

Health Officer Reports on Annual Conference of APHA

Public health problems resulting from an increasing percentage of old people in the population of the United States were discussed at the annual American Public Health association meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said yesterday.

Dr. Merkel returned Friday from a week of association meetings in Kansas City. Polio authorities, who gave reports at the meeting, emphasized that the Salk vaccine is now perfectly safe and 90 per cent effective against paralytic polio, Merkel said.

Priority Group
All parents with children under 15 years old should have them inoculated against polio, Merkel said, as children of that age are now included in the priority group for which the vaccine is available.

It was pointed out at the meeting that an increase in dis-

eases more commonly found among old people, such as heart trouble, hardening of the arteries, cancer, and mental disturbances, could be expected as the number of people in the older age groups increased.

An increase in the percentage of old people in the population is expected as a result of increased life expectancy and an anticipated reduction in birth rate.

Severe Problems
A severe problem of rehabilitation of the aged was discussed at the meetings. As old people find they can no longer continue with their work, because of sickness or mental problems, it will be necessary to find other occupations for them, Merkel said.

The increasing problems of accidents was also discussed at the meetings. Accidents, at present, are the greatest cause of death for people between the ages of 1 and 45, Merkel said.

On The Side

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How old is Satchel Paige, the picturesque pitcher? Nobody seems to know exactly. However, one thing is certain, Satchel was a winning major league twirler when he was crowding 50. Therefore, a couple of his helpful hints on achieving a vigorous old age might be interesting. Observed Satchel: "Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood." "If your stomach disputes you, lie down, pacify it with cool thoughts."

Please Note

Am asked about the drug that is said to eliminate the worry about a trip to the dentist. It is much used in England. This drug is also reported to eliminate the worry of stage performers on first nights, men scheduled to make speeches and to give confidence to fellows who are going to ask the boss for a raise. It is said to be harmless and non-habit forming. However, some of its critics say it inspires autoists who take it with an over-confidence that leads to reckless driving.

Horses and Women

That "Horse-Tail Hairdo," the weirdest hairdo of all time up to now, has been topped by a curious hair arrangement called "The Circus Pony Topknot." There seems to be no limit to what some females will do to attract attention. However, as any expert on the subject of style will tell you, anything that makes a woman conspicuous is in bad taste.

Sidelights

The best looking females in Ireland are the girls of Dublin. So I note it claimed. The man knows not whereof he speaks. The best looking Irish girls are those beautiful Galway brunettes. . . . The men who suffer most from coronary thrombosis are business executives and bartenders. So recent research indicates. This brings to mind that bartenders are not generally considered preferred life insurance risks.

Passing By

Doris Fleischman Bernays. Completely charming and extremely clever career woman.

Doris has just written a book titled "A Wife Is Many Women." It is said by reading this book a man may be able to understand a little about his wife. That could be valuable knowledge. I am having our horses and women experts check on Mrs. Bernays' book immediately.

Asking

Queries from clients: Q.—Who wrote the song titled, "There Is No One With Endurance Like the Man Who Sells Insurance"? A.—Frank Crumit . . .

Q.—Is there a restaurant in New York where a man can get properly prepared tamales and enchiladas? A.—When it comes to restaurants, sir, New York has everything. The Xochitl restaurant on West 46th st. specializes in the dishes you mention. Also, if you like Mexican drinks, they will serve you with that powerful potion called "Tequila Mucho Gusto."

Get It Right

No woman with a waist measurement of over 25 has a chance of winning a bathing beauty contest. That's what I said. This rash remark has cost me many a stogie. Bebe Shopp, Miss America of 1948, had a 27-inch waist and weighed 140. Fay Lamphier, Miss America of 1925, had a 26 waist and weighed 138. Mary Campbell, Miss America of 1922, had a 26 waist and weighed 140. And she was only 16 years old.

Asides

Persons having an incurable case of wanderlust might find very interesting the book by Norman Ford titled "How to Get a Job That Takes You Traveling" . . . According to the most recent check of our Horses & Women department, the three most beautiful spinsters in the world are: 1—Yvonne De Carlo. 2—Anita Colby. 3—Virginia Grey.

Bogota, Colombia — (U.P.) — Hundreds of families were reported homeless today in Bogota and two other areas of Colombia because of floods brought on by heavy rains. Families were evacuated from low-lying districts of Bogota and 14 towns along the Magdalena river, Colombia's main waterway.

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