

## Anti-Histamine Drugs Can Kill, Allergy Expert Says

Chicago, Ill. Apr. 4.—(U.P.)—An allergy expert warned today that "anti-histamine drugs can kill" and there is "as yet no good evidence" of their effectiveness in treating the common cold.

Dr. Samuel M. Feinberg, head of Northwestern university's allergy research laboratory, said there was considerable danger from the drugs because of their sale without doctor's prescriptions.

### Deaths Reported

Feinberg, speaking before the American Association of Railway Surgeons, said:

"Deaths in British children who have eaten anti-histamines as sweets are reported by Lancet (British medical publication) and accounts of similar deaths have been reported in the Journal of the American Medical association."

### Table Rock

Table Rock, Apr. 4.—The power company has been doing some tree trimming along the high line through this district which resulted in the weeping willow tree at the Fred Smith place looking like some one that had gone to the barber shop for a hair cut and having the barber quit before he was through.

Smudging crews were in readiness here Wednesday morning when temperatures went down to 24 plus but rose so quickly that pots were not lighted.

John Boardman who has spent the winter in Los Angeles with his son stopped off here Friday and spent the day with his niece, Mrs. Ray Doran before returning to his home in Tacoma, Wash.

W. W. Edgington, old time farmer of Sams Valley, now living in Central Point is visiting this week at the Frank Myers home.

M. A. Blackwood, local painter, is brightening up the Fred Smith dwelling with a new coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson left Saturday for Portland to spend a few days vacationing at the home of their son Donald and family.

Henry Maury of Central Point and sister Mrs. Sally Cowgill and daughter Mrs. Gene Soule, of San Carlos, Cal., were dinner guests here Friday at the R. E. Nealon home.

Fortune hunters on Upper Table Rock must have hit the jackpot or become discouraged as no dynamite explosions have been heard here for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hover and family of Central Point were visitors at the Ray Doran home here recently.

Table Rock farmers attending the soil conservation meeting at Sams Valley Thursday night were Edwin Taylor, Bill Bishop, E. E. Robison, Abe Halfhill, R. E. Nealon and Walter Leverette.

With the weather warming up and many water holes around everyone should be on the lookout for newly hatched mosquitoes.

Several from this district attended the hobby show at Camp White last Sunday.

The Teen Agers held their regular meeting at the school house last Thursday night.

The county dog catcher was

tion, in New York medicine and in notes from the pharmacy committee of the division of pharmacology of the Albany Medical college.

"There are a number of similar deaths in children and adults which have not yet been published but are under legal and scientific analysis."

He estimated that Americans will spend \$100,000,000 this year for antihistamine preparations.

**Hazard Greater**  
"It is evident that this hazard to children and grownups has suddenly become considerably greater because of the permission for unrestricted over-the-counter sale of the drugs," he said.

"The public will pay this bill for the doubtful privilege of self-medication with drugs for which there is at yet no good evidence of effectiveness in colds and which have already killed a number of people."

He said that under the supervision of a physician, "the drugs have their legitimate use and are quite safe."

### No Evidence

"But it cannot be expected that all of the 150 millions of people who are 'privileged' to medicate themselves with such potent compounds will have the information, sagacity and the thoughtfulness to have respect for the toxicity of such drugs which are obtained from the drug clerk merely for the asking," he said.

Feinberg said that the council of pharmacy and chemistry of the American Medical association recently said there was not sufficient evidence to justify claims that anti-histamines were effective as cures for the common cold.

out here Friday. He wanted our old bobbed tailed tom cat.

Said he had quantities of rats and some of them so big that it would take a huge cat to handle them.

Old Tom has been here so long we have become somewhat attached to him, so didn't let him go.

The Table Rock Community club meeting Friday night, March 24, was attended by a large crowd which seemed to thoroughly enjoy the fine program of vocal and instrumental selections, magic tricks and a blackface comedy. A chorus of ladies accompanied by Mrs. Elmo Stallings on the piano rendered some very pleasing numbers and John Bigham and Ernest Smith proved to be good magicians while Silas Goodlin did some good work with the guitar and harmonica at the same time.

A cast of six, consisting of Francis Vanderpool, Ivan Myers, Lucile Smith, Thalia Doty, Bob Vanderpool, and Bert Pierce, coached by Ruth Brown, made the black face comedy one of the highlight features of the program.

At the next meeting of the club Friday, April 28, Jimmie Allen will be chairman of the program committee assisted by Mrs. R. E. Nealon.

Mrs. Dan Sage is staying at the Bob Sage home during her husband's absence.



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**IN SENATORIAL RACE**—Senator Sheridan Downey (D., Cal.) announced that "upon the urgent advice of my physicians" he has been forced to withdraw his candidacy for re-election to the Senate and urged his supporters to back Manchester Boddy (above), publisher and editor-in-chief of The Los Angeles Daily News. Boddy will file for the Senate on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

With discovery of the Comstock Lode, in Nevada, the population of approximately 1000 zoomed to more than 50,000.

## Ashland Council Sets Regular Meeting

Ashland, Apr. 4.—Three items of business which have been consistently presented to the Ashland city council for consideration at most council meetings for the past few months, will probably be up for consideration again at a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. today.

They include presentation of a proposed new water rate schedule for residential, agricultural and commercial users; discussion of an ordinance which would require sawmills to control stinging sawdust and ashes, and a resolution to place on the May 19th election ballot a charter amendment which would permit the city to effect the sale of timber property in Ashland canyon.

Reports on progress in preparing the 1950-51 budget may also be heard by councilmen.

### RESERVISTS TO MEET

Medford's naval reserve composite unit 13-11 will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the federal office building, 33 North Riverside avenue, according to Lt. R. William Clark, commanding officer. The meeting will be open to all ex-members of the naval services. Training in the activation of the "moth-ball" fleet will be given.

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