

Scientists Detect, Describe 'Old-Man' Act of Middle Age

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New York — (UP) — For the first time in psychological science, an "old-man-act" of middle-aged men has been detected and described—that is, described with enough clear detail for even a layman to recognize the "act" he has to chance to see it.

There are three neurotic responses men may have to the realization that they definitely are no longer young, according to Dr. Edmund Bergler, a well-known Freudian psychological theorist. Two of these responses are readily recognized by anyone. Bergler described them thus:

"Middle-aged men may 'concoct grandiose plans to leave their wives, remarry—a young girl—and 'enjoy life,' whatever that may mean. Or they may resolve the identical inner upheaval by retiring to hypochondria and waiting for the final blow to fall. The blow can be a coronary thrombosis, a stroke, cancer or any other disease they have read about."

The third neurotic response is the "old-man act," he continued. The middle-aged man who responds, unconsciously, by going into this "act," does not "simply slow down. He surrenders. He neither looks nor acts the man in his late 40's, his 50's or early 60's, but takes on the appearance of age and decrepitude long before there is objective justification for senescence."

"He is resigned to wearing the ball-and-chain, which is the way he thinks of his marriage. He is as fully resigned to the other cir-

cumstances of his life, and makes no plans to change them. He merely gives up, and his characteristic air becomes that of bankruptcy, exhaustion, resignation, and depression.

Lives Static Life

"He is neither a hypochondriac nor a rebel. He lives a life of half-hibernation, without hope of spring. He looks feeble and baggy, and he stinks, thus emphasizing the grayness of his hair. His memory is not what it was. Two drinks taken after dinner makes him drowsy, and he falls asleep at nine o'clock. His sex life has withered. He has no hobbies. Nothing interests him. He is not even bitter. He performs his duties in a distracted and mechanical manner, like a zombie, although diagnosticians cannot find any special pathology."

Usually this man has been "neither very successful nor very unsuccessful."

"Typically, Bergler said, he is "a middle-of-the-road success," and the very "mediocrity of success" has been his emotional undoing. Such a man as this is emotionally sick, he added, and, in his technical contribution to the journal, "Diseases of The Nervous System," he detailed both the why and what could be done for this man psychiatrically.

"A remarkable by-product of this neurotic disturbance is the acceleration of the aging process, as far as external appearances is concerned," he said. "Equally remarkable is the fact that this process is partially reversible—to the extent to which it has been psychologically induced."

Chicago Surgeon Removes Gall Bladder from Sleeping Tadpole

By ALFRED LEECH
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Chicago — (UP) — "Scalpel," called Dr. John Chiakulis. And with that he proceeded to remove the gall bladder from a sleeping tadpole.

Some time later the tadpole came out from under the anesthetic. Dunked in a bowl of water, the little critter swam around in blissful ignorance of the fact it was making a contribution to medical science.

Chiakulis, an anatomy instructor at Chicago Medical School, is trying to learn whether the gall bladder can make itself whole again if part of it is removed.

The question has remained un-

answered because when a surgeon removes a human gall bladder he takes it all. So Chiakulis takes a portion of gall bladder from one tadpole and transplants it in the tail fin of another, where he can watch its development.

Up to Ears in Tads
Chiakulis, a tall, thin, experimental embryologist with dark-rimmed glasses and a scientific sense of humor, is up to his ears in tadpoles. He's also conducting research on tadpole livers and "guts," as he puts it.

"Gut is a good, scientific term," he said. "It means any part of the digestive tract."

Chiakulis said it's common

knowledge that the liver has powers of regeneration, but he wants to know whether it has some way of controlling its own restoration and repair.

At the outset of all this basic research, Chiakulis found himself nursemaid to 2,000 salamander tadpoles. The number has dwindled, naturally, as the research has progressed.

Housing the tads was a problem. Each required an individual finger bowl filled with water, which added up to 2,000 finger-bowls.

"You can't put a bunch of tadpoles in one finger bowl," Chiakulis explained, "because their dietary habits are cannibalistic."

Chiakulis went to a lot of trouble sloshing around in a suburban pond last spring in quest of salamander eggs, and when the eggs hatched he wasn't about to let the young tads devour each other.

Raises Worms Too
Feeding the tiny creatures was another problem. They eat baby worms, live. So Chiakulis had to raise worms. He breeds them in pans of moist dirt, on top of which he sprinkles their food—oat meal, baby cereal and bread crumbs.

"There's no scientific explanation for the diet," he said. "It's just what baby worms like."

Removing a tadpole's gall

bladder is a nice feat of microsurgery, performed under a microscope that magnifies nine times.

Chiakulis puts his patients to sleep by letting them swim in a bowl of trichloroethane sulfonate, a mouthful even for a cannibalistic tadpole.

He then puts the tad flat on its back on a miniature operating table, strapping it down with strips of organdy gauze. With a tiny instrument he makes the incision, and with a jeweler's forceps he removes the gallbladder, pinhead size.

Technically, the operation is called a "cholecystostomy."

"The tadpoles don't mind it," Chiakulis said. "They heal fast."

Police Break Up Fight Among Gypsies

Lisbon, Portugal — (UP) — Fifty Gypsies of both sexes met in pitched battle on the fringe of the city Wednesday night.

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Morse Declares Recreation Is Major Asset for Oregon

By SEN. WAYNE L. MORSE

Washington, D. C. — (Special) — With the close of summer, many of you have returned from the wonderful recreational areas which abound in our State of Oregon. I should like to talk this week a little about Oregon's national forests as recreation centers in my continuing summary of legislation before the 84th Congress.

The whole backbone of the Cascades from Mt. Hood to the California border offers attractions unsurpassed in the picnicking, but these types of recreation require basic facilities, such as roads, trails, adequate and sanitary campgrounds. We should be grateful for the foresight of those who set aside these wonders of nature in so many areas of the West.

Third Industry

Recreation is the third industry in our state, following only the lumber industry and agriculture. Our national forests, the vast multi-purpose dams constructed by the Corps of Engineers, and our parks provide recreation, not only for Oregonians but for thousands of out of state visitors. However, our recreational facilities need improvement and there are two things that we can do. First, we can develop a program which will provide developed picnic areas, increased opportunities for hunting and fishing, and at the same time retain other areas of outstanding scenic value as wilderness. Second, we need to provide the funds for the development and the maintenance of all these recreational facilities in all the public lands in Oregon that can be attractive for recreational purposes.

Under this Administration, recreation budgets were slashed and reduced. Our Democratic 84th Congress fought for and obtained sizable increases for recreation, yet we are still only spending about one cent per person a year on our national forest recreation program.

System Needed

We need a wilderness recreation system of high quality, carefully selected and maintained areas. When I joined in sponsoring S. 3742, it was with the express idea that, through the forum that the Congress can pro-

vide, we would hammer out a policy geared to the future which would form a guide post. Our thoughts must always be for future generations. We want our children's children to be able to see this country as we and our forefathers saw it.

The vision that gave us our national forests also gave us the multipurpose dams that created wonderful lakes in addition to flood control, power and irrigation benefits. One estimate I have seen showed that these dams alone have added over \$15,000,000 annually to the small boat business and countless other millions to the sale of fishing, water skiing and other gear associated with water sports. The income developed in this way has stimulated the economy in our whole state. Almost 900,000 people used these facilities alone for recreation in Oregon last year.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Jerry Lee Baxter, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jerry Stewart Laumann, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Wally Arlene Douglas, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
Thelma Alberta Lyster, no driver's license, \$5.
Nathan Bedell Stoddard, failure to stop at red light and failure to stop for sign, \$15.
Eula Beatrice Stewart, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Earl Lee Plock, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Lyle Henry Pope, failure to stop at sign light, \$5.
Chan Albert Stokes, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Clarence Anthony Kell, improper U-turn, \$5.
Robert Melvin Little, reckless driving and no operator's license, \$30.

DISTRICT COURT

Charles Elwood Christopher, drunk on public highway, \$15.
Robert Francis Kirk, overweight, \$10.
Charles L. Kolkow, overweight, \$10.
Elmer James Hopkins, overweight, \$2.
Benjamin Donald Perry, no motor vehicle license, \$12.50.
Samuel Robert Duncan, failure to transfer title, \$7.50, intoxicated in public place, \$15.
James Carrie Raser, intoxicated on public highway, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT

Anna Jay Atchley vs. Travis LeVon Alenley, divorce decree.
Virginia Bernice Schuster vs. John Edward Schuster, divorce decree.
Gerrit L. Dienderich vs. Elvira A. Dienderich, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Corita Ray Hofczang, 626 Park ave. and Dorellon Patricia Etzel, route 1, box 369 D-1.
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