

Emotionally Disturbed Women Get More Operations Than Others

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 New York —(U.P.)— In wealthy, fashionable Westchester, a suburban area adjacent to New York City, the women who are emotionally disturbed have managed to get many more surgical operations than the women who aren't.

Dr. William A. Triebel looked into the situation carefully. He couldn't know, of course, whether all the women deserved all their operations but he was frankly suspicious that many of the women with disturbed emotions had hoodwinked their surgeons into futile slicing.

Dr. Triebel of the staff of New York Hospital - Westchester

division in White Plains, had been roused by a 26-year-old nursery school teacher. Her symptoms, as she described them (and as she acted them out physically) all pointed clearly to a malformed stomach.

Normal Stomach
 This was confirmed by a series of standard gastrointestinal tests. Confidently, the surgeon opened her—and found a quite normal stomach. In retrospect, said Triebel, one could see that her stomach troubles had all originated in her mind. Yet she had produced symptoms and signs which fooled doctors and tested positive.

So Triebel took 300 women who had been patients in psy-

chiatric hospitals or had been treated by psychiatrists. Each one of the 300 he matched with a woman of the same age, marital status, and social and economic setting. The second 300 women were his controls—not one had ever been in a psychiatric hospital or treated by a psychiatrist.

Of the first 300, 129 had had major operations. Of the 300 controls, only 69 had had major operations. The 129 had had 183 operations among them. The 68 controls had only 83 operations.

He had his 300 emotionally disturbed women sub-divided into categories according to the nature of their disturbances. Of the neurotics among them, 65 per cent had had operations while only 23 per cent of their matched controls had had operations. In the other categories, the relationship was about the same, save that for schizophrenia. Here there was no significant difference between the disturbed and their controls.

Triebel, in his report to the New York State Journal of Medicine, could offer only a series of "perhaps" in trying to explain it. Perhaps, he said, emotionally ill persons might have some "constitutional inferiority." Or perhaps "events" in the mind had effects in the body. Or perhaps emotionally disturbed persons made much more of symptoms than undisturbed persons, and conveyed this enthusiasm to their doctors. Or perhaps surgical operations have great psychic value to the emotionally disturbed and they determinedly seek operations.

Of course, there must never be any surgery for other than organic disease, Triebel said. Yet "in the area of a surgical emergency the benefit of the doubt should certainly be on the side of the existence of organic disease." But he suggested that surgeons give "careful consideration of the elective surgical procedures . . . from the psychological point of view."

McLeod

McLeod — Dinner guests at "Harding's Paradise" on Monday, Aug. 1, were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lorton, Lynwood, Calif. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dahak, Eagle Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed, Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dussenberry and twin sons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and twin daughters Wednesday, Aug. 3.

The community extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Murtha Schneider in the loss of her father, Angus Scongale, on Aug. 2.

Mrs. Donald Vaughn and Mrs. Leo Hoeg were dinner guests of Mrs. Jim Clevenberg in her home at Ashland Tuesday, Aug. 2.

St. Martha's guild of Prospect and St. Martin's guild of Shady Cove are holding their annual "Buck-a-roo" breakfast Sunday, Aug. 14, from 7 to 11 a.m. in the Upper Rogue Grange hall with church services by the Rev. Robert Greene of the Episcopal church of Prospect. The public is invited.

Col. and Mrs. John Richardson of San Francisco have been the house guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson.

They all attended the plays at the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Sr. spent the week end of July 30 visiting relatives in Roseburg. Ray Gillespie has gone to northern California on business.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth, Fresno, Calif., and Claude Garrett, Ashland, their grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Anderton were hosts to a dinner party at their home on Rogue River Sunday, July 31, honoring the birthday of Harvey Anderton. Those present were Mrs. Harris and son Richard, Mrs. Pearl Adair, Shady Cove, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alworth, Medford.

House guests of Mrs. Audrey Collier are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Collier and family, Creswell, Ore.

Monte Axtell and Bob Congor have been deep sea fishing on the Oregon coast with good results.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott, San Francisco, are visiting at "Firlough Lodge" on Rogue River, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young. On Friday, Aug. 5, dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Dreffer of Portland.

Mobile Blood Bank will be in Medford Aug. 10. All ladies who want to go from Prospect may contact Mrs. George Hubbard.

BOY SCOUTS
 Den J. Pack A
 Cub Scout Den 15, Pack 6 of Washington school visited the Boy Scout camp at Lake O' Woods last Tuesday.

Those making the trip were Steve Cox, Jack Groves, Bruce Kaye, Bobby Fish, Dick Johnston, Bobby Stearns, Dwayne Turpin and Eddie Lesnowicz.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Stearns and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and Patricia Ann Cox.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.



LINDY'S STORY FILMED—Brig. Gen. Charles A. Lindbergh (right) one of most rarely photographed of our famous men, chats with producer Leland Hayward at Zahn's Airport in North Amityville, N. Y., where the latter is engaged in filming "Spirit of St. Louis," the story of Lindy's flight across Atlantic.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—Mrs. Jose Figueres impressed me because she acts like a parent—which, it turned out, she is.

I rapped at the gate of the Costa Rican Embassy. A maid said Mrs. F. would be down in minute. Mrs. Figueres happens to be the American wife

of the president of Costa Rica. She was in the country to show off her new baby to her folks in New York.

"I have a baby," she said, "he is seven months old. He weighs over 22 pounds and he's a doll." I expected the blue-eyed blond beauty, who was born in Westchester County, N.Y., to act like an ordinary parent. Whip out a picture, maybe. She didn't.

"Just a minute," she said. And up she steps she went and down she came, cuddling Jose Jr. A doll he was too.

"He cries in Spanish," Mrs. Figueres, the former Karen Olsen, said. "Want to hear him?" Junior didn't feel like crying but a small pinch of the diaper by his mommy started him into action. The cry came out something like "oooo-Eaa-Ah."

"See?" said the mother "that's Spanish. Isn't it wonderful?"

It sure was, Jose Jr., was carried back to the Embassy crib reserved for visiting juniors and Mrs. F. and I had a little talk.

It seems that she met her famous husband while she was studying architectural engineering at Columbia University in New York. Jose at the time was lecturing at Columbia.

Time moved along and love came in. And Jose went back to Costa Rica and eventually Karen

Olsen became his wife. Karen has managed Spanish pretty well, she said, but she wonders who thought up the line that she is a "whizz" at it.

"I still have trouble," she told me. "Particularly with the vowels and some of the nouns. But we get along."

In and Around Jacksonville

lookout for snakes as they may be coming down low in search for water.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wall and grandchildren, Judith Ann and Kenneth Flett, Toppenish, Wash., were guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Wall, last week. While here they all made a trip to Klamath Falls and Lake O' Woods resort where they called on Mrs. Edwin Wall's daughter, Mrs. Tom Neeley. The George Walls enjoyed a tour of the pioneer cemetery and a visit to the Museum as well as other spots of interest in Jacksonville.

Also guests at the Edwin Walls over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alexander and children, Susan and Steven, The Dalles, Ore.

The Walls also had a family picnic in the Ashland park a week ago Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Knapp and daughters, Linda and Dona May, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Houston and children, Craig and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Huston and Mrs. Eleanor Watkins and daughter Barbara, Medford; Mrs. Elsie Turnbough and children, Valorie and Glade, Phoenix; John Davis, Talent, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Wall and daughter, Thelma, Jacksonville.

Seventeen persons were present at the monthly potluck supper at the IOOF hall in Jacksonville Friday evening. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. J. H. Hoskins and granddaughter, Roberta Rogers, Blackfoot, Ida. Mrs. Hoskins is Carl Hoskins' mother.

Guests from Medford were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Newell of Bear Creek Kennels, South Pacific highway, Medford.

Surprising Mrs. Carl Hoskins on her birthday Aug. 4, were guests from Blackfoot, Ida, James Hoskins, her son and his two children, Steven and Treasa.

Also calling at the Hoskins home on the 4th was Mrs. H. E. Griffith, Auburn, Calif. They all remained to see part of the Jacksonville Jubilee and James Hoskins, his son Steven, and Carl Hoskins went to Crescent City and surf-fished Saturday. They got a nice catch of sea trout.

About 400,000 automotive patients have been issued in the United States since 1896, the industry estimates.

Miss Simonne Petard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Auguste Petard, Jacksonville, returned Aug. 1 from a three month trip to France. Miss Petard flew over and home by Pan-American Air lines, and from New York to Medford by United Air lines. She visited in Paris, Havre, Nantes and spent most of her time with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Pousseur, at Colombes. At the harbor in Havre she visited the Ship Liberte. After Paris, Miss Petard stated, even New York's skyscrapers remained unimpressive.

Dr. Patmont, who was a guest at the H. L. Bernston home for several days last week, left last Monday by plane for Seattle. From there he was to go to Alaska and distribute New Testaments printed in the language of the native Alaskans. Dr. Patmont speaks 22 languages.

Philip Kano, a native of Japan, was also a guest several days last week with Bernstons.

Here for a two week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burnell is their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burnell and twin daughters, Jane and Judy, 4 months old. They're from Havre, Mont., at the Air Force base there, Mrs. Louis Burnell's mother, Mrs. Avermann, is with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zempke, Beason lane, Medford, were afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bailey last week.

Mrs. Irwin R. Boyd reported this week that they had killed two large rattlesnakes in their yard on upper South Third st. One had eight rattles and a button and the other nine rattles and a button. They were both about two feet long. Residents in that locality should be on the

Martin, Lewis Reach Working Agreement

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, the nation's highest paid comedy team, remained "cool" toward each other today although reaching a "working agreement" to continue together in pictures and television.

The comedians, who recently split over a misunderstanding, were brought together yesterday by Paramount studio head Y. Frank Freeman after a lengthy conference and agreed to fulfill their outstanding obligations as a team.

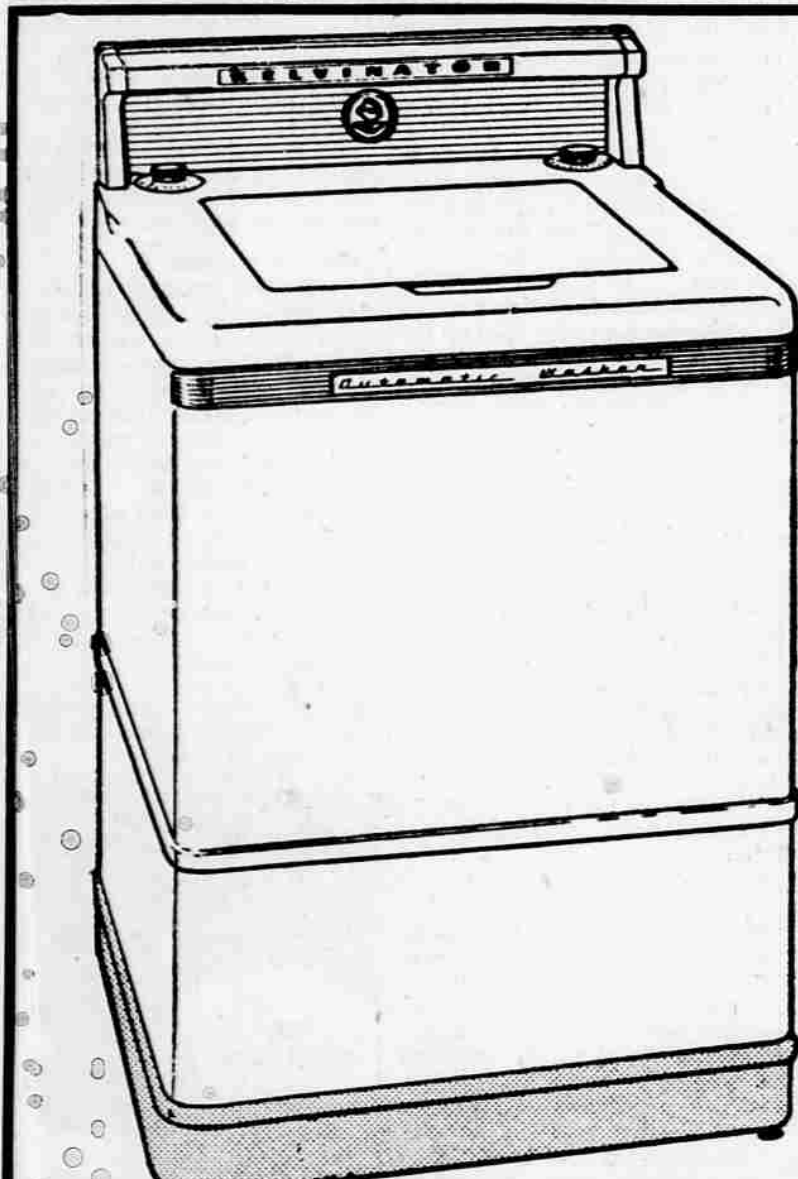
"Maybe in time we will get back to the old friendship," Martin said after the conference, indicating their personal differences had not been settled despite the working agreement.

Grange

Griffin Creek Grange will meet Thursday, Aug. 11, at 8 p.m. The Farnsworths and Larsens are the refreshment committee.

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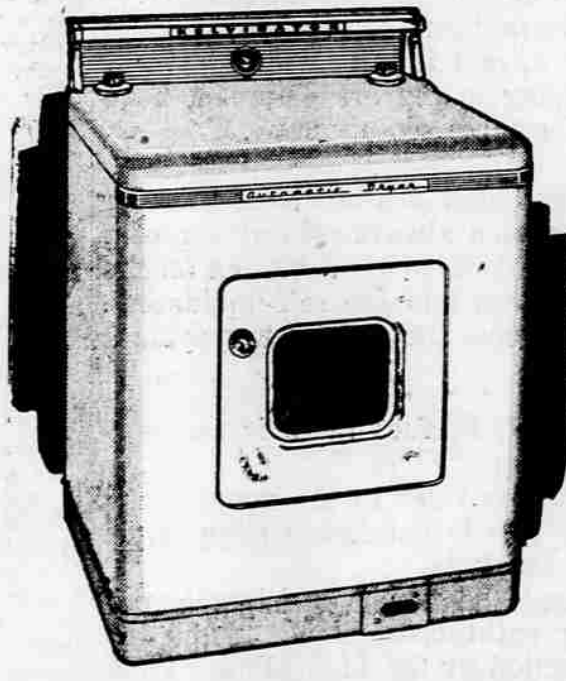


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