

Terrible, Burning Pain Successfully Treated by Drug

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—A terrible, burning pain so distressing it frequently drives patients to suicide has been successfully treated by two University of California physicians with a drug widely used in mental cases.

The physicians, Dr. Lester H. Margolis and Alfred Gianacoli, said they have used the drug chlorpromazine successfully in alleviating a condition known as thalamic pain syndrome—a burning pain throughout the side of the body which sometimes accompanies a stroke.

Damage to Thalamus
The thalamic syndrome, a relatively rare condition, is caused by damage to the thalamus or its connections with other parts of the brain resulting from the stroke.

Occasionally the pain ends spontaneously, but in many cases it continues throughout the lifetime of the patient.

The patient the physicians treated successfully was a 41-year-old housewife who had attempted suicide four times and begged for a lobotomy—a brain operation which dulls reaction to the pain but may cause undesirable personality changes.

After three weeks of treatment with other drugs, the patient was started on chlorpromazine. The physicians said they got a "good response" with the dosage of 200 milligrams per day, but that a daily dosage of 400 milligrams gave the best results.

Marked relief from the severe pain has been maintained for 17 months, the doctors said. The pain is still present to a moderate degree, but does not interfere with the patient's daily routine.



FETID FENTON I
Someone Will Get a Gift

Fetid Fenton I Will Be Offered On MOD Auction

After many weeks of intensive searching, the Crater Lions club has located what they consider to be probably the most important item to be sold on the March of Dimes auction on Station KBES-TV tomorrow night, starting at 9:30.

The club has been assured that Fetid Fenton I, the thinking goat, definitely will be on the auction block.

Over 100 years ago the Toggenburg goat of Switzerland, which was famous for its alarm clock characteristic of "sounding off" every four hours, was transported to the Island of Malta where it crossed with the Maltese goat. The cross-breed became famous in the Arabic section of the Mediterranean as a camp watchdog

for nomadic tribes and for its peculiar smell.

Fetid Fenton's ancestors were brought to the United States during the California Gold Rush of 1849 and it was believed they would make excellent camp guardians in the wild west. It is not known if the theory was ever tested but many an old timer will testify that Fetid Fenton's ancestors were the pestiest, nastiest, smelliest and meanest of all four-footed animals.

Fetid Fenton, with all the characteristics of his ancestors, will be delivered at the direction of the highest bidder and club members suggested he might make an excellent gift for someone whose friendship isn't considered too valuable.

And Fetid Fenton's entire purchase price will go to the March of Dimes for the fight against polio, as will receipts of all other items sold at the auction, Lions members reminded.

Like the man who built his own boat downstairs, this fellow couldn't get his sleeping gear out of his work room.

So he dismantled it, and finally made it up. He was so tired that he decided to take a little nap.

First thing he knew, he was sitting on the seat of his PJs on the floor again. But he has learned to roll and toss now and wouldn't trade his home-made pad for money, chalk or marbles.

If you're big and ever fell out of bed, you know what I mean.



HE'LL SCARE 'EM—Detroit cops will take on this fear-some aspect when the new armored coat becomes available at all precincts. Designed for use in combating riot crowds and barricaded gunmen, the "coats" will be made of armor plate weighing 65 pounds. Spotlight and gun portholes are covered with bullet proof glass.

Portland Traction Line Gets Temporary Permit

Portland —(U.P.)— Portland Bus patrons were assured today they would have service — at least until April 10.

The City council yesterday granted a permit to Rose City Transit Company, subsidiary of the Portland Traction Company, to operate the city's transit system for an additional 60 days after the present Portland Traction Company franchise expires on Feb. 10.

Read and Use Classified Ads

Aliens Reminded of Address Requirement

Aliens in Oregon and Idaho have only one more week in which to comply with the federal law requiring that they report their address to the government during January of each year.

An estimated 14,000 aliens have already complied with the address report requirement compared to 21,000 who filed reports last year.

Wilful failure to comply carries penalties ranging from fines to deportation, immigration and naturalization service officials have announced.

Parents or guardians may file the report for aliens under 14 years of age or for those incompetent or under custodial care.

Immigration officials urge all aliens who have not yet complied to go as soon as possible to the nearest post office or immigration office to file the report.

Salem Police Looking For Burglar of Safe

Salem —(U.P.)— Salem police today were looking for a safecracker who sometime over the week end broke into the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph office and made off with \$3,400 in cash and checks.

The robbery was accomplished sometime between 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:50 a.m. Monday when the theft was discovered.

Police reported that the burglars took \$1216 in cash and \$2156 in endorsed checks.

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington —(U.P.)— The bed makers are waking up to the fact that man is growing taller.

Longer beds are the result.

Take the case of a six foot, eight inch basketball center. That poor lug, coiling himself into a Pullman berth, looks as awkward as a slide trombone player in a telephone booth.

I can't tell you what the train folks are doing about the growing man. But I can report that the biggest side-of-the-road hostelry in the world, the Marriott Motor Hotel, will have king size beds.

The snore pads in the 370-unit development, which hopes to open this spring in the Washington area, will be 80 inches long, instead of the standard 74 inches.

The motel builders did considerable research on the growth of man. About 70 per cent more men in America now top six feet, as compared to 1918.

We Americans have been inching up in height for a long time—since the Revolution, in fact. For example, there were twice as many soldiers over six feet tall in World War I as there were in the war between the states. And insurance companies, calling on the government for help in their research, say that the average height of American males increased a full inch in the 23 years between the two world wars. And listen to this:

There are 70 per cent more six footers today than there were at the end of World War I and 45 per cent more men over five feet 10.

The National Bureau of Standards has done some measuring and bouncing about on longer beds and concludes that everyone, including short people, sleeps better on a sack that is too big for their pajamas.

Nine By Nine
Biggest bed I ever saw was hand-made for Primo Carnera, the onetime heavyweight boxing champion and later a professional wrestler. The man couldn't sleep in regular beds, so he had somebody build him one nine feet by nine feet. Cost a pretty, too.

A cartoonist on a Washington paper got so tired and sore of falling out of bed that he built himself a huge bed. Trouble was he built it in the basement.

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Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Los Angeles—It won't be long now until a sizeable number of Camp White veterans, sojourning in the southland, will again be seeking admission to the VA domiciliary station in the Agate Desert.

This is the sentiment of several men now who are waiting until spring before actually moving north to the old stamping ground, where fishing and gardening as well as the comparative freedom of the Rogue River valley are the attractions.

With most of them, southern California, sans sunshine, is more endurable because of asthma, rheumatism and other ailments which they find less pronounced during the winter months in the warmer climate.

There are other reasons for seeking a change, the principal one being the contrast in living conditions here and at Camp White. As one member expressed it, there is just too much of everything here.

For this reason it is necessary for the VA management at LA to institute an elaborate system, not only in hospitalization but in the routine of existence. It is the factory and mass production method versus the outdoor living and the rugged existence of the woods and fields.

There are great "open spaces" in both directions, but at Camp White they are green and fresh whereas in this section it is all a city of automobiles and moving people as well as moving pictures.

The writer has gone through the mill here at Sawtelle after an absence of five years. There has been very little change in that time, although disabilities have altered materially.

There is less need for attention to psycho-neurotic patients, although a special hospital is maintained for those cases in

the center itself. Mental hygiene is included now in the clinical practice of domiciliary doctors. Alcoholism is less of a disturbing element than it was before the Korean engagement.

There is no question concerning the efficiency of this brand of veteran medicine. It is almost too efficient, however effective, with the human equation subordinated in the actual therapy and treatment.

Social Service is depended on here, as at Camp White, for the review and consideration of personal problems. At no other hospital in the U.S. can be found such a complete complement of medical practitioners and specialists.

The medical program includes such supplemental activities as recreation, arts and crafts and physical medicine and rehabilitation, but they are incorporated in the overall plan of operation.

The special feature inaugurated by Dr. C. K. Todd of follow up in physical medicine through personal contact is given less attention since the hospital requirements are of major concern here.

Dan Hartman, who worked in the domiciliary office at Camp White, is still on the job in the admission office here. He wishes to send greetings to all of his friends "if any" at Camp White.

"I checked into the VA here June 15, 1955 and started to work at once in the admission office," he reports, "since that time," he says, "I have admitted quite a number of Camp Whiteers."

Among those who have entered the domiciliary recently are William Brooks, who was on the guard force at one time, and Frank Barnes, who has been assigned to a section after hospitalization at Wadsworth. Members will recall Barnes as cap-

As We Live

Husband Will Resent His Begging In-Laws

When one member of the family is well off, other members often expect financial help from him. This can lead to trouble.

(Q) "Last September, my younger daughter was married to a man 12 years older than she. This man has taken over his father's business and is very well off. He gives my daughter beautiful jewelry, clothes, and a liberal amount for spending. They have two cars, a big house, and entertain a lot."

"Now my problem is my older daughter. We have managed to keep her in college and she will graduate this year. She is very anxious to go on and do one year of graduate work as this will help her to get a better job. However, we feel we cannot afford this as my husband will be retiring soon and we will have to count pennies then. My older daughter feels that her younger sister should help pay her bills as she has married a rich man and has plenty of money to spend. Should we ask her to pay her sister's expenses in college for next year?"

(A) No. The money she has is not really hers to do with as she pleases. It is her husband's money, given to her for clothes, entertainment, and other expenses he feels necessary for their position in the business and social worlds.

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By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

If your older daughter is a good enough student to justify her working for a higher degree, she should apply for a scholarship. There are plenty of scholarships available for graduate study today and they cover most of the student's expenses.

During the summer or during vacation periods, your older daughter can work to earn spending money to supplement what she receives from a scholarship. Most graduate students do this and make out very well. Your son-in-law might be willing to lend your older daughter

The Shady Valley district of Johnson county, Tennessee, has produced manganese by mining operations since 1883.

Six pounds of coal are necessary for the manufacture of every pound of smokeless powder.

some money to supplement what she gets in a scholarship or from working but make sure it is a loan. If you don't you will make him think he is in for beggings from his wife's family and this he will bitterly resent. (Copyright 1956, General Features Corp.)

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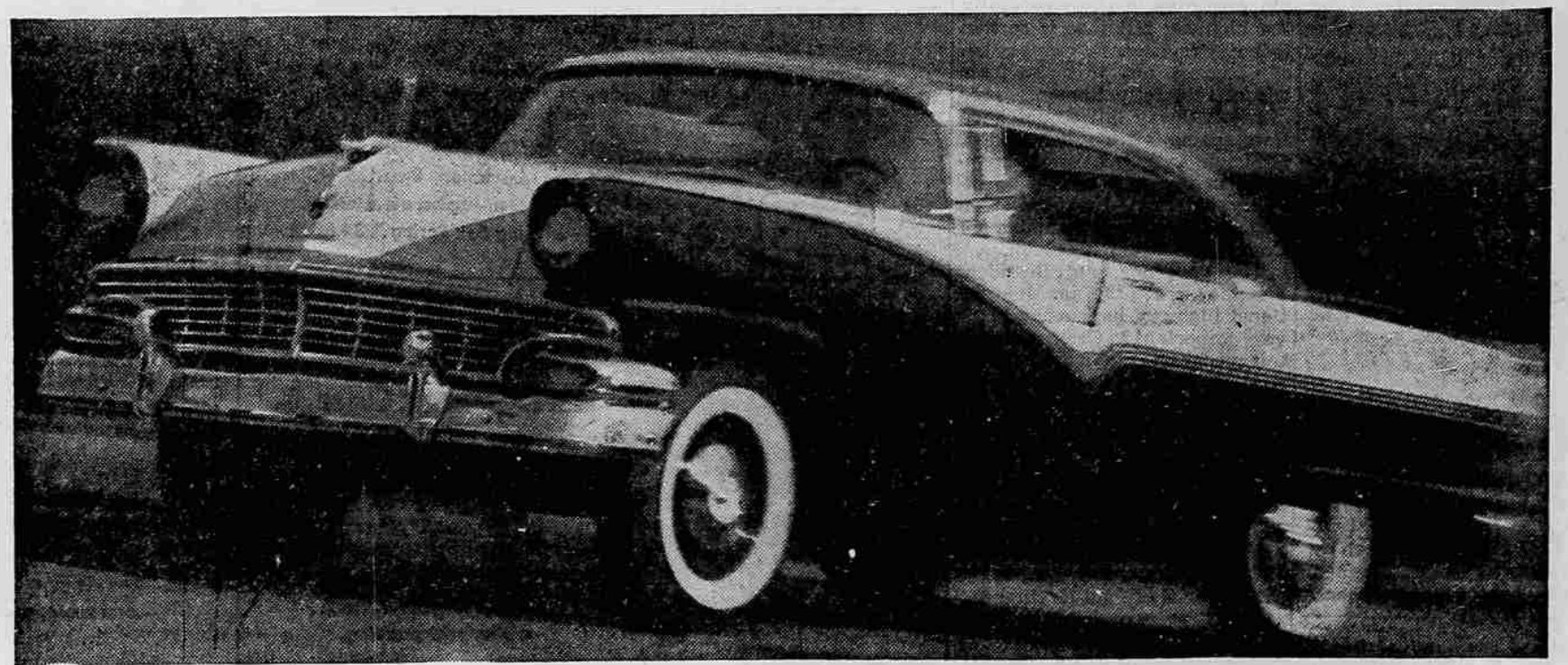
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