

Report on Rheumatic Fever Given; Heart Research Conducted

Portland — Rheumatic fever, often the forerunner of rheumatic heart, is a prime target of the Oregon Heart association, which is supporting an intensive campaign of research and education throughout Oregon.

Henry Andrae, chairman of the current Heart Fund campaign, gave statistics showing that rheumatic fever is a leading cause of disability and death in childhood and produces heart damage among children, adoles-

cents and young adults. He also pointed out that it is responsible for heart disease and death even in later life.

Now Preventable

"But thanks to research advances by medical science, rheumatic fever has taken its place among preventable diseases," Andrae said, adding that "the Oregon Heart association has given considerable financial support to research studies on this subject."

He revealed that at the present time the Oregon association is supporting research projects totaling nearly \$7,500 at the University of Oregon medical school and Reed college and Bend, Ore.

A bulletin from the Oregon Heart association states that "knowing when to call your doctor and what to tell him about your child's sore throat may save your youngster from attacks of rheumatic fever, the disease which causes more heart damage and long-term crippling illness in young people than any other."

Preceded by Infection

The bulletin explains that "a rheumatic fever attack is almost invariably preceded by a streptococcal infection, most commonly a 'strep' sore throat, and suggests seven key questions for parents to aid them in obtaining prompt medical attention for suspected 'strep' infections."

1. Did the sore throat come on suddenly?
2. Does your youngster complain his throat hurts most when he swallows?
3. Does it hurt below the angle of the jaw when you press there gently with your fingers? Are the glands swollen there?
4. Does he have a fever? How much? (Usually a 'strep' infection brings on a fever between 101 and 104 degrees.)
5. Does your child complain of a headache?
6. Is he nauseated? Has he vomited?
7. Has he been in contact with anyone who has had scarlet fever (also a streptococcal infection) or a sore throat?

The Heart association bulletin notes that rheumatic fever, unlike other childhood diseases, is a "repeater," with each new attack greatly increasing the danger of heart damage.

Protection Given

"Fortunately," the bulletin states, "medical science now has drugs like penicillin which, if administered regularly to persons with rheumatic fever histories, can prevent streptococcal infections and give real protection against these repeat attacks."

Research studies being sponsored by the Oregon Heart association are aimed at rheumatic fever control and prevention. One study, in particular, is being conducted at the University of Oregon medical school to determine when to allow children with rheumatic fever to begin convalescence.

Western Meat Packers Meet in San Francisco

San Francisco — (U.P.)—More than 2000 members of the Western States Meat Packers Association convened at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel today for the opening of the group's ninth annual convention.

E. Floyd Forbes of San Francisco, president of the association, said packers from nine Western states began committee meetings dealing with sausage manufacture, beef, tallow, hides and other aspects of the packinghouse industry.



LOVELY SPIRIT—Ruth Elizabeth Wall is crowned "queen of the spirit of the Mardi Gras" by New Orleans Mayor deLesseps (Chep) Morrison. Miss Wall will represent New Orleans at the Mardi Gras ball in Washington, D. C.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.)—Older movie kings and queens are glamorous and live in Hollywood, but today's young film actors wear leather jackets and live in New York.



Marlon Brando and Montgomery Clift launched the New York commuters' club of film actors, followed by Julie Harris and newcomer James Dean. Now another female, Joanne Woodward, has joined the ranks.

Joanne, a stage actress who scored in "Picnic," was signed by 20th Century-Fox studio and has been loaned to Columbia for her first movie, a co-starring role with Van Heflin. But when the cameras stop grinding on "Calico Pony" she'll hurry back to New York.

"I love New York and hate it here," declared the pretty blonde. "I'm just used to New York. I eventually want to work on the stage, anyway. It's much more fun than making movies. Oh, I'd like to be a movie star—but only because that's the best way to get ahead on the stage!"

Joanne reflected that Hollywoodites are "impressed" by actors who scorn the palm trees and sunshine to live in New York near the theater.

"It's funny how people out here are about New York actors," she said. "They seem to feel they're something great, whether they really are or not."

For her first film, Joanne "deglamorized" herself in a realistic fashion that would pale the Hollywood cuties. To portray a backwoods girl, Joanne chopped off her hair in jagged hunks. She wears baggy trousers, a man's oversized shirt and ancient shoes. Her face is bare of make-up.

She looks to me like a double for Tommy Rettig, the country boy on the "Lassie" TV show. "All I need is a dog," agreed Joanne.

Full Treatment
"But at the end of the picture they glamorize me with make-up, curls and bosom pads." Following the current trend of new screen beauties, Joanne is a size 32. Off-stage Joanne does not wear baggy pants, but does dress casually.

Since his engagement, Brando wears charcoal gray suits, but-

ton-down shirts and homburg hats. But newcomer Dean took over where Brando left off. When working in Hollywood, Dean whips around on a motorcycle and wears a leather jacket and dark blue shirt, even to parties and nightclubs.

"I saw Jimmy in New York wearing a long black coat with white buttons. He must have picked it out of an ashcan," beamed Joanne.

Walk-Up Apartment
"We all go in the same group," she explained. "I have a wonderful apartment. You walk up five flights. We sit on the floor and never serve liquor because we're broke."

Joanne was born in Greenville, S.C., but her parents later moved to Glen Rock, N. J. Her father is a publishing house executive.

"I was signed for movies after doing a TV play. I turned down three Fox scripts before getting this one," she said casually.

Lanza Ruined Home, Landlord Charges

Hollywood — (U.P.)—Singer Mario Lanza was charged today with virtually ruining a swank Beverly Hills home during the 17 months he leased it.

A suit for \$40,361 damages was filed against the tenor yesterday by Norman and Kay Kaiser. They said Lanza and his family damaged fixtures and furniture in the amount of \$12,442 and occasioned \$22,500 in repairs and restoration by failing to maintain and protect the structure. The suit also asked \$2,000 for missing items.

It was the second such suit pending against Lanza. Noah and Hayes Andrews asked \$17,000 damages against him for damages to their Bel-Air home, which Lanza rented before moving into the Kaiser house.

Further Probe Asked In Housing Scandal

Washington — (U.P.)—Sen. Harry F. Byrd declares the government housing scandal is "even greater than the Teapot Dome Scandal" of the Harding administration.

The Virginia Democrat urged Democrats on the Senate Banking Committee to continue the housing investigation started by the Republican-controlled 83rd Congress. He said the Republican investigation "barely scratched" the surface.

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), chairman of the banking group's subcommittee on housing, announced last week his group would investigate "all phases, good and bad" of the vast federal housing program. He said he is awaiting a Senate grant of \$100,000 to finance the work.

Marilyn Monroe Still Sees DiMaggio

New York — (U.P.)—Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio see each other regularly now that the blonde movie star is relaxing on an indefinite visit here, but it still is "just friendship, not a reconciliation," a close friend said today.

Marilyn's been confined to her quiet, side-street hotel for most of the past 10 days with a cold, and her ex-husband frequently stops by to call.

"There is no reconciliation," Milton H. Greene, photographer who is vice-president of Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc., said.

COSTLY MOTORING

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.)—The Connecticut Safety Commission estimates it cost more than \$200,000 to replace the nearly 1,000 utility poles knocked down by motorists in the state last year.

Frank Bartholomew Receives VFW Honor

Washington — (U.P.)—Frank H. Bartholomew, first vice-president and president-elect of the United Press, was awarded the Omar N. Bradley Medal and

Citation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Tuesday night.

The presentation was made at the VFW's annual congressional dinner attended by members of

the cabinet, high-ranking officials of the armed services and congressional leaders.

Accidental gas poisoning claims about 1,400 victims in the U.S. each year.

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