

Strange As It Seems

by Elsie Ma



BY MEANS OF THE MODERN TELESCOPES AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC AIDS, SINCE 1925, THE VOLUME OF THE MEASURED UNIVERSE HAS BEEN INCREASED 8 MILLION MILLION TIMES!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

STAR GAZER by CLAY R. POLLAN. Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Clinic; Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Mayo Foundation

A Woman Who Had Her Uterus Removed. Yesterday a nice-looking widow of 38 came into the office. She said she had been perfectly well until a year ago when she went for a routine physical examination. The physician found a small myoma or muscle tumor in her uterus—the sort of thing that one woman out of three has—and although it had never produced any symptoms, he said she should take her immediately to a surgeon. He took her to a fine surgeon, who after examining her, said frankly that he did not see any need for operating and would prefer not. However, the family doctor was so insistent that she have the hysterectomy that the surgeon gave in and sent her to the hospital. The home doctor was concerned over the in-a-thousand chance that she might some day get cancer, but the surgeon didn't think this danger was worth talking about. The woman still did not want the operation, but her doctor talked her into it. Soon after coming home from the hospital, she went into a depression in which she lost all interest in everything—her husband, her home and even her children. She became utterly miserable, and so terribly tired that she could hardly do her housework. Since then she has been to psychiatrists and has received endless shots of ovarian hormone and other drugs, but still she is utterly miserable and hopeless about the future. What the outcome is going to be, I do not know. Often, these cases, some electroshock treatments will bring the woman out, but she has already had ten such shocks and is no better for them.

Doesn't Blame Anyone. I am not writing this because I want to blame anyone. Doubtless the physician who insisted on the operation felt that he was doing the wise thing. He did not know that some of the best gynecologists in the world would have disagreed with him. He apparently did not know in this case, one of the woman's aunts and a sister had been in a mental hospital. If he had known this, he probably would not have ordered the operation. I much admire the surgeon who tried to get out of performing the operation.

What, then, is the moral? Obviously, it is that no woman should have a hysterectomy for a silent fibroid—one that is not giving her any trouble. In this case, it was not causing flooding such as might have produced anemia. The woman could easily have waited for years, or until the menopause came. Then her myomas would probably have shrunk up.

I often say that myomas of the uterus are like knobs on a potato which are made of potato. The knobs on the uterus are made of uterine muscle. I have seen women live for years and years with these lumps; I have even known these women to have two or three children, one after the other. The worst thing a woman can do is to have her uterus removed simply because half of the women in her set have been having this operation performed.

This week I have been saddened by seeing three women whose pelvic organs were removed when they were in their early twenties. None of them ever could learn why the operation was done. The husband of one of the women is a lawyer and even he could not get the

RADIO PROGRAMS - FRIDAY

Table of radio programs for Friday, listing stations like KWAC, KXMD, and KWIN with their respective program titles.

RADIO PROGRAMS - SATURDAY

Table of radio programs for Saturday, listing stations like KBOB, KBOY, and KBOZ with their respective program titles.

(All programs at same time daily unless otherwise indicated) KBOB-TV 10-11:15 (KBOB) Bargains, 11-12 (Sunday only) First Baptist service, 12-12:15 (KBOB) ranch, 12:15-12:30 (Sunday only) KBOY ranch, 6:30 Sign off.

TV PROGRAMS - KBES (Channel 5)

Table of TV programs for Friday and Saturday, listing times and program titles.

Hillsboro Girl Winner In 4-H Health Program. Chicago—(UP)—Elizabeth Job, 17, of Hillsboro, Ore., has been named as a national winner in the 4-H Health program. The announcement came from the 55th National 4-H club contest now under way. Miss Job's award is a \$300 scholarship provided by the Eli Lilly & Co., for outstanding work in health improvement. Texas petroleum refining capacity is 2.4 million barrels of crude oil a day, or 28 per cent of the nation's total.

WALP'S TV & RADIO SERVICE. Oldest Shop in So. Oregon. 409 E. Main. Phone 3-2262. Day and Night Service. \$3.50 (Medford and vicinity). No Calls Sundays. No calls Fri. eve or all day Sat.

TV TIMES. A weekly publication listing TV programs.

Man's Brilliant Diamond Ring. He'll Break the Record with His PACKARD BELL TV.

WEISFIELD'S JEWELER. 122 East Main St. Ph. 3-3348. OPEN WED. 'TIL 9:08 P.M.

MOO-OOS AND MUSINGS. A cartoon strip featuring a cow character.

Little Dairy Sniders. A cartoon strip featuring a cow character.

BEVERLY'S TV & RADIO. Phone 2-9001. 634 Crater Lake Ave. Service Calls \$3.50. Open Sunday through Friday. My own shop 8 years near Portland—Repairing A! Makes

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!! I GOT A HOSS LUKEY FLIPPED OVER THAT INFUNNEL CAR OF HIS'N.

BLONDIE. A cartoon strip featuring a blonde character.

MUTT and JEFF. A cartoon strip featuring two characters.

STEVE CARYON. A cartoon strip featuring a character in a suit.

BUZ SAWYER. A cartoon strip featuring a character in a hat.

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BARNY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH. A cartoon strip featuring two characters.

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