

Your Health and It's Care

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NEGLECTIBLE, Eh?



In 978 cases of inguinal hernia that came to operation in the New York Hospital, recurrence of the hernia followed in 73. In his text-book on hernia, recommended to physicians and students by the Jour. A.M.A., Leigh F. Watson, M.D. says the number of recurrences following operation for hernia varies from 5 to 10 per cent depending on the age of the patient, and the choice of operation. The recurrence rate in 8,027 operations for hernia performed by 34 surgeons was—so far as the surgeons knew or reported, 5.3 per cent. That would be more than 300 patients who submitted to the risks, absence from work, hospitalization, discomfort, expense of the operation, only to find not long afterwards that they still had hernia. We had better not say anything here about 25 patients whose mortal worries were over when they went under anesthesia for the hernia operation—they never said anything about it either.

That is enough to show that operation for hernia (a) has a considerable percentage of failures, no matter how skillful the surgeon may be and (b) operation for hernia has its own mortality rate.

Now what's this fine sounding blah I read in the papers about the injection treatment of hernia. In the first place I cross my fingers, for it purports to be the effusion of one Morris Fishbein, M. D. Morris is the fellow who is constantly telling us—period—what "science" says and is constantly telling the dumb public that what we say—we living the rest of the medical profession—is communistic, radical, unscientific or how do you like it.

Well, in this newspaper barange the great Pooh-Bah of the A.M.A. estimates, in his generous rapid-fire way, that "a study of a considerable number of cases reveals that about one fifth of those treated with the injection method fail to be cured, whereas the percentage of failures following surgery is so small as to be negligible."

Now you will notice that I give the source of my figures, whereas Morris Fishbein, M.D. in his usual way, assumes that the source of his figures or

guesses is none of your business. I challenge the loud and fast talking Dr. Fishbein to name the source of his figures. Three hundred failures and 25 deaths may be "negligible" in Dr. Fishbein's scientific view, but even if the injection method fails in one fifth of the cases so treated, I'd want to have a go at it myself before I'd be willing to submit to the radical operation, if I had hernia. In the first place it is far safer than surgery. In the next place it does not require weeks of hospitalization. In the next place it does not interfere with your ordinary work or play. In the next place it does not cost so much as the operation and hospitalization. And if it does fail you are not out much.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

One-Way Haste
To correspondents who use registered, special delivery or air mail to hasten delivery of letters to me, but enclose return envelope bearing ordinary postage or perhaps none at all. I recommend a re-reading of the table of contents and the hints. Anyway, special delivery or registered letters must await their turn. We can't give them preferred attention here.

Low Basal Metabolism
Please tell me what doctors mean by low basal metabolism and the treatment for such condition.

(Mrs. P. M. C.)
Answer—If a doctor uses such terms in giving his opinion or advice to a patient the patient should interrupt him, if the doctor fails to explain, and ask him what it means.

The Big Brother
I have a brother who is fifteen. He gets eczema every year. We have tried many things and even had him in hospital for a while. I know he suffers and I hope you can suggest some kind of cure for it.

(Pvt. S. C.)
Answer—At least it can do your brother no harm to give the calcium and vitamin D treatment a try. Details in pamphlet on "Eczema"—for copy send stamped envelope bearing your address.

Now Is the Time to Reduce
Come spring I mean to begin a reduction regimen and no fooling.

(Mrs. H. A.)
Answer—Why go on fooling until spring? Send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for "Rules for Reducing." (Copyright 1945 by John F. Dille Co.)

McLeod

McLeod, Sept. 13—Mrs. Flossie Mullens has returned to her home here after spending several weeks in Portland with her daughter and new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morse and daughter Diana of Burbank, Calif., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morse.

Jim McDowell and daughter Linda Kay have gone to Portland for medical treatment for Linda.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers have sold their home here on Rogue river and moved to Stockton, Cal. Best wishes of the community go with them.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sherman of

Los Angeles are visiting their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott for a few weeks.

Mrs. Joe Callender of Idaho who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Louise Stafford, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Mullens were dinner guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Sr.

Mrs. Ruth McDonough and daughters of Sams Valley are guests of Mrs. Mary McDowell.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ditsworth recently were their nephews, Lt. John B. Harr and Lt. and Mrs. Robert A. Lewis, a niece, Mrs. J. L. Allen and daughter Dixalee, and Mrs. Ditsworth's sister Mrs. Gerald Buck. Both young men were bomber pilots in Europe. Lt. Harr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harr, was with the 8th Air Force in England and was held a prisoner of war in Germany for 1 1/2 years. Lt. Lewis is the son of Mrs. Buck of Upper Applegate and Ervin Lewis of Medford and was with the 15th Air Force in Italy. He flew over 50 successful missions. They are now on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. B. McEwen of Medford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Sr. on Sept. 9.

Mrs. Zella Tullis and her father, Mr. Nova Hastings, and Mr. and Mrs. Carrol spent several days at Medford lately.

THE GRANGE

Sams Valley Grange will hold their last meeting of the month Sept. 15 at 9 p. m. in the Grange hall. Special feature of the meeting will be Dr. Edwin Durno, prominent physician of Medford, who will tell of his experiences and work overseas. The meeting is open to the public and a large attendance is expected.

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State Guard Plans Recruit Campaign Here Next Month

An October recruiting drive is planned by company officers of Medford's Co. A, first regiment, Oregon state guard, according to Capt. O. E. Sabin, commanding officer. The drive is designed to fill vacancies caused by enlist-

ment in the regular forces of some unit members and by others who have moved away.

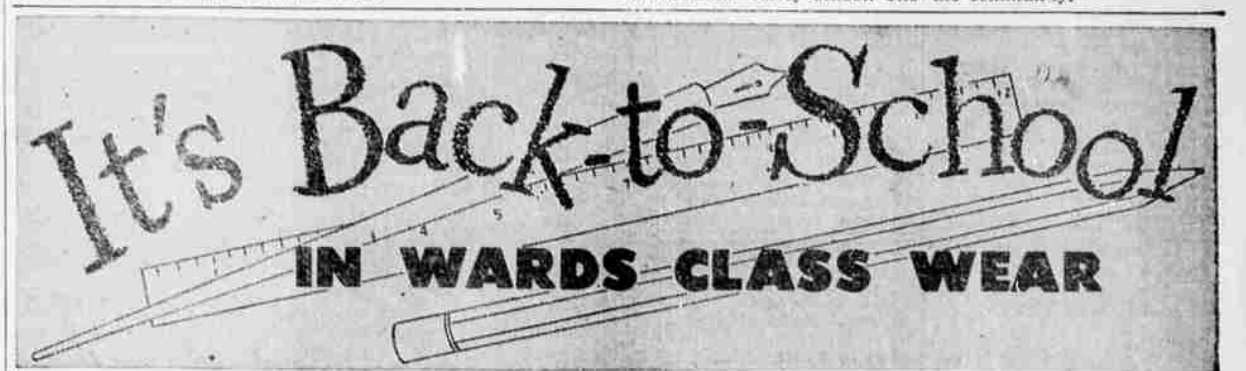
Both high school and chamber of commerce officials will be asked to assist in the drive, and displays of guard uniforms and equipment is planned at the high school and some downtown busi-

ness window. Young men 16 years of age can be enlisted in the Oregon state guard with consent of their parents, Capt. Sabin said, and the training given them will be of a great personal value, as will their services to the state and nation.

P.-T. A. Activities

Sams Valley PTA
Sams Valley Parent-Teachers association will hold an open house tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at the Sams Valley school. The

Panky and Meadows districts, which have joined the Sams Valley district, are especially urged to attend so as to have an opportunity to become acquainted with new teachers and people of the community.



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