

Renewed Medical Science Interest Spurs Popularity

Washington — (AP) — New interest in medical science, heightened by President Eisenhower's heart attack and by the Salk vaccine discovery, has spurred the popularity of a relatively unknown government museum here.

Known simply as the Medical Museum, it has huddled quietly in the downtown section far away from the capital's show-place area. Ignorance of its existence kept the building low on the rubbernecking list.

But new interest in medical science almost doubled attendance at the museum last year. It is now drawing sightseers away from some of the better-known tourist spots.

The museum is the only one of its kind in this country in which a layman can, "just walk in and look around." Real life specimens of injury and disease are displayed without technical confusion in an effort to attract and educate the general public. Frequent changes

A museum official said the public's eye is now on medical progress. He said the "shocking

aspects of medicine" such as leprosy and syphilis are losing their attraction.

"People are more interested in the various stages of cancer, tuberculosis and heart disease," he said.

Most of the exhibits are changed monthly or annually. However, there are some permanent displays dating back to the 1800's.

Two of the permanent ones are human development from embryo to birth and the medical aspects of the assassination of Lincoln.

The largest and most complete collection of microscopes in the United States takes up a wing of the museum. About 550 instruments — from the earliest to the latest — accurately show development of this invaluable tool.

Civil War Origin

Generations of doctors and medical students have made use of material which the museum loans for study.

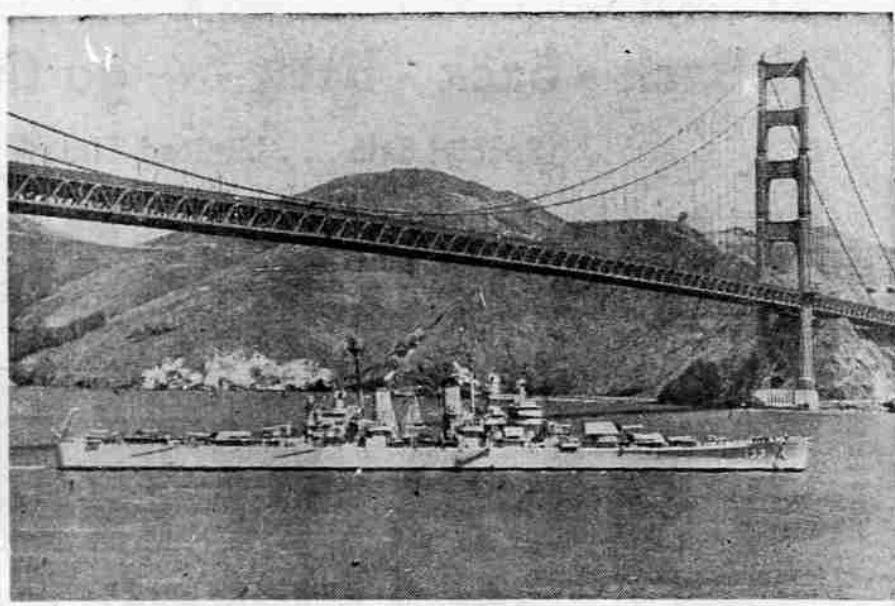
The museum was founded by Dr. William Hammond, Civil War surgeon general. He realized that war emergencies forced many doctors to treat wounds and diseases they had never seen.

Attempting to study ways to decrease the toll of war, Hammond established a collection of preserved material. He made it available to military doctors and later opened the doors to the public.

The collection then began to grow. Orders went out to medical officers telling them to make complete records of injuries and diseases. Almost immediately, a flood of material was added.

Even though Europe had its Pasteur and Lister at this time, a Frenchman was prompted to remark that the United States had done more in the field of anatomical pathological preservation in years than "Europe in a century."

The Army Medical museum expanded and originated the world-famous Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Now part of the Institute, "Army," has been dropped from its title.



PACIFIC VISITOR—Vice Adm. Herbert G. Hopwood's flagship, the heavy cruiser USS Toledo, leads a 15-mile-long parade of U. S. Navy First Fleet warships through the Golden Gate into San Francisco Bay. In the background are the Marin County hills, gateway to famed Pacific Coast Redwood Empire. It is the most powerful armada ever to enter San Francisco Bay for a weekend recreation program.

Auto Industry Design Trends May Boost Plastics Use

New York — (AP) — Design trends in the auto industry may be a boon plastics manufacturers, a Chrysler Corp. executive engineer said today.

Harry E. Chesebrough, chief of Chrysler product planning, spoke at the Society of Plastics Industry's annual conference.

He predicted that continued effort to reduce car weight and the trend toward increased use of transparency in auto styles might mean "a tremendous potential market" for plastics.

"Plastics are not yet competitive with steel for body shells, but the auto industry is not wedded permanently to the use of any one material, he said.

Cost Biggest Hurdle

"Cost is the biggest hurdle facing the plastics industry," he said. "Yet the progress in solving this problem has already resulted in about 250 car components being made wholly or in part of plastics."

Chesebrough described the industry's goal as "a low cost, durable plastic that could be formed as readily and easily as steel."

The trend toward life-time parts was cited as another opportunity for the plastics industry. "We are looking for components requiring less serving and replacement," the Chrysler executive said.

"Plastics manufacturers have already given us just such a component in the self-lubricating speedometer drive pinion made of nylon."

Northwest Rivers Carrying Greatest Flow in History

Portland — (AP) — Pacific Northwest rivers carried some of their greatest flows of water in history during May this year and the main Columbia river was at its highest volume in 36 years on record at Grand Coulee, the U. S. Geological Survey reported today.

Other Northwest rivers which had their greatest May flows on record were the Kootenai and Salmon in Idaho and the Green, south fork of the Skykomish, Klickitat, Chelan, Wenatchee and Yakima rivers in Washington.

The Boise river at Twin Springs, Ida., and the St. Joe river at Calder, Ida., carried their second-greatest volumes of water on record for May. The Snake at Heise and Payette at Horseshoe Bend carried the third-greatest flows on record for May.

The tremendous volume of water flowing downstream filled the Northwest's seven major power reservoirs, which are the Kootenai, Hungry Horse, Flathead, Pend O'Reille, Coeur d'Alene, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Chelan.

Total May-end storage in the big reservoirs was about 18,375,000 acre feet of water, compared with about 14,801,000 acre feet last year and a 10-year average May-end storage of 15,035,000 acre feet.

Federal Property Here to be Sold

A tract of land at the corner of Delta Waters rd. and Old Crater Lake highway owned by the federal government will be sold at auction at 2 p.m. Friday at the Umpqua hotel in Roseburg.

The 2.2-acre tract formerly used by the Air Force is one of 11 parcels in southern Oregon which will be sold by the General Services Administration.

Stephen A. McDonald, vice-president of Joseph P. Day, Inc., of New York City, will be auctioneer. He and Bernard P. Day, president of the firm, will be available to provide additional information on parcels Wednesday and Thursday.

The Medford property has about a 1,300-foot frontage on Delta Waters rd., and a 75-foot frontage on Old Crater Lake highway.

Also being sold is an eight-acre portion of the Roseburg Veterans' administration hospital, five tracts totaling about 120 acres adjacent to the Cottage Grove reservoir in Lane county, and four parcels totalling 19 acres at the Dorena reservoir in Lane county.

The sale is the first of four in the northwest. Other sales will be held in Portland, Walla Walla and Seattle.

Iceland Wants US Defense Treaty Revised

Reykjavik, Iceland — (AP) — Foreign Minister Kristian Gudmundsson disclosed today he had notified U.S. Minister John J. Muccio that Iceland wants a revision of her treaty with the United States for the island's defense.

He said he does not expect the revision to start until Aug. 1. By then both governments should decide where and when the task should start, he said.

Cherry Spraying Is Recommended By Agent

Spray should be applied to all sweet, sour and seedling cherry trees no later than June 15, according to Cliff B. Cordy, county agent for horticulture.

He said farmers spraying trees with TEPP should spray at five or six day intervals until after harvest. Those spraying with methoxychlor only need spray their trees at two week intervals, he said.

Medford To Host '57 Chin Up Convention

Medford was picked as the site of the Chin Up club's annual convention in June of next year when the organization of physically handicapped persons held its national convention in Portland over the weekend.

Two Medford members of the Jackson county chapter were elected to national offices. Mrs. L. E. McMurray was named sec-

ond vice-president and Harry Chipman was reelected to the board of directors.

Gov. Elmo Smith was the main speaker at the Saturday night banquet.

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