

Science at Work

Doctors Watching Cancer Mercy Killing Trial With Intense Interest—Many Admit They Have Done It

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New York, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Doctors in the small towns, specialists in the big cities and even the young interns in the hospital accident wards have their professional eyes turned toward Manchester, N. H.

In that picturesque New England town, one of their professions is going on trial for murder because he deliberately put to death a woman who was already dying of cancer.

Discussions with doctors have shown there is a tremendous amount of interest in the fate of Dr. Herman Sander, the doctor who injected 40 centimeters of air into the veins of his patient, causing her death.

Believe Sander Broke Oath
While there is a great deal of sympathy for Dr. Sander, the belief is rather general that he broke his Hippocratic oath. Such an oath is taken by every doctor as he receives his degree.

It pledges him to do his best for the patient at all times, and to protect the privacy of patient-doctor relationship, and places him under a high code of ethics.

The oath goes back to Hippocrates, known as the father of medicine. In recent years the oath was rewritten somewhat to pledge doctors against inhuman treatment of patients, such as the Nazi doctors gave anti-Nazi Germans before and during the last war.

However, many cancer doctors have admitted privately that they have given overdoses of morphine or other pain killing drugs to patients who had but a few hours to live.

Cancer Sure Killer
The doctors point out that cancer, once it is in the last stages, is a sure killer and few if any cases have been reported where a patient made a death-bed stand against the disease and then recovered.

As a result, the patient is put into a coma deliberately, the doctors say, and it is in a coma from which they know the patient will not recover.

Some medical men say there isn't much difference between giving a person an overdose of morphine, and giving him a lethal dose effect, but morphine is regarded as a therapeutic agent, while air is not.

Air Injections Used
Research men have used injections of air to kill laboratory animals. The smallest amount in some cases will kill a mouse, they point out.

An injection of air causes air bubbles in the blood stream and they reach the heart in a matter of a few seconds. Such is called an air embolus, and it damages the heart, causing it to draw up.

The blood in the heart, the doctors say, takes on a pinkish color, and an autopsy would show immediately whether a

person was killed by air injection.

The Sander trial may not decide the issue whether mercy deaths should be permitted. Some doctors who believe in the principle of mercy deaths still would refrain from making them legal in the fear that the legalized mercy killing would be abused.

Shady Cove - Trail

Shady Cove-Trail, Feb. 22—Dale Goodman of Trail has left for Anchorage, Alaska, where he will be employed. His brother, Don Goodman is in Anchorage now.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jesinghaus, former owners of the Shady Cove Locker Plant in Shady Cove, are reported to be very busy on their dairy farm at Murphy near Grants Pass. They are milking about 10 cows. Mrs. Jesinghaus is the sister of Mrs. Holder of Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grow of Trail together with their son and his wife and small daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Grow of Eagle Point left last week on a trip to Los Angeles to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jessie Hews, sister of Ray Prichard of Butte Creek, Trail has left on a 2½ months tour of South America. She will visit in particular Rio de Janeiro and then go to Argentina returning by way of the west coast.

Mrs. Winnie Pinney made a trip to Portland and brought back with her her daughter, Barbara Pinney who has been in the Shriners hospital since before Christmas. Barbara, who underwent two operations of skin grafting on her arm reports that the skin grafts were successful.

On February 14 Girl Scout Troop No. 82 under leadership of Mrs. Kay Vogel held an invitational valentine tea after the play rehearsal at the schoolhouse. The girls agreed to form a permanent dancing club for lessons in both ballroom dancing and square dancing. Members of Rotary club and Steelhead Post No. 6881 V.F.W. will give instructions in both forms of dancing. Girl Scout Troop No. 82 wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation of the Shady Cove Rotary and V.F.W. have extended to them.

The condition of W. E. Cross, of the Palo Alto Mfg. Co. of Shady Cove, who is confined to bed at his home with heart trouble is much the same. A general dress inspection of the Boy Scouts and Cubs was held February 15 at the schoolhouse with John Patton of Medford, district commander for the Shady Cove-Trail area in attendance. Also present were Johnny Walker, Red Wilson and Leo Tuttle as representatives of Steelhead Post No. 6881 V.F.W., the group sponsoring the Boy Scouts in this area. Cubs and Scouts both attaining a high rating in appearance and dress. This, of course, was very gratifying to the community and especially to those who have given so much of their time and effort to their work. Five Cubs received Bobcat pins: Carl Bone, Kerry Cochran, Robert Peel, Martial Andre and Douglas Chamberlain. Three Cubs left the pack advancing into the Scouts: Stanley Hook, Eugene Henshaw and Jimmy McClellan.

Opal Lanham of Rogue River opened her beauty shop next to the Mountain View Cafe in Shady Cove on February 21. Mrs. Lanham who has another shop in Rogue River will call her shop Opal's Beauty Shop and has the latest in modern equipment.

Elk Creek Social club will

VFW Auxiliary Announces New Essay Contest

The auxiliary of Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, today announced details of the annual essay contest for senior high school students, which it is again sponsoring this year. Subject of the contest this year will be "Peace with Honor for America," according to Mrs. Fred Lawrence, chairman of the contest committee.

Cash prizes will be awarded to local students winning the first three prizes. Mrs. Lawrence said, with \$25, \$15 and \$10 being offered. She added that the contest will "assist the students in their achievement of education, and to promote civic realities in their relationship."

Only Seniors
Only senior class students at Medford and St. Mary's high schools will be eligible to compete this year. Marilyn Malone, Medford, won first prize last year and later placed second in the state competition. There are also national prizes for which local winners can compete, Mrs. Lawrence pointed out. State prizes are \$50, \$15 and \$5, while national contest awards are \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and 20 honorable mentions.

The contest will close March 24. Mrs. Lawrence said, and students are being informed of details through the schools. The essays must be the work of the students themselves. Judges of the essays will be Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, Dick House and Eric Allen Jr. Judging will be based on literary style, interpretation of the student's views, and patriotic inspiration. They are to be no longer than 1,000 words each.

hold a box social dance Saturday evening, February 25 at the hall. Proceeds from auctioning of boxes will be used for redecorating the club house kitchen.

Mrs. Mae Jones and family of Shady Cove are leaving this coming week-end to join her husband at his logging camp, Jump Off Joe near Grants Pass. They will camp up there temporarily.

Steelhead Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 1, at 8 p.m. at Rogue River lodge. Members are urged to turn out as nominations for officers for the ensuing year will be made. Elections will be held at the second meeting in March and installation in April.

The Mountain View cafe across from the Shell Service station in Shady Cove which opened for business in November under ownership of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris is now serving short orders. They expect to open a fountain service and serve dinners soon.

A successful card party was held February 18 by Upper Rogue Grange with eight tables in play.

Little Eda Larson, daughter of Mrs. Marie Larson of Elk Creek, is reported to have suffered an attack of appendicitis.

Shady Cove school board will hold the budget meeting today at 8 p.m. in the schoolhouse. At this time the school budget will be presented and discussed for the ensuing year and all in the community are urged to attend in order that the work of the school board will be better understood, and closer cooperation between community members and board attained.

Elk Creek Social club held the monthly birthday potluck dinner at the club house February 17 honoring Geneva McKinzie, Marie Larson, Frances Porcher Jack Hughes and Jim Van derlip. The birthday cake was baked and decorated by Kenneth Lacey. Canasta was played after the dinner and a pleasant social evening enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wehde of Trail are parents of a daughter, born February 18 in Medford. The baby who weighed 8½ lbs., arrived at the Community hospital.

Shady Cove P.T.A. held regular meeting February 17 at 8 p.m. at the schoolhouse with a special program in observance of the 53rd National Founders day. Mrs. Lois Hicks, vice president gave a short reading telling of the founding and work of the P.T.A. as a national organization. Mrs. Agnes Brown, chairman of the program committee, introduced the speaker of the evening, John Richards, county juvenile officer, who gave a short talk on the work of the juvenile court in Jackson county and of some of the problems with which the workers are faced daily. A motion was made that the Shady Cove P.T.A. go on record in favor of a detention home being made available for the children instead of housing them in the jail. Next meeting date has been changed and it will be held the afternoon of March 31. A film and speaker on the rehabilitation center in Eugene will be presented under auspices of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults in order that the work of this organization may be better understood. Invitations have been extended to Prospect and Elk Creek Trail P.T.A.'s to attend and any one interested in the community is cordially invited.

Mrs. Charles Braughton of Shady Cove underwent an operation February 20 at Sacred Heart hospital. She is expected to be home in a few days.

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The detachment will build communications facilities, quarters, mess halls, utilities and air base facilities on the atoll.

The army construction force will comprise the 7th engineer brigade headquarters of the 79th engineer construction battalion and supporting quartermaster, medical, signal, transportation and finance units.

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