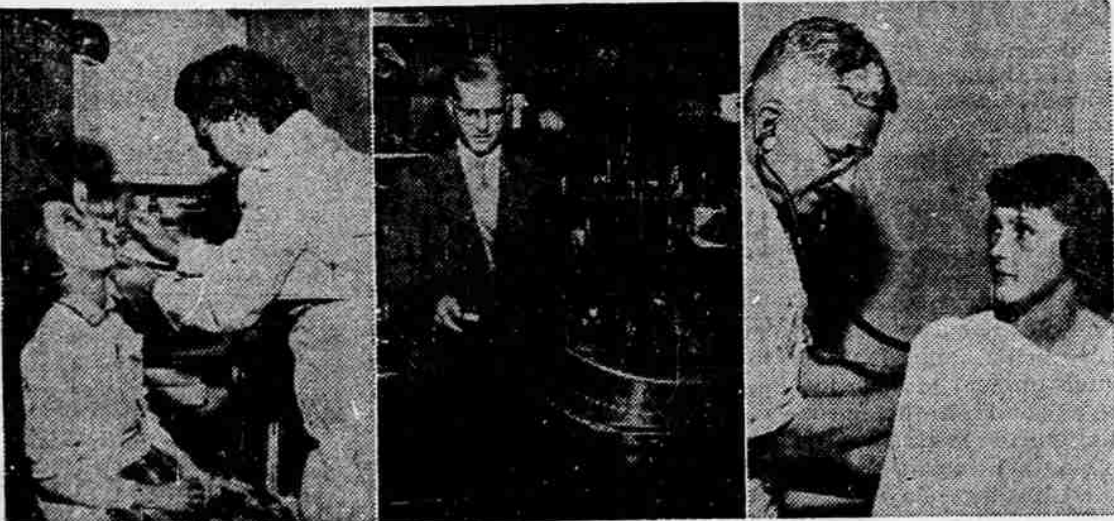


Rheumatic Fever: Now a Preventable Disease



Nurse takes throat swab . . . which is cultured in lab. . . "Strep" patient sees doctor.

Rheumatic fever, often the forerunner of rheumatic heart disease, affects some 1,000,000 Americans of all ages and is a leading enemy of childhood. Striking most frequently in the 5-to-19 age group, it is almost always preceded by a streptococcal infection, usually of the throat. Today, thanks to research advances by medical science, rheumatic fever has taken its place among the preventable diseases. Initial attacks of rheumatic fever can be prevented by knocking out the "strep" infection with antibiotics like penicillin, while most recurrent attacks—increasing the danger of heart damage—

can be prevented by consistent and long-term use of penicillin or sulphamide drugs. At least three percent of untreated "strep" infections, according to the American Heart Association's Council on Rheumatic Fever and Congenital Heart Disease, are followed by rheumatic fever. Those who have had an attack are particularly susceptible to a recurrence, with greatly increased liability to serious heart damage. At the first sign of a possible "strep" infection, parents should have their children see a physician, who will determine the nature of the infection, and, if

it is "strep", will take suitable steps to safeguard the child against rheumatic fever by promptly treating the infection with an antibiotic drug. In some localities, school districts conduct preventive programs. Key elements in a typical preventive program are illustrated in the three photographs shown above. At left, a throat swab is taken after the child complains of a sore throat; center, the swab is cultured in a laboratory, and it is determined whether the culture is positive or negative for "strep"; right, a child now known to be suffering from a "strep" infection sees her doctor for treatment.

Prospect Woman Expresses Thanks for Help Given to Family During Emergency

Several months ago neighbors of the Ring family at Prospect set up an "Encouragement Fund" for assistance to the family during an emergency. Through efforts of the neighbors and other friends and stories in The Mail Tribune the Rings have received help from many sides.

This week Mrs. Ring wrote to The Mail Tribune news room to express her appreciation.

Her letter said: "I waited to write until I had gone through everything that was given to us. Yesterday I finished. Every time I work a little too hard I am back in bed again. I have spent more time in bed than out since my operation. I have been trying very hard to gain strength so we can have the baby home again. She has been gone five months now. We will be so glad to have her at home.

Clothing For Children
"I'm sure you want to know just what was given to us. There was enough clothing for all the children. I have a sewing machine and I know how to use it. I am very happy to have the things to make over.

"The scraps make good quilts too. The clothing situation for the children is well taken care of for the rest of the school year. If I can stay well we will be able to help ourselves from then on."

Mrs. Ring goes on to say, "Enough beds for most of the family and an extra springs and mattress were given to us. As soon as possible we will get a second-hand bedstead and then we will have plenty for all. Sure seems wonderful.

"I spent many hours on the couch we received. It made it possible for me to be in the front room by the fire and where I could see out of the window."

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Donald Brinton Walker, Norbert Richard Schieber and Anthony John Kanciller, violations of basic rule, \$10 each.
Wallace W. Dinkens, failure to yield right-of-way to pedestrian, \$10.
Lisabeth L. Shields, no operator's license, \$5.
Suzanne Clarke Sybouts, failure to display vehicle license tabs, \$5.
Victor Joseph David, failure to obey traffic signals, \$5.
Glenna Lee Feikel and James Lloyd Sharp, failure to stop for red light, \$5 each.
Lois Mae Bradley and William Burton Koehly, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Eglin Kinkade, failure to stop for railroad crossing stop sign, \$5.
Mildred L. Ricci, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Burnath Maurice Morgan, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
John Clark Rawlings, violation of basic rule, \$15.

DISTRICT COURT
James E. Holt and Herman William Newland, violations of basic rule, \$10 each.
Leon R. McDougall and Dominic Fater, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10 each.
John F. Rush, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Fred Bennett, inadequate muffler, \$10.
Robert O. Brown, failure to dim headlights, \$6.
William F. LaCourse and Leonard G. Christian, violations of basic rule, \$20 each.
Willis W. Hodges, no operator's license, \$10.
Gilbert E. Brown, improper motor vehicle license, \$6.
Francis F. Miller, overlength load, \$15.
Nevin J. Applegate, overload, \$33.
Cloyd L. Patterson, overload, \$37.
Taughn W. Clark, passing with insufficient clearance, \$7.50.
Mae Hammack, failure to stop at stop light, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Lawrence H. Pemberton vs. Mary Helen Pemberton, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
George Edison Moore, 23, route 2, box 170, Central Point, and Phyllis Faunette Sutton, 18, of 807 1/2 Bennet st.
Ernest Richard Dolan, 18, of 105 Oak st., Phoenix, and Helen Irene Harris, 18, of 271 Stage rd.
Elmer Schermerhorn, 47, Camp White, and Annie Bingham, 35, route 2, box 448B.
Robert Owen Kimpton, 39, of 330 Haven st., and Lila Aldridge, 34, of 316 Sixth st., Central Point.

Cancer Society Here Will Assist Chest X-Ray Plan

Because a chest x-ray will detect early lung cancer before other symptoms are noticed, and while a cure is still possible, the Jackson county chapter of the American Cancer society voted recently to assist at the out-patient chest x-ray clinic held each Wednesday afternoon at the Community hospital from 3 to 6 p.m.

The x-ray clinic is conducted by the hospital and the Jackson County Public Health association using machinery purchased from Christmas seal funds.

Lung cancer has increased 144 per cent during the past few years, and if the present rate of increase is maintained until 1970 it is estimated about one man out of every five will develop lung cancer.

"Fortunately, cancer is curable, although the cure rate is not as high as it should be because of the delay in diagnosis," Dr. Allen Ochser, of the Tulane university school of medicine, a national cancer authority, said at a recent meeting of the National Tuberculosis and Health association. "In cases where the lung cancer is detected before the patient has symptoms, the chance of its being removed is approximately 100 per cent and the chance of its being still localized to the lung is approximately 75 per cent," he said.

Men past 40 years of age, and especially heavy smokers, are being urged to have a chest x-ray at least once a year, according to Mrs. Chester Gaches, president of the local health association.

No appointment is necessary for an x-ray on Wednesday afternoons and the charge is nominal, covering only the cost of operations. An out-patient clinic will also be operated at the Sacred Heart hospital, time for which will be announced within a week or two.

ROLLING LOG FATAL
Roseburg—(U.P.)—William H. Ledford of Glide was killed by a rolling log yesterday afternoon in the Rock Creek area on the North Umpqua river. The victim was employed by Umpqua Plywood Corporation.

SIGN NOT TRUE
Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A burglar who took a street sign too literally was routed from a home when its owner, James Henigan, chased him and fired a gun at him. Henigan lives on Welcome Street.

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Appliances Used by Blind On Display This Week for Braille Tourney Reminder

Appliances for the use of the blind and those with visual handicaps are being displayed in Mann's window this week. The display is a reminder that the Braille tournament is being held this Saturday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. at Camp White.

The proceeds of the tournament, sponsored by the three duplicate bridge clubs of Jackson county, will go to the Grey Ladies of the Red Cross, who, with Mrs. Chris Zink, administer the blind program of Jackson county.

Cases Shown
Among the appliances which are being shown in Mann's window are folding canes, a fairly recent invention. The cane is easy to open, but folds up small enough to be carried over the arm of the user, or put into a handbag when not in use. Their use is widely encouraged, as a warning to motorists to stop when they see a person carrying a white cane when crossing a street. The canes also have a sounding device on the bottom, so that the blind person can tell just how near they are to a building or other large object.

An ordinary cheese grater, which is enclosed as a box top, is a boon to the visually handicapped housewife, who finds grating and chopping, among her most difficult chores. There is a one-handed rolling pin, enabling the user to use the other hand for "seeing with the fingers."

A Braille book is shown and there is a talking book machine displayed, along with some talking book records which have been purchased with funds raised in former years by the Braille tournament. A hand loom, a hypodermic needle for the use of the blind, sewing aids, a writing guide and a raised line drawing kit are among the other objects on display.

Those desiring to buy tickets for the tournament, which sell for \$1, may call Mrs. Al Gilhausen, 3-2825, or any member of the three sponsoring duplicate bridge clubs. Duplicate bridge, canasta, pinocle, gin-rummy or chess and checkers prizes and refreshments will be featured.

Private Plane Given Transport Certificate

Santa Monica, Calif.—(U.P.)—A plane designed for private use that can fly from coast to coast non-stop has received Civil Aeronautics Administration certification as a transport, according to Lear Aircraft.

The company announced yesterday that its new twin engine Learstar, due for its first delivery this week, met transport specifications during more than 160 hours of flying tests.

In the tests, the plane equaled or bettered airline times between Los Angeles and the east coast as well as Los Angeles to Mexico City.

Refrigeration and Service Engineers Presented Charter

A charter for the newly-organized Rogue Valley chapter of the Refrigeration and Service Engineers society was presented to the group Saturday at a dinner meeting at the Medford hotel. The charter was presented by Kell Dawson, Tacoma, Wash., an international director.

Officers for 1955 were installed. They include Merv Evans, Medford, president; Robert Dale, Grants Pass, vice-president; Dom Issi, Ashland, secretary-treasurer; Sam Wade, Medford, educational director; Dave Gould, Medford, sergeant-at-arms, and John Johnson, Eagle Point, publicity chairman.

Frame Presented
Delegations from Eugene and Klamath Falls attended, and Paul Nuss, president of the Web-foot chapter in Eugene presented the new group with a frame for the charter, and gave suggestions and ideas for keeping up interest in the new chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson invited members to attend the RSES convention in the new chapter. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson invited members to attend the RSES convention in Tacoma on March 25, 26 and 27. The program included several songs by four barbershop quartet singers.

Next meeting of the group will be at Gilman's dairy. Members are urged to bring a prospective member.

Washington Studies 'Test Tube' Babies

Olympia—(U.P.)—A bill to make "test tube" babies legitimate was introduced in the House today. Rep. A. E. Comfort said the measure would provide "protection" for children in the state conceived by artificial insemination. The bill provides that consent of the husband must be filed in

superior court and that rights of inheritance shall go to the child. Comfort said he had been moved by recent stories of a case in Illinois in which a test tube boy had been declared illegitimate and ineligible to inherit from the father. "This should provide a legal standard to go by should a similar case arise here," he said.

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