

# Boston Boy Declared Living Proof As We Live

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New York—(U.P.)—A nine-year-old Boston boy is about to enter his seventh year of scientifically borrowed time, which is proof that science is going to conquer cancer.

Six and a half years ago doctors said this child had at most six months to live because he had acute leukemia. He still has acute leukemia, yet he is healthy and flourishing.

It is a record. And also a dumbfounding, seeming miracle. But there is clear-cut cause and effect. Science is interfering successfully with the "food" of his cancerous cells. So he "lives with" cancer.

Dr. Charles S. Cameron, medical and scientific director of the American Cancer Society, said science is working out the ways by which people some day will live with cancer for as long as they would have lived without cancer.

**Prolongs Life**  
He pointed to the discovery of insulin. With insulin people live with diabetes; without insulin they would die of diabetes. The Boston boy is living because of aminopterin, a man-made chemical that interferes with the use

of folic acid by leukemic cells. It is one of a whole class of man-made chemicals, the anti-metabolites, which now number several dozens. Science has reached the point where it can throw chemical monkey wrenches into the essential workings of some kinds of cancer cells in some cases. But not for keeps—only for a time usually measured in months but now and then in a year or two or three.

What remains to be found out is why the anti-metabolites don't interfere with the essential nutrition of some leukemic cells while interfering effectively with the nutrition of cells which seem to be identical. That, and also why all leukemic cells so far—except those in the Boston boy—have eventually "learned" how to multiply and kill the patients despite the drugs.

**Leukemia Smoldering**  
Having advanced this far, scientists are confident they will solve the remaining mysteries of cancerous cells, and most especially the chemical unknowns which are now preventing the anti-metabolites from being the weapons with which to conquer acute leukemia.

Dr. Sidney Farber, a leading

leukemia specialist and the physician of the Boston boy, said his patient's leukemia was smoldering. Aminopterin hadn't put out the fire—it was only preventing it from bursting again into flames.

Meanwhile, the boy has had a normal growth and development and to the eye is indistinguishable from other children of his age. But no one can know how much longer aminopterin will hold his disease in check.

April is "cancer month"—when the American Cancer Society makes its annual appeal to the public for financial support.

**Youthful Romances Often Have Limited Duration**  
People's feelings change as they grow older and they should expect this:

(Q) "I am 22 years old and faced with a problem that bothers me very much. I hope you can help me solve it. Ever since I was in high school, I thought I was in love with Bob and he said he was in love with me. After we graduated, I took a job and he went to college. We started to drift apart though I

another boy alone. Now Bob is in the service and, while he has never said so, I can tell from his actions that he is no longer in love with me but doesn't want to say so for fear of hurting my feelings. I have met a wonderful man, slightly older than I, a widower with two small children. He works where I do and I see him daily, though I have never accepted his invitation for dates. I am convinced that he is the man I want to marry, not Bob. My parents tell me I am letting Bob down, and my friends feel that I am being untrue to Bob by showing interest in another man. They all make me feel like a perfect heel. Am I being unfair to Bob?"—S.B.

(A) As you have presented the facts, it would seem to me that

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you would be far more unfair to Bob by trying to hold on to him than you would be to tell him you realize that you have outgrown each other. You seem to feel that he might welcome such news from you, so why not tell him when you next see him?

A youthful romance often ends as yours is ending. You have no reason to feel guilty about it or to reproach yourself. After all, it would seem that Bob is more to blame for the ending than you, so if anyone is to feel guilty it should be he, not you.

**May Shock Them**

As for your family and friends, why not merely tell them that you will tell Bob, namely, that you and he have outgrown each other. It may shock them at

first, if they have taken it for granted all these years that you would eventually marry Bob.

But when they see that you have found someone else you prefer, and Bob will doubtless do the same when you set him free from any understanding you may have, then they will forget about their reproaches and realize that you are acting wisely and rejoice with you.

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**Oregon Deans of Women Set Saturday Meeting**

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon Associated Deans of Women will hold their spring meeting on the Lewis and Clark college campus here Saturday.

Portland—(U.P.)—Thousands of Oregon residents spent Sunday on the banks of the Sandy river as the big smelt run finally reached the stream in force.

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New York—Former President Truman on his 1948 campaign remark that any farmer who voted for a Republican should have his head examined:

"I said that in 1948 and in 1952. And now some of them are having their heads examined."

Orlando, Fla.—Sen. Estes Kefauver on the Supreme court decision to desegregate public schools:

"It's ridiculous to say that a Supreme court decision is unconstitutional . . . some may disagree with the court's interpretation but we know that the court is the final word. Speaking as a Southerner to Southerners, I say that there is no other answer to this problem. We simply must remain a united nation."

New York—Alfred P. Sloan Jr., who resigned as General Motors board chairman, on the principles of the firm's growth:

"Get the facts. Recognize the equities of all concerned. Realize the necessity of doing a better job every day. Keep an open mind and work hard. The last is the most important of all. There is no shortcut."

Seattle, Wash.—Passenger Nelson Whalstrom on the ditching of a Northwest Airlines Stratocruiser in Puget Sound with 37 aboard:

"The tail was whipping back and forth like a salmon swimming upstream."

Mount Kisco, N.Y.—Showman Billy Rose on the fire which destroyed his world famous paintings and 28-room mansion:

"If I had a sense of humor right now, I might be able to chuckle over what they saved from the kitchen. They brought out a bread toaster and some dishes."

## Copco's Link River Dam Pact Approved

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—John C. Boyle, vice-president and general manager of the California Oregon Power Company, announced here yesterday that the public utilities commissions of California and Oregon approved the company's contract for operation of the Link river dam for another 50 years.

Boyle said the contract was approved March 27 and will be come effective on April 16 of this year.



## our brewmaster's prescription

Dr. Max Zimmermann, our brewmaster, prescribed many changes when he joined us at the Blitz Weinhard Company a little over two years ago. Frankly, many of his prescriptions have been extremely costly, since they required special, more expensive brewing ingredients and a great deal of tailor-made brewing equipment. These changes, said Dr. Zimmermann, were needed in order to bring Northwesterners a truly light, refreshing beer . . . the kind they prefer and the kind our customers are now enjoying as a result of Dr. Zimmermann's prescriptions.

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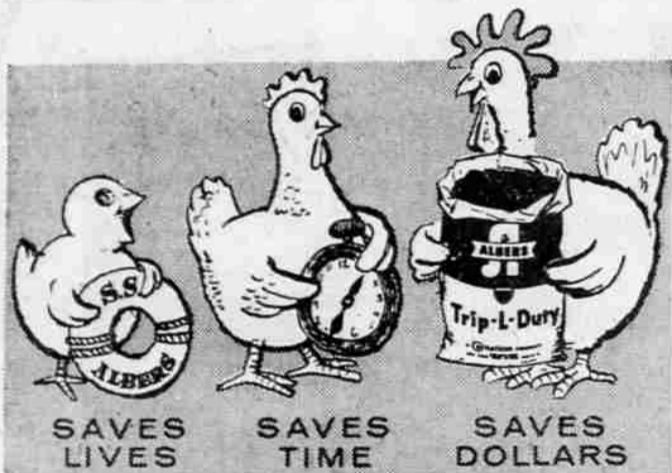
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