

Tetracycline Found As Effective Cure For 'Parrot Fever'

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — A University of California researcher disclosed today he has cured parakeets and other birds of psittacosis or "parrot fever" with injections of the antibiotic drug tetracycline.

Psittacosis is a dangerous lung disease. It can be transmitted to humans, sometimes causing pneumonia and death. However it is more commonly a less severe chronic virus infection often escaping diagnosis.

Injected Twice a Day

The scientist, Dr. Karl F. Meyer, director of emeritus of the Hooper Foundation for Medical Research at the University of California, said he cured birds of the disease by injecting them twice a day over a two-week period.

He said also that offspring of successfully treated birds remain free of psittacosis as long as they are not exposed to infected birds.

The disease has become a serious public health menace in recent years, Meyer said, because of the growth of the pet industry and the large numbers of parakeets smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

He said some 6,500,000 birds are now sold in this country every year.

Treatment Costly, Tedious

Treating sick birds with tetracycline is costly and tedious but it offers the possibility of freeing aviaries from psittacosis, Meyer said.

He said he is attempting to develop a cheaper and easier method of treatment that can be widely adapted to the special needs of aviaries.

Other experiments are in the mill now to determine if tetracycline can be effective when mixed with bird feed, he said. This program is being supported by a \$20,000 grant from the Hartz Mountain Products Company in New York, a large distributor of pet birds and food.

Applegate Turns Over \$430.20 to Polio Fund

Applegate—A total of \$430.20 has been collected here for the March of Dimes, according to Mrs. C. O. Gerhardt, chairman. The amount is 25 per cent better than last year, she said.

A dance and auction at Upper Applegate Grange hall Saturday night brought in \$190.50, according to Mrs. Gerhardt. Other activities included a Ruch-Applegate basketball game with a lunch and candy and peanut sale in conjunction, \$117, and a 4-H movie, \$32.02.

Amnesia Victim To Rejoin Family He Can't Remember

New York—(U.P.)—A 41-year-old amnesia victim who disappeared one year ago arrived here today from California and prepared for a reunion with a family he cannot remember.

James J. Reilly, 41, broke into sobs as he disembarked from a plane at La Guardia Airport and realized suddenly that the wife and three children who are strangers to him were only a few miles away in Palmyra, N. J.

"I've been hoping and praying that when I see them it will ring a bell and clear up my mind," he said. "I haven't slept in a week in anticipation of seeing my family."

He was a salesman for his father's firm in Philadelphia, when, according to his wife, he "just disappeared" while on a business trip to Harrisburg, Pa.

Reilly said his memory extends back only to January when police picked him up in Arcadia, Calif. He was found wandering in a dazed state, his billfold and all identification papers missing.

Through a fingerprint with the FBI, Reilly said, his identity finally was established. But his Army service record, through which the check was made, failed to list a "next of kin."

He met a patient in the hospital who took a liking to him and her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Clarence B. Cooper of Gabriel, Calif., took him into their home as a handyman. Later, they arranged for his appearance on a television program where he was recognized by Mrs. Katherine Ellis of Whittier, Calif., a former school mate of his at Norristown, Pa.

Second Grader Gets Ike's Picture

Plattsmouth, Neb.—(U.P.)—Rural District School 43 near here has an autographed picture of President Eisenhower—obtained through the efforts of a second-grader, Tommy Jones.

Tommy drew the letters "I" and "K" on drawing paper and colored them brightly. Since he had no picture of the President, he pasted the letters above one of George Washington.

Tommy's teacher, Mrs. Laura Webb, sent the picture to President Eisenhower, commenting that Tommy's admiration should be rewarded with a picture.

A short time later the President's picture arrived.

Toothbrush Said Effective In Preventing Tooth Decay

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of six articles dealing with dental health. They are being published in cooperation with the Southern Oregon Dental society in observance of National Children's Dental Health week, to be observed Feb. 7 to 13. The articles were prepared under the supervision of the American Dental association.)

The toothbrush — when used properly — remains one of the most effective weapons for preventing dental decay.

There are two lingering misconceptions about toothbrushing:

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Television producers have decided you viewers are tired looking at Manhattan and Hollywood so this year live TV programs, like movies, are going "on location."

Several live video shows are hitting the road to get a way from those same old studio backgrounds or shots of the palm trees of the plaster city or the skyscrapers of New York. Citizens around the United States expect to see TV cameras set up for national shows on their own main streets.

"These remote control shows are like locations for motion pictures. You can't always stay in studios. You have to get away from things, studio-wise," said NBC-TV program director Frank Cleaver in the lingo of Hollywood and Vine.

"Different backgrounds give excitement, new interest to programs."

The Colgate Comedy Hour has not only booked out-of-city shows, but last Saturday went on location out of the country.

"Well, it was Tijuana, Mexico, on the border, but at least it was telecast out of the country," Cleaver added.

He said the foreign program involved no serious problems and it finally was decided that Mexican technicians would handle telecasting of the fast jai-alai games in Tijuana.

Master-of-Ceremonies Gordon MacRae will move the Comedy Hour next to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras Feb. 20. TV cameras will be set up outside famous restaurants to catch crowds on the streets between musical numbers from a TV studio.

Another show is scheduled to be telecast from the San Francisco Opera House. Cameras will catch outdoor views of the city's famous cable cars, bridges and wharves. The Comedy Hour also plans to originate from Mexico City, the sand dunes of Palm Springs and the SS United States, the first video show from an ocean liner.

The program already has gone on location to Miami. NBC's Today and Home also switched from New York to the Florida sunshine. This is Your Life moved to Chicago and Bob Hope took his program to Greenland.

"The springboard was when we did a show from the Hollywood Bowl last year," said Cleaver. "People liked seeing the bowl. It was so successful we planned more remote shows."

"We have 20 mobile black-and-white camera units to send anywhere. People like seeing foreign locales."

CBS and ABC plan no remote TV shows as yet. But NBC is so interested in the idea that a show consisting of only "location" telecasts, "The Wide, Wide World," is in the works for next fall.

First, the old rule, which has long been outdated, of brushing teeth the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night.

Second, the scrub-brush technique in using the toothbrush, an idea which also has long been outmoded.

The dental profession urges that the teeth be cleaned immediately after eating — especially after eating sweets — because the buildup of enamel-destroying acid occurs rapidly after meals and snacks.

In brushing, the toothbrush sweeps away the bits of food which otherwise would stick to the teeth and generate the tooth decay process.

However, the toothbrush can dislodge the sticky food particles only if it is used in the right way. Since these food particles are most likely to adhere to areas between the teeth, the best method of toothbrushing concentrates on these areas.

In cleaning the teeth, the upper teeth should be brushed on downward and the lower teeth should be brushed upward. The bristles should be worked between the teeth. The chewing surfaces should also be cleaned as well as the inside surfaces facing the tongue.

The youngster should be taught to brush his teeth as soon as all his first teeth have come in—usually between the ages of 2 and 3. He may not do a very good job and his mother or father will probably have to go over the teeth afterward. But the groundwork will have been laid for a basic dental health habit at an early age.

As for toothpastes and tooth powders, the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental association has repeatedly pointed out that the toothbrush used in the right way at the right time is far more important to dental health than any particular kind of toothpaste.

(Tomorrow: Fluoridation)



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