

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

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Washington—(U.P.)—The men who parachute out of airplanes are a hardy breed and they talk their own dialect.



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According to the Army, the soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N. C., got a little weary of being misunderstood at the supper table while home on leave.

So they came up with their own "shop-talk" dictionary.

So, in case you run into one of the tough jumpers—all men of courage—you might paste their glossary in your bonnet.

You'll know what the kid in the boots is talking about.

Translated, the airborne jargon goes like this:

"Stand and hook up" means a man should check his equipment before he dives head-first out the side or through a hatch in the belly of his aircraft.

When a man jumps, he doesn't jump, really, he "hits the blast." They tell me that refers to the blast of air that greets him.

A "DZ" is a drop zone. That, to the jumper is a cleared area where he might have a good chance to dig his heels into the good earth, instead of a tree or a river.

Rough Landing
When a jumper tells you that he has "clobbered in," you can jolly well know that his landing was rough. And when he says that he "landed soft," he means that everything went off fine.

The jumper uses the word "gorilla" in a whisper, because to him that means the nasty, ornery characters who train paratroopers.

The "canopy" is the nylon fabric portion of a parachute assembly, the part that balloons out. Something pretty important if a man is hanging by strings in midair.

A "tooth knocker" is a quick release box—a thing that releases the parachute harness after the jump. Important, too.

All paratroopers are known, among their clan, as "hoods," and there is no explanation of this odd term. We'll let it rest right here.

A man who is "airborne all the way" is the right sort of a guy. A man who is "real gone" on air-

4-H Club

Second Session

The second meeting of the year for the Central Point Bee club was held at the home of Carol von der Hellen October 24. The main business of the evening was the election of officers. Bill Charley was elected president; Marilyn Cordy, vice president; Carol von der Hellen, secretary and Patsy Charley, reporter.

Because of a conflict with the Pig club we decided to change our meeting date to the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Bill and Jeff Anhorn, Monday, November 14. Patsy Charley, Reporter

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Medford Physician Receives License

Portland—Theodore P. Barss, Medford, is one of 26 physicians who was licensed to practice medicine in Oregon by the state board of medical examiners last week, according to Howard I. Bobbitt, executive secretary.

Eugene V. Meyerding, of Mississippi, also was licensed and plans to practice in Medford, it was reported.

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Board of Health Sees End of Polio Epidemics in State

Portland—(U.P.)—Speculation that 1955 may be the last polio epidemic year in Oregon history has been advanced by the State Board of Health.

The board based its tentative prediction on new statistics on the effectiveness and availability of Salk vaccine.

No Field Trial Cases

The statistics showed no cases of polio have been reported this year among Oregon children taking part in the 1954 Salk vaccine field trials who received booster shots this year.

No cases of polio have been reported among Oregon first and second graders receiving two shots of anti-polio vaccine this year, and children in the 7-9 age group received one or more inoculations showed a polio incidence one-fifth as great as children in the same age group who were not inoculated.

To Expand Age Limits

Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer said that enough commercial vaccine was now available to provide shots for all children under 15 years and all pregnant women. He said the age limits would be expanded in coming months.

Dr. Erickson said that because of increasing supplies of vaccine at least one in every five persons in Oregon could be protected against polio before the start of the next polio season.

Doctor, Son, Declared

Innocent of Trespass

Yreka — Dr. Charles A. Haines, Vista, Calif., formerly of Ashland, and his son, Keith, Medford, were found innocent of trespass in a justice court decision here last week.

A complaint against the two had been brought by Louis Brody, a rancher in the Camp Creek area of Yreka county, but Justice E. M. Axtell found the complainant showed no proof of trespass.

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