

Health Service Report Praises Fluoridation In Cavity Reduction

Washington—(AP)—The U.S. Public Health Service issued a glowing new report today on the "remarkable" ability of fluoridated water to reduce tooth decay.

It said that a 10-year study shows that fluoridation in Grand Rapids, Mich., cut the occurrence of children's cavities about 60 per cent. Apparently, even adults developed fewer cavities.

"The scientific evidence is conclusive," the service said, "that water fluoridation is an effective public procedure for producing a substantial reduction in the incidence of dental caries."

Ten Year Test
Grand Rapids began adding fluoride to its water in January, 1945 in a bold experiment in cavity prevention. The results of the test at the end of 10 years were published in the current issue of the health service's "Public Health Reports." These showed:

—A "striking reduction" in dental cavities in baby or first teeth. The reduction in the case of six-year-olds was about 54 per cent.

—A "marked reduction" in cavities in permanent teeth. Among children born since the experiment began, the cavity rate "was reduced on the average by about 60 per cent."

—No undesirable coloring of the teeth because of contact with the fluorine.

Adults Get Help
It has been commonly thought that fluoridation does nothing to help adults whose teeth are fully formed and, presumably, already on the road to decay. But the report was somewhat more hopeful.

"The effects on the teeth of adults in the survey have not as yet been ascertained," the health service said. "However, the fact that a reduction in caries (decay) was observed for teeth which had already been calcified when fluoridation was started indicates that some beneficial effect may be gained by older age groups."

Water fluoridation is still a controversial issue in many communities. However, it now is endorsed by most professional organizations, including the American Dental and the American Medical associations.

Californians Forced Down Near Lakeview

Lakeview—(AP)—Two Californians were ready to resume their journey today after their small private plane ran out of gas Friday night and they landed on a plateau atop Hart mountain.

Planes from Red Bluff, Calif., and Klamath Falls were sent out in search of the plane Saturday after the Civil Aeronautics administration at Sacramento reported it missing.

CAA officials said the plane's flight plan called for it to land at Klamath Falls Friday night. The craft had left Sacramento at 4 p.m. Friday for the normal three-hour flight with a five-hour supply of gasoline.

Pilot of the BT113 Vultee trainer was David S. Salerno, Hawthorne, Calif. The passenger was identified as Miss Jackie West of Los Angeles, a relative of the pilot.

The plane suffered only minor damage in the impromptu landing.

IT'S ON THE HOUSE

Hillsdale, Mich.—(AP)—Mrs. Dale Estel lost her automobile for a few hours, but wound up with a free grease job and oil change. Police found her car in a nearby garage. An attendant said he had mistaken Mrs. Estel's car for one he was supposed to pick up for servicing.

FORGOT THE BENCH

West Covina, Calif.—(AP)—They sent in everything to Judge Albert Miller's new court quarters but the bench "just give me a few two by fours and an old plank for a bench and we will be in session," he said.

Marine Captain Wins \$16,000 on TV

New York—(AP)—Marine Capt. Richard McCutchen won \$16,000 Sunday night when he defeated executive chef Joseph Amblard in the "food and cooking" category on "The \$64,000 Challenge."

McCutchen retained his title when he correctly identified the original contents of six empty bottles, which had contained European wines or spirits, by their distinctive shapes.

McCutchen's prize money brought his total winnings to \$89,000, including the cash he won on "The \$64,000 Question."



HARD ON PARTNERS—With no actors available when Peter Lawford injured his back during strenuous "rock-n-roll" number with Jimmy Durante at Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nev., Durante's writer, Jackie Barnett, leaped into the breach. Above Jackie (left) and Jimmy go into their dance. If you're smart, Jackie, now is the time to ask for that raise.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler on the question of President Eisenhower's health figuring in the coming Republican convention:

"There is a great possibility Mr. Eisenhower will not be on the ticket."

Long Beach, Calif.—Carol Morris, of Ottumwa, Iowa, winner of the Miss Universe beauty contest, discussing a forthcoming Hollywood contract:

"It's still a little early to announce any definite plans. I will have to see what the studio wants me to do."

Washington—Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell hailing plans to resume steel wage negotiations:

"It is my hope that as a result of the New York discussions the parties will quickly reach a mutually satisfactory agreement in the public interest and in the best interests of the employees and the companies."

Omaha, Neb.—Democratic presidential candidate Gov. Averell Harriman of New York denying reports he plans to gain the nomination by creating a southern revolt over the segregation issue:

"Fabrication and smear tactics. They didn't get that information from me."

Paris Island, S. C.—Attorney Emile Zola Berman defending Marine Sgt. Matthew C. McKean in his court martial trial on the drowning of six recruits:

"We regard as the paramount issue whether or not marches of the kind for which Sgt. McKean now stands accused with criminality were standard practice for the training of discipline and boosting of morale."

Washington—Contained in a Republican Party statement on the San Francisco Cow Palace, scene of this year's convention:

"Gentle ocean breezes act as a massive air conditioner."

Man With Binoculars Watches Helplessly As Woman Murdered

Chicago—(AP)—A muscular man stalked and murdered a sunbathing woman Sunday while an onlooker helplessly watched the scene through opera glasses from a window one-half mile distant.

Both the woman, about 40, and her assailant, who disappeared, remained unidentified early today. The woman was found in a clump of bushes with her head crushed.

The body was nude except for a disarranged blouse. A pair of blood-stained shorts was found nearby.

Noticed Woman

Arthur K. Besley, 51, a hospital superintendent, said he noticed the woman sitting near the bushes as he scanned the Lake Michigan shoreline with a pair of opera glasses from his 15th-floor apartment.

Besley, who was passing time while listening to a baseball game, looked away briefly. When he saw the woman again, he said she had moved from her camp chair to some large rocks.

She apparently did not know a bare-chested man was crouching in the bushes and watching her intently. He was clearly visible to Besley. In his hands, the man held what appeared to be a white shirt.

The man came out of the bushes, stood looking at the woman for several seconds, then ducked out of view again in the underbrush.

Seconds later, he leaped from the bushes, threw the shirt around the woman's neck and dragged her back with him. As he dragged the woman Besley could see the man hitting her on the head with a rock.

Others See Nothing

Hundreds of bathers frolicking in the lake barely 400 yards away saw nothing of what happened.

Besley called his wife and to

Boy With Matches Blamed at Astoria

Astoria—(AP)—Astoria police said today that a nine-year-old boy playing with matches was responsible for the fire that swept through two buildings Thursday afternoon, damaged 14 others and threatened a wide area of the city.

Police said the lad was playing with matches in an abandoned building when he accidentally started the blaze. He ran home to inform his mother, but by that time the flames had begun leaping through the roof of the building.

Loss was confined to old frame structures and damage was estimated at only \$3000.

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