

Selection of Men For Heart Attacks Theoretically Possible

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New York — (U.P.)—It is theoretically possible for medical science to pick out a person who some day may have a heart attack like President Eisenhower's.

The rub is that medical science, after putting a finger on that person while he was in excellent health, wouldn't know precisely what to do in order to head off the attack.

The authority for those statements is Dr. Paul D. White and his associates in one of the most thoroughly detailed studies of coronary arterial disease ever made, a study which has the marks of a classic.

Dr. White is such an eminent heart expert, it will be recalled, that he was called in at once when the President was stricken. The results of the study were published only last year and are not known outside of medicine.

Many Significant Clues
He and his associates found so many significant clues that they felt justified in the "hope" that the day is not far distant when doctors will not only "pre-select" persons "prone" to heart attacks but will be able to prevent those persons from having them.

As of now pre-selecting is theoretical, not practical. However, the study seemed to demonstrate that neither smoking nor drinking nor diet has much if anything to do with preparing the person for the attack. Indeed, there was no one thing or a few, simple things. To pick out a person who is likely to have an attack, one would need to take all the following things into consideration and balance them against one another:

Four Major Considerations
1. That person's sex, which would have to be masculine—out of 100 coronary blockages, 96 to 97 are in men; 2. His body build; 3. The structural details of his body; 4. His heredity; 5. How his body chemistry deals with its own chemical products.

Dr. White, Dr. Menard M. Gertler, and seven associates of Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, and Harvard University, studied 97 men and three women who had had coronary blockages and resultant damage to the heart before they were 40 years old.

Each one of the 97 men was "matched" with a man of the same age, height, weight, body build, mode of livelihood, racial antecedents, and social status.

This group differed from the coronary group only that its members had never had heart attacks. Each group was then studied exhaustively and the findings were compared.

Michigan ranks fifth in the nation as an industrial state although it is only seventh in population.

Milk Consumers In Portland Face Price Increase

Portland—(U.P.)—Higher milk prices faced Portland consumers today when milk producer groups supplying the city's market area announced increases to be effective Saturday.

Dairies said prices to consumers would be raised proportionately.

Damascus-Carnation, largest dairy in Portland, announced increases ranging from one half to two cents per quart for milk and four to five cents a half pint for cream.

Others To Follow

Other dairies said they would follow suit.

Impetus for the increase was provided by Farmers Co-op of McMinnville, Lower Columbia Dairy Association who boosted their prices 35 to 40 cents per hundredweight.

The increases will give stores their long-sought "store differential" and home delivered prices will be scaled downward in proportion to the volume of milk delivered.

Home delivery price will be 23 cents a quart, compared to the 21 to 22 cents per quart now charged customers who buy one every other day. Those who buy 30 to 50 quarts a month will get it for 22 cents.

About One Cent a Quart

The increase will amount to about 48 cents per hundredweight or something like one cent a quart. It will be divided 35 cents to producers and 13 cents to distributors.

Firms distributing milk in the Portland metropolitan area said their share will not cover recent cost increases. They cite higher labor costs following last June's strike.

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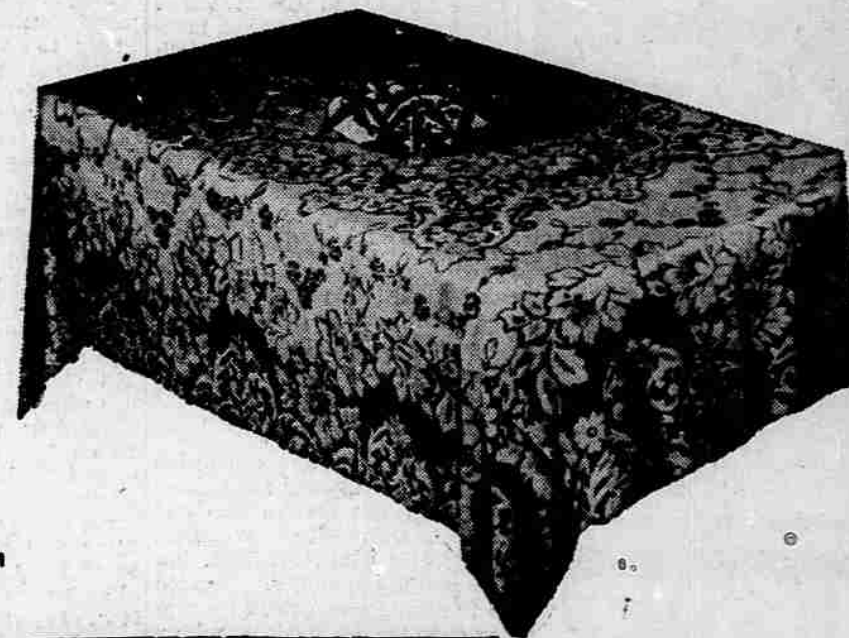
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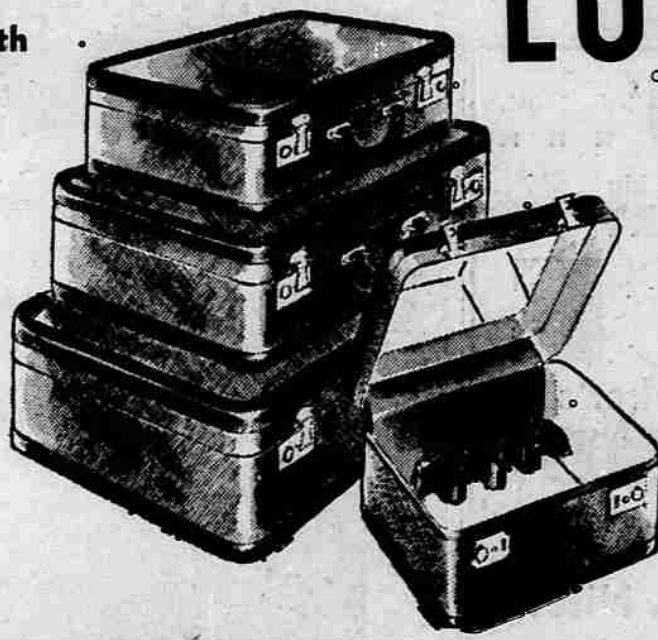
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