

Your Health and Its Care

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THE HOPELESS PROGNOSIS

The other day I said that in exceptional cases the prospect of cure or great improvement is indeed hopeless. Hopeless means having no expectation of lasting improvement or recovery of health.

In the early days of my country practice a colleague in another village called a surgeon from the city to operate on a boy with acute appendicitis, and me to give the anesthetic. When we reached the boy's bedside we found him, as the three of us were certain, moribund from general peritonitis (formerly known as "inflammation of the bowels")—the consequence of rupture of the inflamed or gangrenous appendix that makes appendicitis so dangerous when surgical treatment is too long withheld. While we were considering how best to tell the parents that it was too late to attempt the operation the boy's father solved the problem by announcing suddenly that he would not consent to operation. So we three doctors—the city surgeon, the boy's family doctor with some years of experience, and I, the tyro fresh from the hospital and, as you may well imagine, pretty cocky about my knowledge of all the latest wrinkles in the doctor trade—expressed our great sympathy for the family and retired, with a hopeless prognosis—we gave the boy not more than 24 hours to live.

In similar circumstances I'd give the same prognosis today. Probably 99 out of 100 physicians or surgeons would.

Nevertheless the boy made an excellent recovery and grew up to vigorous young manhood, only to lose his life finally in a railway accident.

In exceptional cases—I do not believe it would do any good to mention just which cases—but

cases of a chronic or long enduring and progressively worsening character—I believe the physician should administer or prescribe whatever sedative, narcotic or "dope," if you please, seems to give the patient any succor or comfort, and without regard for habituation. Moreover I say it is wicked and cruel to impose any federal, state or municipal restriction upon the administration or prescription of any such drug or narcotic by the attending physician in such circumstance.

The attitude of the federal, state and local government authorities is and for years has been equivocal and in many instances downright dishonest in respect to the control of the narcotic traffic. It would be better to let a hundred criminals escape punishment than to harass or unjustly charge one reputable practitioner with improper use of such drugs in his practice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Bone Meal
I have been told bone meal tablets act as a preventive of tooth decay. Have been unable to find them in local drugstores. (Miss A. B.)

Answer—Bone meal is composed of about 15 parts of calcium in a hundred—calcium carbonate and tricalcium phosphate. It would be more effective, I believe, to take calcium gluconate and dicalcium phosphate, of course always with vitamin D, which is essential for utilization and retention of calcium.

Carbolic Acid
Please advise me the correct average dose of carbolic acid in water. (F. G. F.)

Answer—U. S. P. says average dose of pure phenol (carbolic acid) is two grains, or say two or three drops of liquefied "carbolic," of course diluted with plenty of water. I doubt that taking carbolic acid internally every day for 40 years, as you say you have done, has anything to do with immunity against any kind of disease. I should not advise taking carbolic acid in any dose for any purpose.

Dentist Is No Bogey
I've always been afraid the dentist cleaning teeth will take off the enamel. Is it safe? Do you believe in filling teeth? (C. C.)

Answer—I look again to see whether your letter is dated 1945. It is not only safe, it is the only way the teeth can be kept clean, brush or no brush. I believe in filling even the baby teeth, if cavity is discovered. For the sake of health, comfort, good looks and long life it pays to learn about the teeth. Send 25 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Save Your Teeth" (Copyright, 1945, by John F. Dille Co.)

Prospect

Prospect, Feb. 28—Announcements were received here last week telling of birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols of Greenville, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are well known here. The former graduated from the local high school and the latter taught the second and third grades here, for several years. Mr. Nichols is now a member of the Greenville high school faculty.

Mrs. Della Tex accompanied Mrs. Blanche Friasbe to Prospect, Feb. 20, and spent the afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Mary E. Griev.

Earl Ulrich made a business trip to Montague, Calif., Feb. 21.

Mrs. Clara Uhly, who has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer at Central Point, arrived here Feb. 20, and will keep house for her oldest brother, Frank X. Jantzer.

Frank Doty, timber faller and buckler for the George L. Jantzer Lumber company, sustained deep saw cuts in the knuckles of two fingers of his right hand, Feb. 22. He was taken to Medford, and a doctor put the injured members in splints.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dits-

BUDDIES—Former vice president Henry Wallace threw arm around Senator Claude Pepper following luncheon recess of Commerce Committee's hearing on bill to divorce RFC from Commerce Department.

worth and boys, Norman and Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright and children, Gilbert and Edythe, spent the week end at Wright's ranch in the Applegate district.

Mrs. John H. Jantzen and daughter-in-law and grandsons, Mrs. Stanley Jantzer and Johnny and Glen, arrived here Feb. 25, from Azalea, where the latter three were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nye and Mrs. Jantzer was an overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley.

Pvt. Stanley Jantzer arrived in the Philippine Islands, the first of this month, where he is serving in the U. S. infantry.

TWINS WIN BRONZE STAR
Fort Wayne, Ind., (U.P.)—The Parin twins, Pfc. Richard A. and Robert W., have not only been together all during their combat duty but were even awarded Bronze Stars for their meritorious fighting in the same battle on the same day. The medals were given for service on Bougainville.

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THEY CAN PROVE IT—Friends can't be dubious of the tall fish yarn as told by Lt. E. J. Holderman and C. F. Curry. They carry photo of 1400-pound bottlenose shark they hooked with handmade harpoon near Navy training station at Point Mugu, Calif. Big fish towed anglers and motorboat around lagoon an hour.

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Time shown is PWT.

Wednesday
5:00 p.m.—Terry and Pirates BN OK for Release, NBC; Man Named Jordan, CBS; News, MBS.
5:15 p.m.—Dick Tracy, BN; Superman, MBS; Betty and Bob, NBC.
5:30 p.m.—Jack Armstrong, BN; Harry Flannery News, CBS; Adventures of Tom Mix, MBS; News, NBC.
5:45 p.m.—Elmer Peterson, NBC; Night News Wire, MBS; Capt. Mid, NBC.
6:00 p.m.—Frank Sinatra, CBS; Eddie Cantor, NBC; Gabriel Heatter, MBS.

6:30 p.m.—Spotlight Bands, BN; Mr. District Attorney, NBC; Which, CBS; Brownstone Theater, MBS.

7:00 p.m.—Kay Kyser's Kollege, NBC; Great Moments in Music, CBS; Dale Carnegie, MBS.
7:15 p.m.—Lowell Thomas, MBS.
7:30 p.m.—Lone Ranger, MBS; Let Yourself Go, CBS.
8:00 p.m.—Supper Club, NBC; Jack Kirkwood Show, CBS; Main Line, MBS; Ted Malone, BN.
8:15 p.m.—Fleetwood Lawton, NBC; Lum and Abner, BN; Music That Satisfies, CBS.

8:30 p.m.—Cartoon of Cheer, NBC; Counterplay, BN; Dr. Christian, CBS.
9:00 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. Norris, NBC; Jack Carson, CBS; News, MBS; Gov. Warren, BN.
9:30 p.m.—Free-for-All, NBC.
10:00 p.m.—News, NBC; Nelson and News, BN; Fulton Lewis, MBS.
10:30 p.m.—Orech, CBS; Fenneman's Nite Club, BN; Sweetheart, MBS; News, BN.

11:00 p.m.—News, BN.

Thursday
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4:00 a.m.—News, BN.

Extra Big Coffin For 674 Pounder

Lemont, Ill., Feb. 28—(U.P.)—An extra large coffin was built today for George C. Hoffmeyer, 63, who weighed 674 pounds. Hoffmeyer died yesterday. Hoffmeyer, whose weight began to climb after a siege of pneumonia in 1925, at one time weighed 700 pounds. He weighed 145 pounds before his illness

and later claimed the title of "the fattest man in the world."

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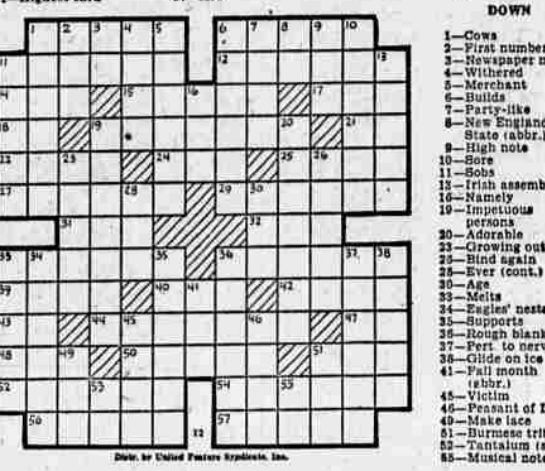
that you should take your car repairs to the dealer who represents its manufacturer. You take your watch repairs to the jeweler for finer workmanship, so take your Chevrolet to

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1—Clide
4—Bird noted for plumes
11—Goose
12—Complained
14—Took food
15—Dismayed
17—Literary scraps
18—Street (abbr.)
19—Sealing
21—Prefix: two
22—Reg
24—Superlative ending
25—Russian city
27—Transmitter
31—Cuts apart
33—Highest card

DOWN
1—Cows
2—First number
3—Newspaper notice
4—Withered
5—Merchant
6—Builds
7—Party-like
8—New England state (abbr.)
9—High note
10—Bore
11—Sole
12—Irish assemblies
13—Impetuous persons
14—Adorable
15—Growing out
16—Bind again
17—Male lace
18—Age
19—Melts
20—Eagles' nests
21—Supports
22—Rough blankets
23—Pest to nerves
24—Slide on ice
25—Pail month
26—Victim
27—Burmesa tribe
28—Tantalum (sym.)
29—Musical note



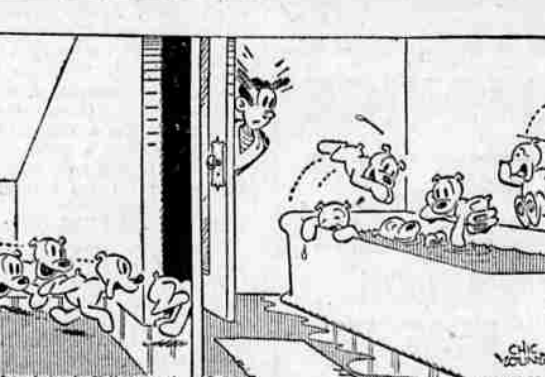
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