tongue, blown out the roof of his mouth, and emerged through the top of his nose. His nostrils were destroyed, his mouth was a wide, irregular gap, scarred and bloody.

Denture Made
In the six weeks the patient had been at Bushnell much had already been done for him. An acrylic denture, transparent and molded by one of the hospital's expert oral surgeons, formed the roof of his mouth and supplied him with a set of upper teeth. The denture, which also supported what was left of his upper lip, was held in place by air suction through his nose.

The two small pieces of seared flesh that were once his tongue had been cut loose from the bottom of his mouth where the raw tissue had grown to gether before he could be hospitalized. Membrane was grafted over the raw flesh to prevent a recurrence of the union.

Speech Restored
His slit tongue was to be sewed together and, although he is unable to speak now, eventually the soldier will suffer little speech impediment.

Bone from his hip will be used to rebuild his mandible, and rib cartilage will restore the contour of his nose. Skin grafts from his abdomen will replace the scarred tissue on his face. Some day it will be difficult to detect that the soldier was ever wounded.

In the first operating room we entered a soldier from the Pacific theater who had lost his left eye a year ago was having an artificial eye inserted. Six weeks previously the eye socket had been relined with fresh skin from his right arm. The artificial eye was ingeniously designed to hold open the eyelids, the muscles of which had been destroyed. Soon it will be difficult to tell the artificial eye from the real one.

50 Per Cent Return
Nearly 50 per cent of the patients leaving the Bushnell plas-

tic surgery ward reenter active military duty. The others are discharged from the army. As we were leaving the ward a little Filipino walked up to the doctor and put out his hand. He was dressed in his army uniform. He wore an excited smile and seemed bubbling over with delight. "Well, I guess this is goodbye doctor, and thanks a lot," he said. The Filipino had been hospitalized for two years and was receiving his medical discharge today. The doctor asked him what he was going to do now. "Why I've got a job with the United States merchant marines!"

Lake Creek

Lake Creek, Nov. 29—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tyrrell and Mrs. Dow spent Saturday and Sunday at their home at Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Guests at the Grissom home Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. Dow, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wyant and Ralph Burrell. Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed.

Mrs. John Short spent a few days at home last week visiting her son, Carl, who is spending his leave at home. Mrs. Lawrence Worley returned home last week from Kansas where she visited relatives and friends. Guests at the Haefft home on Thanksgiving were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Van Dorfy and Sharon, Mrs. Ted Caley, Jerry and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell, Darrell and Garry, Mrs. C. C. Cartwright and daughter Marlene, Miss June Hoeft.

A new garage is being built at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Messall.

Mr. Wyant's sister from Portland has been visiting at the Wyant home.

Burrell Wyant, Carl Short and Bill Nussbaum enjoyed an evening of ice skating last week.

Several families attended the carnival at Eagle Point last Friday night. Joan Damon of Lake Creek was chosen carnival queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Canfield of Trail were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George last week.

A community dinner was held Thanksgiving day at the Grange hall with about 80 present. The new basement floor has been completed in the Grange hall.

Jack Chamberlain is visiting at the home of Dwight Burrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis and family called at the Geissom home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peck and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Rudolph Pech in Medford.

THE GRANGE

Roxy Ann Grange
Roxie Ann Grange will meet in regular session Friday, December 1 at 8:15. This is the short meeting and will be followed by a social hour. Members are urged to attend.

Ladies are asked to bring pie for refreshments. A ten cent fee will be charged to raise coffee funds.

The Thanksgiving day dinner was attended by a good crowd.

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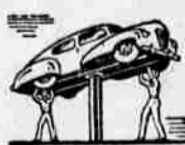
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